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The modern marian apparitions: a great design that reveals itself bit by bit



The Virgin, who fully adheres to the divine plans since the beginning of the incarnation by reason of Her Immaculate Heart with which She was conceived, not only had carried out a fundamental role two thousand years ago, but still continues to be a Mediatrix par excellence of the graces of redemption which the Son had earned for us.



First part

A while ago, I have had the joy to complete a research on the Marian and Christological apparitions of the last centuries; since those from the Sacred Heart of Jesus to M.M. Alacoque in Paray-le-Monial in 1673, until the apparitions, still of Jesus, which this time is presented as an icon of Mercy to F. Kowalska in Poland in 1932. An itinerary, which passed through other important apparitions in the modern and contemporary era, i.e. Rue du Bac, Lourdes, Pellevoisin, Fatima (*The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary – What does Heaven wish to tell us? – I quaderni del Timone, 2012 – booklets of the Italian monthly magazine «Timone»*).

All of this is to find out whether there have been links between all these extraordinary events, which had occurred so numerous during these last centuries. At the same

time to try to understand what – in short – Heaven wished to tell us by opening itself so often for us. The result was surprising; by just doing some research, it already became clear that there indeed exists a kind of thread connecting these interventions with each other. A thread that traces out a design, specific to each apparition, but which afterwards starts to weave the successive one, resulting at the end into a kind of ample and fascinating embroidery. In particular, all these apparitions reveal a continuous, insisting and, at the same time, patient cross-reference of the divine pedagogy for humankind into two directions. In the first place, in fact, every apparition appears to have a proper main purpose, i.e. to provide concrete help to the believers to interpret in the light of the faith the historical moment in which they find

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themselves, and to behave accordingly. Sometimes in relation to the civil history, sometimes to that of the Church, and at other times in relation to both of them due to the evident and unavoidable interferences that exist between these two categories. In consequence, the apparitions of the Sacred Heart in Paray-le-Monial were not only a very important antidote against the widespread and dangerous Jansenism that tended to strike terror towards God into the believers. Instead, the apparitions were bringing His love for us on the foreground, at the same time preparing the believers to face all the social and religious upheavals that the French revolution would have brought. This movement wanted to undermine God by substituting Him with the Goddess of Reason, of which the terrible consequences are subsisting until today. But also the Marian apparitions in Rue du Bac, Lourdes, Pellevoisin, of which the two first are connected to the Immaculate Conception and the third to the Sacred Heart, continue

this support action to the Christian faith, which was brought into discussion by a modernity that more and more moves away from a Christian vision of life. We know well how Fatima is associated with the Marxist ideology, which finding the implementation in what is called the real socialism, tried to bend the faith in many countries of the world. Similarly, the apparitions of Jesus as the "Merciful" occurred exactly on the eve of the seizure of power by Hitler and his Nazism that provoked numerous victims. So, if we linger with some attention over the apparitions that followed one another in the last centuries, we notice that they occur regularly on each of the most important and dangerous turning points of the history, sometimes even anticipating them, bringing light and comfort not only to the single believer but also to the highest level of the Church itself. At the same time, these apparitions show no intention to add anything to a Revelation, which in itself is already complete, since the Word of God that

became flesh is the last and definitive word of the Father. Its purpose is rather to stimulate the people of God and the whole hierarchy to deepen the evangelical message. Hence, all the apparitions of the modern and contemporaneous era that Heaven was willing to concede, are of immense help to the faithful, as with the progressive disintegration of Christianity, they find themselves in front of an aggressively developing atheism and agnosticism. At the same time, apparition after apparition, the appeal becomes increasingly precise to the centrality of Jesus, represented by His Sacred and Merciful Heart of Flesh. This appeal does not only contribute to set back the Christian faith around its founding nucleus, but has also augmented the importance of Mother Mary. The Virgin, who fully adheres to the divine plans since the beginning of the incarnation by reason of Her Immaculate Heart with which She was conceived, not only had carried out a fundamental role two thousand years ago, but still continues to be a Mediatrix par excellence of the graces of redemption which the Son had earned for us. In this role, She precisely proposed piety and devotion in simple forms to the faithful, i.e. the Consecrations to the Heart

July 13 - Feast of Rosa Mystica

First apparition of our Lady with three roses on her chest July 13, 1947

From the diary of Pierina with omissions:

«I am the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of all of you». (...) Saying this, Our Lady opened Her arms that until now She held joined together. While opening Her arms, She also opened the cloak, showing me that the three swords which before were pointed on Her heart, now had disappeared. Instead of them, there were three very beautiful roses: white, red and the other one was yellow with golden reflections. I spontaneously looked down and saw three swords at the feet of Our Lady amidst of many roses of the same color that I saw on Her chest.

«Our Lord is sending me to bring a new Marian devotion to all male and female religious institutions and congregations, and also to secular priests» (...) «I promise to those religious institutes and congregations that most honor me that they will be protected by me and their vocations will

flower and they will have fewer betrayed vocations, fewer souls who will offend the Lord with serious sin and great sanctity in the ministers of God».

«I desire that the 13th of each month shall be the Marian Day, preceded by 12 days of special preparation». «That day must be for the reparation for the offenses committed against Our Lord by consecrated souls whose faults pierce my heart and the heart of my Divine Son with three sharp swords».

«On that day I will bring down an abundance of grace and sanctity of vocations on all the religious institutes and congregations that have honored me. That day shall be sanctified with particular prayers, such as the Holy Mass, Holy Communion, the Rosary and the holy hour of adoration».

«I wish that on July 13th of each year there be a celebration in each religious in-

stitute and congregation, with souls living in a great spirit of prayer, so as to obtain that no vocation shall be betrayed». (Here it seemed that the white rose stood out more to demonstrate this meaning).

«I also wish that there be other souls who live in generosity and love for sacrifice, trials and humiliation, in reparation for the offenses that Our Lord receives from consecrated souls who are living in mortal sin». (Here it seemed that the red rose on the Lady's chest stood out more to demonstrate this meaning).

«I also wish that other souls will today offer their life so as to repair for the betrayals that Our Lord receives from the Judas priests». (Here the yellow-gold rose was giving clear expression of itself).

«The immolation of these souls will obtain from my maternal heart the sanctification of these ministers of God and an abundance of graces on their congregations».

«I wish that this my new devotion shall be extended to all religious institutes».

«I have chosen this institute first because its founder is Di-Rosa (of the Rose) who has infused the spirit of charity among her

of Jesus or to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, all the religious practices on the first Fridays and Saturdays of the month and very fundamentally, the Rosary prayers. These are all simple instruments for everybody, intensifying at the same time the awareness of Christians that they belong to the great design of love, strengthening them in front of the multiple dangers they are encountering in this era of modernity and post modernity.

And what is the role of Montichiari and Fontanelle in all of this? Is it not interesting to see if and how also these apparitions, which had encountered many obstacles – at least here where they had been originally proposed – are coherent with this picture and what will be eventually to be added to them? That is what we are trying to make conscious next time. As it is, moreover, the case for all apparitions, the passing of time is also favorable for these ones, in the sense that it often permits to evaluate better the richness and importance of the messages, which sometimes were too difficult to understand at the moment they were transmitted.

Rosanna Brichetti Messori

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WE HAVE RECEIVED

■ **FROM BRAZIL** wonderful news: The Congregation of the Little Missionaries of Maria Rosa Mystica is enriched with three other nuns. We congratulate its founder, Mother Ildegarda, whom we see here on this picture on December 11, 2010, at the inauguration of the church of the new community together with Mgr. João de Aviz, the present prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life.

■ «How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord» Psalm 115:12/13

It is with a heart full of joy and love of God that I herewith come to manifest all my gratitude, for your prayers, without forgetting the joyous and sublime welcome... Dearest friends my joy always remains immense for the great gift of priesthood that I have received. It is true, I admit it, I am no worthy, even if the Lord had seduced and me and has prevailed: «You have seduced



A Comunidade Pequenas Missionárias de Maria Rosa Mystica, tem a grata satisfação de convidar vossa senhoria e vossa família a participar da celebração eucarística, prestada pelo arcebispo metropolitano de Brasília, Dom Sérgio da Rocha, no dia 1º de agosto de 2012 às 9h, com a profissão dos votos temporários das irmãs:

Ir. Clara Maria Daniela Pires de Castro

Ir. Myrian Fátima Araújo

Ir. Teresita Maria Hidalgo Medina

Contamos com sua presença e suas orações.

me, o Lord, and I let myself be seduced. You have taken me by force and prevailed». (Jer. 20,7).

So, please pray that God generates saintly priests.

Fr. Carlo Maria Hougbo (FI)

daughters so that they are like many small roses, a symbol of charity. «This is why I come surrounded by a bed of roses».

«I will not perform any external miracle. There are consecrated souls that since some time (especially during wartime) have weakened in their spirit and thereby betrayed their vocation, attracting punishment and persecutions, through their grave faults (as is now happening against the Church). The most evident miracle will occur, when these consecrated souls cease to gravely offend our Lord, and will return to relive the original spirit of the holy founders».

IN FONTANELLE:

at 09:00 praying together:
praises and rosary
10:20 procession with the statue
of Rosa Mystica and rosary
11:00 H. Mass
15:30 Rosario
16:00 Vespers
16:30 Rosario
17:00 H. Mass

This picture shows new young priests from the Order of Franciscan Friars of Mary Immaculate. They came to thank Rosa Mystica for the vocation and to entrust their priesthood to Her, the Mother of the Church. Let us sustain them with our prayers as they are starting their ministry in their land of origin: Benin



WE HAVE RECEIVED

■ **FROM CAMEROON, FR. PALADINI** - Dearest Friends of Rosa Mistica Last Sunday in Cameroon the fortieth anniversary of the National Feast has been celebrated in all the cities with cultural and sportive initiatives and the traditional parade in which participate students from all schools (from nursery to senior high school and in big cities, also students of the university), associations of solidarity and civil society as well as representatives of different political parties.

On this path of renewal, we note with the faithful of our parishes that the frequentation of the Word of God and the sacraments is fundamental, as the Holy Father mentioned to the Church of Africa in his post-synodal apostolic exhortation *Africæ munus*:

« Sacred Scripture testifies that the blood which Christ shed for us becomes, through Baptism, the principle and bond of a new fraternity. This is the very antithesis of division, tribalism, racism and ethnocentrism. The Eucharist is the force, which brings together the scattered children of God and maintains them in communion, “since in our veins there circulates the very Blood of Christ, who makes us children of God, members of God’s Family.” As we receive Jesus in the Eucharist and in the Scriptures, we are sent out into the world to proclaim Christ by placing ourselves at the service of others» (nr. 41).

On this path of faith and commitment, we count much on the prayers and the affection of all the Friends of Rosa Mistica, who in these years have never left us apart. That together with Mary, each of us may welcome the Holy Spirit, the source of renewal in our life.



The groups of Rosa Mistica of the entire world prepare themselves in prayer for the solemn feast on July 13. We thank everybody who contributed their program of prayers by sending us also a poster of their program. We herewith publish one of them.



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 Mistica;
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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