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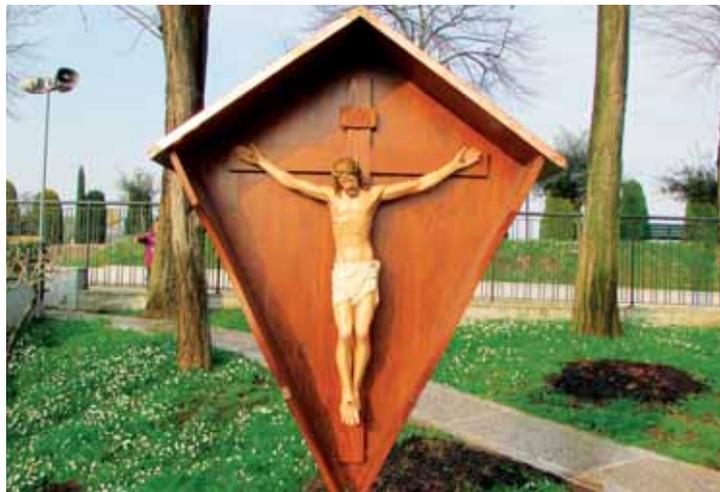
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LENT IN FONTANELLE

Holy Lent in Fontanelle coincides this year with an extraordinary early spring. The two seasons: the liturgical and the astronomical, brought a bright sun in the souls, as well as in the meadows of the moraine hills around Fontanelle, on the trees, meadows, freshly plowed fields and flower beds that adorn the places, so dear to us. The spring has spread out a beautiful emerald green carpet full of white daisies with small golden hearts. The violets have sprouted among the dead stained leaves: lighter, darker, and even whiter; their perfume reaches us before discovering them. Daffodils are blooming with their royal corollas, a for-



sythia bush turns the green avenue into gorgeous yellow and the wild plum trees are covered with small white flowers. Every day the chapel of the Lady is full of flowers. There are even flowers around the water source to honor Mary and St. Joseph whom we celebrated during the whole

month of March, and in front of Padre Pio, of Santa Maria Crocifissa Di Rosa... and all the flourishing flowers in and outside the places of worship, recall the three mystical roses. Lent has gathered us every day in the afternoon prayer of the Holy Rosary and led many people to visit with faith and devotion the fourteen stations of the «Via Crucis». This year we were able to walk along two paths, the usual small way behind the Crucifix and a new path along the larger avenue that is more suitable for the growing number of pilgrims on Friday afternoon and Sunday. Many faithful prayed the Stations

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of the Cross, alone, together with the family, or in small groups. Numerous and fruitful confessions helped them on their way of penance and purification, conversion and return to the Lord as a shared commitment at the beginning of the forty days in accordance with St. Augustine's teachings. Truly, the return to the Lord passes through the Confession; do not forget this Easter gift of the Risen Lord, beginning with the austere rite on Ash Wednesday, leading many pilgrims and devotees to Fontanelle at every hour, day and night. Wonderful are the Sunday celebrations with the Via Crucis in the afternoon, the Adoration and the Holy Rosary, the Solemn Mass enhanced by the festive rite of the Asperges with the blessing of water and salt to remember and experience together the Holy Baptism. Every Sunday is a tribute to the Virgin Mary, a tradition of festive and solemn homage of the faithful. The following Lenten liturgical feasts: first on the 19th of March, feast of St. Joseph, the bridegroom of Mary, preceded by the novena with the beautiful

recitation, «To Thee, Blessed Joseph...» followed by the hymn of the Saint. A few days later the memory of the missionary martyrs on the 24th of March with the Stations of the Cross and the H. Mass and finally on the 25th the Solemnity of the **Annunciation** with the Adoration, the recitation of the Rosary and the Sung Mass. On that same day the **Blessing of the new Crucifix**, erected on the path leading to the fountains and written in different languages: «Before taking some holy water, give a kiss to Jesus and pray: - Jesus, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, Your mercy is great, save us».

From April 8th to 11th, the first pilgrimage to Lourdes, organized by Fr Giancarlo, will bring the prayers of all the devotees of Rosa Mistica at the feet of the Immaculate Conception, renewing the spiritual twinning between Fontanelle and the Shrine of the Pyrenees. Let us remain united in prayer in expectation of the Easter resurrection. Mary is our way.

Don Giancarlo Scalvini

THE IMPO

Like in other Marian shrines also in Fontanelle there is an always gushing source of water used by pilgrims as spiritual cleansing and bearing the name «Fountain of Mercy».

It is a source around which we gather in prayer each year on a day considered very special, namely the day that Pope John Paul II has dedicated to the Divine Mercy in accordance with the precise instructions Jesus himself had given to St. Faustina Kowalska, i.e. the Sunday immediately after Easter.

This is an important ritual that leads us to reflect on various matters. First of all, the great symbolic key role that water plays from a spiritual point of view. The same applies for different religions, but in Christianity water has assumed a particular value since this so important natural element has been chosen – and first, by Jesus himself – as material for the most relevant initiation rite, i.e. for the Baptism. It was the rite in the Jordan River, performed by John the Baptist, which marked the beginning of the public life of Jesus. It was then taken over by the Church, which followed the path traced by Him, by using water as

IMPORTANCE OF THE «FOUNTAIN OF MERCY»

a sacred chrism for every Christian who desires, directly or through the parents, to become part of God's people. The water is, therefore, the foremost element symbolizing the washing that takes place in the baptism, cleansing us from the original sin, and enabling us to walk on the path of redemption. It is as well accompanied by the sacred anointing that makes us aware that the Holy Spirit already is undertaking His action of sanctification in the man or woman who receives the sacrament.

Therefore, this water without which we cannot manage in our physical life – we know how to survive for a while without food, but just for a few days without water – becomes also an instrument of spiritual life because at that moment, precisely through Jesus, the divine grace takes action and becomes tangible, investing the soul and inserting itself like branches in the vine, which is the mystical body of Christ. That blessed water can always be found by every Christian at the entrance of each church, to make the sign of the cross which, if made consciously, introduces us every time in the very bosom of the Divine Mercy. It is surely the case for all what we have discussed thus far, that Mary as well, appears in many places where water flows. This can be a



source until then ignored, as it was the case in Lourdes, which Mary brought to light by indicating the visionary Bernadette where to dig. Or like in other places Mary blesses the water already present on the spot, and renders it sacred. In both cases Mary always adds a clarification and an exhortation. The explanation lies in the fact that from that moment on the water not only becomes a source for drinking or washing, but even turns into a divine gift to be accepted and understood. The exhortation consists precisely in taking advantage of

this gift and to approach that water with a specific purpose: to be healed physically and spiritually. And, thus, to convert to the depths of one's soul. As you can see, it is a simple and clear reference to the baptismal water that introduced us for the first time in the process of redemption by Jesus and it is Mary's task to help us to achieve it. So, let us also take advantage of it here in Montichiari, where the name itself reminds us from where the source originates, i.e. from the Divine Mercy that does not want, as Jesus states in the Gospel, the death of the sinner but that «he be converted and be alive». Although we often turn away from the path that Baptism shows us, we can always return to it like the prodigal son, experiencing with an ever growing joy the welcoming arms of our Father who is always waiting for us to grant forgiveness.



The Foundation
Rosa Mystica - Fontanelle
and the priests
wish you all a

Happy and Holy Easter

Rosanna Brichetti Messori

We have received

■ *México. Querétaro, February 8th and 9th* - From Mexico, where in February, the fourth meeting was held at national level with all the prayer groups named after Mary Rosa Mystica. Inspired by the message contained in the three roses on the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary: prayer – penance – sacrifice, we would like to share this invitation with all devotees: “As you know it will be our turn to be the hosts of the next meeting of the groups of Rosa Mystica to be held in Mexico next October. We invite you to join us in our prayers so that the event will receive the warmth of the local bishops through the opinion of the secretary of the Mexican Episcopal Conference. We pray very much and with humility for all religious authorities who guide our groups.”

■ *From Argentine* - The first meeting of the Argentinean missionaries, devotees of Mary Rosa Mystica, took place from February 21st till 23rd at Cordoba Rio Segundo. It was attended by representatives of many Argentine cities, even from Piura/Peru: «We have been living days of Oasis amidst the desert of daily life».

■ *From Colombia* - We thank Grupo Laical Rosa Mística Mosquera (Cundinamarca), Colombia, for the very beautiful pictures of the faithful enjoying the Rosa Mystica Feast 2013 amidst the colors of many flowers.

■ *From Peru* - From Pachacamac, Peru, Mother Margarita de Jesus sends us a beautiful letter: «We would like to share with you the joy of living the spirituality of our order in Peru, the Rosa Mystica charismatic reparation».

Also from Peru. A sad message came to us in January from Fr Maximo Zavaleta, who in the past was in Fontanelle as confessor for an entire feast day: «I am since 10 days in the hospital for a dialysis treatment because I have reached the end of my strength. My problem is serious: I have to go 3 times a week to the hospital to undergo the dialysis and I live 2 ½ hours from the hospital. The round trip plus 4 hours spending in the hospital for 3 days a week is quite impossible for me».

We received this request for help, and we sent a sum of € 5000,00 through a lay missionary who told us: «Father Maximo is far from rich. When I accompanied him to the bank they told him that his account was zero! Furthermore one of the best news and a real grace for me is that arriving at the Shrine I met 3 young Colombian religious, consecrated in 2010 and approved by their local bishop. They are called “Brothers of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary».



■ *From Burundi* - Fr. Vittorio Blasi, missionary in Burundi for more than forty years, wrote: «With this beautiful picture around Rosa Mistica, these children would like to thank their benefactors. Sandra as a lovely mother for them and so devoted to Rosa Mystica, sows in silence and discretion the love of Mary in their hearts. Thank you, Fontanelle! We have to be quiet now, but it is the silence of God and soon we are allowed to talk much».

SCHEDULE OF APRIL 2014

Daily:

15:00-16:00 Confessions
16:00 H. Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin, Meditation and Benediction

Every Friday of Lent:

15:00 Stations of the Cross - Adoration of the H. Cross
H. Mass

Every Sunday of Lent:

15:00 Stations of the Cross - Adoration and Eucharistic Benediction
16:00 High Mass with Asperges, rite of sprinkling recalling H. Baptism

April 20, Holy Easter:

15:00 Eucharistic Adoration
15:30 H. Rosary
16:30 High Mass

April 21 - Easter Monday:

Feast days schedule

April 27 - First Sunday after Easter

Divine Mercy – canonization of 2 Popes
10:30 H. Rosary
11:00 H. Mass
15:00 Eucharistic Adoration - H. Rosary - Benediction
16:00 High Mass and procession

The peace, grace, mercy, love and joy of the Lord be with us all, in our families, in the Church and in the whole world.

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