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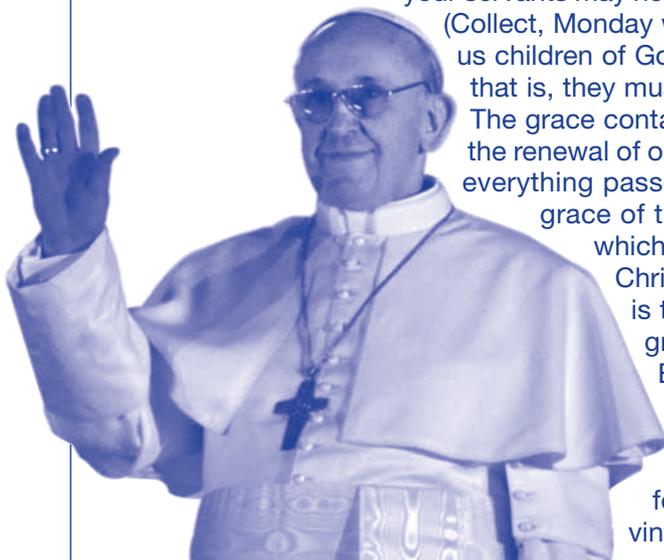
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Pope Francis praying Regina Coeli on Easter Monday

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During the prayer of the Regina Coeli on Easter Monday or «Monday of the Angel», Pope Francis invited us to meditate on what we should ask from God: «O God, who give constant increase to your Church by new offspring, grant that your servants may hold fast in their lives to the Sacrament they have received in faith» (Collect, Monday within the Octave of Easter). It is true, yes, Baptism that makes us children of God and the Eucharist that unites us to Christ must become life, that is, they must be expressed in attitudes, behavior, gestures and decisions. The grace contained in the Sacraments of Easter is an enormous potential for the renewal of our personal existence, of family life, of social relations. However everything passes through the human heart: if I let myself be touched by the grace of the Risen Christ, if I let him change me in that aspect of mine which is not good, which can hurt me and others, I allow the victory of Christ to be affirmed in my life, to broaden its beneficial action. This is the power of grace! Without grace we can do nothing. Without grace we can do nothing! And with the grace of Baptism and of Eucharistic Communion I can become an instrument of God's mercy, of that beautiful mercy of God. To express in life the sacrament we have received: dear brothers and sisters, this is our daily duty, but I would also say our daily joy! The joy of feeling we are instruments of Christ's grace, like branches of the vine that is Christ himself, brought to life by the sap of his Spirit!



The Mother of Mercy

We all know that the first Sunday after Easter it is the Feast of the Divine Mercy, which will take place in this year on April 7. This day is also very important for Fontanelle. It was exactly on that day that Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church, blessed the Spring of "Grace and Mercy" as an instrument, but also as a sign of healing for so many physically and spiritually sick people who came to its water in the course of years. On that event once again Mary presented herself in the role of "Mother of Mercy". To understand more profoundly the value of this appellation, we herewith present you what John Paul II has written about it in his encyclical "Dives in misericordia" (Rich in Mercy).



«**M**ary is also the one who obtained mercy in a particular and exceptional way, as no other person has. At the same time, still in an exceptional way, she made possible with the sacrifice of her heart her own sharing in revealing God's mercy. This sacrifice is intimately linked with the cross of her Son, at the foot of which she was to stand on Calvary. Her sacrifice is a unique sharing in the revelation of mercy, that is, a sharing in the absolute fidelity of God to His own love, to the covenant that He willed from eternity and that He entered into in time with man, with the people, with humanity; it is a sharing in that revelation that was definitively fulfilled through the cross. No one has experienced, to the same degree as the Mother of the crucified One, the mystery of the cross, the overwhelming encounter of divine transcendent justice with love: that «kiss» given by mercy to justice. No one has received into his heart, as much as Mary did, that mystery, that truly divine dimension of the redemption effected on Calvary by means of the death of the

Son, together with the sacrifice of her maternal heart, together with her definitive «fiat».

Mary, then, is the one who has the deepest knowledge of the mystery of God's mercy. She knows its price, she knows how great it is. In this sense, we call her the Mother of mercy: our Lady of mercy, or Mother of divine mercy... as the One who, through her hidden and at the same time incomparable sharing in the messianic mission of her Son, was called in a special way to bring close to people that love which He had come to reveal: the love that finds its most concrete expression vis-a-vis the suffering, the poor, those deprived of their own freedom, the blind, the oppressed and sinners...

It was precisely this «merciful» love, which is manifested above all in contact with moral and physical evil, that the heart of her who was the Mother of the crucified and risen One shared in singularly and exceptionally – that Mary shared in. In her and through her, this love continues to be revealed in the history of the Church and of humanity. This revelation is especially fruitful because

in the Mother of God it is based upon the unique tact of her maternal heart, on her particular sensitivity, on her particular fitness to reach all those who most easily accept the merciful love of a mother. This is one of the great life-giving mysteries of Christianity, a mystery intimately connected with the mystery of the Incarnation.

The motherhood of Mary in the order of grace, as the Second Vatican Council explains, «lasts without interruption from the consent which she faithfully gave at the annunciation and which she sustained without hesitation under the cross, until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. In fact, being assumed into heaven she has not laid aside this office of salvation but by her manifold intercession she continues to obtain for us the graces of eternal salvation. By her maternal charity, she takes care of the brethren of her Son who still journey on earth surrounded by dangers and difficulties, until they are led into their blessed home».

Rosanna Messori Brichetti

The sins in the soul of the sons and daughters become mud; but if they wash themselves with the Water of Grace, they will become purified and worthy of graces... In order to save mankind you must pray, sacrifice and do penance... I have come to bring love, mercy and peace to my children's souls and I pray you not to throw mud on charity.
My love embraces all mankind.

WE HAVE RECEIVED

■ **FROM CAMEROON** - Dear Friends of the Association of Rosa Mystica. With joy I herewith wish you a Holy Easter, sharing with you the work of evangelization which we continue with the help and the intercession of Mary Rosa Mystica, in the heart of the Cameroon forest. During this period of lent in particular we follow the youth, who besides being committed to catechism and liturgical services (choral, lectures, protocols, altar boys), are also busy with educational and charitable activities as to prepare themselves well for the Easter solemnity. Last Saturday, together with other young people of the city, they have participated in the Stations of the Cross on a long winding path of fifteen kilometers from the Cathedral to the sanctuary of Mary Queen of Peace on the high hill that overlooks our city. There were a lot of young people, around three thousand; at each station they have prayed together with Mary Rosa Mystica (see attached picture) for young people of their age over the whole world and they meditated the message of the next Youth Day of Rio de Janeiro.... That the Risen Lord may help us all to get out of the «tomb» of our egoism to commit ourselves more and more on this road of solidarity and love so that each of us feels our responsibility of being a «custodian» of the brothers and sisters, close



or far from us, just like Pope Francis has reminded us in the introductory homily of his pontificate. Thanking you for your friendship and all your prayers, I herewith send you my warm regards. **Fr. Franco**, religious missionary since many years in Cameroon.

■ FROM LEBANON, NEWS ABOUT CONFLICT-STRICKEN SYRIA

- «On October 13 we became acquainted with the Syrian priest, Zaher Mehanna. A nun had given him a book about the Holy Virgin, Mary Rosa Mystica. After having read it, the priest invited his parishioners for a prayer meeting to support the request of the Virgin to pray for the peace of the world and in particular for Syria. The church was overcrowded with praying believers when suddenly a bomb exploded in the neighborhood. All the glasses of the church shattered, but miraculously no one of those who were present was wounded. The priest has published in facebook a thanksgiving to the Holy Virgin. Through this we could invite him to come to Lebanon to meet our prayer group and to offer him the material we had at our disposal, giving life to a twin group of prayer in union with our own group. In this time the Syrians need our profound prayer for their country. Every 13th of the month Fr. Zaher celebrates a Mass in honor of Rosa Mystica.



Joyce Sayegh

Prayer group Maria Rosa Mystica, Lebanon - Baabdash

■ **FROM ARGENTINA** - We are a prayer and musical group. On this picture we would like to wish you a Holy Easter and a new prosperous year in all the associations of Maria Rosa Mystica, trusting our new Pope. Anna Tagliaferri of the community Santa Angela Merzi, Valentin Alsina, Province Buenos Aires.



Little children with Rosa Mystica in the «Casa della Gioia of St. Rita of Cascia»



Sanctuary of Mother of Mercy "Rosa Mystica" desired by Her (Mgr. Rahuna)

■ **FROM BURUNDI** - This is my forty years of mission with **Rosa Mystica** in Burundi. Years of silence, of love and of suffering. Love for my Father, Jesus and Mary – Love for the little abandoned orphans – Love for the sinners whom I receive every day in the confessional – Love for Jesus the Eucharist whom we adore and celebrate every day in the hospitals – Love for our Merciful Jesus for the silence and the incomprehension for the presence of **Rosa Mystica** who is not understood and not accepted by her children. Suffering due to poverty and impossibility to help so many who come to knock at the door. This is my forty years of juvenile mission to make them **Love** the **Father**, the **Son**, **Mary**, the **Cross**, the **Eucharist**, the **Rosary** with the power of the **Holy Spirit**.

P. Vittorio

■ **FROM ETHIOPIA** - May the Risen Lord grant us all His Holy Spirit to continue to love, to give joy also in sufferings and to resurrect with Him in the true life. Amen

The community of Dongora, Ethiopia

SCHEDULE OF PRAYERS

SCHEDULE DURING SUMMER FROM APRIL 1 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30

Sunday and holidays:

Vespers 16:00; H. Mass 17:00

Every Day:

H. Rosary: 10:00 - 15:30 - 16:30

Vespers and catechesis 17:00

Saturday and Sunday:

confessor present from 16:00

The 13th of every month MARIAN DAY

– uninterrupted recitation of the Rosary from 15:30

The Sunday after the 13th:

Procession at 16.30 honor of Rosa Mystica;

on return H. Mass at 17:00

Every afternoon at 16:00 there will be a priest for confession or talks. The groups in arrival are requested to inform here at Fontanelle phone +39 030 964111

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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