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*Hail, true Body, truly
 born of the Virgin
 Mary mild, truly
 offered, racked and
 torn, on the Cross,
 for man defiled, from
 whose love-pierced,
 sacred side flowed
 Thy true Blood's
 saving tide:
 Be a foretaste sweet to
 me in my death's great
 agony, O Thou loving,
 gentle One, Sweetest
 Jesus, Mary's Son.*



In every woman the mystery of Mary is reproduced

We have often noticed how the fullness of the humanity of Mary permits the miracle that She could become a model for every person, whatever his/her vocation is. Withal, it remains, that the fact that She is a woman, inevitably adds something. Something which any other woman should not jeopardize

I never found better words to express this concept than those used by Cardina Biffi:

If the Eternal Word - that is "God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God", as we say in the Creed - is "born of a woman" then femininity (each femininity) is at the top of the authentic and the absolute hierarchy of the values. The words that had appeared so simple and short - "born of a woman" - are now shining before us as the declaration, the proc-

lamation, the "manifest" of what might be called the "female side of God"; a femininity not based on loquacity, but on facts; a femininity that does not have the sparkle of ideologies, but the splendor of the "truth"; a femininity that is proof of love and dedication.

With very important effects not only for Mary, but for every woman. Once again Bifi states:

To contemplate the "mystery" of Jesus' mother in the light of the

Faith, means to reach implicitly a deeper understanding of the inner reality of every woman ... (who) finds in Her her archetype and since her appearance on earth draws from Her all her original value. Even when she is not aware of it, with her own very normal existence, every woman alludes to the humble and regal maiden of Nazareth and to everything that the "blessed among women" evokes in the eyes of her Creator. Because every woman recalls and represents the mystery of Mary, the ultimate and true sense, even if she is far away from Her thoughts: to be intrinsically the sign and the enticing "natural" call ... to the prodigy of the incarnation, on the eternal plan of salvation.

Ultimately, every female figure, if she does not conceal or disfigure herself by betraying her own constitution and vocation, is a marvelous realization of the divine

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Sophia (wisdom) i.e. of the ideal plan desired and cherished by the eternity... Every woman must therefore be understood as a message of the eternity where everything is said about what really matters to us. –

Wonderful words to which, in my opinion, nothing else could be added. Except that, perhaps, if this is the role of every woman in its very essence, then indeed very great are her responsibilities, because through her seems to go in the first place the destiny of all humanity. And as always, since the moment in which Eve as the first to fall into the temptation to say “no” to God, Adam was also induced in it. However, now Mary has reversed the situation because it is through Her “yes” that all humankind can access even to divine filiation.

And let us not suppose that Mary was able to make such an important choice just because She is the “Immaculate Conception” and thus without the consequences of original sin and, therefore, different from any other woman. In reality She had the freedom to choose good or evil. And besides, even Eve was initially free from sin. As well as each one of us and if we are willing, we will be able today to hold off such consequences with the mediation of Jesus. It is always Mary, who teaches the woman how to handle in the complexity of her vocation, which should not only be limited to procreation. In fact, She was certainly not only a womb - in spite of its great importance - because Her task did not finish at all with the birth and upbringing of Jesus. In fact, She was also present in all the major moments of Her Son’s life. Starting from Cana, Galilee, where She sensed the right moment in which Jesus had to begin to prove who He really was. At the foot of the Cross, where She even received the mandate of universal motherhood. And finally in the Upper Room where together with the apostles She welcomed the outpouring of the Spirit, becoming officially also the Mother of the Church and hence generator not only of the physical, but also of the mystical body of Jesus, born out of His death and resurrection.

Rosanna Brichetti Messori



The annual feast of Rosa Mystica

Dear friends,

When we prepare our newsletter "The Voice of Rosa Mystica" for the summer months it is natural that I make you part of the feast of Mary

that despite the oppressive heat of our flatland, has every year something of spring: a light breeze, an inebriating perfume, a glass of pure water.

Likewise, this year on Sunday, 12th and Monday, July 13th, we celebrated the Virgin under her beautiful title of Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church. The first days of July in preparation of the feast, thousands and thousands of people walked in Fontanelle and in the world, coming to pray at the feet of Mary, on the threshold of the door of her Heart. Nobody, not even the most zealous and informed reporter would have ever made the record of this extraordinary pilgrimage.

So, to me the task to share with you the Marian days experienced in Fontanelle. Prepared and so much expected, the party was lived in the sign of prayer, the Marian prayer of the Rosary incessantly prayed, together, alone, with the family, with a group of friends. A contin-

uous prayer to Mary to find in Her, the "Model of true piety and devotion" some assistance, a maternal encouragement for everyone who seeks "the things that are above." Because this is the meaning of our life. It is St. Paul, who encourages us with these words written in his letter to the Colossians, it is the Epistle of the Easter dawn. This is the sight that would strike a visitor: a devout pilgrim, a father, a mother, a grandfather a grandmother, a child quenching his thirst at the source, a young man climbing the Holy Stairs on his knees, a pilgrim shedding tears because of a difficult life, someone lighting a candle without turning his eyes off from the sweet face of Mary, a line of patient people at the confessionals, a Holy Hour in a ceaseless heat... and in all the same desire for "something elsewhere". "If it is unthinkable that there exists an "elsewhere", we would be doomed to dwell in the "nonsense". These were the words of the great Cardinal Giacomo Biffi, returned to his father's house these days, commenting our desire for the things of above, of heaven, of God, an elemental, natural, necessary and valuable desire. And the Virgin who is our teacher in this heavenly and earthly pilgrimage, was the first to give herself entirely in this contemplation and remains our fascinating model. In this way we celebrated the anticipation and

the feast. This year we wanted to display a serial publication of photographs of the feasts and pilgrimages to Rosa Mystica in the world. The exhibition was very appreciated by the pilgrims; it seemed as if it was leading the whole world to Fontanelle. We promised to add more images in order not to omit anybody.

The festive day of July 12 was an unceasing pilgrimage from morning till night with numerous confessions, the Rosary was led by our cleric Gipson, there were masses, processions, blessings and distributions of hundreds of roses. At 11:00 Don Angelo celebrated the mass and in the afternoon Mgr. Marco Alba, Delegate of the Bishop. On Monday, July 13, we celebrated the Mass in the morning at the hour established for great feasts and the homage to Mother Mary; the solemn Holy Mass took place in the afternoon and was as usual preceded by the Hour of Adoration.

And thus, with simplicity and devotion, but also with the solemnity with which the divine mysteries are celebrated, we crowned our dear Lady on the day of Her feast. And we all have the certainty of how important Maria Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church and our Mother, is in our daily journey of faith.

Don Giancarlo

We have received

■ *From Venezuela* with messages full of anguish from different cities asking our spiritual closeness in prayer:

The truth is that at this time of confusion and agitation in our country, prayer is our help and our relief. "The situation is chaotic, almost apocalyptic: food is scarce and to buy it you have to wait in a long line, there is a great deficiency of basic essentials such as baby milk, corruption has hit all levels of daily life, and the foreign debt is strangling so that we are worried about a complete paralysis of the state.. Many Venezuelans have chosen to emigrate to other countries, because the possibilities and hope in the future are

very slim. Civil liberties have been diminished, the media have been silenced by extremely high fines and penalties and are expropriated; concessions are not renovated or ended by force.

I currently live in a community of Guásimos, a region of Venezuela, blessed by the presence of 5 seminaries (diocesan seminary "St. Thomas Aquinas", Franciscan Missionary Seminary "St. Joseph of Cupertino", of the Friars Minor Conventual, Augustine Seminary "Our Lady of Good Council", Mercedario Seminary "San Pedro Nolasco", a Passionist Seminary "Mother of Holy Hope"). People say it is a Guinness world record.

Dear brothers, please send us an image of Rosa Mystica to accompany these five seminaries. The author of this letter is not a priest or a spiritual, but a layman who seeks a glimmer of freedom for his nation.

We have received



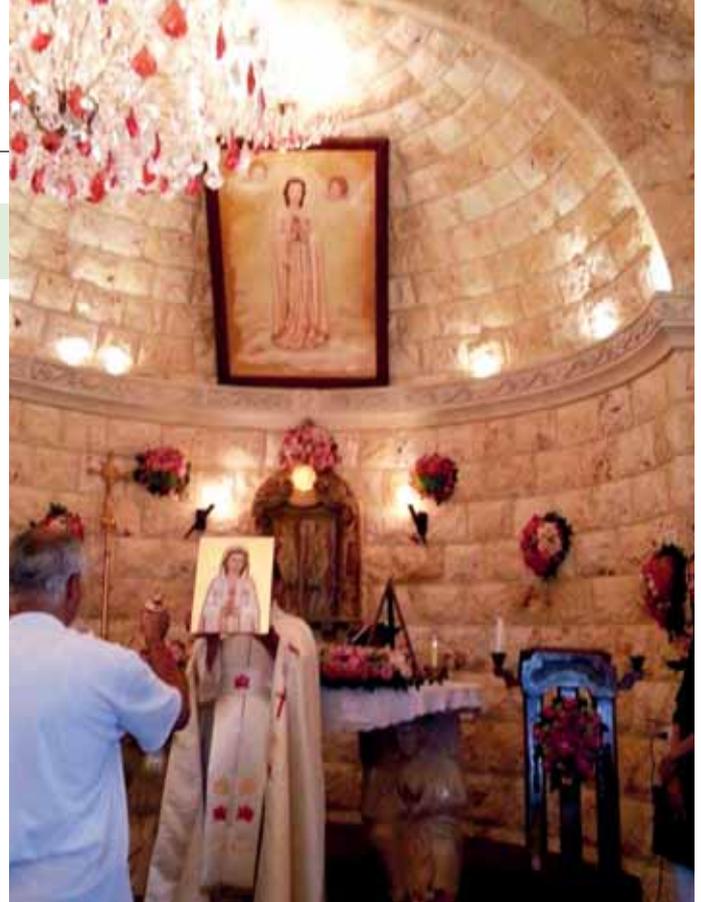
■ *From Lebanon* - May the Holy Virgin Maria Rosa Mystica guide your steps and brings you joy and happiness and may she be

for all of you the light through your whole life.

Here in Lebanon we celebrated the feast with the Holy Mass, the rosary and the procession with the icon of Rosa Mystica. Hundreds of Lebanese have attended the Mass, pleading Rosa Mystica for peace in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Prayer group Maria Rosa Mystica Baabdash
- Lebanon

Joyce Sayegh



■ *From El Salvador* - 15/05/2015 - A warm, loving embrace in Jesus and Maria Rosa Mystica. We are praying much for the wishes expressed by Maria Rosa Mystica in favor of priests and religious, and we pray for you too, who are called to this such beautiful mission!

*United in prayer
all your priests bless you!*

Foundation Rosa Mystica-Fontanelle

Summer timetable for August-September

Daily:

15:30-17:00 Confession
16:30 H. Rosary

Each Sunday and feast day

15:30-18:00 Confession,
16:00 Eucharistic adoration
16:30 H. Rosary
17:00 High Mass, with a short procession, followed by another H. Rosary

Each Saturday or vigil of a feast

17:00 H. Mass

Each first Saturday of the month

20:30 Marian vigil

Saturday, August 13 - Monthly Marian day

(Feast timetable). H. Mass and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday, August 15,

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 H. Rosary
11:00 H. Mass
afternoon (timetable for feasts)

Sunday, September 13th

Annual celebration of the Sinhalese community

Important notice: We kindly ask the priests, the religious and the pilgrimage group guides to notify your arrival in good time to the Secretariat and the Responsible for the Worship, thus enabling us to arrange in the best possible way your reception and stay in this place of worship. Following this procedure, you will be given the opportunity to experience the pilgrimage in an orderly, dedicated and fruitful way. In the official website (www.rosamisticafontanelle.it) we invite all to visit the Directory about the Marian worship in Fontanelle, the timetable and the new brochure "History and places of worship". We also invite everyone to organize the pilgrimages by following closely the guidelines of the Directory and those in the brochure mentioned above. We warmly thank you for your cooperation!

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