Pebbles of Kindness Can Ripple Forth Waves of Healing



The Power to Heal

Sister Mary Agnes Dombrowski, DMML, presents the video, "<u>The</u> <u>Power to Heal</u>" @ <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beNIT5qXxvo</u>.¹ Sister Mary Agnes serves as a Child Care Worker at the St. Charles Children's Home, Rochester, NH. There she ministers to severely wounded, abused & neglected children. She has a particularly unique ministry of love and presence with children, summarized in the video "<u>The Running Nuns</u>."²

Sister Mary Agnes is a Nun of The Daughters of Mary - Mother of Healing Love [DMML], a Catholic Order founded in 2003.³ Like accumulating small ripples of kindness from pebbles of caring tossed into the waters of people's lives, GOD can bring forth great waves of healing. Sister Mary Agnes, in "The Power to Heal," invites us to explore these fundamental questions, "*What is the purpose of our lives? Are we going to make a difference?*"

¹ Video, "The Power to Heal." Sister Mary Agnes Dombrowski, DMML <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beNIT5qXxvo</u>. Viewed 3/18/2017. ² "The Running Nuns" of St. Charles Children's Home, Rochester, NH

http://runningnuns.com/about-us/meet-the-running-nuns/

³ Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love Order – 2003. <u>http://motherofhealinglove.org/</u>

The "Charism ⁴" of The DMML ⁵

"Consecrated to Mary, we are called to prayerfully contemplate Her beauty, so that we may reflect Her virtue by living T<u>he Beatitudes</u> in the ordinary actions of everyday life.

Living in Mary's Heart, we are to discover Her intense desire for GOD, Her receptivity to The Word, and Her untiring passion to imitate The Holy Trinity. In imitation of Mary, we express self-giving love by living community life as a family.

As Mother of Healing Love, She sends us out in union with Her Spouse, The HOLY SPIRIT to evangelize the domestic church, the family, to know and love Her Son JESUS CHRIST and to glorify Our Heavenly Father as She herself has taught us."

⁴ Charisms are the extraordinary Gifts of The HOLY SPIRIT given to GOD's people to further His Kingdom and to help others. ISAIAH 11:2, "The Spirit of The LORD shall rest upon Him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of The LORD." [NAB]

⁵ The "Charism" of The Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love (DMML). <u>http://motherofhealinglove.org/about/our-charism/</u>.

The Beatitudes - MATTHEW 5:3-12⁶

- 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is The Kingdom of Heaven.
- 4 Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit The Land.
- 6 Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
- 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see GOD.
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of GOD.
- 10 Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is The Kingdom of Heaven.
- 11 Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of Me.
- 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

⁶ NAB, MATTHEW 5:3-12.

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Questions

How are we present to others in times of both sadness and anger?

How are we making a difference in daily encounters both great and small?

How do we look past behaviors of others to see & honor the dignity & worth of others?

How can we create spaces for others to be themselves and to feel safe enough to share?

How do we become comfortable with who we are?

How do we offer ourselves to be present with others in common everyday encounters?

Given that GOD is The Ultimate Source of "The Power of Healing," how do we become channels of His Healing for others?

Like a pebble dropped in a pond, how are we part of little acts of kindness that can cause great ripples of caring and peace?

How am I going to respond to the next person that I meet?

How is GOD Present in the small everyday works of His ministers?

How does GOD bring His Peace to us in our lives in our everyday lives?

How do we bring The Peace of GOD to others in our ministry service?