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## Stunning acts uncovered about the Divine Mercy in upcoming Fathom Events screening in cinemas this October

New film about St. Faustina will also feature bonus scenes exclusive to this event

**STOCKBRIDGE, MA, Sept. 24, 2019** – In the 1930s our Lord revealed to an unknown religious sister a message for our times. To an age marked by conflict, despair, lack of respect for human life and dignity, and in need of His forgiveness and merciful love, He said, "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."

Now this incredible true story of St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy will be told in more than 700 movie theaters across the country this October in the new film "**Love and Mercy: Faustina.**" The docudrama follows the incredible call of St. Faustina to religious life and the healing effects of this message on countless people around the world.

Fathom Events will distribute "**Love and Mercy: Faustina**" in U.S. movie theaters for one night only on Monday, Oct. 28, 2019. The film is 120 minutes in length and includes bonus scenes about the five forms of devotion to the Divine Mercy. The docudrama was written and directed by Michal Kondrat, a Polish filmmaker who experienced his own personal encounter with the Divine Mercy in his life. The film opened in Poland last year to sell-out audiences.

Watch the trailer for "**Love and Mercy: Faustina**" here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMCQlSIoNk4.

"Inspiring, insightful and transformative, 'Love and Mercy: Faustina' is masterfully done!" says Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, author of *No Turning Back: A Witness to Mercy*. "Divine Mercy is at the heart of the Gospel, and this fascinating docudrama reveals the history, devotion and power of one of the greatest messages for our times."

The Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, of which Fr. Calloway is an ordained priest, is the primary promoter of the Divine Mercy message and devotion worldwide,

and is leading the effort to have this film seen by as many people in the United States as possible through this Fathom event.

"The extraordinary message of Divine Mercy as revealed to St. Faustina has touched millions of lives around the world," said Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, director of the Association of Marian Helpers. "This film will serve as an incredible tool to inspire even more people to follow Christ's invitation extended to a broken world — a call to turn from sin, receive God's mercy and to share that mercy with others."

Tickets for "**Love and Mercy: Faustina**" are now available and can be purchased online by visiting <u>www.FathomEvents.com</u> or at participating theater box offices. Fans throughout the U.S. will be able to enjoy the event in nearly 800 select movie theaters. For a complete list of theater locations, visit the Fathom Events website (*theaters and participants are subject to change*).

"Love and Mercy: Faustina" begins with St. Faustina before Christ called her to religious life and follows her as she not only answers Christ's call but receives the image of the Divine Mercy in a vision in 1931 in a tiny town in Poland. The image does not become a tangible reality until years later when her confessor convinces a local artist to paint the image. While St. Faustina would not live to see the world venerate the image of the Divine Mercy, her confessor sought Vatican approval and was met with many obstacles. It wasn't until Pope John Paul II took interest in the image and St. Faustina's story that the image was spread worldwide. Additionally, unique scientific analysis shown in "Love and Mercy: Faustina" proves that St. Faustina did see Christ in her vision.

For artwork/photos related to "**Love and Mercy: Faustina**," please visit <a href="http://www.loveandmercymovie.com">http://www.loveandmercymovie.com</a>.

To schedule an interview with the director and writer, Michal Kondrat, and/or the spokespersons who appear in the film — Fr. Chris Alar, MIC; Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek ("Father Kaz"), MIC; and Archbishop Gintaras Grusas of Vilnius, Lithuania — please contact Kevin Wandra (404-788-1276 or KWandra@CarmelCommunications) of Carmel Communications.

## **About Fathom Events**

Fathom Events is the leading event cinema distributor with theater locations in all top 100 DMAs® (Designated Market Areas) and ranks as one of the largest overall theater content distributors. Owned by AMC Entertainment Inc. (NYSE: AMC); Cinemark Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: CNK); and Regal Cinemas, a subsidiary of the Cineworld Group (LSE: CINE.L), Fathom Events offers a variety of unique entertainment events in movie theaters such as live performances of the Metropolitan Opera, top Broadway stage productions, major sporting events, epic concerts, the yearlong TCM Big Screen Classics series, inspirational events and popular anime franchises. Fathom Events takes audiences behind the scenes for unique extras including audience Q&As, backstage footage and interviews with cast and crew, creating the ultimate VIP experience. Fathom Events' live Digital Broadcast Network ("DBN") is the largest cinema broadcast network in North America, bringing live and pre-recorded events to 1,010 locations and 1,628 screens in 182 DMAs. The company also provides corporations a compelling national footprint for hosting employee meetings, customer rewards events and new product launches. For more information, visit www.FathomEvents.com.

## **About the Marian Fathers**

The Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception have been official promoters of the Divine Mercy message and devotion since 1941, hardly three years after the death of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, the Lord's "Secretary" of Divine Mercy.

The Marian Fathers are the publishers of St. Faustina's diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, in many languages.

At the Marian Fathers' North American headquarters in Stockbridge, Massachusetts — home of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy — their printing presses produce some 50 million pieces of literature and images a year all sent out to a world yearning for meaning, mercy, and healing. Thanks in large part to their efforts, the Divine Mercy message and devotion has become the largest grassroots movement in the history of the Catholic Church.

In 2001, the 60th anniversary of the Marian Fathers' central role in the spread of the Divine Mercy, St. John Paul II sent a special apostolic blessing and a renewed call to the Marians. "Be apostles of Divine Mercy under the maternal and loving guidance of Mary," he wrote.

Inspired by the Great Mercy Pope, the Marian Fathers continue their special task to make it known that, in the words of Jesus to St. Faustina, "I am Love and Mercy itself. ... My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, especially for poor sinners. ... It is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. ... My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world."

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