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Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart, Divine Mercy,

Three feasts which Jesus Himself wished.

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Without doubt, we all still remember the feast of the Divine Mercy, we just have celebrated on the first Sunday of Easter. In this month of June, we are first going to celebrate the feast of the Holy Body of Christ and right after that the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. However, maybe not all of us remember how these three feasts are closely bound to Jesus. We therefore think it would be inter-

esting to retrace their origin to rediscover their uniqueness. All three of these occasions have a common characteristic: Jesus Himself had proposed them in the course of several apparitions, specifically asking from time to time the seers in question, to propose the Church to put them into practice.

Let us start from the beginning, i.e. from the Middle Ages. In 1258, Christianity was in its fullness.

This means that the Christian religion freely impregnated not only the life of every person, but also that of the communities; the atmosphere was thus favorable to Christianity. However, also in this context, there were dangers to the Catholic faith. A particular threat was the risk that faith would be experienced as an outer formalism, which did not exclude

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doubts on the real presence of the incarnated Word in the Eucharist. There were for instance, the Cathars, followers of Manichaeism, sustaining that it was impossible that a substance like bread could contain a God or a Spirit.

At that time, Jesus appeared to St. Juliana of Mt. Cornillon, coming to the aid of the faithful who were tempted by doubts. He explicitly demanded a feast on every Thursday after the Sunday of the Holy Trinity. Its exact purpose was to confirm solemnly the presence of the Body of Christ in the host that every priest has the power to consecrate. A feast, accompanied by an octave, would contribute highly in creating in the hierarchy and in the hearts of God's people, the customarily Adoration of the Holy Sacrament, exposed in an increasing number of churches and chapels.

Let us look at the XVIIth century, the beginning of a modern era. A little bit more than a century earlier, the Reformation detached many European nations from the

Catholics, which however, did not undermine the central dogma of salvation that reaches the faithful through Jesus Christ. However, there was another danger on the horizon, an even more serious one: the Enlightenment, aiming to exclude God from human life by putting the Goddess of Reason on the throne. In 1675, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque through the symbol of His Sacred Heart, confirming men how much He loved them. Today He keeps on doing so and if people really desire to reach the best of their life, it is of importance to enter into this circuit of salvation by answering His love, first for themselves, but also by offering reparation for those who do not want to recognize Him and do not love Him. It is to remind the humankind of everything – His incarnation, passion, death and resurrection – preserved in the symbol of His Heart of flesh – that Jesus asked for this special feast. It is a feast, which the Church needed to proclaim and to settle in accordance with the request of Jesus,

namely on the Friday after the eight day of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Centuries pass by, but the opponents have never stopped; on the contrary, they reinforce their attempts to withdraw the heart of men from God. As if humankind itself were altogether autonomous, even as if it were made by themselves, not needing any loving glance nor help from the Creator who created a great and free human race, in order to establish with Him a real relation, not that of slavery, but of love. A point of view, which we know very well because, in fact, we are still living in this kind of atmosphere, even if, without doubt, we have become aware of the damage it has produced and is still producing.

Well, exactly on the eve of one of the most terrible events of the 20th century – Nazism leading to the terrible bloody Second World War – Heaven opened itself to renew the hope of the faithful. In 1932, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska, inviting her to put faith and trust in the Divine Mercy. As a symbol of it, He offered her the famous icon, which by now we all know, but also asking that the Church would highlight this Mercy with a special feast to be held on the first Sunday after Easter. The Lord of Love revealed Himself in this way to M.M. Alacoque at the beginning of the 20th century in Poland to remind that above all He is full of forgiveness towards the world, which had become rebellious against the divine law. It is because the Heart of Jesus is the privileged place in which the Divine Mercy reveals itself.

A final annotation for us, who love Rosa Mystica: the fact is that it certainly is not a coincidence to be reflected on very long, that the first public apparition of the second cycle of Rosa Mystica to Pierina took place exactly on the Sunday after Easter and as primary purpose has to bless the apparitions of Fontanelle, which from that moment on became the «Fountain of Grace and Mercy».

Rosanna Bricchetti

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«My Divine Son Jesus Christ has chosen this place in Montichiari to transform it into a spring of graces.

«He has sent me on the day of the Feast of the Body of the Lord, to call again the souls to love the Holy Eucharist... because there are so many people and also Christians who would like to reduce it just to a symbol... I have intervened to ask for the worldwide union of the Communion of Reparation.

«With these Messages I have shed light on the Holy Sacraments, especially on the Eucharist and on previous revealed truths.

«Listen to the maternal cry of love for the salvation of the souls.

«This Message of Love is also to console my beloved son Pope Paul, the Bishops and the Priests, who in these difficult times have to sustain conflicts to save the souls.

«The danger of punishment and atheism trying to devastate mankind... «My maternal love will prevent it».

«Prayer, penance, save the souls, love the Lord and the promise will never fail»-

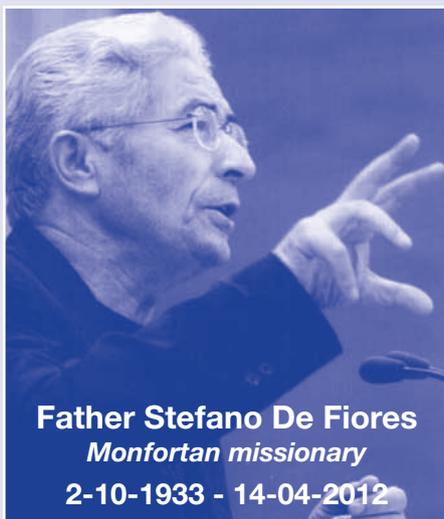
Fr. De Fiores, a great friend of Rosa Mystica

“It is with great sorrow that the Association Rosa Mystica announces the sudden and unexpected death of Fr. Stefano De Fiores, an exemplary monfortan religious, an internationally renowned Mariologist, but above all a sincere friend of Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church.”

The encounter with this theologian – holder of professional all well-earned titles at the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Marian Theological Faculty, president of the Italian Interdisciplinary Mariological Association – took place only several years ago, but soon became very useful and profound thanks to the character of this expert. For people dealing with Mariological studies he had a particular characteristic which attracted our attention and which pushed us to inform him everything about the events regarding Montichiari and Fontanelle. We asked him to examine with sincere interest the Marian apparitions, the extraordinary phenomena so much loved by God’s people – but often regarded with diffidence by the hierarchy – and to enhance these events. He did accordingly, making every effort to change people’s attitude, in order to reconsider the events as a form of prophecy, exactly like the great Thomas had done and for instance more recently, Karl Rahner, one of the greatest theologians of the 19th century. It was a gift from Heaven that opened itself, not to add anything to the great Revelation present in the Scripture, which by itself is already complete – as the incarnated Word of God is the last and definitive word of God – but to help us to understand better and to experience this word with major coherence in the historical moment in which we find ourselves. Therefore, Fr. De Fiores did everything concretely in order to overcome (in his words): «The severe and prevailing attitude in the post-Tri-

dentine period that neglects the positive contents and the values brought by seers, depriving the community from useful stimulus to obviate the absence or abnormality of the ecclesiastical normal procedure in a certain historical time». To this he adds, «Recently the need to revise and to improve the process regarding apparitions is advancing. In fact, the inquiry is generally entrusted to a technical commission that proceeds in secrecy and the negative judgement is without any motivation. The faithful respond to the decisions in blind obedience or with rebellion. In the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, it is necessary to re-evaluate the responsibility of the Christian people, allowing them to participate, as far as is possible, on the right level in the critical discernment of the apparitions and by helping them to understand the reasons which have led to the definitive decision».

Once thoroughly familiar with the apparitions, he also took up the cause of the apparitions of Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church, considering that the Montichiari-Fontanelle dossier be resumed and deepened to come to a definitive clarification about the truthfulness of the apparitions and the contents of the message; this on the strength of some elements that he considered as very important. In particular, the fact that the procedure used at the time by the ecclesiastical authority regarding these apparitions was not at all correct, because they had not respected the entire procedure normally provided for the verification of the facts and for the credibil-



Your words are still resounding in us:

«May you experience the vivid motherly presence of Mary in your life! It is a precious gift that from far from diverting you, helps you to retrieve your profound and better self, because in Her “microcosm of the Church” you learn to say an unflinching “yes” to Christ and with Her, the bringer of the Spirit, the constructive dynamisms of a responding humanity to the designed plan of salvation of the Father, will be mobilized».

ity of the seer. Therefore, it was important that the uncompleted investigations at that time be resumed and finished with the necessary seriousness and soulfulness.

In the second place, Fr. De Fiores was completely amazed and impressed that, in spite of the constant risk to be suffocated at the place of origin, these apparitions had generated an enormous quantity of results in the world. Groups of prayer spread over all the five continents, the approval of the presbyters and bishops attesting graces and miracles, healings of mortal illnesses, lachrymation of statues representing Rosa Mystica, experienced by the people of God.

Consequently, he indicated us a triple way:

- 1) Systematic gathering of all the documents regarding the seer Pierina Gilli and the movement Rosa Mystica
- 2) Historical reconstruction of the events on the basis of the abundant existing records
- 3) Interdisciplinary approach to the phenomenon: psychologically on the subject of the personality of the seer; theologically regarding the orthodoxy of the messages; juridically in respect of the ecclesiastical position; sociologically and spiritually with reference to the results of the apparitions.

A way we started to go through, not only by organizing the existing material in the archives and sending it, also on request of the bishop of Brescia, Mgr. Monari, to the Congregation of the Faith, but also by initiating other researches, in particular by means of an accurate historical reconstruction of the events by a friend/pupil of Fr. De Fiores, the sociologist, Prof. Mimmo Petullà, closely followed by Fr. De Fiores himself. Recently he wrote to the professor, «I am struck by your capability of navigating your way through this complex situation, annotating the facts with objectivity, without needless polemics neither inappropriate defence, leaving the lectors free to make an impartial judgment on the events. My compliments for the dense and long work you have done and I urge you to continue in accord as it is a fundamental work; without this work it would be impossible to proceed with further evaluations».

We too pick up this exhortation and are doing all what is expected from us. Especially now, without the precious and authoritative guidance of Fr. De Fiores, everything will be more complicated. However, we are determined not to be discouraged, in the surety that what he cannot do here on earth, he will do it from Heaven. There, certainly Mary, the Mother to whom he dedicated all his studies and his life, has welcomed him, to accompany him to Jesus.



Fr. Edward Roche, great devotee of Rosa Mystica, in the cathedral of Montichiari at the occasion of his recent visit.

In this month he celebrates the anniversary of his sacerdotal ordination and with fraternal affection and feelings we remember him in our prayers here in Fontanelle, wishing him every Blessing of the Lord.

SCHEDULE OF PRAYERS

SCHEDULE DURING WINTER FROM OCTOBER 1 UNTIL MARCH 31

Sunday and holidays:

Vespers 16:00;
H. Mass 17:00

Every Day:

H. Rosary: 10:00 - 15:30 - 16:30
Vespers and catechesis 16:00

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 in honour 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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