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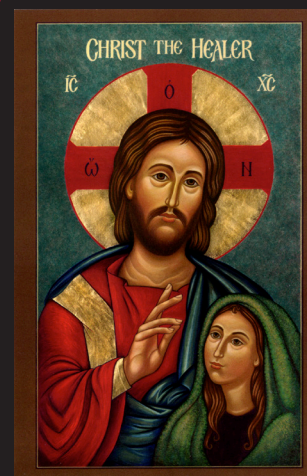
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THE PASSION
According to Saint Luke

MEET JESUS FACE TO FACE
VIEW THE PASSION TRAILER

FAUSTINA OPENS TO RAVE REVIEWS



"It hits home, moves hearts, and makes St. Faustina and Divine Mercy real."

- Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC

"If you have an opportunity to see this production...run, don't walk!"

- Patricia Mullin, Syracuse, NY

"I was literally stunned by the drama. Incredible!"

- Fr. Bill Qinlivan, Tonawanda, NY

"The danger was hidden.

It's only what is seen that matters, right?
So no one saw. No one knew."

These are the words of the Modern Woman, who speaks to us from the screen in our new multimedia live drama FAUSTINA: MESSENGER OF DIVINE MERCY. Hers is a life in desperate need of God's Divine Mercy: she bares her soul to us with such frankness that the message of Saint Faustina onstage takes on a new potency and relevance.

I am thrilled to tell you that, thanks to you, thanks to your prayers and so very generous donations, FAUSTINA has been touring the country to sold-out houses since we opened on October 5th, 2013.

A few short months ago, it seemed impossible. We had no actress, no script, and little money.

But you had confidence, you prayed, and you sacrificed. All of us here at Saint Luke Productions poured ourselves out, working impossible hours on the script, the music, the video, the set, the lights, the graphics, and of course the performance itself. And God sent us the talented actress we needed in Maria Vargo.

Opening night at Mount Angel Abbey, the energy and excitement in the packed auditorium was electric. The lights in the house went down and the play began. The audience was hushed and riveted as Faustina entered the stage singing in her pure, clear voice:

"O Sweet Jesus, source of mercy,
Bring joy and hope to sinful man..."

When, at the end of the performance, the entire audience rose spontaneously to give Maria Vargo a standing ovation, my wife Patti and I stood in the back, overwhelmed with gratitude and amazement. For we knew that in our weakness, in all our mistakes, in all our delays and last minute choices, God had forgiven us and blessed this play so that it might draw souls to His Divine Mercy.



Maria Vargo plays Faustina
AND the Modern Woman

I want you to see this show. I want you to experience the beauty of Saint Faustina, and the relevance she has to all the problems of our modern world. I also want to share with you MAXIMILIAN, VIANNEY, and THE PASSION ACCORDING TO LUKE.

Can you help me by spreading the word, and scheduling a performance in your community? And if you can send a financial contribution, we'll be able to bring these dramas to those who can't afford to schedule a show on their own. This is a gift you can give to your children and grandchildren - the excitement and drama of the Christian adventure.

May God bless you,

Leonardo

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WATCH THE FAUSTINA TRAILER AT WWW.STLUKEPRODUCTIONS.COM



YOU DID IT! HERE ARE SOME RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU!

✔ **FAUSTINA OPENED OCT. 5TH & TOURS THE COUNTRY**
Spring schedule is nearly full! Reserve your date!

✔ **MAXIMILIAN, VIANNEY & FAUSTINA** performed for 10,000 people in two short months!

✔ **ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY MEETS A SAINT**
Actors and film crew encountered Divine Mercy!

"The spirituality contained in this drama is the key to a long run! An honor to be part of FAUSTINA."

Christopher Toyne, Actor



YOU CAN BRING DIVINE MERCY TO THE WORLD! HERE'S WHERE YOU CAN REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

- NEW VAN** to keep our actors safe: \$20,000
- SPONSOR A SHOW** in your community: \$2,500 - \$3,500
- FAUSTINA** to the U.S. Bishops: \$6,000
- FAUSTINA** Spanish translation & casting: \$10,000
- OBAMACARE** cancelled our insurance. Pray for us!



THANK YOU!

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FILMING FAUSTINA



How do you create a one-woman play with a huge cast - and Jesus as the co-star?



FILM THEM and put them up on the screen!

When the day of film production arrived, our little studio was transformed with lights, a haze machine (which reflects light by filling the air with particles of fog), cameras, a boom mike, a green screen for the Divine Mercy scenes, a film crew and actors from Portland and Los Angeles. There was enormous pressure to move fast, make decisions, stay organized and capture the best possible performances from everyone. Not only that, our little office crew had to provide lunch, dinner, and snacks (craft services) for the

entire crew and cast for the entire week! And all of this, while trying to stay on our frugal budget. It was an exhausting, invigorating, inspiring week, and we thanked God for His Grace, because the results were beautiful.

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How did it feel when you first put on the habit?

"Actually, I felt very humbled to wear the habit for the first time. I was honored. Sr. Donata, the Sister Superior of Saint Faustina's order, gave me step-by-step instructions when I put it on, and I was transformed into a nun! I never forget that it's a real habit; for me it's far more than a costume for an actress."

- Maria Vargo

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FAMILY REFLECTIONS

By Patti Defilippis

Fighting for Healing

I have never really understood why God allows suffering. And why would prayer be effective in alleviating suffering? I mean, if suffering is the will of God, what is the point of praying for it to be taken away? Am I trying to change His Mind?

A new concept that I have discovered, in reading a book called *The Healing of Families*, by Fr. Yozefu -B. Ssemakula, is that most of the time, suffering is *not* the will of God. In fact, it saddens Him more than it does us. Suffering is the result, direct or indirect, of sin, even natural disasters and the death of children. Yet God transforms these terrible sufferings by uniting them to the redemptive power of the Cross.

I get it now: I am fighting a battle with

evil, and my prayer is efficacious because it diminishes the power of evil.

So I am praying for my children, my family, my friends, the world, more seriously. Healing- physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual - is *always* what God wants, and by praying for it, I am joining myself to Him more closely.

Maybe all this is obvious to everyone else, but it was a revelation to me. Actually it fills me with hope to know that God wants everyone of us to be healthy and happy.

All around me are opportunities to bring about healing in countless lives. Lord, allow me to be aware of the power of prayer and to truly love my neighbor as myself.



THE DEVIL STICKS HIS TAIL IN IT

Disaster Averted Through Prayer



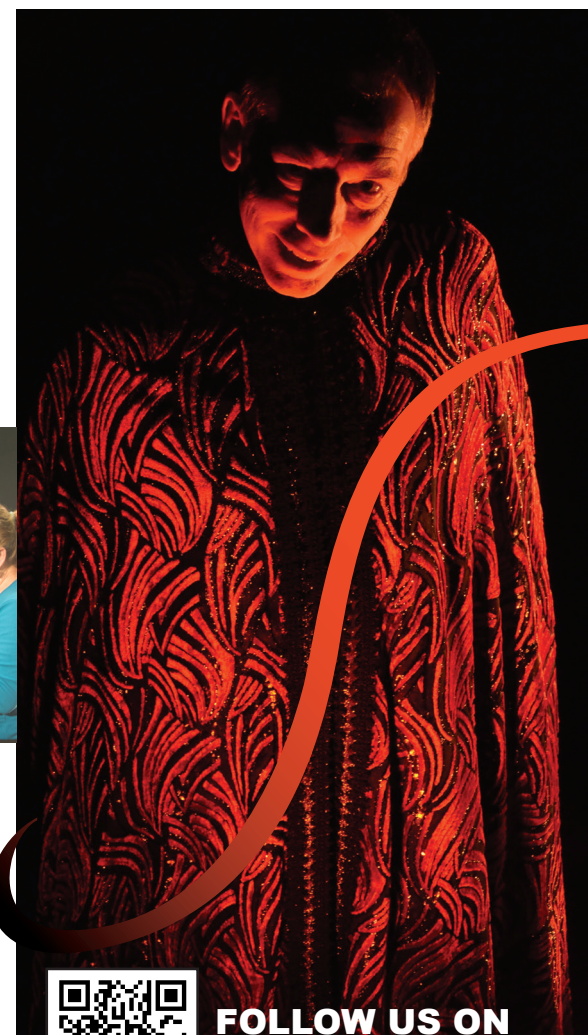
"The devil stuck his tail in there...Say a prayer and the tail will soon be taken out or cut off."
- St. Maximilian Kolbe

I was in the middle of a performance of MAXIMILIAN in LaSalle, Illinois, when all of a sudden the voices and the music on the computer soundtrack sounded as if they were underwater. My technical assistant, Andrew Walsh, was in the back of the church sweating bullets. The sound got weaker and weaker, and finally the computer completely died.

"My assistant was in the back of the church sweating bullets."

For the first time in 33 years, I came out and stopped the show. Would we have to cancel the rest of the tour? The chance of fixing the problem on our one short day off looked slim. That night my wife Patti sent out an urgent email, and soon the news of our crisis spread across the country. Prayers were offered by people all over, even many we didn't know.

Miraculously, the next day we were able to buy the perfect replacement computer, and without a hitch load the programs onto it. The next performance, and for the rest of the tour, the sound was crystal clear! God triumphed and the devil had his tail cut off. Everything fell into place perfectly and providentially, when it could have been a disaster. So thank you most of all for sustaining us with prayer, prayer, and more prayer!



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