

How to Approach your Pastor about using Divine Mercy Sunday as an Evangelization tool!

- Say to him “Father, I don’t want you to do anything extra for Divine Mercy Sunday.”
- Say “Father, I don’t want you to be hearing the confessions of people who have already gone to Confession. We want to keep the focus on those who really need to confess.”
- Say “All we would like to see, is that our parish does all that it can to get the Easter-only and fallen-away Catholics back to the practice of their faith.”
- Say “We don’t want extra devotions, we just want our parish to follow what the Vatican recommends that we do and primarily that is to tell everyone about the special Plenary Indulgence that has been permanently decreed just for Divine Mercy Sunday.”
- Say “We would like for you to use the simple Bulletin Insert and Confession Guide in the Easter Bulletins as an easy and effective way to make known the indulgence and to avoid the unnecessary confessions of those who have already gone to Confession. The Insert explains that “those who have already confessed should make room for others.” Give him a copy of the Bulletin Insert and tell him that it is on the website in PDF form.
- Say “It would also be helpful if we could use the Easter homily to invite everyone back to Church to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Easter is an 8 day feast and the last day of the feast offers a very special plenary indulgence. This plenary indulgence is a great way to entice the Easter-only Catholics to come back to the practice of their faith.”
- Say “I would like to leave you with this simple guide that follows all of the Vatican guidelines.” Give him the leaflet “How to Celebrate Mercy Sunday”.
- OPTIONAL: Say “I would like to donate a picture of The Divine Mercy of your choice to the parish. Please look over this catalog and please let me know which one you think is best. Give him the Divine Mercy Image catalog that is on www.MercySunday.com .
- OPTIONAL: Say “We would also like to use the door to door leaflets “Come to the Feast of Divine” and pass these out before Divine Mercy Sunday, so that parishioners will have an easy way to approach family, friends, and neighbors that have been away from the faith and to invite them to come back for this great Feast of Mercy.”
- OPTIONAL: Say “It has also been proven very successful to place an ad in the secular papers to invite the fallen-away Catholics to come back to the practice of their faith. Canon Law 771.2 also recommends that we reach out to non-believers as well, with the Good News of the Gospel, and there is no greater news than this great feast of Easter.”