



Divine Mercy Image The Heart of Mercy...

(Flynn, pp 91-96)

Last week we explored the image of the rays as depicted directly from St. Faustina's words: "*These two rays issued from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized heart was opened by a lance on the Cross.*" (Diary, 299).

So, let's now look into the depths of that merciful heart...But looking at the Divine Mercy Image, there is no heart to be seen.... ***Why is His pierced heart not visible?***

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In his book, '7 Secrets of Divine Mercy', Flynn proposes that we consider another image of Merciful Love: the *Sacred Heart Image* based on Christ's appearances to St. Margaret Mary:

In this image we see the wounded Heart on a throne of flames below the cross.

It is an image of Christ crying out for us to understand how much He Loves us – how deeply he is grieved by our sins and our rejection of His Love.

If we trace the rays backward and open Jesus's garment, we would find *the wounded heart pierced and burning with love for us.*

Both images reveal Christ's Merciful Love, one as a continuation and extension of the other: "The Sacred Heart Image shows us the *source* of mercy – while the Divine Mercy Image shows us the *distribution* of Mercy."

The difference lies in our call to respond:

When we view the image of The **Sacred Heart** we're called to respond by *returning His love*, by *seeking to console His heart* and *make reparations.*

Whereas

When we view the image of The **Divine Mercy** we are called to respond by *embracing the blessing* {remember His hands}; *receiving His mercy*, and by *placing all our trust in Him.*

*Next week we explore how to trust in Him
as we contemplate: 'The Signature: Covenant of Mercy'*