



ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Women of Jesus' Merciful Passion (WJMP), a newly established community, is the fruitful outcome of the Servants of Jesus of the Divine Mercy (SJDM), which is a private association of Christ's Faithful that was erected by His Eminence, Adam Cardinal Maida, on 20 April 2003. As members of the SJDM, the WJMP strives to spread the message of Divine Mercy as revealed by Jesus to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska.

The WJMP is comprised of lay women who have gathered together to live a common life, seeking holiness through following the Rule of the Ten Virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary. While they make private rather than public vows, and are not financially dependent upon or supervised by the Archdiocese of Detroit, the WJMP voluntarily submits to my leadership as the Ordinary of the Archbishop of Detroit. Their Statutes, the documents that set forth their spiritual way of life, and their directory of formation have been reviewed and approved by the Archdiocese.

Over these years, I have come to recognize the spiritual and natural gifts of their Community Director, Mrs. Catherine Lanni, and I know the community is well organized under her capable leadership. It is a gift to have them present in the Archdiocese of Detroit, and I am fully aware of the many lives that have come to know our Merciful Lord through the ministry of the SJDM over these years. I am confident this movement will take on a renewed energy through the recent formation of the WJMP.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron  
Archbishop of Detroit

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