



The second sign from 'The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic' and the chapter our study group just finished discussing, focuses on *study* as an element to becoming a dynamic Catholic. In light of that, what better topic to study and learn more about during this **Jubilee Year of Mercy**, than the *Devotion to the Divine Mercy*?

The **Divine Mercy Image** is an **ICON**:

(Flynn, pp 70-75)

- A sacred image that “leads us into a state of contemplation; Like a window, it allows us to look through it, so that with the eyes of our soul, we see God.”
- A picture of the Lord as He first appeared to St. Faustina in 1931 (*Diary*)
- There are various versions of this image. What matters is not which one is the right one; what matters is how one views it.
- We will follow Vinny Flynn’s, *The 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy*,’ and explore the “truths, the theology, and the story” revealed within the Divine Mercy image.

First we contemplate...WHO IS THE PICTURE OF?

Is it...Jesus...or The Son of God...or Christ...or The Lord?

- It is the image of Christ. But St. Paul tells us that Christ is “the *image* of the invisible God.” (COL 1:15)

- Christ makes the Father known to us “in the most profound mystery of His being”. The Father’s “invisible nature” becomes visible in Christ and through Christ...especially visible in His mercy.”

- “Christ makes mercy incarnate: “He Himself...*is* mercy. To the person who sees it in Him – and finds it in Him – God becomes *visible* in a particular way *as the Father who is rich in mercy.*” (Pope John Paul II encyclical, *Rich in Mercy*, #2)

-In this manner then God, the Father is allowing us to ‘see’ Him in Christ

Then, what this ICON first reveals to us is that...

Jesus came to show us the Father and to reveal to us that His Father is rich in mercy.

Next week, we’ll discover the story that the image of Jesus’ hands tell and the *invitation* He sends to each of us.