



# “God Alone”

## 18th Annual Divine Mercy Congress 3rd Annual Regional American Congress on Mercy February 10 – 12, 2012

**Marriot San Ramon 2600 Bishop Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583**

**Guest Speakers:** Fr. Ben Cameron, C.P.M , Fr. Stan Fortuna, C.F.R.,  
Fr. Michael Gaitley M.I.C., Fr. Thuong Hoai Nguyen, Fr. Jim Sullivan,  
Rick Torretto, Teresa Bonapartis, Salvatore Caruso & Maria Viramontes  
(Speakers’ bio at the back of flyer.)

### Adult Conference

Friday, February 10: Starts at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 11: Starts at 7:45 a.m.

**Gospel Concert by Fr. Stan Fortuna 7:30 p.m.**

*followed by Healing Session*

Sunday, February 12: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

### Lodging Information – Marriot San Ramon

Room Reservations: (800) 228-9290 Single/Double Room

Rate: \$95 per night. Please request for Divine Mercy rate..

Room Reservation Deadline : Jan. 26, 2012.

Food Cash Sales will be available at the hotel.

### Youth Conference (ages 13-21 only)

Saturday, February 11: 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 12: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**FREE ADMISSION** for all priests, nuns,  
brothers, deacons and seminarians.  
Pre-registration is required.

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**REGISTRATION FORM: Please register early by mail on or before January 20, 2012.**

Name: (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (AM): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (PM): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Admission for 3 Days:** Early Registration fees on or before Jan. 10, 2012: Adults \$40 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Youth (13 to 21 yrs.) \$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (On-site registration fees: Adult \$50, Youth \$20)

Donation to help someone attend \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Your cancelled check will be your receipt.)

~ Please list names of OTHER attendees on a separate sheet. Indicate Adult or Youth. ~

Please make check payable to Divine Mercy Eucharistic Society and

mail it with completed registration form to:

**Divine Mercy Eucharistic Society , 11152 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530**

## GUEST SPEAKERS

Fr. BEN CAMERON, CPM was born in Kokomo, Indiana, and grew up as a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in that city. During his junior high and high school years, he attended a small Christian school that was operated by a local Baptist church. It was in that non-Catholic environment, where his faith was often challenged, that he began to study the Catholic Faith. Fr. Ben is a 1991 graduate of Christendom College, a small Catholic liberal arts college in Front Royal, Virginia, where he became involved in a lay apostolate known as the Legion of Mary, which awakened his desire to share his Catholic Faith with others. He joined the Fathers of Mercy in 1992, studied theology at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut, and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 31, 1997. He currently serves as the Assistant General of the Fathers of Mercy, and the Director of its Mission Band.

FR. MICHAEL GAITLEY, MIC, is a priest with the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, a congregation of more than 500 priests and brothers in 18 countries around the world. He was ordained to the priesthood on October 16, 2010. He has a Licentiate Degree in Theology and lives and works in Stockbridge, Massachusetts at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy. He has authored a book, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat Inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*, now in its second printing and quickly becoming a modern spiritual classic. He has just recently completed a companion guide to his book. A familiar face on EWTN, Fr. Gaitley gives talks around the country on the Message of Divine Mercy and is the newly appointed Director of the Association of Marian Helpers in Stockbridge, MA.

FR. STAN FORTUNA, CFR, is one of the eight original members of the Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal established in the Archdiocese of New York in 1987. He founded *Francesco Productions*, a recording company to support their ministry to the poor. He is now involved full time in the preaching apostolate, using his gift of music as a powerful means to reach deep into people's heart and soul.

FR. THOUNG HOAI NGUYEN, pastor at St. John the Baptist in El Cerrito, since March, 2011 brings a cheerful heart and faith-filled attitude to his assignments. He was born in Bien Hoai, Vietnam. His vocation to religious life began when he served as an altar boy in the village church. He entered the minor seminary shortly after the fifth grade and later continued his vocation education at the Seminary of the Long Xuyen Diocese. The fall of Vietnam government threatened to end his journey to the priesthood. All seminaries were closed and taken over by the Communists. He returned to his home village where he served as an "interim principal" at the local parish school and did farm work. With the help of the village pastor and local parishioners, He continued his seminary education by attending the "hidden underground night classes. He left Vietnam in May 1981 and arrived in California in December. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 1991 by Bishop John Cummins. His first assignment as a priest was at St. Joseph Parish in Pinole (1991-1993) as parochial vicar. Next, he served as diocesan director of the Vietnamese Pastoral Center (1993-1995) before becoming a pastor at St. Anthony Parish in Oakland (1995-2001). He was assigned as pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel in San Leandro in 2001, a post he held before coming to St. John's.

FR. JIM SULLIVAN was ordained for the Diocese of Oakland, California, in 2006. He is currently an associate pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Fremont. While a seminarian, Fr. Jim gained extensive experience in youth and young adult ministry, RCIA, evangelization, and adult faith formation. He has given many talks, retreats, and days of reflection, in both the Oakland and the Sacramento dioceses, often teaming with his mother, Sara Sullivan, a teacher of Scripture at the college level. Father Jim studied at the Dominican School at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, earning his M.A. in Philosophy in 2005. He completed his M.Div. and M.A. in Theology at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, in 2006. Fr. Jim is a native and lifelong Californian.

RICK TORRETTO has a Masters in Theology (Biblical Spirituality) and lives in Rio Rancho, NM, working as a researcher, writer, teacher and speaker. Rick has taught for the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy and Life Foundation, and is the author of *A Divine Mercy Resource (How to Understand the Devotion to Divine Mercy)*, which has a chapter on each aspect of Divine Mercy (e.g., Chaplet, Image, Novena, etc.). Rick's new teaching series include: (1) *The Mercy of God* (2) *Sister Faustina Kowalska, "Sainted Secretary of Divine Mercy*, (3) *A Journey Through the Wilderness: the Spiritual Meaning of the Exodus*, (4) *The Book of Revelation* (24 CDs), (5) *Deception and Discernment*, (6) *Spiritual Warfare and Angelology* (7) *The Seven Feasts of Yahweh* (16 CDs with PowerPoint CD), (8) *Three Sacred Images: The Shroud of Turin* (3 CDs with PowerPoint CD);, *The Vilnius Image of Divine Mercy* (2 CDs with PowerPoint CD), and *Our Lady Of Guadalupe* (3 CDs with PowerPoint CD). All of his retreats, seminars, missions and teachings are scriptural based and faithful to the Magisterium.

SALVATORE CARUSO, AIA, is a native of San Jose, CA. He attended the Institute of Architecture in Palermo, Italy. Two of his many projects that are close to his heart are directly connected to his Catholic faith: the renovation of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and the Poor Clare Monastery in Los Altos Hills. Architect Caruso heads the Salvatore Caruso Design Corp. in Santa Clara, CA. He is the architect of the Mount of Divine Mercy project.

TERESA BONAPARTIS has been involved in post abortion work in many different capacities, most recently as the Director of Lumina/Hope & Healing After Abortion, a post abortion ministry under the arm of Good Counsel Homes. Lumina refers those suffering from a past abortion to the help they need in order to heal as well as conducting training seminars for clergy, mental health professionals and lay persons, and public speaking to educate on post abortion. With the Sisters of Life, Theresa co-developed the healing ministry, "Entering Canaan, a Sacramental Journey to an Inheritance of Mercy". The manual of "Entering Canaan" was published for distribution by the United Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2004. Theresa has done many public speaking engagements throughout the country and internationally. Her articles have been published in *The Post Abortion Review*, *Catholic Online*, *National Catholic Register*, *American Life Leagues ALL*, *Catholic Exchange*, and other publications. She has appeared on EWTN's *Sunday Night Live with Father Benedict Groeschel, CFR* as well as other media. In 2000, Theresa's testimony was included in the annual *Respect Life Month Packet* of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.. In January 2005 Theresa, along with Fathers Mariusz Koch and George Stewart, began retreats for post abortive men. With Father Koch, she also began days for those suffering from a past abortion due to poor pre natal diagnosis, and for siblings of aborted babies.