



Weekly Newsletter for December 23-30

Flyers are to be delivered each weekend by 4pm Sunday evening.

Didn't receive your newsletter this weekend? Please call Kristy Boucher at 623-9543 ext.217 or email info@fwfn.com with your questions or concern.

Fort William First Nation - Finance

Direct Deposit Forms for Member Distributions

Please keep your banking information up-to-date with Finance. If you change your financial institution or have not yet provided any banking information to Finance, the following options are available to submit your Direct Deposit Information:

1. Mail in a sample VOID cheque from your chequing account that has your current address information on it. Please enclose a brief note such as **"Please update my direct deposit information"** and sign and date this note and provide your phone number in case we need to contact you.
2. If you have online banking, you can print out your own Direct Deposit form, sign and date it, print your address and phone number on it and mail it to FWFN Finance.
3. You can also visit your financial institution and have them fax FWFN Finance directly at (807) 623-5190 your direct deposit form after you signed and dated it. The fax must be faxed from the financial institution and cannot be faxed from a third-party fax number. Please note, some financial institutions provide this fax service and some do not. In the event they do not, you will need to mail this direct deposit form to us as we will require your original signature.
4. Please note – Finance does not process any banking updates by email or pictures.

Youth turning 18 – Direct Deposit Forms

Please provide your direct deposit information as noted above at least 1-week in advance of your birthday. Please contact Ed Collins/Trustee directly relating to youth funds held in trust with the Specific Claim Housing Trust at (807) 623-2021 ext 602 or cell (807) 356-1970.

Late banking information – Annual Member Distributions

Any revised direct deposit information received after a member distribution will be processed on the 3rd-Friday of each month thereafter.

Are You Making a Payment?

Any member or customer making a payment (rent, ice rental, arena gym memberships, hall rental, hunting/fishing licenses, craft tables, Health Fair, Good Food Box, Pow Wow vendors, any other payments), Fort William First Nation Reception (2nd Floor of Band Office) must issue you an official pre-numbered FWFN receipt at the time of your payment.

FWFN Reception can now also process your payment by debit/credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover).

FWFN Arena can process receipts if you are paying for your ice by cheque, debit or credit card. The Arena no longer processes cash. If you are paying your ice rental bay cash, please see FWFN Reception to have your official pre-numbered FWFN receipt issued to you.

Fort William First Nation – Reception is located on the 2nd floor, Suite 200 at 90 Anemki Drive.

Questions regarding the above can be address to Jeff Busniuk, CPA, CA – Director of Finance or Lori Payne, CPA, CA – Controller.

NOTICE TO ON RESERVE HOUSEHOLDS WITH DOGS

Letting your dog run loose, puts them and the community members in danger. It is up to the pet owner to control their pets, and protect others from them. Pet owners can be held accountable if their pet hurts someone.

Please be advised that Flyer Carriers have the right to refuse delivery to the household in they encounter a dog or dogs in the area that makes them feel unsafe.

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5. If you are providing your banking information for FWFN employee payroll purposes, you will need to consent to release this information from FWFN Payroll to share this information to FWFN Accounts Payable and you will need to sign and date this form along with FWFN Payroll sign off.

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Christmas Boundary Interest Distribution

Further to the October 23, 2019 Chief and Council meeting your November 29, 2019 distribution details are as follows:

- \$500 per adult (aged 18 and older) member from the Boundary Trust Income Allocation
- \$35 per adult (aged 18 and older) member from the Boundary Trust Income Allocation
- \$50 for Elders aged 55-plus (at December 31, 2019) from the OFNLP funds

The above will be paid by EFT (electron funds transfer) and was uploaded to the RBC on Friday November 29, 2019. Funds may take up to 5-days to be deposited in your account so if you have not received your funds by Friday December 6, 2019 then please contact us at that time. Please contact Lori Payne, CPA, CA – Controller for these inquiries.

All payment are issued by EFT. The only exception is for those members who are not a resident in Canada. Non-resident members will be issued a cheque and it will be mailed to your last updated mailing address.

If your banking information has changed then you should refer to the first Finance page of our weekly Newsletter. We will require a new direct deposit form, please see the previous Finance page for the required format.

Members with Accounts Receivable

Further to the October 23, 2019 Chief and Council meeting, if members were in a receivable position based on your most recent accounts receivable statement that was provided to you (dated at October 31, 2019), your distribution was reduced up to 50% of your \$535 = \$267.50 depending upon the amount of your receivable balance owing to Fort William First Nation. The amount of reduction will be applied to the member accounts receivable balance owing and will be reflected in your new member statement balance at November 30, 2019 that will be provided to you by December 13, 2019.

Late banking information – Annual Member Distributions

Any revised direct deposit information received after a member distribution will be processed on a weekly basis until the Christmas break, each Friday. Please ensure your new banking information is received as soon as possible and no later than Wednesday each week before the Friday.

Questions regarding the above can be addressed to Jeff Busniuk, CPA, CA – Director of Finance or Lori Payne, CPA, CA – Controller.



\$40,000.00 NEW YEARS MONSTER BINGO TWO



**\$10,000.00
JACKPOTS!**

BRING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH CASH!

Sunday	Doors &	Early Birds
December	Sales	1:45pm
29th	Open	Regular
	10:30am	Session
		2:00pm

12 \$500.00 Games
7 \$1,500.00 Games
4 \$1,000.00 Games
And more...



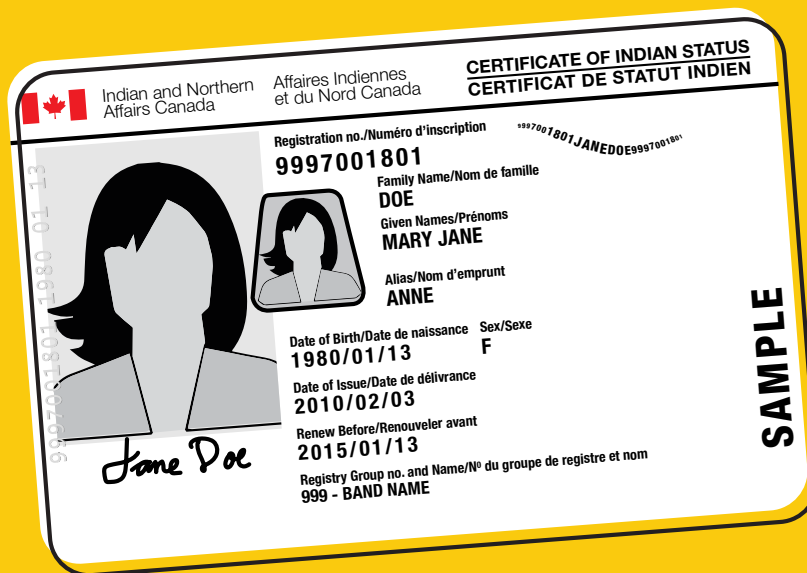
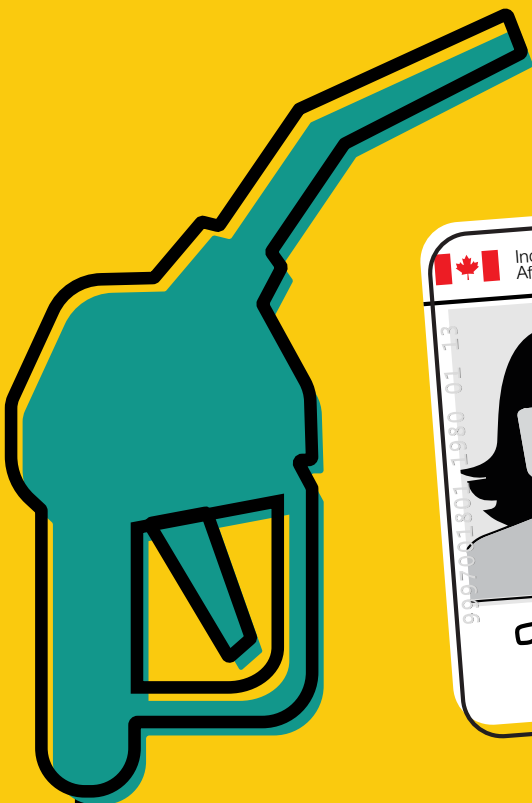
***Fort William
First Nation
Mountain Bingo***

**Players must purchase a 12up
strip OR a TED Basic Board to
play**

THE WAY YOU BUY TAX-EXEMPT GAS IS CHANGING

STARTING JANUARY 1, 2020

The Ontario Gas Card will be discontinued.
Instead, show your Indian Status card to buy
tax-exempt gas on reserve.



QUESTIONS?

1-866-ONT-TAXS (1-866-668-8297)

Email: commodity.tax@ontario.ca www.Ontario.ca/TaxExemptGas

Ontario



GAS CARD CHANGES

Effective January 1, 2020, the Ontario Gas Card will be discontinued

What is new as of January 1, 2020?

Instead of the Ontario Gas Card, First Nation people will be able to use their Indian Status card (Status card), which is issued by the Government of Canada, as proof of entitlement to buy gasoline exempt of Ontario gasoline tax.

First Nation individuals will be able to use the version of the card that they currently have in their possession (or may apply to the Government of Canada to obtain a Status card if they currently are not in possession of a Status card).

- As proof of entitlement to buy tax-exempt gasoline at on-reserve retailers, First Nation individuals will use their:
 - Certificate of Indian Status Card, including the laminated Certificate of Indian Status Card with no renewal date;
 - Secure Certificate of Indian Status Card; or
 - Temporary Confirmation of Registration Document.



Band councils, tribal councils, and band-empowered entities will use an Ontario issued unique identifier number issued by the Ontario Ministry of Finance.

Authorized retailers will no longer accept the Ontario Gas Card. The Ontario Ministry of Finance will no longer issue the Ontario Gas Card.

What does this mean for on-reserve gasoline retailers?

The Ontario Ministry of Finance (MOF) will be working with gasoline retailers in the months leading up to the January 1, 2020 effective date to ensure they are prepared.

Retailers who request refunds electronically from MOF will follow the same steps. Federal Status Cards will be validated at point-of-sale in near real time, and for valid cards, the transaction will be completed.

For those retailers who are filing manually, they may continue to file manually. There will be a new process implemented January 1, 2020 that is similar to the process they are currently using to file their claims. Ontario will help retailers transition smoothly to the updated process.

If you have any questions, please call 1-866-668-8297.

Is there a minimum age?

As of January 1, 2020, Children under 16 years of age will be able to use their own or their parent's Status Cards to purchase gasoline for their exclusive use (e.g. snowmobiles, ATVs).

Will individuals need a new federally issued card or can members use existing ones?

No, individuals are not required to obtain a new Status Card. They should be able to use the Status Cards in their possession to purchase gasoline exempt of gasoline tax.

**The FWFN Employment &
Training Office (FWFN
Community Centre location)
will be MOVING to....
300 Anemki Place- inside the
Ontario Works office**

Call 807-622-6791

Effective: January 6, 2020



Requirements Needed When Applying for FWFN Employment & Training Assistance

- Application Package
 - Status Card
 - S.I.N Number
- Resume & Cover letter
- Contact Information
 - Start Date
- Cost of Program



For more information contact:

Janelle Pelletier

Employment & Training Coordinator

Email: JanellePelletier@fwfn.com

807.622-6791

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LIVING A GOOD LIFE

The Screen for Life Coach is Visiting You Soon!

Fort William First Nation

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Parked at FWFN Band Office 90 Anemki Drive

Mobile Screening for Breast, Cervical and Colorectal Cancer

- Breast cancer screening for women 50 to 74 years of age.
- Cervical cancer screening for women 21 to 69 years of age.
- Colon cancer screening for men and women 50 to 74 years of age.

To book your appointment call: **1-800-461-7031**

or **contact your Health Centre staff**

www.tbrhsc.net/screenforlife



FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION BUSINESS OWNERS

Please send us your business information to Fort William First Nation Economic Development Office

- by email: cherylstjames@fwfn.com;
- phone call: 807 623 2021 or
- come to 90 Anemki Drive, unit 106 in the back

We currently have contracts going on with East West Tie Transmission line and have other transmission line, highway and mining contracts coming up. We want to ensure that we have our list of business owners up-to-date so we can pass on contract information. Miigwetch



Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement INFORMATION SESSION



**January 18, 2020
Livestream with
Chief Negotiator
Martin Bayer**

Band members can sign into members
portal to view Livestream.

governancevote.ca



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JAMES RODGER GOVERNANCE
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR - jamesrodger@fwfn.com 807-623-9543



Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement

INFORMATION SESSION

Northern Superior Regional Information Session

January 18, 2020

**Valhalla Inn,
Thunder Bay, ON**

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Dinner Provided | Prizes

governancevote.ca



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT MANAGER
BARB NAVEAU - barb.naveau@anishinabek.ca OR PHONE (705) 497-9127 ext. 2255



Fort William First Nation Holiday Community Memo

Fort William First Nations Offices will be closed for the Holidays from December 20, 2019 and will resume business January 6, 2020. The following is a list of services and program information and how to access these during this closure.

Health: The Medical Van service will not be available throughout the holidays. Members will be responsible for their own transportation to their appointments. Taxi Slips will be issued to Thunder Bay Regional Health Science Centre ONLY. Please call the on-call phone at 472-7701. In a true emergency please contact 911.

Housing: Furnace calls – 633-3959 for emergencies only.
Frozen Water Lines – Guy Collins at 472-3846
Power outages – Contact housing at 633-3959.

Public Works: Snow Removal – All public works crews are on standby. First priority is access roads followed by Elders Driveways.

Ontario Works: January 1, 2020's assistance will be distributed on December 30, 2019, all income statements should have been in no later than December 16th 2019. If you have submitted late you can expect your cheque on January 6th 2020.

Education: Living allowance will be deposited into participants accounts on the first banking day of the month in 2020

Bingo: Bingo will be closed December 24th, 25th, & 26th, Reopen on the 27th. Monster Bingo on December 29th, and closed December 30th, 31st and January 1st 2020, back open regular hours on January 2nd 2020. Any issues or concerns can be forwarded to Cheryl at 626-3981 or via email to cheryl@fwfn.com. I will be in and out of the workplace throughout the holidays for delivery's etc. and am always available via the aforementioned number.

Youth and Social: Youth and social programming will resume in January 2020.

**On Behalf of Chief, Council and Staff we wish you all a
MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



**During Christmas Holidays you may find
yourself in need of services**

Some helpful supports are listed below:

APS-Anishinabek Police Service FWFN Detach: 807-625-0232

Child & Youth Crisis Support Line Thunder Bay: 807-346-8282

Thunder Bay Counselling Centre: 807-684-1880

Thunder Bay and Area Victims Services: 807-684-1051

Youth Outreach Worker: 807-623-8511

Beendigan Inc. Crisis Line: 807-346 HELP (4357)

Dilico Anishnabek Family Services: 623-8511

Safe Alternatives: 1-800-366-8288

Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868

Thunder Bay Crisis Response Services: 1-888-269-3100 or 346-8282

Crisis Services Canada: 1-833-456-4566



**Fort William
First Nation**

MAINTENANCE REMINDER

For Tenants & Homeowners

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This is a reminder that the Fort William First Nation Administration Office will be closed for the holidays starting December 23rd and re-opening on January 6th.

The Housing On-Call (807) 633-3959, or the Housing Maintenance Supervisor (807) 472-8844, will be available in the event of an emergency. In order to prepare for the upcoming holiday closure, we would like to remind all tenants and homeowners to check their thermostat batteries and furnace filters.

Many of the calls we receive and respond to regarding furnaces can be a result of common problems that many homeowners oversee or are not aware about. This is a reminder to check these 3 components of your furnace before making a call to a service provider:

- The power supply switch looks identical to an ordinary light switch. Many times this switch accidentally gets shut off. Make sure the switch is in the ON position.
- Furnace filters may be clogged. A clogged filter will in fact shut down your furnace. Be sure to change your furnace filter every 1 - 3 months to keep your furnace running and in good shape.
- There are 2 types of thermostats. Mercury thermostats need to be level and fastened to the wall or they will not work properly. Check to make sure your thermostat is secure and level. Digital thermostats operate off the voltage in the thermostat wires. However, most run off batteries and you need to be sure to change them regularly for the thermostat to operate.

After checking these 3 components and your furnace is still not running, tenants are recommended to call the Housing On-Call Phone (807) 633-3959 so the Housing Department can initiate an emergency service call.

Home-ownership responsibilities include the regular maintenance, upkeep and repairs to the home and it's systems. The Housing Department works in close collaboration with the following 2 service providers:

Task Energy
(807) 627-4189

Kemp Mechanical
(807) 633-1288

Please note that it is expected that homeowners who arrange for the service providers also cover the costs associated with the service call.





Community Action Recovery Engagement C.A.R.E. Program

*Previously known as Addiction and Wellness Program

The next Individual Wellbeing Group dates and events
are as follows:

Friday January 17th, 2020 "Welcome Back"
1-3pm @ Community Centre Smoking Side.

Friday January 31st, 2020 "New year new
me"-Identifying Triggers and Implementing
Prevention Techniques 1-3pm @
Community Centre Smoking Side.

**For more Information Contact Loretta at
622-8802 ext#207**



JOB POSTING

Position Title: Housing Manager – Permanent

Position Description: The Housing Manager will manage and deliver a Housing Program to include the oversight of Construction, Renovation and Repair of Residential Dwellings in accordance with Policy Directives in the best interest of Fort William First Nation.

Responsibilities:

- Development of a short and long-term housing strategy, including assessment of housing demands, occupancy and turnover rates, demographics of Membership population on reserve, cost-effectiveness for materials and services;
- To develop and manage annual operating budgets to be presented and approved at Council level.
- Supervision of Maintenance Staff and overseeing maintenance completed;
- Plan, tender and coordinate construction and inspection of new Band-owned homes to ensure efficiency of builds and that houses are completed to Ontario Building Code;
- Processing applications and written communications as required with Members;
- Analyze and administer annual operating budgets for the various projects and individual homeowner building projects;
- Prepare and conduct proper orientation meetings for members, and make presentations to FWFN Chief and Council and Housing Portfolio as required;
- Follow up on overdue rents and assist in eviction process as required;
- Performs other related duties as required.
- A full job description is available upon request.

Qualifications:

- Certification in Residential Property Management or equivalent educational /employment background with minimum 3 years' experience in a related field is required.

Conditions of Employment:

- May require the use of personal or FWFN vehicles on company business.
- Some travel may be required.
- Ability to physically inspect interior and exterior of housing units and equipment in a variety of weather conditions.
- Ability to provide satisfactory results from a Criminal Reference Check.

Salary: To be negotiated.

Job Posting Closing Date: Applications, consisting of a cover letter & resume with three references, must be received by **4pm on Friday, January 3, 2020**. Please direct your application to the attention of:

Donna Mullen

Human Resources Assistant

Email: donnamullen@fwfn.com

P: 807-623-9543 ext. 806, Fax: 807-623-5190

When hand delivering, ensure that your application is date stamped and a copy provided to you.

We appreciate all applications. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



Nokiiwin
TRIBAL COUNCIL

Free Legal Advice

**For Fort William First Nation members
& other Nokiiwin members living in the Thunder Bay area**



January 27, 1:00-4:00

(Date & time subject to change)

**CLINIC WILL BE HELD AT COMMUNITY CENTRE
(In the Employment and Training Meeting Room)**

**LEGAL INFORMATION PROVIDED ON CRIMINAL LAW,
FAMILY LAW, GENERAL INQUIRIES ABOUT THE LEGAL
SYSTEM & COURT PROCEEDINGS**

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT CONTACT:

Renee Pervais (807) 623-9543

ReneePervais@fwfn.com

WALK INS ARE ALSO WELCOME






January

2020

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION FAMILY CENTRE

109 MISSION RD (807) 285-9368



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			¹ CLOSED	² CLOSED	³ CLOSED	⁴
⁵	⁶	⁷	⁸ Drop-In (1-3) Programming Story time/circle	⁹	¹⁰ Drop-In (1-3) Programming Finger Painting	¹¹
¹²	¹³	¹⁴ Drop-In (1-3) Programming Free Play	¹⁵	¹⁶ Drop-In (1-3) Programming Hand print crafts	¹⁷ Drop-In (1-3) Programming Make cookies	¹⁸
¹⁹ Drop-In (1-3) Programming Free Play	²⁰	²¹	²² Drop-In (5-7) Programming Spaghetti Night	²³	²⁴ Drop-In (1-3) Programming Playdough Fun!	²⁵
²⁶	²⁷	²⁸ Drop-In (1-3) Programming Ojibway Animal Bingo	²⁹	³⁰ Drop-In (1-3) Programming Music Circle	³¹ Drop-In (1-3) Programming Free Play	
						

PLEASE NOTE

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE.



BUILDING

Brighter Futures

FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

FEBRUARY 13-16, 2020

Fort William First Nation Arenas

**Tyke, Novice, Atom
& PeeWee Divisions**

**Girls Bantam
& Girls Midget**

**Boys Bantam
& Boys Midget**

anemkiunity.com/winterclassic

Contact: Bess Legarde at (807) 622-4763 or BessLegarde@fwfn.com

DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE

3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

LET'S FOCUS ON JOSEPH'S "YES". HE IS UNIQUE IN ITS PLACE—IT REQUIRED MARY'S "YES", BUT IT ALSO SUPPORTED HERS. THIS PATH BETWEEN THE TWO, REMINDS ME OF WHAT OUR RELATIONSHIP REQUIRE AND CAN CREATE. WHEN WE ARE BRAVE ENOUGH TO COMINGLE, OUR RESPONSE TO THE MOVEMENTS IN OUR LIFE INTIMATELY AFFECT THE PEOPLE THAT WE LOVE. THIS MEANS THAT WE NEED TO BACK EACH OTHER UP, BUT ALSO THAT WE HELP EACH OTHER SEE WHAT IS POSSIBLE. WHEN JOSEPH SAID "YES", HE ACCEPTED THE PROMISE THAT MARY SAW AND AFFIRMED THAT HE WOULD PURSUE IT WITH HER. HE TOOK PART IN GOD'S HOPE FOR HIS LIFE BUT ALSO RELIED ON THE FAITH OF MARY'S HOPE.

ON WHOM DO YOU RELY TO SEE WHAT IS POSSIBLE? WHOSE "YES" IMPACTS YOUR OWN?

ACTION PROMPT : JOSEPH'S "YES" REMINDS US TO PARTNER WITH ONE ANOTHER. WHEN HE AGREES TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR MARRIAGE, HE ACTS NOT ONLY WITH TRUST IN GOD, BUT ALSO IN MARY.

TODAY, LOOK FOR WAYS THAT YOU CAN PARTNER WITH YOUR LOVED ONES. LOOK FOR WAYS YOU CAN TRUST THEM AND ACT UPON THAT TRUST. HOW DOES WORKING IN TANDEM AFFECT YOU RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT PERSON. HOW DOES IT AFFECT YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S DIVINE MERCY FOR BOTH YOU AND YOUR PARTNER?

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND PRAY AT 3:PM ON SUNDAY AT THE DIVINE MERCY HOUR TO SAY THE CHAPLET FOR ALL MEMBERS WHOM MAY BE HAVING PROBLEMS IN THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH SPOUSES AND FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS.

Psalms 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you the way to go and I will watch over you and be your advisor.

Isaiah 49: 17 I, Yahweh, your redeemer, teach to you what is good for you. I lead you in the way you must go.

APOSTLE OF DIVINE MERCY ADM