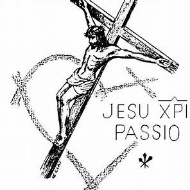
PASSIONIST FAMILY  FORMATION-e-Learning

**The Gift and Grace of God’s Compassion**

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**Book/Resource Suggestions:**

Robin Ryan, C.P., *God and the Mystery of Human Suffering* (Maryland: Now You Know Media,

12 Part CD, 2011.

Robin Ryan. C.P. *Gazing on His Face: A Christ-Centered Spirituality* (New Jersey: Paulist Press, 2020).

Virginia Blass, D.Min. *Experiencing God’s Compassion*. (New Jersey: Paulist Press, 2022*).*

**Presentation Topics:**

1. “God’s compassion as the very first outpouring of love”

2. Transformed by Christ’s compassion

3. Personal story of compassion

4. Sent forth as ‘carriers of God’s compassion’

5. A Passionist Blessing

**REFLECTION QUESTIONS:**

Where do you sense God’s sorrow in our lives and in our world today?

How has your heart been transformed by an experience of God’s compassion?

To whom/where have you been ‘sent’ as a ‘carrier of God’s compassion’?

Reflect upon your life’s sending/calling/vocation. What are you most grateful to God for?

**Scripture Verses for Reflections:**

Luke 7: 11-17 “The Widow from Nain”

Luke 19: 41-44 “Jesus Weeping Over Jerusalem”

Luke 15: 20 “The Return of the Prodigal Son”