

# Help Save the World by Fr. Joseph, MIC

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So you want to help save the world? Do you want to help bring the world back to God? Do you want to cause an ocean of mercy to overwhelm the raging inferno of hatred, violence, and war that have engulfed the world at this time? Well, *you can*. Better yet, *we can*. But before I tell you how we can do this, let me first give you some background.

## The First Call

In the fall issue of Marian Helper, I wrote a cover story entitled, *"Mary is the Answer."* In it, I called on all our Marian Helpers to join me in making a Marian consecration on Dec.8, 2015, the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy – and the response was amazing. So many of you took me up on my offer to receive Fr. Michael Gaitley's preparation for Marian consecration, 33 Days to Morning Glory, ...

Now, one of the reasons I wanted all our Marian Helpers to formally join Mary's army was so she could use us as a force for good to change our deeply troubled world. In fact, it seems that the world needs it more than ever.

## Overwhelmed at Mass

About a year and a half ago, I was offering Mass at our Marian Helpers Center when suddenly, in the middle of the prayers, I became overwhelmed by a grace that I can hardly describe. In fact, I've never felt anything like it. It began slowly and then gradually intensified as I came to the moment of consecration. I remember pronouncing the words, "This is My Body, which will be given up for you." And then, as I elevated the Host, it was as if I could feel the rays of Divine Mercy coming out of the Host and filling my heart. More specifically, I clearly felt the Lord put on my heart that we need *a consecration to divine Mercy*.

So, after Mass, I immediately went to Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, and asked him, "Do we have a consecration to Divine Mercy?" He said, "No. At least I don't think so." I asked him. "Do you think you could write one?"

Father Mike explained that he was too overwhelmed with work to take on such a project. Because the inspiration had been so strong, I couldn't give it up. So I told Fr. Mike, "Well, I really think you're the one who should write it, but if you don't, then I'll have to do it. It's got to be done."

In the meantime, on the very day that Fr. Mike was finishing another book, a college friend called him on the phone out of the blue – a friend that Fr. Mike hadn't heard from in years. Father Mike had to tell him that he couldn't talk long because he was trying to meet an urgent deadline that very day. His friend replied, "No problem. But that's why I called."

Confused, Fr. Mike asked him what he meant. His friend continued, *“Well, I was just praying and I felt an inspiration to call you, because I know what your next book needs to be.”* He then proceeded to tell Fr. Mike that the book needed to be a preparation for a consecration to Divine Mercy. Specifically, he said, *“You need to do for the Offering to Merciful Love of St. Therese of Lisieux what you did for Marian Consecration. That’s all I wanted to tell you. Talk to you later.”* (The offering to Merciful Love of St. Therese, who is a Doctor of the Church, is perhaps the highest form of consecration to Divine Mercy.)

Fr. Michael felt that this consecration was no coincidence, and so he asked me if I still wanted him to write a consecration. I said, *“Yes!”* So Fr. Mike got to work this past November and finished the book in less than a month. He believes it’s his best book – and so do I. Why? Because I believe the consecration he describes in it really can help save the world, which brings me to my second invitation to you.

### **The Second Call**

Purchase and read Fr. Michael’s brand new book: *“33 Days to Merciful Love: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Consecration to Divine Mercy”*.

Note: There is a special offer to Continental US only (an offering plus shipping cost). This does not apply to Canadian residents who have to pay the full cost of the book. Nevertheless, it is so important for us to join our American neighbour in consecration to Divine Mercy on April 3, Divine Mercy Sunday. We can do this if we read the book and start on March 1<sup>st</sup> and read about 2 – 2 ½ pages per day from the new book, **“33 Days to Merciful Love”** by Fr. Michael Gaitley. **Start March 1<sup>st</sup> and finish April 3.**

Fr. Sebastian has a special Divine Mercy celebration every Sunday at 3:00pm at ICC. I will ask him if we can all consecrate ourselves on this special day on Sunday, April 3, the feast day of Divine Mercy. Think of how we as a group can be a powerful force in bringing the world back to God through the mediation of Blessed Mother Mary.