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We are pleased to present our April issue of **ONE FAMILY IN MISSION** newsletter. We invite you - as part of that **FAMILY** - to share articles, best practices and any other items that you believe would benefit our community of Stewards. Please send them to tzalud@drc.org.

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"Christ is truly Risen; He is truly Risen!"

Pope Francis has made his Easter proclamation and explains that this is a reality, not wishful thinking. With renewed hope in our life, we can move forward with confidence in facing the many challenges in our life and community. And just as the disciples and first witnesses of the resurrection ran with "haste" to tell of this good news, Pope Francis' message to us is that we, too, shall go with "haste" being cheerful evangelizers of Christ -- to meet Him and share His message of Hope, Love and Mercy.

Alleluia He is Risen! We are in the Eastertide Season -- the 50 days after Easter and right before the Feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' apostles. It is a time for us to continue the celebration of Easter. Here are some ways to do this in your home: Keep your house decorated with bright flowers. Pretty blooms create a sense of hope and gratitude. Drape a white sash on a cross, serving as a reminder of Easter. Make time for a family meal and light a candle which creates a sense of warmth and hope. Increase devotions by praying the Glorious Mysteries and celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**, which is coming up this weekend.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 16

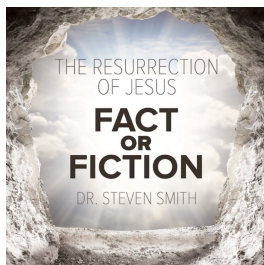
From Creation, through Sacred Scripture, and the events of the Triduum, God has truly affirmed His love for us. The Apostles and saints have shared their witness to God's never-ending love and mercy for us. Divine Mercy celebrates His love and mercy for us which pardons us, reconciles us, and reopens our hearts to love others.

Background of Divine Mercy Sunday: *In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. (USCCB)*



Parishes around our diocese will join together in prayer and adoration seeking God's mercy for ourselves and for our nation. To pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, [click here](#)

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This month, we are happy to share two special features: *Divine Mercy* and *The Resurrection of Jesus Fact or Fiction*.

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