



Dear friends,

May is a month that brings particular attention to mothers, and you have been such a blessing with your support for the mothers we help. To kick off the month, we had many beautiful tributes to mothers as donations came in to support Divine Mercy Care's Infant Basket program. Thank you to all who shared love with a mother in need in the form of a basket brimming with essentials for her newborn. If you are interested in donating or hosting an event for the basket program, let us know or read more on the site divinemercycare.org.

Divine Mercy's own, Father Gerald Weymes celebrated his 50th anniversary. He had some great stories to share of his childhood when we interviewed him about the occasion. You can read that below.

Dr. Bruchalski joined Glenn Beck on his radio program. You can hear his interview sharing his story and the mission of Divine Mercy Care as part of the the May 21st episode. Check that out [here on Spotify](#) or wherever you get your podcasts.

Preparations for this year's gala continue. We will always welcome more volunteers. Tickets will be live soon, and if you are interested in being a sponsor, you can reach out at info@divinemercycare.org.

God bless you,

Derek Hall
Development Coordinator

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Happy 50th Anniversary
of Ordination
to the Chaplain
of Divine Mercy Care
Father Gerald Weymes



Interview With Father Weymes

On June 2nd, 1974, Father Gerald Weymes was ordained in Waterford, Ireland. Immediately after his ordination, he dedicated his priesthood to Mary. Father Weymes believes joining the Legion of Mary as a young man was formative to his call to the priesthood. He was assigned to the Diocese of Richmond, but two weeks after he began life at St. Agnes Church in Arlington, the Diocese of Arlington was formed. Father Weymes had assignments throughout the Arlington Diocese since.

Fr. Weymes retired from full time parish work in 2017, but he still is still active around the Diocese, helping his priest friends, and serving on the board of Divine Mercy Care. He originally met Dr. Bruchalski during his time as the pastor of St. Timothy's in Chantilly and has been a passionate supporter of the missions of Tepeyac OB/GYN and Divine Mercy Care since. In celebration of his 50th ordination anniversary, we interviewed Father Weymes. He shared the origin of his love for theater, his favorite saints, and his advice for how prayer is a part of our everyday lives.

You have a love for music and the theater. Where did that begin?

When I was four years old, I remember, my father took me. My father was a policeman and he took me to this reformatory in the little town we lived in, and they sent young men from Dublin down here who needed to be locked up for a few years to try to teach them something. And there was a priest there who organized a show. These boys did Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the reformatory. My father decided to put me up on a bar stool. My goodness, I was so enthralled by these guys down on their honkers...and they're all trying to escape from the place and they're down on their honkers singing, 'Heigh Ho, Heigh ho, tis off to work we go.' Well, that's, I think, that's where it started.

My mother used to sing all the time. My father too. He used to sing the old

vaudeville songs from the 1890s. He was born in 1905. With my mother, you have to understand the background in Ireland at the time. They weren't allowed to write; they weren't allowed to send their kids to school. They weren't allowed to own property. They couldn't be officers in the in the British Army. They couldn't own any extensive property and they lived in hovels. The only thing these men could do is make up songs. They created songs about everything that they did. My mother worked in a place where the front portion was a grocery, the middle portion of it was a pub, and the back portion was the undertaker. Big towns in Ireland, that's the way they did this. So she worked in this pub in the evening. The men would come in the evening, get a pint of Guinness, and they would sing songs about the history of Ireland. They were just great guys. They had fabulous memories because they had to. They couldn't write anything down.

My father and mother would cycle to Galway, about 20 miles away, to get things they might need, and I always said, 'Bring me a songbook.' They were going to Woolworths and Woolworths had songbooks, but they were expensive at that time. They were maybe 4 pennies. That was a lot of money to spend because you could buy a loaf of bread for that, but she would bring them back. There was no music in them. I would ask, 'Do you know this one?' She would say, 'What are the words?' I would tell her the words and she would sing the tune back to me. I still remember them. She taught me 500 songs at least.

Having traveled around the world and served so many communities, do you have advice on how we can live a prayerful life?

I tell people in confession all the time, such as when someone comes in and says, 'I don't have time to pray.' I say, 'What do you do every day when you're going around making the beds and taking the kids to the school and going to the grocery store? Isn't that your prayers? That's your life. Your prayers are doing those things. What's wrong with that?' That's what we should put back in the world. Everything is a prayer. You become the prayer before God.

I'll always add that Jesus and Mary are the perfection of life and love and prayer in the present moment. That doesn't change. It can never change. You invite them into your life like Mother Teresa did. When [Mother Theresa] was asked, 'What is the first thing you do when you get up in the morning?' And she said, 'I say good morning, Jesus!' If you say that, how long does it take? That's offering everything to God. 'Good morning, Jesus! This is going to be yours. Everything for you today.' That's the way we should live our life. That's what makes you holy.

Do you have any saints that have particularly inspired you?

Saint Louis de Montfort, John Paul II, Maximilian Kolbe...There's a particular one I like: Joseph Labre. He left home when he was 15 and never went home again. He traveled from shrine to shrine throughout Europe. He was obsessive compulsive, schizophrenic, lots of problems...yet he's a saint! Gemma Galgani is another one. I love her simplicity.

You have supported Divine Mercy Care for many years. Why do you continue to support that mission?

Because they defend and support life. It's that simple. No one has the right to take a life.

Father Weymes will often say Mass for the staff at Tepeyac OB/GYN, especially on days of obligation. He has often offered masses for patients and supporters, and he continues to support Divine Mercy Care and Tepeyac OB/GYN in any way he can. We are grateful for the blessing our favorite Irish priest has been to this community, and wish him the biggest congratulations for his 50 years of priesthood.

Upcoming Events



Staff Reunion June 2nd

If you are a current or former staff member of Divine Mercy Care or Tepeyac OB/GYN, you are invited to a summer get together on Sunday, June 2nd at Lake Fairfax Park.

[**Info and Registration Here**](#)

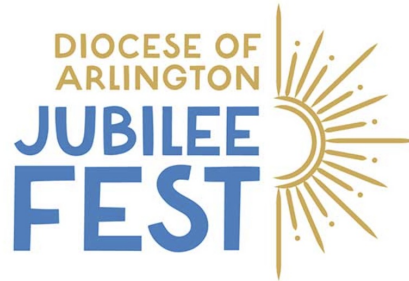


Dr. Bruchalski at the National Right to Life Conference June 28-29

National Right to Life's 53rd annual conference will be held June 28-29, 2024, in Arlington (Crystal City), Virginia. This year's theme is "We Love Both: Standing Strong with Moms and Babies."

Dr. Bruchalski is set to speak on a panel, "Meeting the Needs of Women Suffering Prenatal Medical Emergencies" on Saturday, June 29, 9:30 - 11am.

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June 8

Divine Mercy Care and Tepeyac OB/GYN will have a vendor table at the upcoming Jubilee celebration for the Diocese of Arlington. Stop by and say hello to our staff and pick up some DMC swag. This should be a great weekend and a chance to see many donors and patients from across the region.

[Jubilee Information](#)



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