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# **Blessed Alvaro del Portillo Newsletter No 6 (2016)**

A newsletter about Blessed Alvaro del Portillo's teachings on divine mercy.

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“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!” (Ps 118:1). In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us “to contemplate the mystery of mercy” and to “experience the love of God

who consoles, pardons, and instils hope.” In this way, allowing ourselves to be embraced by divine mercy, we become capable of being merciful towards others, as God is towards us.

“What is it that ‘pleases God most’?” the Holy Father recently asked. And he answered: “To forgive his children, to have mercy on them, so that they also, in turn, can forgive their brothers, shining as torches of God’s mercy in the world. This is what pleases God most.”

This Holy Year is “an extraordinary moment of grace and spiritual renewal”<sup>3</sup> first of all for each one to obtain this mercy from God. In particular, it affords us the opportunity to rediscover the joy and peace which God the Father grants in the sacrament of Reconciliation, and an opportunity to alleviate the sorrows of others, by practising the

corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

It offers an opportune time to experience the closeness and tenderness of God, so that our faith is strengthened and, in this way, our witness as Christians can be more effective. In this issue we wish to echo this invitation from the Pope under the guidance of Blessed Alvaro del Portillo.

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