

The goals of the Marian Center for Peace are as follows:

1. Provide unique opportunities for spiritual growth
2. Provide and maintain 24 hour Adoration coverage*
3. Initiate and maintain a Teaching Center for the Shroud of Turin
4. Promote visits and/or pilgrimages to the Marian Center for Peace
5. Encourage prayer with an emphasis on petitions for:
 - An end to abortion
 - Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life
 - The return of our culture to one of life and hope
 - The prayers contained in Marian Center Petition Book
 - Marian Center Benefactors
 - The continued success of Perpetual Adoration
 - The sick and the dying (accompanied by an Apostolic Blessing)
 - World peace
 - The intentions of the Holy Father

*following the guidelines of the Real Presence Association as introduced by Fr. Robert Goedert

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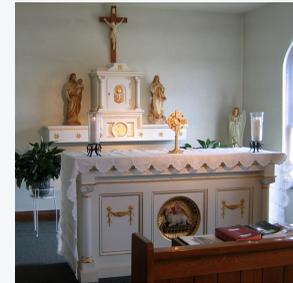


*Perpetual Adoration in Central Wisconsin
@ The Mother of America Perpetual
Eucharistic Adoration Chapel*

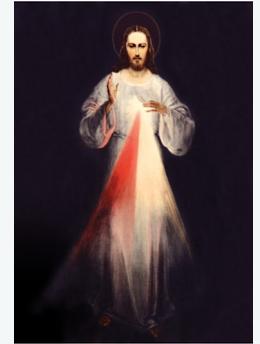
About the Marian Center for Peace

The MARIAN CENTER FOR PEACE OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS is a canonically recognized Roman Catholic association of the faithful of the Diocese of LaCrosse, that seeks to follow Christ by imitating His mother Mary, in her Fiat, her perfect yes to the will of God, through prayer, study and evangelization. Its purpose is threefold:

- To encourage and promote Eucharistic Adoration
- To spread the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe through stewardship of her relic image
- To promote devotion to the Divine Mercy



Located in the former convent of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church at 241 Apricot Street, the Marian Center houses the Mother of America Perpetual Adoration Chapel where, since October of 2004, Our Eucharistic Lord has been continually adored by members of the Wisconsin Rapids and neighboring communities. In the chapel hangs the relic image of Our Lady of Guadalupe as well as a digital copy of the Vilnius Divine Mercy painting. The facility also houses life-sized, back-lighted copies of the Shroud of Turin, a small lending library, and a resource center.

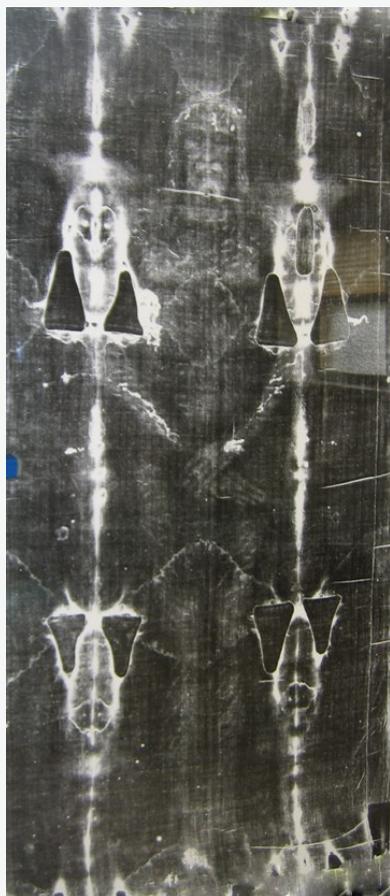


Divine Mercy Jesus, I Trust in you

A digital copy of the Vilnius Divine Mercy image with the inscription "Jesus, I trust in You," also hangs in the Mother of America Chapel at the Marian Center for Peace. In 1931, Jesus appeared to a simple Polish nun, Sister Faustina Kowalska, and told her to have an image painted according to the pattern she observed so that it could be venerated throughout the world, providing a wellspring of mercy and hope. Jesus told St. Faustina, "I am Love and Mercy Itself. I never reject a contrite heart. The graces of My Mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is TRUST. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive."

The Marian Center encourages devotion to the Divine Mercy by providing Divine Mercy chaplet and novena prayer sheets to parishes and by coordinating Divine Mercy Sunday devotions the first Sunday after Easter. The copies of the original Vilnius Divine Mercy painting (the only Divine Mercy image painted as Jesus instructed) and the relic image of Our Lady of Guadalupe are provided to the Marian Center through the International Life and Mercy Crusade.

The Mother of America Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is designated as a Divine Mercy Chapel through the apostolic blessing of Saint Pope John Paul II. Therefore, we request adorers to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those who will die during that hour.



While the authenticity of the Shroud has been under scrutiny, there is much evidence that it is the actual burial cloth of Christ. Dr. Jackson, a respected physicist with multiple advanced degrees, and his wife Rebecca have devoted a great deal of their professional and personal lives to the study of the Shroud of Turin.

Shroud of Turin Teaching Center

One goal of the Marian Center is to provide education about the Shroud of Turin. The Shroud of Turin is a linen cloth 14 feet, 3 inches long by 3 feet, 7 inches wide, bearing the highly distinct image of a crucified man. Since the sixteenth century, the Shroud, believed by many to be the burial cloth of Christ, has been kept in St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Turin, Italy. Pope Francis authorized a public exposition of the Shroud from April through June 2015, and visited Turin himself to see the Shroud on June 21, 2015. Previous public exhibitions were in 2010, 2000, 1998, 1978, 1933, 1931, and 1898.

The education on the Shroud at the Marian Center is nourished by a close relationship with Dr. John Jackson and his wife Rebecca who own and operate the Turin Shroud Center of Colorado in Colorado Springs. The Jacksons helped the Marian Center founders, Denis and Carol Virnig, obtain two Shroud images for the Marian Center's location in Wisconsin Rapids. On occasion, the Jacksons conduct presentations and open discussion sessions via the internet for Marian Center guests.

One of the Shroud images at the Marian Center is a back-lighted, full-sized, high definition photograph of the original Shroud in Turin, Italy. It is divided into two vertical panels—the front and the back of the body. It is best characterized as a “mirror” image. The second Shroud image is a photographic negative of the Shroud that provides a clearer display of the features on the image. This is also divided into body front and back panels. This negative image presents a “face to face” representation of the crucified man of the Shroud.

Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The relic image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Mother of America Chapel at the Marian Center for Peace of Wisconsin Rapids is one of 220 relics intended for distribution throughout the world. In November of 2004, 220 exact size digital replicas of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe were touched by Msgr. Monroy to the sacred original tilma of St. Juan Diego, which is safeguarded at the International Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Seven of these relic images were prepared for introduction into the United States. Msgr. Monroy, rector of the Basilica, in the first formal ceremonial procedure of this kind in more than 472 years, officially declared that each relic image “will carry the same graces of evangelization, conversion, healing and truth” as does the original image of Our Lady of Guadalupe that first miraculously appeared on St. Juan Diego's tilma in the year 1531. In other words, a pilgrim venerating the relic image at the Mother of America Chapel in the Marian Center for Peace of Wisconsin Rapids could receive the same graces that would be available had he/she traveled thousands of miles on pilgrimage to Mexico City. To arrange a pilgrimage visit to the Mother of America Chapel call 715-424-6279 or e-mail: info@mariancenterforpeace.org.

The Marian Center for Peace is also privileged to be the caretaker for a set of traveling images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Divine Mercy. These images have been taken to pro-life events, Marian conferences, and Eucharistic processions.



*Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Located in the Mother of America
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel*