

A photograph of a person sitting on a brick wall, wearing a grey t-shirt and blue jeans, holding a black Bible. The person is wearing a white wristband on their left wrist. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

# The Bible:

THE GREAT STORY  
OF THE MARVELS  
OF GOD'S MERCY

**Every one of its pages is steeped  
in the love of the Father  
who from the moment of creation  
wished to impress the signs  
of his love on the universe.**

**T**hrough the words of the prophets and the wisdom writings, the Holy Spirit shaped the history of Israel as a recognition of God's tenderness and closeness, despite the people's infidelity.

Jesus' life and preaching decisively marked the history of the Christian community, which has viewed its mission in terms of Christ's command to be a permanent instrument of his mercy and forgiveness (cf. *Jn 20:23*).

Through Sacred Scripture, kept alive by the faith of the Church, the Lord continues to speak to his Bride, showing her the path she must take to enable the Gospel of salvation to reach everyone.

I greatly desire that God's word be increasingly celebrated, known and disseminated, so that the mystery of love streaming from this font of mercy may be ever better understood. As the Apostle tells us clearly:

**"All Scripture is inspired by God,  
and profitable for teaching,  
for reproof, for correction,  
and for training in righteousness" (2 Tim 3:16).**

*Misericordia et misera, 7*