

# THE VOICE OF ROSA MYSTICA

MOTHER OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH  
FONTANELLE DI MONTICHIARI - (Brescia)

MAY 2015 - YEAR 25 - N. 4

Monthly bulletin of the Foundation Rosa Mystica - Fontanelle Montichiari (Bs) - Italy



*When introduced in our spirit, this inspiration of the nature, transparent because of the religious sense, makes it more pious, happier and better. It helps us to work with love and with trust; and «Rosa Mistica» consoles our prosaic and bitter strain.*

Paul VI,  
April 30, 1972



## QUEEN OF HEAVEN, REJOICE!

The beautiful antiphon «Regina Coeli», which replaces the prayer of the Angelus from Easter to Pentecost and accompanies every day the Liturgy of the Church, is of very ancient origin.

During the papacy of Pope St. Gregory a terrible plague broke out, which decimated the inhabitants of Rome. The Saint ordered a procession around the walls of the city to implore Heaven to put an end to that terrible plague. The believers brought in procession the image of the painted Lady, according to the tradition of the evangelist St. Luke. Everywhere the blessed image of the Mother of God passed, the evil plague disappeared as by enchantment and also the sky cleared. Suddenly, at one of these stops, around the

image of the Madonna voices of Angels were heard singing: «Regina Coeli laetare, alleluja. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluja! The Christ, Whom you have carried, Alleluja, is risen, as He had foretold, Alleluja!» And St. Gregory immediately added: «Pray for us to the Lord, alleluja!».

How wondrous is the song of the Angels and how beautiful the invocation of the holy Pontiff, «Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluja». With the words «Pray for us

to the Lord» the pope seemed to say, Mary, if you pray for us to the Lord, then we will be more tranquil, we will regain our trust again and that hope, which we need so much; us, our families, our dear youth, our sick and suffering brothers and sisters. If You help us, we will pray again with greater devotion and with more vigor. Yes, let us also join in this prayer with a humble, but strong voice: «Pray for us to the Lord!»

*Dear friends, may the month of May, which we have begun with an extraordinary pilgrimage of thousands of believers to Fontanelle, be indeed a school of prayer for everybody and each of us; the Most Holy Virgin Rosa Mystica, Model of true piety and devotion, wishes to make us always faithful to prayer every day.*

## Mary Temple of the Holy Spirit

Paul VI Apost. Exhort. - «*Marialis cultus*» nr. 26

It seems to us useful to add to this mention of the Christological orientation of devotion to the Blessed Virgin a reminder of the fittingness of giving prominence in this devotion to one of the essential facts of the Faith: the Person and work of the Holy Spirit. Theological reflection and the liturgy have in fact noted how the sanctifying intervention of the Spirit in the Virgin of Nazareth was a culminating moment of the Spirit's action in the history of salvation. Thus, for example, some Fathers and writers of the Church attributed to the work of the Spirit the original holiness of Mary, who was as it were «fashioned by the Holy Spirit into a kind of new substance and new creature». Reflecting on the Gospel texts «The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will cover you with his shadow» (Lk. 1:35) and «[Mary] was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.... She has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit» (Mt. 1:18, 20)-they saw in the Spirit's intervention an action that consecrated and made fruitful Mary's virginity... Examining more deeply still the mystery of the Incarnation, they saw in the mysterious relationship between the Spirit and Mary an aspect redolent of marriage, poetically portrayed by Prudentius: «The unwed Virgin espoused the Spirit», and they called her the «Temple of the Holy Spirit», an expression that emphasizes the sacred character of the Virgin, now the permanent dwelling of the Spirit of God. Delving deeply into the doctrine of the Paraclete, they saw that from Him as from a spring there flowed forth the fullness of grace (cf. Lk. 1:28) and the abundance of gifts that adorned her. Thus they attributed to the Spirit the faith, hope and charity that animated the Virgin's heart, the strength that sustained her acceptance of the will of God, and the vigor that upheld her in her suffering at the foot of the cross.... Considering, finally, the presence of the Mother of Jesus in the Upper Room, where the Spirit came down upon the infant Church (cf. Acts 1:12-14; 2:1-4), they enriched with new developments the ancient theme of Mary and the Church. Above all they had recourse to the Virgin's intercession in order to obtain from the Spirit the capacity for engendering Christ in their own soul.



Second Sunday after Easter 2015 – suggestively a rain of roses accompanies the solemn Marian celebrations.

## I pray Thee, I fervently pray Thee, o Holy Virgin

“Nothing else is to be added to this last fragment that we have extracted from the document on Mary by blessed Paul VI, whose lectures have accompanied us in these months.”

Nothing else, because everything is already clear in itself, also for those who do not know a lot about theology. Everything that has been accomplished in Mary, i.e. the Incarnation of the Word with everything which ensues from it, is the wish of the Father, but the work of the Holy Spirit, to Whom Mary is obedient in every moment of her life. Nothing else, but to withdraw once more a moral from these events to understand something more of that great mystery that is represented by the third person of the Holy Trinity. In spite of being devoted believers, sometimes it happens, in fact, that we feel closer to the Father and the Son, but do not know well where to place the Holy Spirit within our religious life. Instead, it is very important that, like the Virgin Mary, we should really understand how great His role is in our life.

Thus, let us try with simplicity to introduce ourselves more in this great mystery. With simplicity, because the Spirit is nothing other than that Love that since eternity unites the Father and the Son and who constitutes the same essence of the divine life. Yet, He is



also that Love, who, in the same moment in which God decided to create the world, had also presided His act of bringing the universe into existence; that same Love that had concretely realized the Incarnation of the Word until His resurrection. He is the Love, so very essential for our sanctification, i.e. for our full participation in the redemption that Jesus has earned

for us, which, nevertheless, we have to embrace, realizing it at the highest possible degree in our life. To live in harmony with the Spirit, immersed in His transforming energy, we do not have to do extraordinary things. It is enough that we simply accept – for certain – with joy and thankfulness the love our Father proposes us continuously, knocking ceaselessly at the door

of our heart. Let us keep looking for it, aware of this Love that operates in us, continuously assisting us in imitating as much as possible the Son, who went down to earth to liberate us from the evil.

And if we will do so, despite our limits, we will be living immersed in the Holy Spirit, who bit by bit with His gifts, will turn us into the new man of whom speaks the Gospel. Once more it means that we necessitate help through the maternal mediation of Mary.

For this we like to close the reflections on the Marialis Cultus, that has accompanied us in these months, with an ancient supplication of St. Ildephonsus, which Paul VI always prayed: **«I pray Thee, I fervently pray Thee, O Holy Virgin, that I may receive Jesus by that same Holy Spirit, by Whom Thou didst become Mother of Jesus. May I be made to know Jesus by that same Holy Spirit, by Whom Thou didst know, and possess, and bring forth Jesus (...). May I love Jesus in that same Holy Spirit, in Whom Thou dost adore Him as Thy God, and dost gaze upon Him as Thy Son».**

Rosanna Brichetti Messori

## Let the children come to me

Indeed very beautiful and sometimes touching was the presence of a group of children of the parish of Fiesse, Sunday April 12, in Fontanelle. Accompanied by their catechists and by their young priest, the children who were preparing their first confession, have spent a day of retreat at Mulino; a morning of prayers and reflections, packed lunch, some games and then all went to the solemn Holy Mass in the afternoon. Sitting in the first rows, they have taken part in the Celebration with wonderful concentration, the believers have helped them with their prayers and at the conclusion of the Mass they have offered three rose plants: a white, a red, and a yellow one. Next to the statue of the Lady, during the procession they have received from the Episcopal Delegate, Mgr.



Mark Alba, a beautiful rosary to remind them to pray every day to Mary. And so all of them happily posed for pictures, which we will publish. With them, we put all the children of the world under the mantle of Rosa Mystica.

Don Giancarlo

## We have received

■ *From Venezuela* - From this very afflicted country we receive many testimonies of love and devotion towards Rosa Mystica. Already in the past, we received the testimony of a dear Italian Salesian missionary, Father Guerrino Friso, who died in 2007 and is venerated by the people as a saint.

Also many representatives of the ecclesiastical hierarchy, some of them already deceased, others still living and actively engaged in the life of the Church have left their testimony. In these days we received the testimony of a young priest, who writes to us:

*I am a 27 year-old priest, I was healed from a disease by the intercession of Rosa Mystica. That is why I have asked to my Archbishop of Maracaibo to assign me to a parish to be able to assist patients and, thanks God, I am now a chaplain at a very big and important hospital in Venezuela as well as a priest of the church of S. Agostino. Here we desire to place the statue of Rosa Mystica, while another image will pilgrim among the patients and families amidst veneration and prayer of so many hearts. We have already initiated a group of prayer named after Rosa Mystica operating in the parish and also among the patients.*

■ A similar testimony we received from Barquisimeto, also in Venezuela, a city dear to the people of Monteclearensi, because there a fellow citizen, Renzo Begni, carries out his priestly ministry. Prof. Alejandro de Jesús Lamas, **Coordinador Ministerio de Música y Pastoral Social Parroquial**, healed from a severe form of acute peritonitis by the intercession of Our Lady Maria Rosa Mystica, manifested to his priest, the wish to begin a service of visiting patients with the image of Rosa Mystica to spiritually help the suffering and encourage them to live the painful trials of the illness in gratefulness for the gift they have received.



### Schedule of the Liturgical Celebrations in May

*During the month of May  
the usual timetable is maintained.*

#### Every day

15:00 confessions  
15:30 H. Rosary  
16:00 H. Mass  
20:30 «Month of May»  
H. Rosary, litany, benediction

#### On Sunday

15:00 Adoration, confessions  
15:30 H. Rosary  
16:00 Solemn H. Mass

#### Homage to Mary

*After the procession, H. Rosary*

**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!

**The Foundation Rosa Mystica Fontanelle**

Information: +39 030 964111 - E-mail: [info@rosamisticafontanelle.it](mailto:info@rosamisticafontanelle.it)

*United in prayer  
all your priests bless you!*

**Foundation Rosa Mystica-Fontanelle**

Monthly bulletin  
of the **Foundation Rosa Mystica - Fontanelle**  
**Postbox 134 - 25018 MONTICHIARI** (Brescia) - ITALY

For satellite navigation system: **Via Madonnina**

For communications please contact:

**Loc. Fontanelle - Via Madonnina**  
**Tel. +39 030 964 111**

E-mail: [info@rosamisticafontanelle.it](mailto:info@rosamisticafontanelle.it)

Please view web page: [www.rosamisticafontanelle.it](http://www.rosamisticafontanelle.it)

Non profit tariff of the foundation:  
Poste Italiane S.p.A. - Sped. in abb. Post. - D.L. 353/2003  
conv. L. 27/02/2004 n. 46) art. 1, comma 2 / DCB Brescia

*Expedition en abonnement postal  
Taxe perçue - Tassa riscossa - Filiale di Brescia*

Banking coordination:  
**IBAN: IT 24 R 08676 54780 000000007722**  
**BIC/SWIFT: ICRAITRRIS0** (The last character is a zero)  
**IBAN C/C POSTE: IT93 0076 0111 2000 0002 9691 276**  
**BIC/SWIFT C/C POSTE: BPPIITRRXXX**

Responsible director: Angelo Mor  
Edited by the Foundation Rosa Mystica - Fontanelle  
Tribunal authorization of Brescia nr. 61/90 of Nov. 11, 1990  
Translation by: Sylvia Hetarihon  
Typography: Toppennati srl - Montichiari (Bs)