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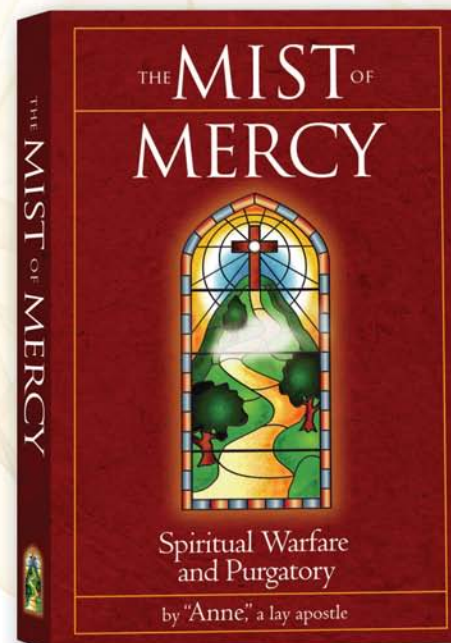
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Anne's New Book: From Spiritual Warfare to Purgatory

We are pleased to announce that *Direction For Our Times* has just published Anne's latest book, *The Mist of Mercy*.

Anne, a lay apostle who receives messages from Jesus, Mary and the saints through locution, has already recorded eight volumes of heavenly messages, and is the co-author of *Climbing The Mountain*, which has already gone into its third printing. *The Mist of Mercy* is filled with Anne's mystical experiences in purgatory and with thought-provoking reflections on spiritual warfare. (See Review, Pg. 6).



Abortion: A Testimony

By Anonymous

A woman approached Anne and told her that Our Lady asked her to give her testimony. These are her words:

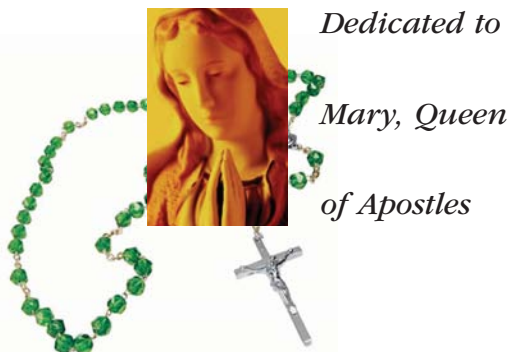
When I knew I was pregnant, I was all alone. I was told it would hurt my parents terribly if I did not have an abortion because they would be so embarrassed and ashamed. What I did not realize was that the abortion was more hurtful to them because now they are missing their grandchild.

It was so easy to have the abortion. I didn't pay, I didn't make the phone call or arrangements. All I had to do

was not refuse. I didn't want to do it but I could not seem to get away. It was as if there was a dark cloud around me. I totally tuned out heaven because of what I was going to do. I wasn't listening. The cloud surrounded me because I didn't pray. It was paralyzing. I acted in a way I would not normally act.

I have to say that I would never have done this. I don't even know why I did it. I would not hurt my baby.

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Anne's Bishop Assigns Priest to DFOT on Full-Time Basis

Anne works in full obedience to her local ordinary, Bishop Leo O'Reilly of the Kilmore (Ireland) diocese, who recently assigned Fr. Darragh Connolly as the full-time spiritual advisor of DFOT. This is Fr. Connolly's letter to the lay apostles of Jesus Christ, the Returning King.

Dear Apostles,

Greetings to you in Jesus Christ, the Returning King!

How wonderful it is that God looks after our every need. Recently I was appointed by Bishop Leo O'Reilly to work full time for this organization, Direction For Our Times, as Spiritual Director. This is a great step forward for the mission. To deem it necessary to place a full-time priest on any mission is a big development. Our Bishop is taking great care to help this mission of mercy in every way possible. All the workings are monitored by the Church and this mission remains firmly within the obedience of the Church at all times.

As I have worked in a part-time capacity with this organization over the last three years, it has been striking to see the diligent service of those who have been called to serve. Lay apostles all over the world have heard the call of Christ to service and have not been lacking in their response. It is greatly encouraging to see the level of sacrifice people are prepared to make to further the cause of this mission.

You may say you have nothing of value to give this mission. This is untrue. If you offer your day to Jesus Christ, the Returning King you will be giving valuable help in a way that cannot be overestimated. Given that Anne is not the only one called to serve in this mission, Christ may then call you further to help in spreading the Volumes and Lay Apostolate. Maybe the Lord wants you to help in this renewal by assisting your Pastor in promoting Eucharistic Adoration in your parish. Maybe you will be the one who starts the first lay apostle prayer group in your parish. By taking on the commitments asked of you by Christ the Returning King, you can be assured He will make his call to you abundantly clear and you will begin to serve in a way you never thought possible for you.

If you need any assistance in beginning to promote the work of this mission, please do not hesitate to contact the office of Direction for Our Times. We will be glad to help you in any way possible. We may even be able to put you in contact with someone in your area who already has the Volumes and has started living the call of Jesus Christ, the Returning King so that you can support each other and begin your prayer group. May God bless you as you discern your call to serve as a lay apostle of Jesus Christ, the Returning King.

Fr. Darragh Connolly

The Church's Position:

To Whom It May Concern:

Direction For Our Times (DFOT) is a religious movement founded by "Anne," a lay apostle from our diocese who wishes to remain anonymous. The movement is in its infancy and does not as yet enjoy canonical status. I have asked a priest of the diocese, Fr. Darragh Connolly, to assist in the work of the movement and to ensure that in all its works and publications it remains firmly within the teaching and practice of the Catholic Church.

I have known "Anne," the founder of the movement, for several years. She is a Catholic in good standing in the diocese, a wife and mother of small children, and a woman of deep spirituality. From the beginning, she has always been anxious that everything connected with the movement be subject to the authority of the Church. She has submitted all her writings to me and will not publish anything without my permission. She has submitted her writings to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and I have done so, as well.

In so far as I am able to judge, she is orthodox in her writings and teaching. Her spirituality and the spiritual path that she proposes to those who wish to accept it are in conformity with the teachings of the Church and of the great spiritual writers of the past and present.

+Leo O'Reilly

Bishop of Kilmore

16 June 2006

San Antonio Bishop Presides at Mass

During Day of Eucharistic Renewal

Hundreds of the faithful attended Anne's visit to Dallas and San Antonio, TX, this past June, packing two large churches to capacity for Days of Eucharistic Renewal that included presentations by Anne and other well known speakers, as well as Mass and Eucharistic Holy Hours.

In San Antonio, Bishop Thomas Flanagan concelebrated Mass with a number of priests at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. Anne's Spiritual Director delivered the homily in which he spoke about the call to all lay apostles to serve Jesus Christ in joy each day. He also spoke about the immeasurable value of offering each kind act and every small suffering every day to Jesus Christ, the Returning King.

On the previous day, worshippers at a Day of Eucharistic Renewal at St. Rita Catholic Church, Dallas, eagerly engaged in day-long activities that included presentations by Anne, well-known Catholic comedienne Char Vance, and music by international Irish tenor, Mark Forrest. Anne went from Texas to St. Peter's Catholic Church, Covington, LA, and Assumption Catholic Church in Ashkum, IL.

Upcoming Events:

Washington DC, Catholic University,	Sat. Oct 7
Gaithersburg, MD, Mother of God Community	Sun. Oct 8
Washington DC, National Basilica	Mon. Oct 9
Detroit, MI, St Christopher's Parish	Tues. Oct 10
Canton, OH, Rhoda Wise House	Mon. Feb 12

In past years, the Tinley Park event has been attended by 2000-3000 persons. Ticket and lodging information is available at the www.directionforourtimes.com website. (Admission is free.) Seating is limited, so advance registration is advised. Check back with the website for possible schedule additions and changes.

Journey Back From Emptiness

By Nora McCarthy, DFOT Youth Coordinator

I'm ashamed to admit that I turned to Christ reluctantly. I am now 23 years old, but a few years ago I found myself using drugs recreationally and struggling with an eating disorder. I had to drop out of college and move home. Although I was attending therapy, my depression continued to grow. The darkness, pain and depression I experienced was severe and suffocating.

Lying on the couch in the basement of my parents' house, I remember feeling certain that, because my misery ran so deep, I would never be free from it again. I thought, "My life will never be better."

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Abortion: A Testimony

I needed the courage to say, 'This is not me. This is not something I would do.' Even that day, I knew that I should get up and run out the door. But I didn't.

There was no counselling, no talk of other options. Everyone there pushed you through. How many of us would not have gone through with this if someone had counselled us about options? I feel that the women in the room with me would all have chosen not to do this if they had been given options. But we were not allowed to talk about that. At the clinic, it was all talk about getting the abortion, never about the terrible pain. They kept going on about our right, as though this was a good thing, but I don't think any mother wants to kill her baby. Somebody needs to scream out the truth about the pain and that is why I am giving this testimony.

Before the abortion, I was told that the problem was that I was not getting my periods. Nobody called it a baby, or even a pregnancy. They said you would have this procedure and then you would be fine and get your periods again. It's so phony. They actually lectured us on contacting our representatives to keep this safe and legal because it was our right to have it done. When they say it is your right to terminate, they do not say you are about to kill your baby. Abortion is anti-woman and anti-life and it kills me that they keep saying, this is for you. Believe me, it's not for anyone. It's a pain a woman will carry for the rest of her life.

Afterwards I felt horribly deceived because of this. That's what needs to be said because I feel most women would get up and walk out. This is why they do not speak about it truthfully. It is an inhumane action. Nobody should have to live with this. It should not be legal. Nobody talks about the horrible pain and then other women are tricked into it as well. Women are afraid and they think, 'It must be okay, it's legal and all these other women have done it.' They do not say that you will ache for this baby for the rest of your life.

There was a recovery room at the clinic. They put everyone together, but separated. It was like hell, a hell room. Everyone was crying. Everyone was upset. Nobody was relieved that they had done this. It was an agony room. I felt at the time that the angels were outside of that room, as if they were not welcome in that room or would not come in. The most painful memory for me was my impression then that the angels were crying. At the time, I thought they were crying for our babies. In looking back, I think they were crying for us.

There was no counselling of any kind and we were blocked off from each other so we could not even be consoled by someone else who had gone through it. If we could have communicated we might have said, "What's going on here?" This was wrong. How could this be right? Why all the secrecy? But it's so shameful that we were and are like a group of secret sufferers.

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Volume III—A Priestly Perspective

The Blessed Mother Speaks to Her Bishops and Priests

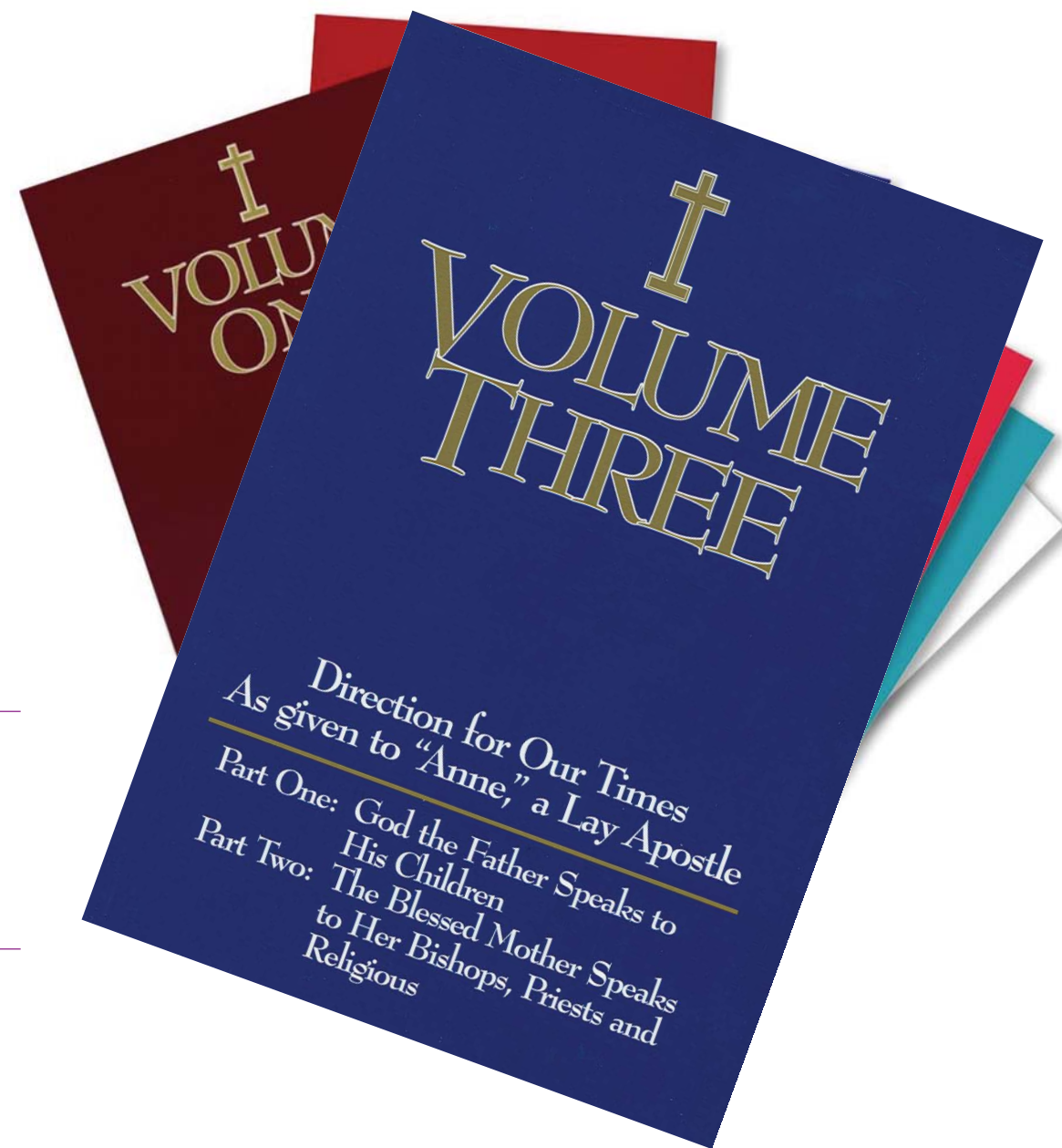
By Fr. Kevin J. Scallon, C.M.

The wonderful thing about our Blessed Mother's message to her bishops and priests is its depth, its simplicity and its love. You are compelled to read and at the end, you remain hungry for more. This, in contrast to other writings on the priesthood which are often uninspiring hard work, when she speaks of the reality of change to come, you know that things are serious. However, she reminds us that these prophetic words are not ours, but hers. So she warns us not to be afraid. She speaks of our fears as the result of a lack of faith. She tells believers that they have no need to be afraid. She urges prayer and confession; things that will bring peace, comfort and joy to each soul. Priests are to be the mediators of this peace. She says, "Pray and my Son will reveal Himself as the Redeemer. I am with you and will support you during this, the preparation time."

These pages give us, as priests, much to dwell on that will transform our interior lives and our priestly ministry.

She calls for obedience and the avoidance of the kind of political correctness that strikes bishops and priests dumb when they ought to be proclaiming the truth of Christ. Priests should not be "doing your own thing." They should be united in the work of the Church and the Apostolate. Our Blessed Mother urges us to stay close to her and to regularly examine how we live our lives and how willing we are to surrender ourselves to the plan of God and the will of the Father.

As a priest reading these words from Mary, I have found myself being greatly blessed. Each day's writing contains the



simple truth about the reality of priesthood. These pages give priests much to dwell on that will transform our interior lives and our priestly ministry. She says, "Ask the Spirit to be with you; He will guide you." Reading these pages is like sitting with our Heavenly Mother and listening to her speak. In one place she says, "Are you meeting me there [in prayer], dear children? Are you meeting me with Jesus Who waits patiently to infuse your vocation with divine sparks of the most

powerful sort? My children, come back to Us in an extraordinary way. Take the first steps and We will greet you and I will pull you into the Sacred Heart of my Son, a furnace which burns with love for you."

May every priest read these pages with faith and hope. His heart will burn within him. His life will be changed.

Fr. Rookey's Favorite Volume Verses

Sixty-five years is a long time to be a priest, especially a priest as respected as Fr. Peter Mary Rookey, O.S.M. (Order of the Servants of Mary). He is known around the world as a healer with remarkable gifts and insights. In light of his six-plus decades as a priest, we recently asked Fr. Rookey to share his favorite lines from Volume Three, Part Two, which addresses the role of priests in today's especially challenging religious and social environments.

"Rededicate yourself to your Church...Be faithful to the Vicar of Christ on earth...be intolerant of any disobedience to this Chair of Christ, this Seat of Wisdom."

"I wish to direct you now to the great light that has been lit for you as a guide in this Age of Disobedience."

"Goodness comes from God...rooted in Heaven and blooms on earth. The Spirit of Truth will uncover the dark motives of those who talk about good and work for bad."

"I wish to introduce you again to God, your Father. Your Heavenly Father is all goodness. He has planned for every one of the needs of His children...You may be excused for walking in delight, my child, as that is what we do in Heaven."

"I want you to spend some time every day with Jesus in His Passion...follow the Way of the Cross...follow me, your Heavenly Mother, and I will see that you are united to Christ."

"I am teaching you about love, you see, as love is the mainstay and point of all that is relevant. All work must be centered in love."

"My dear children, you are accepting grace in your lives and that pleases me...I was often unsure of what the future held for my Son but I knew it was suffering...despite which I remained cheerful, dutiful and joyful...How?...Through prayer...I made an act of obedience to our Father. This became my life habit...Afraid?...Make an act of obedience. Say: 'God in Heaven, I pledge my allegiance to You. I give You my life, my work and my heart. In turn, give me the grace of obeying Your every direction to the fullest possible extent.'

Jesus, Too, Was Criticized

By Anne, a lay apostle

Jesus Christ endured constant criticism. I recently reflected on how it must have felt. Most of us are familiar with the experience of being unjustly judged and slandered. If not, this experience could well be in our future. How will we respond? How did Christ respond?

Through scripture we see that Jesus got on with the job. He did not change His mission because others disagreed with Him. He did not change his approach because others objected or thought they had a better way. Neither should we.

Jesus did not come as King the first time. He came humbly and we are called to proclaim our Christ humbly. Jesus dealt with souls in love. He spoke with gentleness and kindness, always.

Worldly souls in His time said that Jesus should manifest Himself with power and drama. The Lord proceeded quietly. They said that Jesus should not associate with sinners. Jesus ministered constantly to the broken. They pointed to themselves as the standard bearers for religion. Jesus turned His back to their falseness and worked with the humble who were open to His message of love. The Pharisees were outraged, furious. How dare this One come into their circle and disrupt their positions of power and influence? He had to be stopped.

My friends, this has been happening to apostles ever since and it will continue to happen to God's true followers. We prepare the way for the most powerful King, the only King, the One Who is and will always be. We do that not as masters, but as servants.

Be at peace if you are maligned unjustly. Speak the truth quietly and get on with your job. We follow a long and divinely illustrious line of humble servants who were also treated this way.



Anne's Newest Book: “The Mist of Mercy”

by Bill Quinn

It's been only several months since DFOT released Anne's book, *Climbing The Mountain*, in which she related her experiences during mystical trips to heaven. Readers were treated to details about heaven that had never been published before. Who could read those descriptions of the incredible beauty of heavenly fields and mountains, the city-like communities, or the gatherings of saints and not be affected forever?

Now it's purgatory's turn.

Anne's newest book, *The Mist of Mercy*, relates Anne's trips to purgatory with attention-riveting detail that will keep you turning pages in great anticipation. Most of us spend a lifetime trying to avoid purgatory—assuming we think about it at all—yet this book will give you a new appreciation of God's mercy as demonstrated in the reality of purgatory.

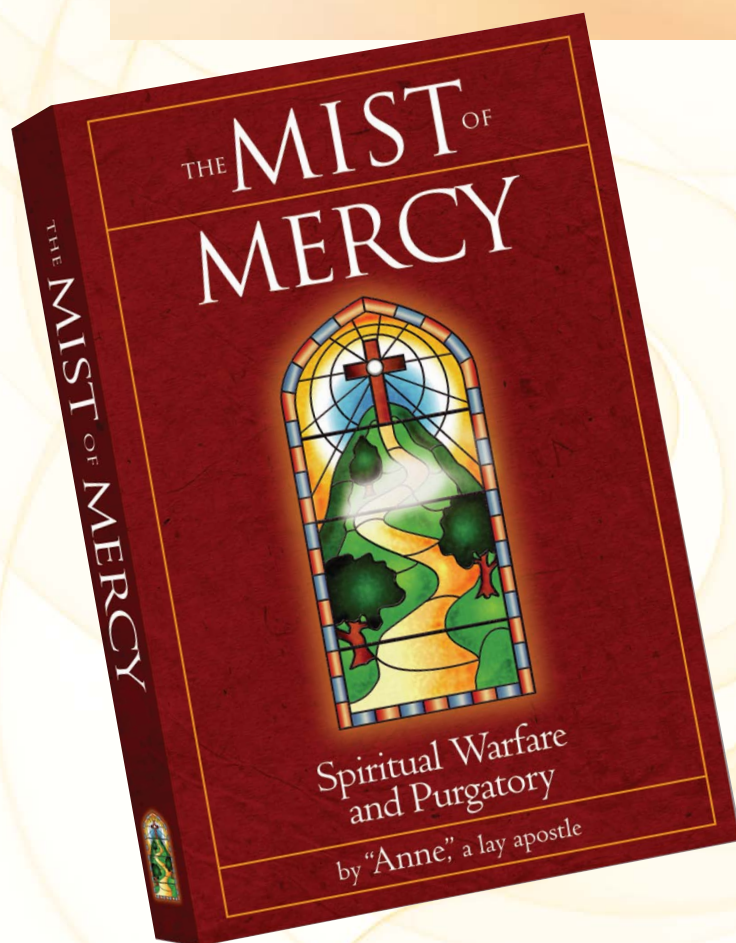
Spiritual Warfare

The Mist of Mercy contains interesting new material about spiritual warfare. She describes

the many, many tactics that Satan uses to divert us from the path of holiness. Recognizing these temptations and obstacles is only half the battle. The other half is getting beyond them.

“The enemy seeks to distract us. The enemy baits us. We must refuse to take the bait. Peace in everything. We must not be distracted from holiness, from our duties and from God's work.

“I am careful never to be too impressed by the enemy's paltry power. The enemy shouts and roars, blows and bellows, but it is



E X C E R P T F R O M T H E

Today, Easter Sunday, was a happy and peaceful day. I went down to the chapel to pray. Jesus drew me into a state of union with Him and brought me to a place. It was further away from the place where it is a new day, over another sky and into another place of activity. It was like a park, beautiful, peaceful. There were people there. I understood that some souls were newly arrived. They were with loved ones, talking and laughing. There was great lightness of spirit and initially I thought these were all children playing. They were not all children, though, although some were children. And they were not all family members in the earthly sense. They were members of our family of God.

In one area souls moved through the air. This was giving them great joy and they were laughing aloud. I understood that they were learning to move at will, to their delight. Jesus let me look for awhile, and then drew me away to one end of the area, that was misty. I walked into the mist and it became increasingly more and more misty and foggy. There were many souls in the mist. I could hear their prayers as I walked.

Jesus stopped me at one soul and I listened. This man sat up against a tree. He was completely isolated by the mist. He

the empty raging of one with no real strength. Those with real power speak softly. They do not need to yell.

“Remember that if Jesus Christ is bigger than the Empire State Building, in terms of power and strength and influence, the devil is, in comparison, the size and strength of a little fire ant. He can sting but he cannot topple the Empire State Building. As I have said in the past, let’s not gather around the fire ant, admiring his power when we stand in the shadow of the Empire State Building. We must turn around and face

the Almighty, admiring and relying on His limitless power.

“Jesus reminded me of this one morning. I was concerned about a dreadfully unjust and false attack. I felt at a loss to respond. Jesus said, ‘*Anne, I conquered the world. I can handle this.*’”

Now shipping

The Mist of Mercy is available through our online store at www.directionforourtimes.com, various other online stores and Catholic bookstores.

M I S T O F M E R C Y :

sat with his back to this tree praying. I could hear him. He begged God for forgiveness. Grief for his sins poured out of him. He felt so much regret. Jesus said that this was a place where souls came to be purified. I understood that there were souls all around us. I also understood that as the mist thickened, so did the isolation and remorse.

I said, “Jesus, his prayers are so beautiful, so pure.” Jesus told me that all prayers in this place were beautiful and pure. The man was praying passionately that souls on earth, some of them his loved ones, would be spared such dreadful remorse. Jesus explained to me that this soul had worshiped a false god. He said that this man worshiped the god of materialism and rejected Him, Jesus. This man was being purified.

This was purgatory.

Review:

“*The Mist of Mercy*”

By Howard Q. Dee, Former Philippines Ambassador to the Vatican

Anne’s *The Mist of Mercy* is best described by St. Paul in Corinthians 2:6, as “a wisdom not of this age” but “God’s wisdom, a mysterious, hidden wisdom, planned before all ages for our glory. Of this wisdom, it is written: ‘Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it so much as dawned on man what God has prepared for those who love Him.’”

The *Mist of Mercy* lifts the mist that veils the human mind, allowing us to enter into the mysteries of life hereafter. In the chapter on Purgatory, we can see, hear and understand what God’s wisdom has prepared for those who love Him and those who do not love Him. This revelation to Anne is a great act of His Divine Mercy in these times when He will return as the King of Mercy, as He told St. Faustina, before He comes as the Just Judge.

St. Paul adds: “Yet God has revealed this wisdom to us through the spirit.” The chapter on spiritual warfare clearly manifests this wisdom of the spirit, given to Anne, who prepares us for spiritual combat with the enemy. It is a veritable spiritual guide for our age as the forces of good and evil are engaged in mortal combat.

Completing this beautiful book are true-to-life stories of ordinary Christians engaged in spiritual warfare and a chapter of messages that Jesus gives each month to lay apostles as we continue to climb the mountain of holiness.

Monthly Messages

Every month, Jesus gives Anne a monthly message for the world. Here are some of the most recent. (See our website for more.)

June 1, 2006

I speak to My beloved apostles today from the pain of My wounded heart. I suffer for each soul walking the earth without knowledge of My love. Despite rejection, My love cannot be limited and overflows into the world. Those who do not welcome the love of the Savior continue in loneliness. Those who welcome My love are deluged with it. Dear apostles, I know that you are weary. You do not see the full impact of your service on the Kingdom but please believe that one day you will experience the fruits of your labor. You will exult in each act of service and each act of self-denial because you will see the act attached to all of the graces obtained from it. At that time you will marvel at My generosity. You will also thank Me for obscuring this from you during your time of service because it is through this trust that you gain both merits for your eternity and conversion graces for souls. How many sinners are pulled back into My Sacred Heart through your smallest act of trust and love in the face of scorn and mockery? Dear apostles, you must consider whether or not you yourself were called back to Me through the selfless action of another. It is in this way that We are a family. Each apostle is indebted to others for his progress up the mountain of holiness because the service of each supports and sustains others. How blessed is the plan of God. My gratitude to you will endure forever. Continue on in service to the Kingdom and you will see yourself counted as My friend and loyal follower. Imagine My gratitude. The enemy taunts God, stating that God's children have turned their faces away from heaven. The enemy boasts that God's children are listening to the voice of darkness. During all of this, the apostles of Jesus Christ remain steadfast.

Your faces are turned to heaven and you listen to My voice. Pay no attention to the empty words of the enemy, My beloved ones. Let My voice console you and direct you and you will not be deceived. Work for souls, so that they will accept My love. All is well. I am with you in each moment.

May 1, 2006

My friends in the world know suffering. This will not change and it has always been this way. What separates My friends from those who walk without Me is the grace that accompanies My followers. If a soul is willing to accept heavenly grace, that soul's suffering is changed. Crosses carried in union with heaven benefit both the individual soul and the world. When viewed this way, which is the true way, souls understand that suffering is not a bad thing, but a valuable thing to be exploited for heaven. Do not think that your Jesus misunderstands the difficulty associated with suffering. Always consider the suffering I accepted in the world, on the cross in My final hours of course, but also throughout My life. I did not spend My time on earth in comfort and leisure. I worked hard each day and often did without things that souls today take for granted. Consider My life on earth in its entirety. Dearest apostle, My friend, I lived as quietly as possible. I prayed for you every day. I offered comfort and assistance to others in pain or in need. I committed Myself to My duty each day and never deviated from My responsibilities. I did this because I knew that you would benefit from a model to follow. You see, I spent each day on earth aware of your life. When I was tempted to become disheartened, I thought of you, struggling, and I disciplined Myself to be brave and hopeful. I offered My struggles to God the Father and asked that in return, He grant you graces of courage and hope. I did not waste any time on earth, My beloved. Please think often of My life on earth and understand

that I thought of you on each day and set an example for you on each day. If you remember this, that I walked the earth for you, you will understand that you walk on earth with Me, Someone Who understands your every fear, your every temptation. Be at peace. Let Us walk together. Time cannot separate an apostle from his Savior. Again and always I assure you, I am with you.

April 1, 2006

My apostles seek to please Me. The desire to please your Savior, all by itself, gives Me the greatest consolation. If you have the smallest desire to please Me, little apostle, you can be certain that you have already done so. The desire to please is only the beginning, of course. From that desire I move you into active service to the Kingdom. How badly the Kingdom of God requires steady apostles in this time. I rely most heavily on those who are consistent in their service. My little ones see My plan for them in the present moment. At times My little ones underestimate how I intend to use them in the future. This is acceptable, of course, because it is best if a serving apostle remains focused on the day in which he finds himself. Let Me assure you though, that the level of service I can gain from you tomorrow and in every tomorrow I grant you, is directly affected by the level of cooperation I gain from you today. If you serve Me in completeness today, you can be assured that I am preparing you for even greater service tomorrow. It is all about practice, after all. You must practice being holy. My dear friends, My apostles, do not be afraid of tomorrow, regardless of what occurs today. My plan is detailed and accounts for everything. I will care for My beloved friends and their loved ones. I am God. I am all-powerful. You cannot place too much trust in Me because I will always outperform your greatest expectations. Serve completely in today, My friends, and I will use you even more effectively tomorrow. Trust your Jesus. I will protect you.

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Abortion: A Testimony

The worst part of going through with the abortion was the moment that the baby was pulled from me. I felt the tug. Before that, I could believe that it was not really a baby. They called it a fetus and a piece of tissue. But when I felt the tug I knew it was a baby because it wanted to stay, to live. My baby was trying to hang on. It was a violent tug. The baby did not want to come out. At that instant I knew.

The period of time after the abortion was very black. I could not stop crying. It was like a shock, a deep wrong had been done to me. I could not see how I could ever pull myself up out of it. Initially I thought I could never go to Christ again because He would never want to be with me again. I was very depressed. I prayed to die. Then I realized that I could not die because I had to make up for what I had done.

I went into Mass but it was too overwhelming. I felt I was not good anymore and that I was not welcome in Mass. It hurt so badly. I just left.

I knew I had to go to Confession. When I finally did, the priest was so kind. This always makes me cry. It has been 24 years and this still makes me cry. There was no condemnation or judging. He didn't tell me I was horrible, like I felt. He said, "Welcome back. We missed you." At that moment, I was healed. I felt good again, like I would be able to go on. I cannot express this properly as there are no words for the kind of love I felt from him at that moment. I think it was Jesus.

I would advise any pregnant woman not to block out God when they are making this decision. It is nine months of embarrassment but that has to be compared to a lifetime of pain and missing this person who is part of you. I always feel the loss even though

I have had other children since. It is something that a woman can't talk about and that makes it even harder. I think if you gave your baby up for adoption, you would know that your child was with someone and growing up. If you have an abortion, you are the one who ended their life. Before the baby is born, you are the only one who can stick up for this baby. If you don't, obviously the baby doesn't stand a chance. The only thing that will make a pregnant woman happy is to have her baby. An abortion doesn't make a woman happy. If it were okay, it would not be kept hidden under the rug and people could talk about it.

If you have the abortion and you are Catholic, you need to go to Confession. If you are not Catholic, you need to talk about it to someone, otherwise it gets worse. You can still be a good person and you can still be a mother but you need to start with the Church because you have to face God, Who is waiting to forgive you. You just have to force yourself.

It's okay to mourn for your baby and to miss your baby. People take that away from you by acting as though it's not a baby but it is a baby, it's your baby, and you'll meet your baby in heaven.

I always wanted to make up for this, to live right. I pray that I'll never make that dark of a mistake again. I could not believe God could forgive me but He did. When the priest spoke, I knew I was forgiven. I was able to participate in the Church again and in life. Once I let Christ back in, He helped me. Confession made me believe that I belonged in Church with Jesus.

I believe that Christ views me as one of His. I belong with Him.

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Journey Back from Emptiness

I searched the world for so long, trying anything I could get my hands on to fill the emptiness I felt in my heart, but nothing worked.

During this time, I started to pray to God silently in my heart. I did this not because I believed God could help me (silly me), but because I felt it couldn't make me feel any worse. Then someone gave me Anne's messages. I didn't read them right away, but God seemed to leave them in my path often enough that eventually I picked them up out of curiosity.

This was a very quiet time in my life. I now know that this quietness played a huge role in my conversion because, through it, I began to feel a stirring in my soul. It was as if God were urging me to come back to Him. My conversion had begun. Eventually I started looking to God for my happiness instead of to the world. The world left me feeling as though I had been beat up and left on the side of the road. When I looked to Christ, I found confidence in my walk.

It's hard to understand what saying "yes" to Christ means. Sometimes it's as simple as choosing not to drink on a Saturday night. At first I felt I was giving something up. But then, waking up in the morning hang-over free, I'd think, "wow, I feel so good!" By saying "yes" to Christ, I was slowly weeding out the hurtful and negative aspects of my life.

So many of us young people are not happy today. We know we're missing something but we don't know what. I always felt that, to be holy, I would have to change every aspect of my life and act perfectly. I knew I would fail, so I never really tried. Later I realized that Christ's best friends are people who fail daily but (and here's the important part) ask for forgiveness and continue to try to do better. I still fail every day, but I keep trying.

Each day I open my heart to Jesus. I ask His guidance before I respond to a friend's problem or offer up some small suffering I might experience that day. This is where I find my holiness. These small efforts to align my will with Christ's pay off a million times better than anything the world ever gave me. Through these small acts of faith, I find it easier and easier to give my heart to Christ.

Heaven Speaks about Abortion

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Jesus

My children, you are all so precious to Me. There is a temptation for souls to believe that if they have made a grave mistake, they are not welcome in heaven or that they are not suitable companionship for Me. This is not true. And this temptation must be fought against. Sin is forgivable. All sin. I want to direct attention here specifically to the sin of abortion. This sin has become so commonplace in your world that some souls have come to believe it is not serious. Well, dear little soul, you must understand that it is the enemy of all things living who has spread this error. This is a trick, a master deceit of such proportion that it has resulted in the slaughter of many. Now, you may wonder at My feelings on this. I will share them with you. I am grieved, in the extreme. I am sad each time I welcome a rejected little one back to Myself. And they are welcomed home, believe Me. I am all mercy and love and these little ones are in no way at fault, so heaven gives them great joy upon their return. In the same way, We will welcome you home, regardless of your sins. Be at peace. There are many souls in heaven who have committed sins of this magnitude. You might say heaven is filled with sinners, My friend, but these are repentant sinners. Would you like to repent and serve as My beloved apostle? I know that you would and it is for this reason that I have come to you with these words. You are forgiven. I have many things to share with you that will help you to understand your situation. Rest your wounded little heart against Me now as I show you how to return in completeness.

St. Mary Magdalene

I send the most loving greetings to my friends on earth. I am delighted that Jesus allows me to speak at this time. There are great things happening in the world and the renewal makes its way bravely from heaven to earth and from soul to soul. We are watching and helping from heaven. One of the signs that the renewal is necessary is the number of abortions that are occurring. My

dear sisters in Christ, this is an abomination. We cannot allow it to continue, neither you, nor I. We have to help our sisters to understand that there is a little life nestled in their womb, a life sent by God Himself. To think any differently is to become a plaything of the devil. There must be no discussion about this point in the sense that you must never allow yourself to consider, even for a moment, that a pregnancy does not equal a life, a person, a divine plan. Do not back away from this fact, this irrefutable truth. I want to speak to women who have had abortions and allowed their children to be taken from them in this way. Dear woman, if you think you have committed a graver sin than I, you are wrong. Jesus loves me tenderly and I am a close friend to the Saviour. And yet, I would repel you if you knew how I had lived a part of my life. We are all the same in that we are all sinners. Nobody in heaven looks at anyone else with anything but love and understanding. This is because we all understand that given the right set of earthly circumstances we could make grave mistakes, such as you did. Your circumstances contributed to your decision. I know this. Jesus knows this. All of heaven knows this. You must accept this, too. If you were in different circumstances, it is likely you would have made a different decision. But it is over and Jesus makes all things new. Let Him make your soul new and you will give Him far greater joy than you gave Him sorrow. I would not tell you something if it were not true. If you return to Jesus with your heart and ask Him for forgiveness, you will have forgiveness and He will forget your sins. He has certainly forgotten mine.

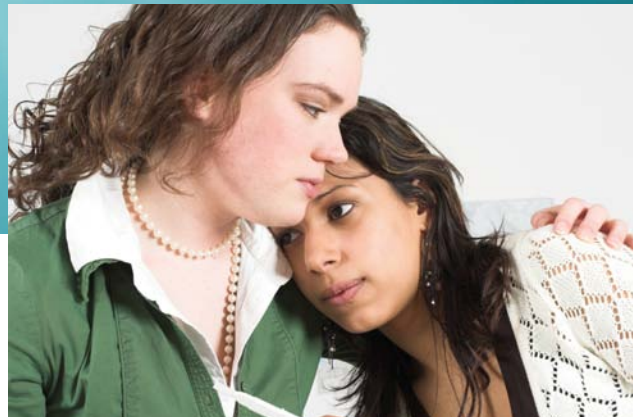
St. Mary Magdalene

My sisters in Christ, allow me, please, to help you. When you are caught in a web of guilt, it can be difficult to get out. It is actually impossible alone. The problem is that you can think so badly of yourself for your mistake that you begin to lose sight of your dignity and heavenly value. Jesus needs your help and you have to respond to Him. You know this. But before you can respond to Jesus you must allow Him to heal you. So

put your hand out and Jesus will give a mighty pull. He will release you from the grip of pain that has held you captive. Jesus looks into your soul and He sees everything. He understands. You will face Him someday. It is inevitable. So face Him today and look closely. All you will see in His beautiful face is love. Jesus does not condemn you. It is the enemy telling you these things. Jesus is all mercy, all understanding. Let Him take your pain and replace it with heavenly joy. Dear sister, do you think for a moment that the darkness of sin in the world has not claimed others in this way? You know that many have fallen victim to the falseness and the distortions of truth. You are not alone, by any means. Many women work hard for the Kingdom and give Jesus great glory. They, also, have allowed their children to be taken in this way. But they returned to Christ in sorrow and He forgave them. He offers this to you now. We will surround you with heavenly grace and then you, too, will work for Jesus and for others. You will give great comfort and joy to these children of yours in heaven if you return to the family of God. There is nothing that should stop you. Come back to the heavenly side where you are cherished, and may I say, so badly needed.

St. Mary Magdalene

Dearest sister in Christ, this is the time to heal. Jesus is sending this period for all souls to return to His Sacred Heart. His healing graces are never ending. There is enough for every bit of spiritual and emotional healing that is necessary for every soul who has ever been injured in any way. I am urging you to take advantage of this now so that you can return fully to the family of God and work for your brothers and sisters who remain in darkness and loneliness. So many are unloved. If you spend this period of time working for other souls in your life, wherever Jesus has placed you, there will be joy in heaven. You will give glory to Jesus and to your children who have come before you. They will be proud that you are their mother because you serve them on earth by serving Jesus. Do you believe me, my sister? I speak the truth. We in heaven never exaggerate and



we never tell untruths. We speak carefully and our words are backed by God Himself. Your children love you and have complete understanding of the fears that moved you to your decision. You will see them and you will spend eternity with them. There is only joy in heaven. Surely you understand that there will be no recriminations and you will have no grief in this divine land. You will be reunited with all of your loved ones and together you will explore the Kingdom of the triumphant souls, who have conquered the world and their humanity. So there is no reason for you not to be joyful and peaceful. Jesus loves you. All the saints love you. The angels work tirelessly for your return to complete joy. And your children wait to be united to their mother.

St. Mary Magdalene

Sisters, I thank God for you. Your kindness to other women will bring more souls home to heaven. I never judged another woman after my conversion because I understood why a woman would make the choices that she made. Some choices are wrong. We all know that. Who can say that all choices are the correct choices? Here in heaven, we look at events in the world. I, in particular, see women who are assaulted sexually. I am

familiar with the emotions that can erupt in a woman after such a thing occurs, either in childhood or in adulthood. These emotions, if not brought to heaven for healing, can result in bad choices. Perhaps you understand what I am referring to. Our bodies are intended for the most beautiful service to the Kingdom. The sexual relationship between a man and a woman is holy and right when it is blessed by God. The sexual relationship between a man and a woman is neither holy nor right when it is not blessed by God. And when someone is used as an object for sin, all of heaven is disappointed. You are God's cherished woman. Do not allow your body to be misused. If this occurs against your will, you must be certain to talk to others who have been misused in this way. Seek out others who are holy and who have healed. They will help you to understand that your sexuality is not something that can be taken from you by force. Also, your sexuality is not something that is impacted by being raped because you did not give freely. What I am saying to you is that your sexuality is intact and as beautiful as God created it. Also, if you have fallen victim to the modern deception that sinful physical intimacy is acceptable, you are not alone. Many holy

souls have also made these mistakes. But here is God's promise to you. Confess your sins. Pour them all out where they cannot hurt you and He, Jesus, will take them away. They will be cast into the fires of His Sacred Heart and they will be incinerated and gone forever. Jesus will grant you complete healing. Be patient and let Him do this for you. Your purity will be returned to you and your beautiful sexuality will be restored to its original state. Remember that I told you that heaven speaks with great authority? Well, you can be assured that this promise comes from the Throne of God. Walk in joy, dear sister of mine, because Jesus loves you.

Blessed Mother

My dear little daughter, how I love you and wait to hold you in my arms. I watch you so carefully, alert to any opportunity to bring you to Jesus. I have seen every pain that you have suffered. I have witnessed each bitter tear. You will be fine now if you let us heal you. I want to take you by your hand and bring you to my Son. I will tell Him that I am proud of you because you are courageous in admitting your mistakes and asking for forgiveness. Can you imagine the smile Jesus will have for you? He is so beautiful and His eyes will fill with love for you. You see, Jesus does not care what you have done. He does not sit and think constantly about your mistakes. He thinks constantly about your heart and its brokenness. He thinks constantly about His need to have you safe in the family of Christ. He considers all of the good that you are capable of bringing to other souls. Jesus needs you. I, your heavenly mother, need you. Will you help us? Come to your mother now and rest your head against me. You do not see me but I promise you that I am with you. I will never leave you. I have brought many women back to Jesus and they give Him the greatest love and fidelity. That is how I can see you, my daughter. I see you as a loyal, loving servant of Jesus, Who desires to place constant healing graces into your soul.

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By Fr. Kevin Scallon

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"Recently I recorded with Dana a rosary of intercession for priests entitled 'In Memory of Me'. I know that the members of *Directions for Our Times* have expressed great concern and love for the priesthood, and that is why I offer you this CD in the hope that it will help those who receive it to pray for their priests."

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