

# DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

ASSOCIATION OF MARIAN HELPERS  
MARIAN FATHERS CHARITABLE TRUST



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## STATUTES

### Preamble

The Association of Marian Helpers (hereafter called the Association) is a community of Christians who voluntarily desire to create a closer bond with the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (hereafter called the Marian Fathers), so that whilst under its direction and taking part in its spiritual formation, it strives towards the fulfilment of Christian life and to actively participate in the apostolic mission of the Church.

The Association acts on the basis of the Code of Canon Law. (Canons 298-320, 327-329 and 677), The Directory of the Marian Fathers (No. 85) and the following Statutes.

### I PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association is:

- to promote the message and devotion to the Divine Mercy
- to promote devotion to the Immaculate Mary
- to assist the members in their striving for holiness and to assist their active participation in the apostolic mission of the Church
- to help the Souls suffering in Purgatory
- to stimulate and sustain priestly and religious vocations through prayer, good works and financial support

### II MEANS

The Association accomplishes its objectives by:

- promoting various works of faith and charity, prayer, penance and love of one's neighbour through all possible means
- supporting spiritually and materially the apostolic and missionary works of the Marian Fathers
- supporting both spiritually and financially the education and training of candidates for the priesthood and religious life in the Marian Fathers
- undertaking various apostolic endeavours
- offering spiritual formation to its members through its periodical magazine and other publications, as well as through other forms of pastoral work which lead to Christian maturity, foster and nurture mutual bonds and inform about the apostolic works of the Marian Fathers around the world

### III MEMBERS

- Membership in the Association is open to all the faithful - clergy, religious and laity, who desire to strive towards Christian perfection according to the Marian Fathers' charisma• supporting both spiritually and financially the education and training of candidates for the priesthood and religious life in the Marian Fathers
- Persons both living and the deceased who are commended to its prayers can be included in the spiritual benefits of the Association
- The Association embraces with its prayer and admits to share in its spiritual benefits all members at the moment of their death
- Members especially committed to the Association by their faithful service and generosity can receive a title of Honorary Member from the Director. They also share in the spiritual benefits of the Association
- The Association accepts members and admits others to share in its benefits, on perpetual or temporary basis

### IV SPIRITUAL BENEFITS

All members of the Association and all persons (both living and deceased) who are also admitted to it, share in the spiritual benefits of the Association as follows:

- one Holy Mass offered every day for their intentions
- a special Holy Mass offered on the First Friday and Saturday of every month
- additional Masses are as follows:

#### January

1 Holy Mother of God  
6 Epiphany  
27 Bl. George Matulewicz

#### February

2 Presentation of the Lord

#### March

19 St Joseph  
25 Annunciation

#### April

Easter Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday  
Ascension of Our Lord

#### **June**

Pentecost, Corpus Christi  
12 Bl. Martyrs from Rosica

#### **August**

15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### **September**

8 Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### **October**

5 St. Faustina Kowalska

#### **November**

2 All Faithful Departed

#### **December**

8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
25 Christmas

Holy Masses, prayers and works of faith and charity performed by the Marian Fathers working around the world in the continuous Novena to the Divine Mercy and in the daily prayers by the staff at the Marian Helpers Centre

A plenary indulgence may be gained by Members under the usual conditions - on the day of enrolment to the Association and on the following days of year:

#### **March**

19 St Joseph  
25 The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### **August**

15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### **September**

8 The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### **December**

8 The Immaculate Conception

### **V DUTIES OF MEMBERS**

The Members of the Association have to commit themselves:

- to live in accordance with God's commandments, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the teachings of the Church and to the faithful fulfilment of the duties of their state in life
- to spread devotion to the Divine Mercy
- to strive for an increase of genuine devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- to recite at least once a month, one part of the Rosary, or the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy for the intention of all the living and the deceased members of the Marian Fathers and of the Association, also for those suffering in Purgatory and for the increase of priestly and other religious vocations
- to offer fasts and sacrifices for those suffering in Purgatory and for an increase of priestly and other religious vocations
- to encourage the sick and the suffering to offer their physical and spiritual sufferings to God for the intentions mentioned above

The above obligations are not binding under pain of sin.

### **VI PATRONS**

The principal Patroness of the Association is the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

Other patrons of the Association are:

- St. Joseph
- Blessed George Matulewicz, the Renovator of the Marian Fathers
- St. Faustina Kowalska, "Apostle" of The Divine Mercy

### **VII STRUCTURE**

- The principal in charge - Director (Father John) is chosen from among the members of the Marian Fathers and appointed by the Father Provincial
- The responsibility of the Director of the Association is to direct its activities within the designed region which is supported by the Programme Council appointed by Father Provincial
- The deeds and the mission of the Association are accomplished with the help of offerings by the members
- The head office of the Association of Marian Helpers is at:  
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