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## BEATIFICATION OF PAUL VI: a great gift for the whole Church

Last 19 October in Saint Peter's Square in Rome, I had the grace with many other pilgrims from Brescia and the whole world, to participate in the solemn Eucharistic celebration during which Pope Francesco beatified Pope Paul VI. This celebration and the entire proceeding in our Diocese to prepare such event, has been a true occasion to rediscover the figure of this new saint, the delicacy of his person and his language, his deep teaching and his great passion for the Church, which never failed even in the toughest moments, marked by trials and loneliness.

The following day, I had also the possibility to concelebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving in the Papal Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls, in the presence of numerous priests and pilgrims of the dioceses of Brescia and Milan. During the celebration our Bishop held a

very beautiful homily, which Card. Scola, Archbishop of Milan, desired to meditate upon and to reread it personally to know more about the



heart and the soul of Paul VI and to derive benefit from this immense 'spiritual patrimony' of charity and faith. For the benefit of all of our readers, I therefore wish to report here some of the most meaningful passages of this homily, in which numerous well-known and less known writings of the new Beatified have been extensively quoted.

"The words the risen Lord uttered to Peter are the best entrance gate to the mystery of the life of Saint Paul VI: "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these? ... Feed my lambs!" Commenting on this gospel passage, Paul VI writes: "the relationship of love with Jesus Christ must be profound, confirmed and reconfirmed, total in feelings, thoughts, intentions, facts, fundamental, unparalleled and with joy... Yes, Lord, you know that I love You." If you love me, Jesus contin-

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ues, you must feed, love, and serve the flock as the good shepherd who gives his life for the sheep. Therefore “the Church, is to be loved, to be served, to be borne, and to be built, with all kinds of talents, with complete devotion, with inexhaustible patience and humility; that is what always has to be practiced, starting, restarting, until everything is consumed and obtained... until He returns.” There is no other possibility to enter into this service and to understand it, if it is not born out love for Jesus, the Christ. The love for Jesus that has been the basic choice in the life of Giovanni Baptist Montini, becomes then spontaneously and necessarily, the love for the Church”. “Therefore, Pope Montini – that Pope, which has been persistently defined as ‘cold’ by a blind journalist – confesses to be a person in love with the Church (...): for Her he exposes himself to dangers, for Her he suffers and to Her he consecrates the supreme gift of the life. He does everything with endless discretion, without pronouncing a word about his love, embodying it instead in a succession of uninterrupted gestures, which are moved by this passion, by the beloved Church, by the desire to make Her appear in all of Her beauty, to preach about Her in all of his goodness. A person in love, who only at the final stage of his life dares to turn his devotion into an explicit profession of love, humble and passionate. No narcissism, no personal ambition, no turning in upon himself, no resentment for incomprehension, criticism and suffered offenses; but instead the joy to have been able to serve and to suffer (much) for Her, the beloved Church. Father Sebastian Tromp, who was secretary to the theological commission of the Council, heard him one day saying, “I have never accepted that someone puts chains on me. But if it is the Church who puts them on me, I will accept them and I will kiss them.” Words like these resume in the truest way the experience of Pope Montini, chained out of love for the Church. One can object that Montini has always been in the high spheres

of the hierarchy until even ascending the pontifical throne and that he therefore had to suffer little of chains put by others. But I believe that only those who have not practiced the responsibilities with conscience or who do not know what it means to be in love, can speak in that way. Montini, on the other hand, has carried heavy burdens, which a person only thinking about himself, would have refused with resentment.”

“In 1933 Mgr. Montini submitted his resignation as national assistant of the FUCI (Italian Catholic Federation of University Students). He was the right person for this service, for the cultural stimulus to which he was particularly sensitive, for the opportunity to spread the Gospel, to animate a wide-ranging Catholic culture (...). However, someone did not like the work of Montini, even the success Montini achieved among the students was an offense to him. “The accusations reached the summit of the Roman Church and Montini deemed it necessary to step back; he did it with great agony, but also with inner freedom. He wrote to the bishop of Brescia: “Some days after these facts that have deeply touched me, somehow confidence is turning back to me spontaneously and I believe that the rectitude with which one works everywhere, must result into a more profitable understanding. If my abrupt dismissal could be of benefit to this matter, I would be pleased for the work I have tried to fulfill and for those who have caused, undoubtedly in good faith, so much contrariety.”

Some of these words are striking. Firstly, the recognition of the good faith also of those who have confronted him; secondly, the priority to do the mission above any honor. A person in love does not worry about being humiliated; he is only interested that his beloved is beautiful, noble and joyful. With the words of the letter to the Philippians: “The important thing is that in every way, Christ is proclaimed. And because of this I rejoice and I will continue to do so”.

“25 July 1968: Paul VI published the encyclical *Humanae Vitae* on the

‘most serious duty of transmitting human life.’ The mass media only highlighted the dissenting voices and the Pope found himself in the middle of a storm that today we find it hard to imagine all its virulence. Of course it was not the only case in which Paul VI not only received criticisms, but also offenses and insults. His reaction, “Do not wonder why, do not be taken aback by anything causing sorrow or pain. Clear judgment, serenity, and benevolence. As if it were a natural thing to happen. Who sits high up, is always well in sight, usually becoming the subject of criticism and judgment of everybody. On the other hand, the responsible person... should not conform his own behavior... to the taste of the public; neither should he fear unpopularity to fulfill his own function.” This was also a hard and inflexible chain. Paul VI considered it necessary to speak in this way; he knew that it would cause him trouble, even before the matter was going to be changed into accusations. However, he felt that he had to speak in this way and so he did; Peter’s ministry demanded it from him and he did not intend to escape from this responsibility. “I accept and kiss these chains.”

Our Bishop concluded his homily by quoting the famous ‘Thought on Death’ of this beatified pope, “Paul VI seemed to believe that his death could be useful to the Church and, therefore, he welcomed the thought of death already imminent, with serenity and almost with joy”.

It was the last gift to the Church that he could make, the supreme gift that with one gesture assembled the thousand desires, the so many occupations, the projects, and the various programs of the ministry. The last jerk of the chain beyond which liberty was finally unfolding itself: “I would like to make of my coming death a gift of love to the Church. I would like to embrace Her, to greet Her, to love Her, in each being that composes Her, in every Bishop and priest that assists and guides Her, in each soul that makes Her alive, illustrating and blessing Her. Because I do not leave Her, I do not go out of Her, but I am uniting and merging myself more and more with Her; death is a progress in the communion of the saints... Amen. May the Lord come. Amen.”

**Mgr. Marco Alba.**  
*Episcopal Delegate*



# October Marian Month, Missionary Month

This year, the month of October seems to wish to apologize for the cold and rainy summer and it has given us indeed very beautiful auroras of suffused and rosy colors, blue skies and bright sun and enchanting sunsets. The roses in their last flowering before the entrance of the cold, have offered us inspirations of praise to the Creator and to the most beautiful flower of the garden of the Creation, Mary Rosa Mystica. The flow of days of this beautiful month has been like the flow of the beads of innumerable rosaries that were prayed under the Cross, along the avenues, in front of the little Chapel, inside the big Chapel that is becoming more and more beautiful, near the gurgling water of the Source, in climbing the small stair alone or in family, in small or big groups... every day at four o'clock in the afternoon or on Sunday in front of the Eucharist of the Lord. How beautiful was this month of October at Fontanelle! The rosaries teach us to look at the life of Jesus – in the various mysteries – through the eyes of Mary. Whispered rosaries, wet with tears of grief, but also rosaries full of gratitude and joy. Rosaries shouted from deep abysses of sadness and agony. All of them blessed rosaries...

These are missionary rosaries, because October is a missionary month since a long time... rosaries prayed on the green decade, referring to the green forests of Africa, the yellow beads reflecting the aspect of the Asians, the blue ones of the continent of Oceania absorbed in the waters, the red decade devoted to America and the white of Europe that reminds us of the missionary par excellence, the Pope, the Vicar of Christ... the rosary of Mother Teresa of Calcutta.. the Rosary and the rain of roses of Saint Therese of the Infant Jesus, patroness of the Missions, who this year is honored in a special way...

also because associated with the celebrations in honor of the newly beatified, the brescian pope, Paul VI, baptized exactly on the same day and time of the death of the Saint in the Carmel of France, who promised to spend her heaven doing good on earth. Thus, in the school of the saints and the blessed we have lived days of profound devotion and fervor, preparing and celebrating the feast of the Worldwide Union of the Communion of Reparation on October 12 and 13. We have learned to share the white and the black bread; the white bread of those who have everything and even excessively and the black bread of those who live in poverty and do not have the great advantage of getting their daily bread... The blessed bread – we have blessed and distributed five thousand small breads – made us eager to find another kind of bread, heeding the fervent call of the Lord, the Eucharist, the Bread that turns travelers into athletes, the living, and true Bread, which is Jesus. After the days of bread, on Sunday 19 we have participated in the joy of the Church for the newly Beatified: the brescian Pope, who, as explained since some time in our precedent bulletins, has left us his luminous Teachings. The world missionary day on Sunday 26 reminded us again about the necessity to share the bread and thus our prayers and charities are a symbolic embrace for the so many missionary friends announcing the Gospel under the protection of Mary, the Star of the Evangelization. And here we are at the doors of November, the month that begins with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls and concludes with the days of the novena of the Immaculate Conception. Indeed, everything is a Grace! Today and always. That it may be so for everybody and for each of us. This is our wish and our prayer.

**Don Giancarlo**



## We have received

Each month testimonies from different countries of the world reach us. We appreciate them all very much and we feel spiritually united in our prayers. Due to the limitation of space, we have to choose among the numerous testimonies, trying every time to represent the various continents.

■ *From Brazil* - Fr. Jorge Abel wanted to publish the photo he has sent, to show us the devotion of his people towards Rosa Mystica and on July 13, this devotion became the most ardent manifestation. We would have published this photo with great affection, but unfortunately, the photo has become too blurred.

■ *From the India* - Many testimonies of love towards Rosa Mystica reach us by letters or by pilgrimages to Fontanelle. On November 1 and 2, also a pilgrimage of hundred people accompanied by two priests has spent 2 days in prayer.



■ *From Ghana* - In the name of all the people of the Rosa Mystica Cave, I would like to thank you for the statue of Rosa Mystica that you sent to us. From the moment we started to make pilgrimages from house to house with the statue of Rosa Mystica, many miraculous facts and conversions have taken place. By the intercession of Maria Rosa Mystica, someone has donated us money, which we used to build a chapel. Please find in the attachment some photos of the cave with our priest.

### Schedule of the Liturgical Celebrations

#### From November 1 to 9:

15:30 H. Rosary  
16:00 daily H. Mass for the deceased

#### Every day:

15:00 Confessions  
16:00 H. Rosary

#### Every feast day:

15:00 Eucharistic Adoration and confessions  
15:30 H. Rosary  
16:00 H. Mass, followed by the procession.

#### Every 13<sup>th</sup> of the month day of Mary:

15:00 Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, H. Rosary  
16:00 H. Mass

**December:** Remember that for the **Feast of Mary Immaculate Conception** the Solemn Holy Mass starts at **11:00**, followed by the prayer of the Holy Hour at **12:00** to **13:00**. In the afternoon at **15:00** Eucharistic Adoration, **15:30** H. Rosary, **16:00** H. Mass and Procession. The whole day our priests are at your disposal for confession.

#### Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

at 11:30 Fr. Padre Jude celebrates the H. Mass for the Community of Sri-Lanka.

**Important announcement:** We kindly ask the priests, the religious and the escorts of the groups to announce their arrival on time to the secretary and the responsible director of the Cult in order to enable us to organize in the best possible way your reception and visit in Fontanelle. In this way we can prepare and provide you a pilgrimage in an orderly, devoted and fruitful way. We cordially invite you to visit the directory in the official website ([www.rosamisticafontanelle.it](http://www.rosamisticafontanelle.it)) regarding the Marian worship in Fontanelle, the schedules and the new brochure «History and places of worship». In organizing your pilgrimages kindly act according to the rules of the Directory and the above quoted brochure. Thank you for your kind cooperation!

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#### ■ *From Argentina*

- Peace and Welfare!!! Every 13<sup>th</sup> of the month in our parish community of Christ the King, we celebrate the Holy Mass in honor of Maria Rosa Mystica, followed by the adoration and eucharistic procession. At the end of the prayer, our priest, Fr. Mariano, gives us the solemn benediction.



*United in prayer  
all your priests bless you!*

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