# **Our Location**

**Mission San Antonio de Pala** is a historic parish with original mission chapel, old cemetery, museum, old jail, patio gardens, beautiful picnic grounds, and a 6 year old function hall where we will have our conference. This secluded location offers a prayerful and reflective atmosphere.

# **Background of the Divine Mercy Devotion**

From the diary of a young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone — especially the greatest sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

## www.SDdivinemercy.org

## Opening Mass Friday at 7:00pm

No need to register to attend opening mass



Celebrant: Father Dave Leon



"There will be a special concert by Fr. Bill Quinlivan following Mass.

From Rt.15 take Rt. 76 east for approximately 6 miles. At first Light signal (Pala casino, Resort & Spa on rt.) go left on to Pala Mission Rd. for about 1/2 mile to stop sign. Go straight and enter 3rd driveway on the left to the Juan Diego Center.



**Divine Mercy Movement** 1905 Chicago St. San Diego, CA 92110

# 19th Annual Divine Mercy Conference



# Feb. 17th & 18th, 2017

San Juan Diego Center at Mission San Antonio De Pala 3015 Mission Road Pala, CA 92059

# **Exciting Speakers & Singers Include:**



#### **Cardinal Mafi of Tonga**

Soane Patita Paini Mafi was born in the Kingdom of Tonga and ordained a priest in June 1991. His mother was a convert and both his father and grandfather were catechists. He grew up in Tonga and as a young man, joined a youth group at his parish in Kolofo'ou near the capital Nuku'alofa on the main island of Tongatapu. He studied for the priesthood at the Pacific Regional Seminary in Suva, Fiji. He was ordained a priest in 1991 at the age of 29. He is the fourth Roman Catholic Bishop of Tonga. On February 14, 2015 at

the age of 53 he was appointed by Pope Francis as the first ever cardinal from Tonga and he became on that date the youngest member of the College of Cardinals with the title of cardinal priest assigned to the titular church of Santa Paola Romana. On April 13, 2015 he was appointed a member of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum for Human and Christian Development.



#### Father Bill Quinlivan

Fr. Bill Quinlivan is a Catholic priest in the diocese of Buffalo, New York. He is currently pastor of two parishes in South Buffalo. Fr. Bill heard his vocation call around age 11 but by mid-high school was convinced that it wasn't for him. He also had grand delusions of the entertainment industry in high school and say's, "In God's plan, my attempts to sing for entertainment, my dreams of being a screenwriter and other such things were just illusion. The one bit of "success" I had was that in my search for vocation during years of confusion, I actually wrote one-liners/gags for comedienne Joan Rivers"! But all the while the Lord

was gently waiting and saying to me "Can we TALK??". Fr. Bill's autobiography/vocation story was published in the Fall of 2014, "Made to Praise Him: Finding My Song". It is sprinkled with Irish wit, stories of inspiration and reflections on his song lyrics and faith life. He has recorded several CD's which will be available for purchase at the conference, as well as his autobiography.

#### Father Chris M. Alar, MIC Fr. Chris M. Alar, MIC, entered the Marians of the Im

Fr. Chris M. Alar, MIC, entered the Marians of the Immaculate Conception (the religious community entrusted with spreading the message and devotion of Divine Mercy) as a Postulant in July, 2006. Prior to that time he received a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and an MBA from the University of Michigan. After working several years at a Fortune 500 company he began his own consulting company in Charlotte, NC in 2000. After answering the Lord's call, he attended Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH, for his Philosophy studies and earned his Masters of Divinity Degree from Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, CT. Over the past several years he has been mentored

by the world's leading experts in Divine Mercy and he has spoken at nearly 100 parishes to date. Currently he serves as "Fr. Joseph" – the honorary title given to the Director of the Association of Marian Helpers located in Stockbridge, MA.



#### Fr. Dave Leon (Spiritual Director)

Fr. Dave is a Diocesan Priest in San Diego. He serves in hospital ministry and spiritual direction. Fr. Dave served as a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Board for Charismatic Renewal and is a member of Confraternity of Catholic Clergy.

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#### **Donna Lee** (Music Ministry)

Three time Unity Award Winner, singer, songwriter and musician Donna Lee has been ministering with her music for 27 years and has written several songs inspired by the Diary of St. Faustina. She continues to share her story of hope and healing, traveling to different countries and all over the U.S. She is a regular on the Catholic Familyland TV Network and has appeared on two segments

of EWTN's show "Backstage". Her CD's will be available for purchase at the conference or download on iTunes.

### **REGISTRATION**

	Pre-registered	<u>At the door</u>
Adults:	\$20.00	\$25.00
Married Couple:	\$30.00	\$40.00
Children: (17 & under)	\$10.00	\$15.00

\*Priests & Religious: Registration is FREE Register on line by February 12, 2017 at: www.SDdivinemercy.org

#### REGISTRATION OPENS 8AM SATURDAY:

ROSARY at 8:40 a.m. CONFERENCE BEGINS at 9:00 a.m. CLOSING MASS WILL BE AT 6:00 p.m.

#### FOOD:

Coffee & donuts available in morning as well as beverages all day long. As always, you are welcome to bring your own lunch. A box lunch will be available for pre-order. Please let them know if you prefer water or soda. Place order with your registration or call Dominic at 619-286-4911.

BOX LUNCH- 1/2 Turkey & 1/2 Roast Beef sandwich, bag of chips, trail mix, cookie & soda or water. \$7.50

#### **BOOKSTORES:**

Divine Mercy and Spirit Books & Gifts will be open during the conference except during the mass and holy hour. Any tables inside the hall where speakers are will not sell during talks as a courtesy to speakers.

#### CONFESSIONS (10AM - 12:30 PM)

The priests hearing your confessions are there to assist you on your spiritual journey to holiness as you reconcile with Our Lord. Please endeavor to sincerely examine your conscience and be prepared to receive this sacrament with a humble and contrite heart. Keep in mind that if you need more than brief counseling. consider making an appointment with a priest at another time. Afternoon confessions will be heard if there are priests available.

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