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TILES WITH THREE ROSES INSERTED ON
THE STEPS OF THE HOLY STAIR



The steps along our path

The path of prayer and devotion to Fontanelle is featured throughout the year, according to the simple ordinariness of the liturgical year, but it is always enriched and marked by some particularly significant appointments that by now characterize in a special way the devotion and spirituality of the faithful who are coming in increasing numbers to Fontanelle. This summer was experienced by all around two moments of particular importance: the feast of Maria Rosa Mystica on July 13, and the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary on August 15th.

Other traditional and important events are lying ahead: the second Sunday of September we will host in Fontanelle many Sinhalese faithful for their traditional pilgrimage, uniting in prayer all the Christian Sinhalese communities, living in northern Italy. Their devotion to Mary and the solemn aspect of their liturgical celebrations and processions are for all of us a true testimony of faith; we will entrust to Mary this time of fraternal communion, which gathers the faithful who come from such distant places and are yet so united under the protective care of Maria Rosa Mystica, Mother of the universal Church. The second Sunday of October we will celebrate in Fontanelle the traditional Sunday of the Communion of Reparation: it is the celebration of a very simple and composed ritual, close-

ly related to the widespread Marian devotion around the world, honoring the immense gift of the Holy Eucharist, exalting it as a sacrament of unconditional and merciful love that is offered for our weakness, indignity and neglect and which is waiting patiently for the liberation of our reciprocated human love.

Finally, in November, we will prepare ourselves solemnly for the conclusion of the Holy Year of Mercy by Pope Francis, in communion with our diocesan Church and with the universal Church.

We pray to Maria Rosa Mystica to accompany the steps of our path and to guard our faith in Her Son Jesus.

Mgr. Marco Alba
Episcopal Delegate



Fontanelle, July 13, 2016

Feast of Rosa Mystica.

Thanksgiving by a priest, Fr. Vincenzo Savoldi, for the 50th jubilee of his priestly ordination.

Thanksgiving by a young Colombian couple, which for love towards Rosa Mystica, chose July 13 as their wedding date; this year they came in Fontanelle to celebrate their second anniversary.

Good news for all the faithful of Rosa Mystica



As usual, also this year on July 13 we had a great feast in Fontanelle in honor of Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church. Many people were present; it was very warm due to the summer temperature but also because of the atmosphere. Among the faithful there was first of all, Father Vincenzo Savoldi, as ever a great devotee of Rosa Mystica to celebrate his 50th jubilee as priest in Fontanelle. He had come back from his South America, where he has largely contributed to make Rosa Mystica known, as it is to her that he owes his priestly vocation. Surely Mary must have much rejoiced of this son, so persistent in loving and presenting her at every opportunity. Along with Father Savoldi during his thanksgiving Mass, we of course remembered as well all the other religious and priests who also owe their religious call to Rosa Mystica. This is important because, as you know, in this place the Marian

devotion is significantly connected to the prayer to Mary to always inspire new vocations of special consecration and to protect them as well, so that each one of those who are called, will follow faithfully, with deep love and happiness the path that has been indicated to them. We have also brought back to mind many of the laity present from everywhere. Among them, we like to mention a young Colombian couple, very devoted to Rosa Mys-

tica and who married especially on July 13. They had come for the first time in Fontanelle on the occasion of the second anniversary of marriage to thank Mary for the many blessings and to invoke again her protection. Once back in their country, Sonia and Remigio have written to us not only to thank us for the welcome they have received, but also to renew their devotion to Rosa Mystica. From another married couple, which came to visit Fontanelle in the previous months, we have received a beautiful testimony that we would like to share with you as follows, «In general in Colombia there is a great devotion and veneration for the Holy Virgin Maria Rosa Mystica. We recently visited the shrine of Medellin and took some pictures. We know that in other cities of our country different sanctuaries are named after Rosa Mystica. Well known is the one in Santa Marta, a city on the northeastern coast of Colombia. In Medellin, there is also a parish dedicated to Rosa Mystica. Still in Medellin a convent has chosen Rosa Mystica as patron. These sisters have an image, which they bring from house to house. This image produces many miracles, which are all provided with attestations. Furthermore, close to us there is a house of retreats also placed under the protection of Rosa Mystica. As you can see in our country, there is a lot of love and devotion for Rosa Mystica».

Yet, as we all know, the devotion to Rosa Mystica is widespread around the world. In this regard an interesting testimony, among many others, came to us from Argentina. A woman devoted to Rosa Mystica since a long time, resident in the city of Valentin Alsina, informs us that exactly on last July 13 and in conjunction with our feast here in Fon-

Colombia

Warm regards! May God bless you and may the Virgin Maria Rosa Mystica accompany you.

Oscar and Marisol.

This Sanctuary was set-up by the wish of the people next to a large, very busy public highway. It will stay in that location by the tenacious will of the people who placed there a statue. Several times, the Civil Authority has attempted to shift this point of devotion, but until now they did not succeed in doing so.





Argentina

July 13, the Bishop has named the church «Maria Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church». Praise the Lord. Amen!! Greetings to all our friends of the foundation!



tanelle, their bishop has named a church «Rosa Mystica, Mary Mother of the Church». She sends us a photo of the procession in honor of the Virgin through the streets of the city, coming back into the church. At that moment a big ray of sunlight was passing through the glass windows, enhancing even more the joy of the faithful and the ceremony.

Always related to the feast that we celebrated on July 13 for all visitors of Fontanelle, there is another small but good news. Those who from now on climb the Holy Stair located next to the Source of Mercy, will have a delightful surprise: Colored tiles are embedded in the concrete; on top of it the monogram of Mary is depicted and beneath it the three roses – white, red and yellow, i.e. prayer, penance, sacrifice – constituting par excellence the symbol of Rosa Mistica.

However, the best news of all is yet another, one after another, the researches are shedding increasing light on the events in Montichiari and Fontanelle regarding Rosa Mystica. We have already written several times in this bulletin that for the moment the decision of the Brescian Curia, validated by the

Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, is that the alleged apparitions «are not of supernatural character». Therefore, here in Fontanelle we fully obey the bishop's decree, which recognized the worship of Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church, as legitimate, but on the other hand did not recognize the events as authentic. We have already mentioned the fact that also on the part of the Rose Mystica Foundation,

which has the task of conserving this place, continual in-depth researches are being made regarding the events from which it all started. In this regard, therefore, we have got two new reports. The first is that an extensive and in-depth expertise on the alleged seer, Pierina Gilli, has been made. This expertise has proven that she was a very balanced and psychologically healthy person and therefore, credible when referring to the facts of which she was the protagonist. The second is that the «Diari» (diaries) that she has held are now published by ARES exactly in the days of the feast on July 13; she wrote the «Diari» in obedience to her spiritual directors. Today they have been taken out of the archives and are available to everyone; they can also be purchased in Fontanelle. It is a powerful book, edited by Riccardo Caniato, a journalist who has been pursuing the story of Rosa Mystica with professional competence but also with devoted love. In the book the diaries are followed by numerous testimonials and studies to the stock of the problems, hoping that eventually, also at official level all events are finally to be reviewed with shared seriousness and the necessary depth.

Rosanna Brichetti Messori



We have received



Cameroon - Dearest Friends of Rosa Mystica, herewith some pictures of hope and joy taken in our mission a few weeks ago during the visit of the Apostolic Nuncio. We thanked the Lord for His mercy by presenting at the altar some hundred children of the First Communion and Confirmation. As you can see from the picture, Maria Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church, accompanied us with her great humility and spirit of gratitude.



Fr. Franco Paladini

Benin - Father Agostino Togbe, Franciscan of the Immaculate, who came in Fontanelle to celebrate the first Mass after the ordination took place in 2008, tells us that the statue of Maria Rosa Mystica is located inside of the church and that the Bishop is very supportive in the spreading of the devotion. He likewise informed us of his transfer from Benin to Cameroon at the end of September.

Equatorial Guinea - Since years, this country is characterized by their passion and devotion towards Rosa Mystica. Their pilgrimages to Montichiari remain memorable for the exemplary devotion and beautiful dresses of the ladies. Always very precise in organizing the prayers, they observe the wishes expressed by Maria Rosa Mystica under the direction of the local authority. Together with the bishop's delegate they were also present at the Congress of Panama and are now looking forward to participating in the Congress of Montichiari.

OCTOBER 9, second Sunday of the month

SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE WORLDWIDE UNION OF THE COMMUNION OF REPARATION Day of Prayer and Penitence

09:00 community prayers, confessions, H. Rosary
11:30 H. Mass, procession and distribution of blessed breads

Afternoon: timetable as per feast days

Time table for september 2016

Every day:
16:00 Confessions; 16:30 H. Rosary.

Every Tuesday and Friday:
16:00 Confessions; 16:30 H. Rosary or Stations of the Cross
17:00 H. Mass

Saturday:
16:00 Confessions; 16:30 H. Rosary
17:00 H. Mass, pre-festive

Sundays and feast days:
16:00-18:00 Confessions; 16:00 Adoration
16:30 H. Rosary; 17:00 Solemn Mass.

Please note that from October 1, 2016 the gate of access to the basin and the Holy Stair will be closed from 20:00 to 07:00 o'clock.

FROM OCTOBER 1, 2016, CELEBRATIONS AND WORSHIPS WILL BE ANTICIPATED BY ONE HOUR

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The lack of space does not permit us to publish many other beautiful testimonials co-operating in the recognition of the case; they are kept in the archive. We all feel united in prayer in the maternal heart of Maria Rosa Mystica.

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