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December 8, 1947, Cathedral of Montichiari

«**I** am the Immaculate Conception, I am Mary of Grace, Mother of the divine Son Jesus Christ». «Here in Montichiari I wish to be called «Rosa Mystica». «I wish that every year on December 8th there will be an Hour of Universal Grace at midday; with this exercise one will obtain many spiritual and corporal graces».

«Our Lord, my divine Son Jesus, will grant His greatest mercy, as long as the good people continue to pray for their sinful brothers». ... The Virgin lifted her eyes a bit, as if She was searching for somebody to give a command and then spoke: «Please report as soon as possible to the Supreme Father of the Catholic Church, Pope Pius XII, that my wish for this Hour of Grace be known and extended to the whole world. Those who cannot be in their church, even remaining in their homes at midday, while praying, will obtain graces from me». «This is the heart that loves mankind so much, and yet most of them return it with offenses».

In Fontanelle: Holy Mass at 11:00 hrs, preceded by a procession and followed by the prayer of the Hour of Grace at 12:00 till 13:00. In the afternoon Holy Mass at 16:00 hrs.

The gift of the Hour of Grace

“I am the Immaculate Conception ... Mary of Grace, Mother of the divine Son Jesus Christ ... in Montichiari I wish to be called Rosa Mystica.”

The first cycle of apparitions of Rosa Mystica has its most striking centre and manifestation exactly in connection to a very important liturgical Marian feast, the Immaculate Conception, with an apparition that at the same time concludes this cycle. Let us summarize the facts. Mary revealed to Pierina the motives of Her visit: to

establish a new devotion – namely that of Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church – to reawaken especially the consecrated, priests, and religious and to bring them back to the original faith and purity. Afterwards She enlarged the perspective of the seer by introducing her progressively to understand other things. To do so, for the last four

apparitions She no more chose the chapel of the hospital or the room of Pierina. Instead, She chose the cathedral of Montichiari, where each time She appeared in the centre of the church, also to express, as a symbol of truth, the appellation of «Mother of the Mystical Body», with which She presented Herself. It is in this same perspective that in the course of these apparitions in the cathedral, Mary asked the seer to trace four crosses with her tongue on the four tiles in the centre of the edifice upon which She was going to descend. It was a gesture of obedience and repentance, similar to what She had asked Bernadette

By now, all our readers know well Rosanna Bricchetti Messori, who already since years enriches these pages with articles in a clear Christian perspective. They also know her husband, Vittorio Messori, as a writer of many best sellers translated in many languages (a.o. a book regarding an interview with card. Joseph Ratzinger and another one with pope Wojtila). The author is a friend of Fontanelle of which he has spoken several times with great attention and sympathy in newspapers and on the television. Now Messori has published a new book at Mondadori Editors, of which the title and subtitle tell all about it: *Bernadette did not mislead us. A historical research on the truth of Lourdes*.

Of this latest book, which immediately appeared on the list of best sellers, our editorial staff herewith gives a complete and illuminating book review:

«Since more than hundred fifty years the eighteen apparitions of the Virgin Mary in the Grotto of Massabielle at Lourdes, are subject of passionate polemics, especially regarding the credibility of the only witness, the fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. Only she saw, heard, and told about it. Did this poor and illiterate little girl, on which fragile shoulders weighs the greatest sanctuary of the world (five million pilgrims each year, in still increasing number) really talked face to face with Her who calls herself the Immaculate Conception? Were these hallucinations of a hysteric, or worse, inventions suggested by the vanity of a frustrated adolescent, by eager parents or by some ambiguous member of the clergy? Many have maintained and still many are maintaining such opinions. In his aspiration to attain the rediscovery of a steady and rigorous apologetic, since decades Vittorio Messori investigates the truth about Bernadette’s testimony, attributing to it a religious value beyond doubt. In doing so, he always acted in the knowledge that to respect the freedom of His creatures, the Lord of the Gospel wants to

offer Himself, not to impose, shedding light and removing shadow. Today, in particular, so many anxious believers are searching for reasons «to continue to believe». In fact, if Bernadette has not deceived us (or has not been deceived), then, Lourdes must be «true», the whole Creed of the catholic Tradition is «true»: God exists; Jesus is the Christ; the Church guided by the pope is the guardian and the guarantor of this Truth. The Virgin Herself, in fact, encouraged the seer: «Go to tell the priests to build here a new chapel»; She held in her hands the rosary, the icon of the catholic devotion; She asked for processions entrusted to the ecclesial ministry; She appeared according to the Roman Catholic Liturgical Calendar; She reaffirmed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, proclaimed by Pius IX four years earlier. Not by chance Lourdes is the most favorite place of veneration of the popes who have proclaimed Bernadette saint: Pius XII – a unique fact in the history – has dedicated an entire encyclical to her; John Paul II, taking things to an extreme, wanted to conclude his life by dragging himself to the Grotto; Benedict XVI has made Lourdes as one of the first aims of his pontificate.

This book is unique, among the many best sellers of the author, but is also marked by the usual equilibrium between the respect of the believer for the Mystery and the respect of the historian for the rigor of the research. There is no mystical elevation, no scandal, nor insults, but an impressive mole of data and information, sometimes unpublished, often hidden or forgotten; but always weighed up in the light of reason. Due to a unique coincidence, these pages appear at the beginning of the Year of Faith desired by Pope Benedict; exactly that faith which, in the truth of Lourdes, forms a precious and solid grip, a kind of «handle» to grasp when doubts set traps, also in many Christians».

The editorial staff

to do in Lourdes: to dig in the soil and to smear it over her face, to eat the grass in front of the grotto.

In the course of these apparitions, preceding the one on December 8, the Virgin reaffirmed the necessity of prayer, sacrifice and penance to avoid the chastisements, explaining, «Penance means the daily acceptance of all the small crosses, even doing one's work as a sign of penance». She also announced the most precious gift of this cycle i.e. the *Hour of Grace*, which She Herself clarified as «an event in which great and numerous conversions will occur». She promised as well that during the apparition on December 8th She would show her Immaculate Heart «so little known by people».

She fulfilled punctually all the promises on the predetermined date. Actually, on the morning of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, being afraid to lose face before the great multitude of believers and curious people gathered inside and outside of the cathedral, many tried to stop the seer. However, at a certain point she put an end to their hesitancy by turning her back on all, exclaiming, «I must go now».

Mary truly came to the appointment at midday. She clarified «I am the Immaculate Conception ... Mary of Grace, Mother of the divine Son Jesus Christ ... in Montichiari I wish to be called "Rosa Mystica"». She added, «I wish that every year on December 8th there will be an Hour of Universal Grace at midday. With this exercise one will obtain many spiritual and corporal graces».

Later Pierina recorded in her diary, «She slowly opened Her arms – whereas before they had been closed – and her mantle opened. What a marvel! On her breast, Her heart was clearly visible, adorned with three roses: white, red, and yellow. From her heart such a bright and dazzling light was radiating that I was almost blinded». The seer stated that at that very moment Mary exclaimed, «This is the heart that loves mankind so



From Peru some pictures showing their great love for Maria Rosa Mystica

much, and yet most of them return it with offenses».

We know that during this apparition, miraculous healings happened inside and outside of the cathedral; all of them were recorded. These were an introduction of the numerous graces Mary had promised to those, who with faith, follow Her words and commit themselves to exercise, year after year this great gift, represented in the

Hour of Universal Grace. To those who take seriously this offer of love coming from Her Immaculate Heart in Montichiari, like before in Fatima, She proposes a way which is shorter, faster and more secure to reach Her Son, Jesus, and the redemption He had accomplished for us.

**Rosanna
Brichetti Messori**

Report on the offerings of the small breads collected on October 12 on the occasion of the Worldwide Union of the Communion of Reparation. The Association Rosa Mystica-Fontanelle offered the expenses for the breads.

The profit amounted to **€ 3.000,00**
of which was sent:

- to a bishop of Mali, a state in which reigns a tribal and religious war **€ 1.000,00**
- to the orphans of Burundi **€ 1.000,00**
- to a church in Sri-Lanka, through its representing bishop in the Vatican **€ 500,00**
- to the Caritas of Montichiari **€ 500,00**

WE HAVE RECEIVED

Father Baltasar amidst of the prayer group «Rosa Mystica» at Apeldoorn, the Netherlands. The members originate from various countries: the Netherlands, Indonesia, Suriname, Eritrea and Santo Domingo. Amongst them Sylvia who translates the Voice of Rosa Mystica into English and Dutch.



■ **FROM THE NETHERLANDS** - In 1994, seven persons formed a rosary prayer group in honor of Mary Rosa Mystica. Ten years afterwards another group joined them and at present the group counts 30 members under the name of Rosa Mystica. Regularly they bring the statue of Rosa Mystica from house to house where they recite the 13 days rosary novena. From the moment the group carried the name Rosa Mystica, many prayers have been answered, of which three of particular interest. In 2006 little Serena was born while her mother was suffering from a toxemia of pregnancy. The prayer group prayed fervently to Rosa Mystica and the doctors could save the little baby in a spectacular way! Also in 2006, a member of the group phoned from Indonesia to the Netherlands imploring to pray for her forty-year-old nephew on the verge of dying. Much to the astonishment of all doctors, he recovered unexpectedly. In 2009, an eighty-year-old member of the group had to undergo a very complicated heart operation. Everybody feared for her life, but also in this case Rosa Mystica answered the prayers in a wonderful way. We are very thankful to our Mother, Rosa Mystica, and with our whole heart, we want to be the roses She wishes so much to console Her Son, Jesus Christ, for the great offenses. That prayers and reports of prayer answers all over the world may sustain the direction of the sanctuary of Fontanelle in performing their difficult task!

■ **FROM MALI** - Good morning dear Friends, I would like to thank you for having thought of me and my diocese in the very difficult situation, our country is undergoing. With your help, we too can help the poorest ones, who eat just once a day. Thank you for this gesture of solidarity! On Saturdays, my thoughts are always with you and all the pilgrims at the feet of the Holy Virgin. I entrust my country to your prayers, in particular for the population of our diocese, which the rebels have partly occupied. May the Lord bless you all!

Mons. G. F. Bishop - Mali

■ **FROM INDIA** - I am a devoted believer of Our Lady Rosa Mystica and I have great faith in the rosary prayer. I live in Ramapuram, a small village in Kerala in India. The population is in majority from the poor and middle caste. Before beginning to work, every day we pray the rosary. Around six months ago, several devoted of Rosa Mystica came together at my house and I started to guide the rosary prayer on every Saturday from 05:00 to 07:00.

At this moment, some 50 persons participate in the rosary prayer, worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ through Our Lady Rosa Mystica. The participants would like to receive a statue of Rosa Mystica to obtain more concentration during the prayers. With a prayer, Sabu George.

SCHEDULE OF PRAYERS

WINTER SCHEDULE FROM OCTOBER 1 UNTIL MARCH 31

Sunday and holidays:

Vespers 15:00; H. Mass 16:00

Every Day:

H. Rosary: 10:00 - 14:30 - 15:30

Vespers and catechesis 16:00

Saturday and Sunday:

confessor present from 15:00

The 13th of every month MARIAN DAY

- uninterrupted recitation of the Rosary from 14:30

The Sunday after the 13th:

Procession at 15.30 in honour of Rosa Mystica;
on return H. Mass at 16:00

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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