



THE WORLD APOSTOLIC CONGRESS ON MERCY

2-6 April, Rome 2008

A sparkle for a new civilization of Love

Why this Congress?

Divine Mercy is fundamental to our understanding of the Risen Christ.

The Risen Christ is the Merciful One. In his appearances to the disciples after the resurrection Christ shows the depth of his mercy through his patience, his pedagogy, his love for people just as they are. This is not a teaching; it is the Risen Christ saying to every one of us , "This is what I am. This is what you can be." Mercy is Jesus himself! And the Church is invited to relive and proclaim this salvific reality.

Divine Mercy has the power to change the world. *It is a Revolution of Love able to uproot evil and sow goodness instead. Pope Benedict XVI explains "It is the mercy of God become flesh in Jesus that alone can redress the balance of the world from good to evil, beginning with that small and decisive "world" which is man's heart."*

A first ever World Congress on Mercy !

The first ever World Apostolic Congress of Mercy will take place in Rome from **2nd to 6th April 2008** exactly three years to the day after Pope John Paul II's providential passing away on the Vigil of the Feast of Divine Mercy 2005. Pope Benedict XVI reminded us a year later that: "The mystery of the merciful love of God was at the center of the pontificate of my venerated predecessor."

After this Congress: **Continental Congresses** (2009); **National Congresses** (2010), **Diocesan Congresses** (2011); **World Congress** (2012)



PROGRAMME THE WORLD APOSTOLIC CONGRESS ON MERCY

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before April 2nd : Arrive in Rome. Check-in at accomodation

- April 2nd :** dedicated to the prophetic intuition of Pope John Paul II regarding Divine Mercy
- April 3rd :** Mercy in the Mystery of the Church
- April 4th :** Communion of the Church, stimulated by Mercy
- April 5th :** Mercy for the Mission of the Church
- April 6th :** Closing Celebration of the Eucharist on St Peter's Square

Interiorising the message through :

- Plenary sessions
- Eucharistic Celebrations
- Prayer Vigils
- Torchlight Procession through the streets of Rome
- Work shops and round-tables on a large choice of themes (theological, pastoral, biblical)
- Spreading the message through the Festival of Mercy



Informations and registrations :

www.worldapostoliccongressonmercy.org