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President's Column

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We need board members so please let us know if you can serve Calix in this way.

For this newsletter I will write about Divine Mercy.

Saint John Paul II called Saint Faustina "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time." I will highlight the "in our time" – why because Divine Mercy is not something new. There is Divine Mercy all through the Old and New Testament. For example, in Jonah 3:10 God decided to have mercy on the Ninevites. "When God saw from their actions how they had turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out."

We also see Divine Mercy when Jesus forgives the woman caught in adultery.

When Jesus is dying on the cross one of the criminals who was also being crucified asked Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom. He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise".

In Matthew 20, the parable about workers in the vineyard is about asking for forgiveness and not justice. All the workers were given the same wage even if they only worked one hour.

The thread is mercy and this is why the message is so important. It is not new.
Saint Faustina (1905-1938) was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congrega-

tion of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930's. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations—or messages, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

The one thing that really caught my attention was the message that if we go to confession and then receive Holy Communion on the Feast of Divine Mercy we can receive complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.



Chaplain's Corner

by Father Roland Lajoie, SM
Calix Chaplain.



Greetings! Calix Brother and Sisters,

Joy and Peace to you all! I can't wait to see you all at our annual retreat, scheduled for the first weekend in August, August 7-9, at a wonderful location, the Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8419 Bailey Road, Darien, IL 60561The theme is "Seek the Lord." Yes, seek the Lord while He may be found, run to Him while he is still near.

"Come Into His Presence singing for Joy"

Register now on the Website "Calix Society."

As I write to you this morning, I just prayed Psalm 65 – "To you our praise is due , O God. To you we pay our vows, you who hear our prayer. To you all flesh will come with its burden of sin. Too heavy for us our offenses, **but you wipe them away**. Bless are we whom you choose and call to dwell in your house. We are filled with the blessings of our house of you holy temple. You keep your pledge with wonders, O God our Savior, the Hope of all the earth and of far distant seas. " "Come to me in adoration, learn from me. ."

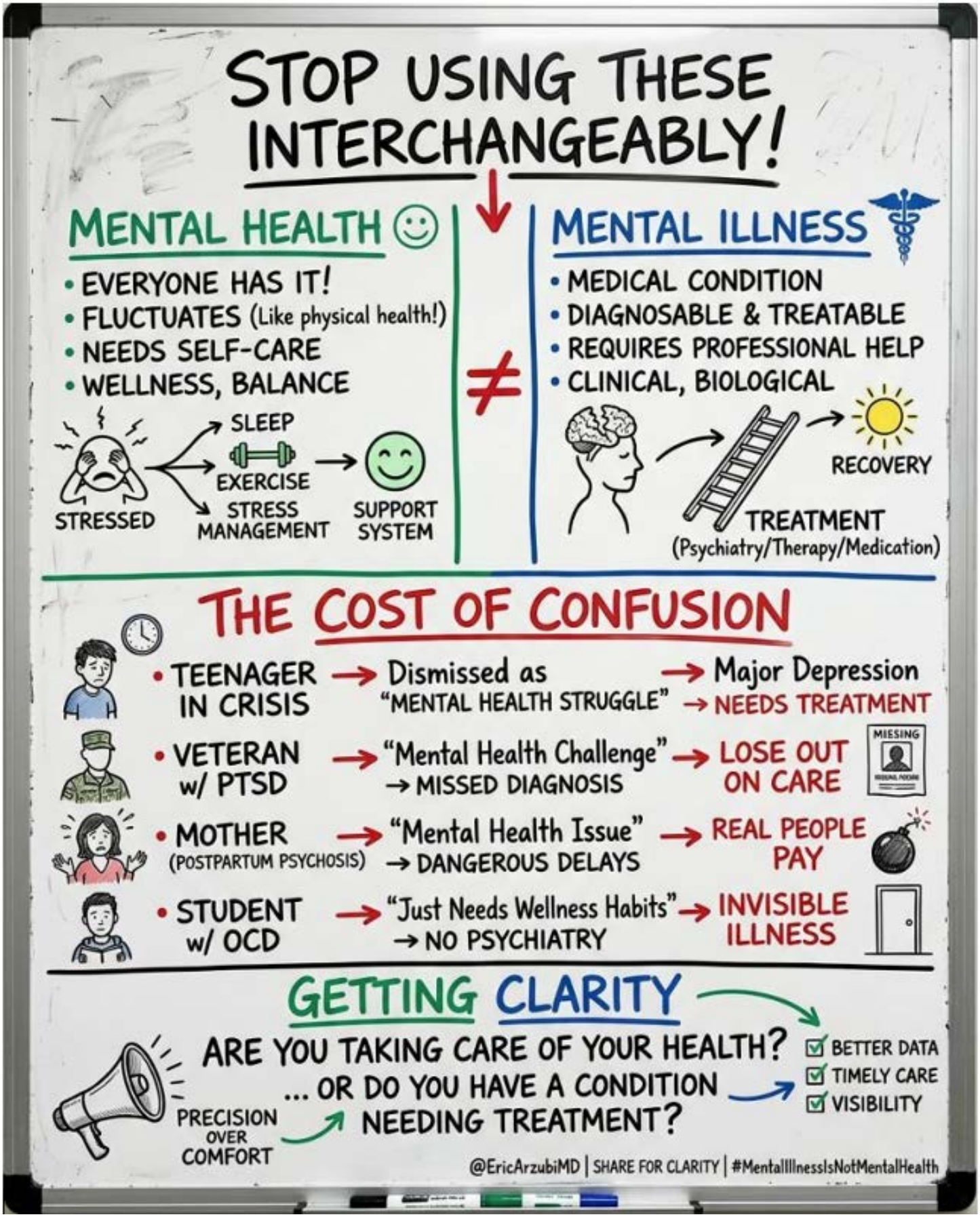
"I long to see your face," says the Lord. We long to see His face. Seek His face while He may be found, run to him while He is still near."

This time of the year is refreshing, as we see nature refreshed\ all around us while seeds are being planted everywhere in the promise of all the food produce we hope for on our grocery shelves in the next three or four months.



Pentecost marks the joyful conclusion of the 50-day Easter, during seeds of Faith were nurtured and we now celebrate the birth of the Church through the descent of the Holy Spirit. Occurring 50 days after Easter, this “Season of Joy” highlights the fulfillment of Christ’s promise to send an advocate, empowering believers to spread the Gospel The season of Pentecost enriches our spiritual lives as we reflect on the experience of the apostles and Mary and others two thousand plus years ago, and is ours today. It is the season of Peace and Joy! Joy? For we who follow the Twelve Steps of Recovery, we find “Peace and Joy.”

In surrender and repentance. What a treasure! More shared at the retreat!


STOP USING THESE INTERCHANGEABLY!
MENTAL HEALTH
• EVERYONE HAS IT!
• FLUCTUATES (Like physical health!)
• NEEDS SELF-CARE
• WELLNESS, BALANCE
STRESSED
SLEEP
EXERCISE
STRESS MANAGEMENT
SUPPORT SYSTEM
≠
MENTAL ILLNESS
• MEDICAL CONDITION
• DIAGNOSABLE & TREATABLE
• REQUIRES PROFESSIONAL HELP
• CLINICAL, BIOLOGICAL
RECOVERY
TREATMENT
(Psychiatry/Therapy/Medication)
THE COST OF CONFUSION
• TEENAGER IN CRISIS → Dismissed as "MENTAL HEALTH STRUGGLE" → Major Depression → NEEDS TREATMENT
• VETERAN w/ PTSD → "Mental Health Challenge" → MISSED DIAGNOSIS → LOSE OUT ON CARE
MISSING
• MOTHER (POSTPARTUM PSYCHOSIS) → "Mental Health Issue" → DANGEROUS DELAYS → REAL PEOPLE PAY
• STUDENT w/ OCD → "Just Needs Wellness Habits" → NO PSYCHIATRY → INVISIBLE ILLNESS
GETTING CLARITY
ARE YOU TAKING CARE OF YOUR HEALTH?
... OR DO YOU HAVE A CONDITION NEEDING TREATMENT?
PRECISION OVER COMFORT
☑ BETTER DATA
☑ TIMELY CARE
☑ VISIBILITY
@EricArzubiMD | SHARE FOR CLARITY | #MentalIllnessIsNotMentalHealth

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2026 CALIX RETREAT

"Seek the Lord While He May be Found
Run to Him While He is Still Here"
Isaiah, 55:6

August Friday 7 - Sunday August 9

Scan QR to Register

Optional side excursion to Pope Leo's home area - see separate registration

https://www.calixsociety.org



August 2026 – Carmelite Spiritual Center – Darien, Illinois

Pope Leo Home Tour Information

Anonymous

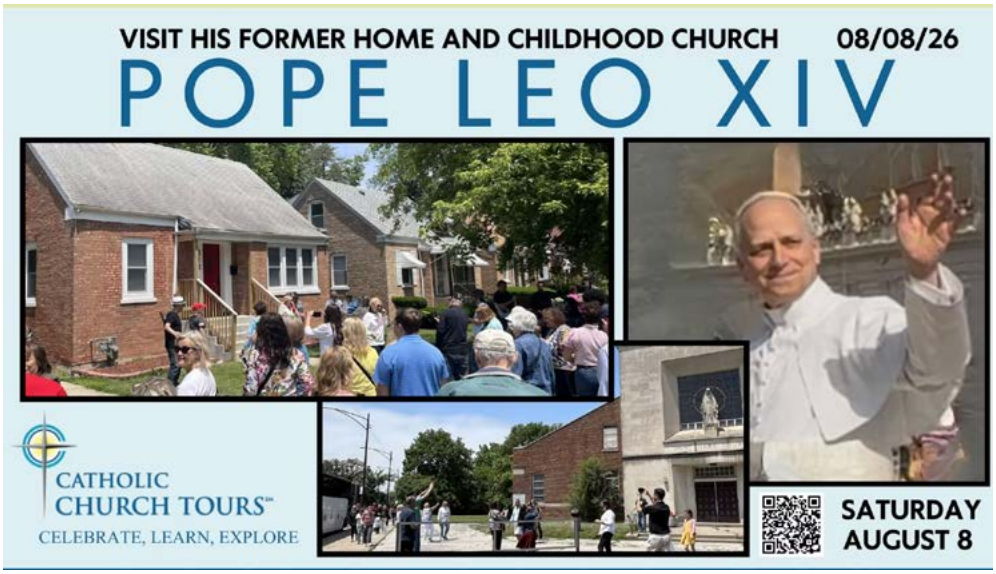
Here is the information we were sent for the Pope Leo Home Tour:

Register for your Pope Leo XIV Tour at this link:
https://www.catholicchurchtours.com/events/pope-leo-xiv-1

I've set up this tour for your group for Saturday, August 8:
1:00 Depart National Shrine of St Therese of Lisieux: 8501 Bailey Rd

1:40 St. Anthony of Padua
The strength and beauty of marble reflects the indomitable spirit of the Italian Franciscan for which this church was named and under whom it endured.
2:30 St Mary of the Assumption – Pope Leo XIV Childhood Church
Exterior Only.
3:00 Pope Leo XIV Childhood Home Exterior Only

We will have the guide name/number for you closer to that Saturday but should have a link for registration up within a week of your approval of the timing/locations. Your guide will meet you at the first stop and stay with you throughout the rest of the tour.



The first church, St Anthony's, is close enough to include within your time frame and we think you will like the addition. You will notice that the Pope's former home and church are visited from the outside - they are not (yet?) open to the public but our guides will enjoy sharing with you about the town and neighborhood.

This tour is designed without a bus, so transportation is up to individuals who will want to come.

Tickets are 0-$35. We allow for those who can't pay to come at the cost they can afford, but most people pitch in to keep the work we do going. Others sometimes add a little to cover for others.

Calix Retreat Agenda and Information *Susan H.*

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Run to Him While He is Still Here" Isaiah, 55:6**

AGENDA

Friday August 7

- **3:00 - 5:00 PM - Check In/ Room Assignments**
- 5:30PM – Evening Meal
- 7:00 PM - Welcome: Susan Haibeck
- President - Michael Gooley
- Calix Credo - Participants
- 7:15 PM - Opening Liturgy: **Mass of the Holy Spirit:**
  Celebrant: **Chaplain: Fr. Roland Lajoie, SM**
- Homily: Who do I seek? What do I seek? What do I hope for?
- 8:00 PM - **Talk 1** -- Seeking Jesus through the 12 Steps – Michael G.
- 8:30 PM – Reflection Question/Discussion
- 9:15: PM **Matt Talbot Movie**
- 10:30: PM – Free time.

***Meals – 08:30 am, 12:30 pm, 5:30 pm**

Saturday, August 8

- 7:30 AM – Morning Prayer – Fr. Roland
  8:30 AM - Breakfast
- 9:00 AM **Talk 2** – Meeting Jesus through the 12 steps – Scott W.
- 9:30 AM - Reflection Question/Discussion
- 10:30 AM – Elections
- 11:00 AM- Mass – Mary the Mother of God – Mother of Mercy
  Celebrant - – **Fr. Charlie Becker**



12:30 – Lunch

- 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM - Visit to Pope Leo's Home –
  (optional) tour registration separate on registration page vs stay onsite
- 4:30 PM –12 Step Rosary in St Therese Shrine Chapel
- 5:30PM - Dinner
- 6:00 PM - Adoration - Confessions – Benediction of Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00 PM - **Talk #3** -- Listening to Jesus through the 12 Steps – Tricia W.
- 7:30 PM Reflection Question /Discussion
- 8:15 PM – Healing Service - All clergy, Night Prayer – Chapel

Sunday, August 9

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"In the midst of our trials and difficulties, the Lord extended his hand."

- 8:30 AM – Breakfast
- 9:00 Am – Morning Prayer – Chapel – Fr. Roland
- 9:30 AM – **Talk # 4** – Sharing Jesus through the 12 steps John S.
- 10:00 - Reflection
- 10:30 AM – Mass 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Celebrant: Fr. Roland**
- **Closing Remarks: Michael Gooley**

1130am – Check out



> *A.A. restores your health and keeps you from an early grave. Calix saves your soul and puts you on the road to heaven.*
>
> William J. Montroy | A Founder of the Calix Society

Editors Notes, Call For Articles, etc.

- ✯ At Calix, we strive to be a source of inspiration and encouragement to each other, geared to our growth toward spiritual maturity.

- ✯ For the Chalice newsletter, we want to share our members' recovery and spiritual journeys, recognizing that each individual is on a different part of that journey or path.

- ✯ So, wherever you are on your recovery / spiritual journey, please consider writing an article for the Chalice.

- ✯ Board member Susan H. has taken the lead in collecting Chalice articles, so please send them along to her by clicking here.

- ✯ Please include your first name and last initial at the top of the article so we know who the article came from

As editor, I'm happy to assist in the layout of the chalice while Susan has volunteered to encourage members to submit articles for upcoming issues, collect them and forward them to me.

We are taking articles for the third quarter issue already, so feel free to send them at any time. Tell your own story or share whatever you think will be helpful to other members (articles written by other, images, etc.).

We have no theme requirements to follow at this time, so consider upcoming articles as a sort of top-plate share... whatever is on your heart regarding your recovery.

We welcome feedback and suggestions, so just send them along to Susan or myself or any board member for that matter and we will consider them.

Blessings everyone!!

Attention Calix Authors!

If you have submitted copy intended for publication and it has not been in the Chalice, please resubmit it to susanhaibeck@gmail.com and in the subject box please say ***"For Chalice"***. We receive so much wonderful correspondence, sometimes I may think it is an FYI and it was intended to be in the Chalice! It is encouraging and fascinating to learn of all the wonderful outreach and meaning work occurring in parishes all over the world by our members. The Chalice is another tool easily sent to a potential member.

Thank you!

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