



September 2023 Newsletter



Dear Friends:

Septembers remind me of three new beginnings in my life. First, with school starting in September, I've been reflecting on medical education and my own journey into medicine as a student of OB/GYN. Second, my birthday is in September, marking the beginning of a new year for me. Finally, I had the great joy of participating in a pilgrimage to Medjugorje this September, an experience that has given me so much clarity and preparation for this autumn season of my life.

We are beginning a new season regarding medical education at Divine Mercy Care. I continue to have the great honor of speaking to many students and doctors about the works of Tepeyac OB/GYN. Tepeyac continues to shine as it ages! Beloved patients continue coming and we work as professionals and practitioners, with a heart and desire to provide "something more than medicine." We want to leave a legacy of excellence where haves and have nots come together for medical care that is excellent, integrated, life giving and life affirming.

This month I celebrate the beginning of my 63rd trip around the sun! Birthdays, of course, are part and parcel of our practice at Tepeyac OB/GYN. We are present and accompanying so many families on birth-days. Reflexively for moi, however, celebrating a birthday is like visiting a dentist for drilling without novocaine. Yet, with all my health issues, my birthday defiantly comes each year and announces, "Johnny you are still alive!" Thanks be to God! I am grateful.

Carolyn and I, along with Fr. Gerry Weymes, our Divine Mercy Care chaplain, and several others made a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina in early September. I went to say thank you. I went to seek guidance. I went to revisit the place where my life was "returned right side up". In this place on a rocky hillock, I came face to face with my Mother and my Loving Savior, and my granite hard heart was opened and softened. I returned to the place where THE font of Mercy poured over me, reminding me who bought me with a price and who gave me His own Mother from His crucified throne. And I was renewed in zeal for the work that needs to be done at Tepeyac OB/GYN and Divine Mercy Care.

Pilgrimage means always to begin anew on the path toward Heaven. September reminds us of this truth. Today more than ever we must learn to pray without ceasing and cultivate silence amidst the chaos, trusting in Divine Mercy, and fearing nothing but offending our Father. Pilgrims show by their lifestyle what it means to place their trust in God. This is done by having His Light and Wisdom to see the world and see others as He sees them. A prayer that goes far beyond the intellect and the planning and our efforts seeking the meaning of life. A stable order on earth remains if we know deep in our heart that we are at our essence children of the Father and travelers in this life.

You were prayed for every day this month by us at Divine Mercy Care.



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As a Gala sponsor, you will be supporting our signature fundraising event to ensure that women continue to have access to life-affirming medicine at Tepeyac OB/GYN for many more years to come.

We want to celebrate and recognize the courageous families and businesses that invest in and sacrificially support pro-life medicine in our community. In addition to recognition in the Gala program and in DMC's newsletter, annual report and social media, all Gala sponsors will receive tickets to the limited-seating event:

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Individual tickets for the 2023 Gala will go on sale October 1st.

