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“Taking note of the interventions made by his predecessors and the instructions given by the Holy See about the claimed apparitions of Our Lady in Montichiari, as well as of the recent Letter of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on 13 November 2012, the Bishop of Brescia, Mgr. Luciano Monari, intends with this directory to regulate definitely the cult in Fontanelle by giving appropriate assistance to the pilgrims who come to this place from different parts of Italy and abroad”: This is the precondition by which our Bishop introduced the new directory that will be applied to Fontanelle di Montichiari, approved by his decree July 15, 2013.

## Fontanelle di Montichiari: a place in our Diocese for a renewed Marian devotion

Mons. Marco Alba



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According to the information received recently from the Holy See, the promotion of the Marian devotion in Fontanelle will then have a more direct link with the responsibility of the diocesan bishop, because of the large stream of pilgrims to the Diocese of Brescia coming from Fontanelle and other dioceses in Italy as well as from all parts of the world. It concerns a phase of a very important step, which aims to bring to maturity a long journey so far carried out with great dedication, especially by the priests of the parishes of Montichiari and H.E. Bishop Olmi, to whom a great debt of gratitude is owed. Fontanelle will thus be promoted only to baptism and Marian worship under the authority of the diocesan bishop. Any reference to the apparitions, messages, or other acts of alleged supernatural nature, have to be excluded; these could indirectly induce the faithful to believe that the judgment of the Church about the claimed appearances or other extraordinary phenomena in Fontanelle has been changed with the time in a positive way by the Church. The judgment of the Holy Mother Church has to be accepted humbly, even when it does not go in the desired direction. It is not an easy step, but it always brings a fruit of grace and conversion, beneficial to all the faithful and to the whole world, according to the time and the way that often remain for us a great mystery and which has to be respected.

In order to effectuate the custody and supervision of the cult more effectively as defined in the new directory, the Bishop appointed the undersigned as his executive. On the spot the undersigned

will be able to count on the invaluable collaboration of Fr Giancarlo Scalvini, a priest with special duties as moderator of the worship as well as administrator: our sincere desire is to work together with the parishes of Montichiari for all that concerns a harmonious pastoral action between the religious functions and the parishes of the Marian cult at Fontanelle, and to collaborate with the members of the Rosa Mystica-Fontanelle, in order to serve in the best and especially in an effective way the sacramental means to all the faithful who come to pray to Mary, to invoke grace, and to entrust to Her their own conversion and journey of faith.

Mgr. Marco Alba

### FONTANELLE

Those who have followed the events at Fontanelle through this newsletter, know how since the early years the Association Rosa Mystica has always accompanied the events with perseverance but also with great love, doing its utmost to present them to the faithful and the Church in their absolute and complete truth. A commitment that we have always tried to fulfill as a service, first of all to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who had expressed the desire that Fontanelle be a place of worship in her honor. A place which is not an end in itself, but a place where, whenever people pray to Mary with her mediation as Mother, an ever deepening encounter with her Son is occurring. An encounter which people experience in prayers, and above all, in the two sacraments that He Himself has established i.e. the sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Those who have fol-

lowed us, know that all this was not always easy because it has often been necessary to contend, with meekness, but also with determination, because what was once born here, and which in an amazing way has spread throughout the whole world, should not be suffocated. But the conviction to work for a good and important cause has always sustained each of us, giving us the necessary strength.

As we know now, the Church, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and thus at its highest level, has established, reiterating the opinion expressed at the time at diocesan level that those apparitions of Mary Rosa Mystica in the first cycle in 1947 and then in the second cycle in 1966, had not actually happened.

The Church has expressed this by using the less drastic available formula in these cases. As we know, in fact, the judgment of the Church authorities can be of two types. It can state that the events in question are "non consta la soprannaturalità" (not confirmed to be of supernatural origin), or it may state "consta la non soprannaturalità" (confirmed to be of non-supernatural origin). At first glance it may seem that there is little difference between these two expressions. Instead, there exists a considerable difference between them, because in the first case it is said that with the available data it cannot be stated that the events were of supernatural origin. In the second case, however, it is clear and with certainty excluded that these were true apparitions. Thus, in the first case, the possibility is left open that, eventually, other investigations of the events in question might consent a different judgment in the future. And sometimes this happens in the history of Marian apparitions such as, for instance, in France at Laus, where apparitions in the 16th. century were taken into account and were recognized by the Church just a few years ago. Regarding Fontanelle, therefore, "non consta la soprannaturalità"

naturalità" (not confirmed to be of supernatural origin) has been stated for the claimed events. However, the continuance of the worship in honor of Rosa Mystica - Mother of the Church has been reaffirmed, as once already had been declared by the bishop of Brescia, Mgr. Sanguineti in 2001. In addition, Fontanelle has now become, in effect, a place of diocesan Marian worship with the continuous presence of a priest who will safeguard the confessions and celebrations of the Eucharist.

What do we, as an Association, think of all this? Sure, we always have fought for a full recognition of the events. However, we believe that in the end this full and official recognition of the cult is the most important thing. Therefore we have obeyed, and will continue to obey the ecclesial regulations, not only by duty, but with love and commitment. Two convictions have sustained us. The first is that on our part we have done everything possible for the recognition of the claimed apparitions, and the second is that to continue in an endless litigation would have risked putting in the foreground the means, namely the apparitions themselves, and not the end, that is to say, the message that Mary had intended to bring.

In fact, we think that if at the time Mary Rosa Mystica has truly appeared, asking to establish in this place a center of faith and prayer in honor of his Son Jesus, in her great humility now she certainly is willing to accept gracefully the limits of human judgments. At the end she surely rejoices that, practically, at Fontanelle is occurring what she wanted most of all. Therefore, she continues to bless with innumerable graces the many pilgrims from all over the world who are already flocking here and who surely will continue to do so, finding now better and more complete spiritual assistance.

Should these events somehow not be according to what we believe, it remains all the same beau-

tiful and important that they have started here and developed a place where, through our Mother, it is easier to meet her Son. René Laurentin, the great Mariologist and expert in apparitions wisely stated in cases of doubt: "Perhaps, it may be true that in the beginning Mary was not in that place, but then, the faith and piety of the faithful surely are making her come". And this is certainly true also for Fontanelle with in the end peace for everyone.

And it is precisely in the light of all this that, as an association and as individuals, we also will continue our journey, collaborating with loyalty and love with the bishop and the priest in charge, in regard to the tasks of the laity.

May Rosa Mystica, towards whom we are so full of gratitude for the many favors we have received, continue to intercede for all of us!

Associazione Rosa Mistica - Fontanelle

## WE RECEIVED

Celebration in Santa Cruz - Bolivia

### FROM bolivia

Brothers and sisters in Christ. Abad Jorge Cayola Lucana from Rosa Mystica at Santa Cruz de la Sierra in the heart of America Morena, Bolivia, greets you all and informs you that the Community of Rosa Mystica Santa Cruz has celebrated the Eucharist in honor of our Mother "Virgen Maria Rosa Mystica" in the Cathedral Basilica Menor "San Lorenzo Martir" on July 13, 2013.

Warm regards



## WE RECEIVED

### ■ FROM BENIN

Ave Maria !

It is really wonderful! I received with great joy the first issue of "La Voix de Maria Rosa Mystica". It is a beautiful work for the French-speaking world devoted to Rosa Mystica. Thank you, dear friends, for all the great effort, devoted to the work of Mary Rosa Mystica.

The Lord Himself will reward you by sending on your way generous people, willing to help you to carry out the mission of Mary Rosa Mystica. We are also carrying out the Mission of the Immaculate; there are, however, a lot of difficulties, mostly due to the lack of means. Often also we suffer by not being able to help those who are tormented by the serious problems like disease, hunger, malnutrition, the need of clothes etc. Currently we started the furnishing of Foyer Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe in which we will welcome about sixty children of the secondary school. They are children from poor families; throughout the school year they will remain in the Foyer and will have food, drinking water, electricity and some teachers to help them outside of the school hours. Some families are helping us a little bit, but the needs are immense. We hope to be able to welcome the children in October.

P. Agostino Maria TOGBE F.I.

### ■ FROM venezuela

In May, we told each other, "We are making big efforts, somehow we do it with great joy and with the voluntary cooperation of many devotees here in our city of Altamira. Hopefully we will be able to finish this task and to inaugurate the feast of Rosa Mystica."

Well, we now have received pictures of the inauguration of the chapel and the square in honor of Rosa Mystica, stating, "It has been a great job for us, done with much effort in union with the whole community for the Blessed Virgin under the title of Rosa Mystica, whom we devoutly venerate".



Juan David  
Umanchuk Akuliw



### ■ from RUSSIA

Rosa Mystica exposed in the parish chapel of Ufa, a city at the foot of the Ural mountains.



### ■ from Lebanon

On July 13th we have celebrated the Holy Mass in honor of Rosa Mystica.

## TIME TABLE

### FOR SEPTEMBER:

#### Every day:

15.00 - 17.00 - Confessions

17.00 - Holy Rosary, Meditation, Benediction

#### Saturday

20.00 - 21.00 - Eucharistic and Marian Holy Hour, Adoration, Rosary, Catechesis, Benediction

#### Sunday

16.30 - Holy Rosary

17.00 - Holy Mass

### FOR OCTOBER: MARIAN AND MISSION MONTH

#### Every day:

15.00 - 16.30 - Confessions

16.00 - Holy Rosary

16.30 - Holy Mass

#### Saturday

8.00 - Holy Mass

14.30 - 16.30 - Confessions

16.30 - Holy Rosary

#### Sunday

15.00 - 17.00 - Confessions

16.30 - Holy Rosary

17.00 - High Mass

### SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER - FEAST OF THE VIRGIN OF THE ROSARY

Holiday time

### SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER - CELEBRATION OF THE WORLDWIDE UNION OF THE COMMUNION OF REPARATION

At 11.00 and 17.00 - Holy Mass

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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