## Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Church

Catholic Book Discussion Group: *Beautiful Mercy* **July 21, 2016: Chapters 6 and 7, Pages 67 - 89** 

Mother Olga mean by these words?

## **DISCUSSION OUTLINE**

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1.	Mother Teresa of Calcutta calls it "the Gospel of one hand" (page 85). Mother Olga describes it as the "motto that changed my life" (page 76). Dr. Carolyn Woo writes: "It is our Gospel mission that follows from the works of mercy" (page 86). What are they talking about? What do they have in common?
2.	Kerry Weber tells the stories of Esperance and Fidele, Viviane and Boniface. Why does she tell these stories? What do they have to do with "Ransom the Captive"?
3.	Kerry writes: "I felt a part of a communityWe accompany one another in this struggle" (page 72). What is the struggle? Why is "community" so significant for Weber? Do you experience the "struggle"? Do you have a "community"?
4.	Why is it important "to bring the stories" (page 71) To retell and repeat the stories? Do you remember any stories similar to those recounted by Weber? Is there a "story" in your life you would be comfortable to share? Help us in the "struggle"?
5.	Mother Olga writes: "I have come to learn that through both the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, the Lord has led me to his Calvary" (page 75). What does

How does our respect for the deceased person "communicate the truth about our dignity and destiny" (page 80). How is this demonstrated in the Catholic Funeral Liturgy? Remind us: "You are sacred"? (page 82).
While speaking of the dead, the authors speak of the living. "Burying the dead is a mercy not only to those who have died, but to those who mourn their loss" (page 82). "When we take time out to bury the dead as the works of mercy ask of us, we acknowledge the importance of the living" (page 87). "It was only by ensuring the dignity of the dead that we affirmed the dignity of the living – certainly a worthy work of mercy" (page 89). What is the connection between the dead and the living?
Reread the last paragraph on page 72. Why do you "accompany" and who accompanies you? Who do you "carry" and who carries you when you need help? Who do you help "stay on the right path" and who helps you achieve the same goal? Stop now – and just say a Prayer of Thanksgiving.
Any other thoughts, ideas, questions, observations, insights you wish to share