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## MOTHER OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

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## A NEW YEAR IN THE NAME OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, AND MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



**A**s usual, the New Year has started at Fontanelle with the solemn afternoon celebration in honor of Mary, Mother of God. To Her intercession we have entrusted our journey in the year attending us, praying especially for peace in the Church and in the whole world. For us it was also an opportunity to experience an important moment regarding the responsibility for the Marian cult celebration in Fontanelle. During the Holy Mass we also expressed our feelings

of gratitude to Mgr. Faustinoni Oliviero and Don Stefano Almici, who throughout the entire year 2016 had carried out their service in Fontanelle, animating and coordinating the many celebrations of worship and devotion, which we offer in the best way possible to the many pilgrims and worshippers, whom we receive with joy every year.

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In 2016 there were more than 40,000 pilgrims who came to pray in Fontanelle (taking only into account the bookings of the Sunday groups, excluding those who came personally without a group booking, and those coming from Monday to Saturday, for which no reservation is required; it is therefore reasonable to arrive to almost a redoubling of the figure), of which approximately 40% from abroad and the rest from various parts of Italy.

This year, having failed some of my pastoral Sunday duties in the parish where I served, in agreement with the bishop, I accepted the invitation to personally assume, throughout 2017, the responsibility of celebrating the

Marian devotion in Fontanelle on Sundays and during solemnities; on the other days different priests, who since long are offering their help, will take care of the celebrations of the Eucharist and the confessions.

On Friday, January 6, Father Vincenzo Savoldi of the Scalabrinian missionary, celebrated the Feast of the Three Kings and ended the solemnity by blessing the children, who were present in spite of the freezing breezes. Father Vincenzo will return later this month to Brazil after having passed some time with his family in Ciliverghe, Italy; to him we extend our sincere thanks for the passion with which he has always assisted us in Fontanelle. We also expressed our fra-

ternal closeness to him in the early days of this year when he paid his last respects to his old mother during her funeral Mass; she was very attached to him.

On Sunday, January 8, we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus in conclusion of the Christmas season, renewing communally the promises of our Baptism and invoking Maria Rosa Mystica for the grace to continue our journey of faith in the dignity of God's children, regenerated by the baptismal water and the relentless action of the Holy Spirit.

We continue our journey in accordance with the new liturgical year, imploring Maria Rosa Mystica the gift of a new year of grace, rich in fruits of conversion, ever ready to recognize the action of the Spirit in the Church and in the history of humanity.

**Mgr. Marco Alba**  
Episcopal Delegate

## EVERYTHING LEANS ON SMALL SHOULDERS

*From the previous issues of our monthly bulletins you already have received the news about the recent publication of the diaries of Pierina Gilli, a – for the time being – presumed seer, from whom derive the origins of the cult towards Maria Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church, in Montichiari and Fontanelle. You certainly know that the ecclesiastical authorities had suspended in the past decades the proceedings on the events, but are now extending their studies and investigations to arrive at a further clarification about the truth of those facts.*



From the fact that many bookstores show great interest in Pierina's diaries, it is very clear that many people wish to learn more about this woman who has always sought seclusion, but instead was placed, against her own will, in the center of so much attention and also of great contro-

versy. Daughter of a peasant, she had lived in great misery and sacrifice since childhood. Soon she then felt the call to religious life. However, she never could achieve this wish because God's divine plans for her were different. Involved in a series of extraordinary events accompanied by diabolical

harassment, serious illnesses, often difficult to be identified according to the normal medical diagnosis, and a deep mistrust against her by many people exposing her to heavy and repeated humiliations. All of this pushed Pierina, even almost forced by her spiritual directors, to lay down in writings



all her experiences in her journal. Everyone is now in the position to follow from day to day the precious contents of her dialogues with the supernatural, but also will understand the great humility, patience, spirit of charity and forbearance with which this woman until the end of her life had accepted to be guided by the Holy spirit as simple tool. A “rag” in God’s hands as she used to call herself and also wanted to be defined as such by others.

These words remind us of another humble but tenacious witness of the Virgin, namely Bernadette Soubirous. Unwillingly becoming a protagonist of the events, she said of herself to be like a “broom” taken from the closet to clean up, but then, at the end of the service, is put back again in it. Or what to think about the candor and the wonderful willingness with which Lucia, Jacinta, Francisco in Fatima not only accepted that the Virgin made them witnesses of her messages, but also involved them actively in the mystery of redemption, asking them to offer themselves for the salvation of sinners.

In short, it is a condition of “visionaries” that makes us reflect. Foremost of all, on why Heaven often chooses such simple people to become messengers of very important messages. If we use our earthly logic, we would rather think that if Mary or Jesus chose to appear to persons of authority, they, and at the same time, these extraordinary events would be more easily accepted and recognized. The problem is that when we think in this way, we forget that phrase of the Gospel in which Jesus says: «I thank you Father that You have

hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little ones (Mt 11,25) ». In other words, the earthly wisdom is often so proud that it becomes an obstacle to divinity, interposing as a wall difficultly to be penetrated and insurmountable; whereas simplicity and smallness lead to humility, availability and receptivity for the Spirit.

We thus should not be surprised if such important places like Lourdes or Fatima (but we could cite many more), are sanctuaries where, every year, millions of pilgrims gather, seeking for the healing of body and spirit as well as help and comfort in life’s difficulties, are emerging and resting on small shoulders of frail appearance, inexperienced, insignificant

or even despised in the eyes of men.

Like those of Bernadette Soubirous, a small person of only one meter forty centimeters, semi-literate, always sickly, who, nevertheless, proved to possess a great power and an unheard resistance against insidious interrogations, traps on purpose to contradict herself and all kinds of attacks, without ever yielding. Also on the shoulders of our Pierina of whom we hope that she will be finally better known and recognized.

**Rosanna Brichetti Messori**

## *We have received*

■ *From Venezuela* - Juan David Umanchuk informs us with enthusiasm that on the day February 13, 2017, a Mass will be celebrated in honor of Rosa Mystica. After the Mass, the cave in which the statue of Rosa Mystica is going to stand, will be blessed. This ceremony will be attended by all the parish groups, who will bring the statue in a procession through the streets of the city, inviting people to take part in this Marian prayer of every 13 of the month, as established by the Parish..

■ *From The Central African Republic* - I am writing to inform you that the Fraternity of Rosa Mystica continues to grow. At the request of three Bishops, it has been decided to extend our fraternity also in other provinces. In union of prayer,

**Brother Yvon Wassialo**  
**Paroisse Saint Jacques Bangui**

## We have received



In the recent years, many groups of prayer named after Rosa Mystica have been formed in Italy. They consist of citizens of other states, residing in this country for reasons of work. Most of these devotees have found back in Italy the same source of devotion they already adhere to in their country of origin, with a strong passion of prayer in

their hearts. Great numbers of of Sinhalese people attend daily the H. Mass in Fontanelle. In Sri Lanka Rosa Mystica is highly venerated to the point of considering Her as co-patroness of that State. Filipinos are also regular visitors of Fontanelle and periodically they come to celebrate together with their priests. Among the many ethnicities working in Italy, there are also Ivorians; many of them reside in the neighboring provinces of Parma and Cremona.

The responsible person for these groups is Mr. Armand Zozo who recently returned to the Ivory Coast and met some of the many local groups, whose president is Mrs. Marie Terese Adou, mother of Don Eugenio, a priest who exercises his ministry in Italy; in the company of her son Mrs. Adou visited Fontanelle in the past years. Recently Mr. Armand Zozo has returned to his homeland and on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, during the solemn Mass at Saint Paul Parish in Abidjan, he remitted to the same Mrs. Adou a statue of the Virgin from Montichiari as well as rosaries and images during a great event

organized by the faithful. In the name of the Italian group, after the Mass Mr. Armand offered another statue of Rosa Mystica to the head of the parish prayer group, Sainte Thérèse de l'Enfant Jésus of Mar-cory (Abidjan). It was received under jubilation by all those present.



The reconstruction in Fontanelle that we announced in December, has been started. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We will do our utmost to minimize this disturbance as much as possible and especially to accomplish them within the established time limit. The estimated expenses of this intervention are around **300,000 Euros**. All those who wish to contribute with donations and offerings for the realization of this important project in favor of the Marian devotion in Fontanelle, are kindly invited to use the following bank account of the Foundation:

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### Timetable of February 2017

#### Daily:

15:00 Confessions; 16:00 H. Rosary

#### Every Friday:

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

#### Every 13<sup>th</sup> of the month: Marian Prayer Day

15:00 – 17:00 Confessions; 15:00 Adoration  
15:30 H. Rosary; 16:00 Solemn Mass – Procession

#### Every Saturday:

15:00 Confessions; 15:30 H. Rosary  
16:00 H. Mass

#### Sundays and feast days:

15:00 – 17:00 Confessions; 15:00 Adoration  
15:30 H. Rosary; 16:00 Solemn Mass

#### Friday, February 3: Feast of Saint Blaise

15:00 Confessions; 15:00 Adoration  
15:30 H. Rosary  
16:00 Solemn Mass with the benediction of the throat

#### Saturday, February 11: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes XXV<sup>th</sup>. World Day of the Sick 2017

15:00 Confessions  
15:30 H. Rosary  
16:00 Solemn Mass with the benediction of the sick.

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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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