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*«... Wash yourself  
with the water...»*

*Sin in the hearts of my  
children becomes mud,  
but, cleansed in the  
water of grace, their  
souls become clean  
again and worthy of  
grace...»*



## MARY, TEACHER OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

Paul VI, Apost. Exhort. "Marialis Cultus" (A, 21)

«**M**ary is not only an example for the whole Church in the exercise of divine worship, but is also, clearly, a teacher of the spiritual life for individual Christians. The faithful at a very early date began to look at Mary and to imitate her in making their lives an act of worship of God and making their worship a commitment of their lives. As early as the fourth century, St. Ambrose, speaking to the people, expressed the hope that each of them would have the spirit of Mary in order to glory God: May the heart of Mary be in each Christian to proclaim the greatness of the Lord; may her spirit be in everyone to exult in God.» But Mary is above all the example of that worship that consists in making one's life an offering to God. This is an ancient and ever new doctrine that each individual can hear again by heeding the Church's teaching, but also by heeding the very voice of the Virgin as she, anticipating in herself the wonderful petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Your will be done" (Mt. 6:10) - replied to God's messenger: "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let what you have said be done to me" (Lk. 1:38). And Mary's "yes" is for all Christians a lesson and example of obedience to the will of the Father, which is the, way and means of one's own sanctification».

## GOD'S WILL IS OUR JOY

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Assembly in prayer at Fontanelle.

Once more the words of blessed Paul VI help us to carry on our path of detailed survey regarding the unbelievable wealth contained in the soul of Mary. They are also a stimulus to understand how all this can be an example for us. In this specific case, the pope proposes us the Mother of Jesus even as Spiritual Teacher, pointing out in a clear and precise way her attitudes and gestures, through which she becomes the guide and example for all the Christians. It is about her famous «yes» pronounced on the occasion of the annunciation, and afterwards continually repeated during all of her life. It is in fact the starting point indicating how she always «surrendered to God», with great simplicity, dedicating herself completely according to His will. I fear that, when looking at all the events concerning Mary,

often we have a mental reservation, the conviction that for her it has been easy to face such an extraordinary life, while for us it is a great deal more difficult, if not just impossible. Instead, as we will see, this is not true, because today we can follow her as a teacher of spiritual life, there is an additional help and that is Mary herself; the Son Himself gave her the ability to intercede in our favor, proclaiming her as Mother of all the believers, exactly at the moment she was standing at the feet of the Cross. The point is that we are struggling to discern the deep essential bond, that unites us to God, our Creator and Lord. As we know, everything is born from the extraordinary fact that God never wants His creations to be subdued slaves to Him as to a Master. He creates us as beings similar to Him; thus free to direct

our own life, not driven by necessity but only by love. In this way, He, Who is Love in utter essence, wants to be chosen by each of us, not out of a sense of obligation, but motivated by love. As soon as we reflect a bit about it, we will perceive this reality in its utmost beauty. Regrettably too often we forget it again. To choose Him out of love, however, does not only mean to believe in His existence, but also to understand that to obtain the maximum for our life, we are invited to accept to enter into a deep relationship with Him. Above all we should realize that as a Creator full of tenderness and care, He only wants all the best for us. Thence, the best for us to do is to try to live our life just moment after moment together with Him. Does this imply that we are losing our autonomy? No, most certainly not. It entails only that by giving Him full trust, we will find the correct choice in a more prompt and better way, in order that our potentialities can come true at the most eminent degree. Instead, we often do the contrary: we make many and continuous projects by ourselves, we do everything to realize them, sometimes we also persist doing so for years and years, even becoming angry at God that He «does not help us» enough. Mary teaches us instead that we should be docile and full of confidence, sure that the project God has destined for us, is certainly the best and that we therefore really must seek and embrace Him with full adherence. And thus our life will improve because peace will invade us and together with it a great joy, different from any other kind of joy, born, even in pain, from the full and deep embrace between every creature and his loving Creator.

**Rosanna Brichetti Messori**

## “FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST...”

After the Christmas festivities, concluded with the solemn celebration of the Baptism of Jesus, and presided by our General Vicar Mgr. Gianfranco Mascher (of which we have given a beautiful account in the last number of our bulletin) at Fontanelle the days passed by as the beads of the Rosary flowing through our fingers. The water of our source continued to sing its song and at the Santella, the small chapel watching over it, the standard with the baptismal promises stood until February 2, to invite us to renew with greater commitment the prayers «I reject satan» and «I believe in God» that the vicar had exhorted us not to pray only with the lips, but above all with our life. Then the snow arrived in abundance and covered everything with its white sheet, spreading its magnificent display of beautiful innocence on top of the trees: on the silver cypress of the parking lot, on the most beautiful olive tree at the entrance of the avenue, ruffling the evergreen plants and the cypresses that are guarding the big Crucifix. But then the sun returned and afterwards it began to rain; the Lent brought some days of spring and the daisies were the first ones to offer their white corollas and their small gilded head to the rays of the sun. Standing near the Crucifix, worn-out by the many kisses of the pilgrims in the afternoon of Ash Wednesday, I suddenly remembered a beautiful episode of the life of the Saints. Encouraged by the female editor-in-chief of our magazine (magazine that by now reaches many countries all over the world), I have replicated the following amazing chronicle of pardon:

While Good Friday was being celebrated in the churches in Florence, suddenly a rumor was spreading as a lightning. “They have killed the son of Gualberto Vismidinis!” In his ancient and rich house the noble Gualberto received the news in great desperation. His second son, John, stood next to him. With grim eyes, he girded on his sword, made

a sign to his squires and told his father: «I am going to avenge you». The small armed team went out of Porta San Miniato taking the road that climbed between the olive trees and the cypresses. The mansion of the enemy was at a short distance. At a bend they saw a shade that tried to run away. Immediately they jumped on him. John never knew why at that time the killer of his brother was alone outside his house. Perhaps he did not consider such a rapid revenge

would come about. John, surrounded by his attendants, was on top of him and the assassin with terror in the eyes did not have the strength to shout, he was leaning against the wall with arms wide open, offering his breast to the unsheathed sword, only finding the strength to whisper: «For the love of Christ...». Then John suddenly saw Jesus on the Cross in that man with wide open arms, awaiting his death. It was Holy Friday. His hand hesitated, then, with a rapid gesture John threw the sword far away and fixing his enemy, he repeated: «For the love of Christ...» Alone, he then climbed up the hill to the resplendent Church of San Miniato. In the shade of the austere Romanesque arcades another figure opened the arms, the figure of the dying Christ on the Crucifix. John knelt down and looking at it, he realized that he was not a coward because also Christ had forgiven; he then threw himself at the feet of a priest with traits of the Lord with wide open arms, with the same face, forgiveness and love for all those that the Lord wanted us to meet. Withdrawn in the Tuscan forest of Vallombrosa, he founded among the trees the abbey that still guards his body.

Since shortly Lent has started and giving our hand to Mary, Teacher of Spiritual Life, we are with Her near the Cross, we look at Jesus and let Jesus look at us. Thus, we return to the magnificent lesson of forgiveness. And we all need it very much!

**Don Giancarlo**



**We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

### *We have received*

■ *From Mexico* - Our friend Gabriel tells us: Dear friends, with our small pilgrim group of Maria Rosa Mystica, we went to a beautiful Marian day in our famous National Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the capital, City of Mexico. Other groups of Rosa Mistica were present and, although it was not a specific reunion of our groups, there were a great

number of people. Together we have prayed for the patients and for all the consecrated. We thank the Almighty God the Father, the Merciful Son of God and the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier for this reunion of the Marian groups; we beg Him in His Goodness and endless Mercy that Marian pastoral organizations will be approved in all the dioceses of the whole world and that within these, the Rosa Mistica groups will always be welcome.

## We have received



■ *From S. El Salvador* - Fr. Juan Fernando sends us a photo  
Thank you for the bulletins, which I read with pleasure. May God bless abundantly all the works of Rosa Mystica! I am happy to communicate you that I have celebrated 200 Holy Masses in

these last two years for the development of Rosa Mystica. I greet you with great joy, thanking you for keeping me informed. I pray for the entire work of Rosa Mystica, especially on Tuesday and Saturday in the morning Mass. I hope that you are always praying for me.

Fr. Juan Fernando

### Schedule of the Liturgical Celebrations in March

#### Every Friday of Lent - day of fasting

15:00 Stations of the Cross  
15:30 H. Rosary  
16:00 H. Mass

#### Every Sunday:

15:00 Confession - Stations of the Cross - Adoratio  
H. Rosary  
16:00 Solemn H. Mass

#### Every Saturday:

15:00 Confession  
15:30 H. Rosary  
16:00 H. Mass

#### Confessions:

Each day 15:00 - 17:00  
Saturday 10:00 - 12:00

#### March 7, Saturday - First Saturday of the month

20:00 Procession.

#### March 13, Friday - Monthly Marian Day

Schedule for normal days.

#### March 19, Thursday - Feast of St. Joseph

Schedule for days of feast.

#### March 25, Wednesday - Announcement of the Lord

Schedule for days of feast.

#### March 29, Sunday - Palm Sunday

Schedule for days of feast.

**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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all your priests bless you!*

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