

Dear Catholic Nurses,

In recognition of the Holy Year of Mercy called for by His Holiness, Pope Francis, the National Association of Catholic Nurses U.S.A. wishes to draw your attention to **Nurses for Divine Mercy**, an organization founded by Marie F. Romagnano, R.N. in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

<http://www.thedivinemercy.org/healthcare/whoare.htm>

Nurses for Divine Mercy offers an 8 unit Continuing Education course for nurses approved by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), entitled "**Nursing with the Hands of Jesus: A Guide to Nurses for Divine Mercy**". It is the first spiritual guide of its kind on how to use The Divine Mercy message and devotion with the sick, injured and dying. The course covers such topics as:

1. **Nurses for Divine Mercy**; corporal and spiritual works
2. **7 Elements of Divine Mercy**; their importance to the nurse
3. **Helping in the Transition between Life and Death**; a step-by-step guide
4. **Spiritual Care in Emergencies**; acute injury, chronic, terminal illness & rehabilitation
5. **Pastoral Care for Patients**: a spiritual journey
6. **Prayer in the Life of the Nurse**; staying close to Jesus
7. **Academic Program**, CEU's, membership

This course fulfills the spiritual assessment recommended for all patients by the Joint Commission (formerly JACHO) and the booklet, (which has earned a Nihil Obstat and an Imprimi Potest- indicating fidelity to the Mercy message of St. Marie Faustina Kowalska) includes a detailed Spiritual Care Plan for the Catholic or Christian Patient. More info may be found

here: <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/healthcare/newbook.htm>

NACN-USA gratefully acknowledges the work of Marie Romagnano and her advisers in the creation of this excellent course! Considering this Year of Mercy, NACN-USA encourages promotion of the course among our councils, nurses, and nursing students nationwide. The booklet is available for purchase from the Nurses for Divine Mercy here: <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/healthcare/bookorder.htm>

Individuals may purchase the booklet directly or council leaders may order the booklet in bulk (100 copies or more cost only \$2.70/book) for their members do read as a group study. The CE test is available to download from the Nurses for Divine Mercy website, here: <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/healthcare/ceutest.htm>

Especially during this Year of Mercy, we invite every nurse to take up the challenge of "Spiritual Nursing!" Please consider directing your friends and colleagues to our website where they can learn practical guidance in the application of Mercy through the nursing profession, and earn continuing education credit while doing so. <http://nacn-usa.org/>