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Welcome Mgr. Pierantonio!

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In the last three months after the announcement of the arrival of the new Bishop of Brescia in the diocese, we have prayed so much for Bishop Pierantonio Tremolada for his mission as Pastor of our di-

ocesan Church, asking for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the powerful intercession of Maria Rosa Mystica, whom we especially invoked for the holiness of all the Consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ.



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It was also an opportunity for us to entrust the path of the new Bishop and of our local Church to the Virgin Mary in the solemn act of consecration to Mary Immaculate, which we did together at the foot of the Great Cross, at the end of the morning procession and the Holy Rosary.

Three weeks before, on the occasion of the Vespers prayer during the blessing of the new premises, made available to Fontanelle for the reception of the pilgrims and the more orderly animation of the cult, Bishop Luciano made us the donation of a deep unexpected meditation, walking down



the central corridor of our church full of faithful people, clarifying the true meaning of the devotion to Mary in order to cultivate our faith to the Lord Jesus and the importance of Mary's humanity to render more accessible the deep mystery of the Word Incarnate to our poor humanity. We owe him a profound gratitude, also from the part of the entire Rosa Mystica Foundation, and of course we will continue to assure him our prayers for his new tasks in the service of his diocese of origin, that of Reggio Emilia.

In memory of these events so joyful and rich of graces also for the course that we are following in Fontanelle, we take the road with a renewed hope and commitment, wishing to offer our service in these places in the name of the Church and in favor of the whole local and universal Church: the constant presence of so many pilgrims from abroad and from many other Italian dioceses is for us a constant reminder of the unifying value of the Marian cult and its ability to build up largely the faith of the people of God and the communion of the ecclesial body, at all times, at any social situation and cultural level.

Two important events will take place in the coming months. Wednesday, November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints' Day; during the solemn Eucharistic celebration, we will remember with affec-



tion and gratitude the many deceased benefactors of Fontanelle; many of them sought to support, not only by prayers, but also by works and cultural initiatives in these places. They did it with discretion and according to their own availability, often very simply, but convinced to leave an eternal sign of their life for the good of the Church.

On Friday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, we will be particularly engaged in the animation of the Fontanelle cult, as it is now a tradition in the history of our devo-

tion to Rosa Mystica: at the end of the solemn Mass, we will share in communion with all the devotees of Rosa Mystica scattered throughout the world, a special form of prayer, called "Hour of Grace", from 12:00 to 13:00, imploring the graces and spiritual fruits of Mary, above all in favor of the conversion and spiritual renewal of all consecrated persons.

Mary Rosa Mystica, watch over us on our journey as a caring and blessing Mother.

Mgr. Marco Alba
Episcopal delegate



At present, the indispensable work is completed. There are still many finishing, demarcation and accommodation works to be done, such as at the Via Crucis. Persons who are willing to cooperate, can transfer their contribution to the following current account:

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In silence in front of the mystery of the birth of Jesus

This year as well, we are going to celebrate Christmas. I thought for a long time how I could write about it again, avoiding any usual commonplace remarks. In fact, maybe even more than other Christian holidays, this solemnity risks being trivialized by the “worldly noise” which gets hold of it and attempts to distort it. Then, it seemed to me that the right key to approach and penetrate it, was precisely the opposite of noise, that is to say, “silence”.

This silence, this extreme sobriety that, when one thinks about it, also characterizes the Gospels when they speak of this extraordinary event on the part of God; it is certainly the most important event after the creation of the world and man, i.e. the incarnation of His Word in the person of Jesus. First, the announcement: a short exchange of words between the Archangel Gabriel and Mary. Very few sentences, reduced to the essential, leading to: “Yes, I am a servant of the Lord; let this happen to me according to your word”. Then once again in a language cut down to the essential in a dream of Joseph, who disoriented, was suddenly faced with his important role in the great mystery about to be accomplished: to take home his wife and the child that she was carrying in her womb.

And then there was this birth, which would forever change the destinies of humanity, summed up in very few words: “She brought forth her firstborn son, and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.” Only a few shep-



Here the Word became flesh!

A young devotee of Rosa Mystica sent us this beautiful picture of the basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

herds who in the night watched over their flock were informed: “A Savior is born, He is the Lord, Jesus Christ”. They ran towards the cave excited and astonished. But Marie, simple as ever, “was treasuring up all these things in her heart, meditating on them.”

We also meditate on this silent incarnation of the eternal Word in the manger of Bethlehem. On this God of Love, who became humble in a child and who, once grown up, died on the cross but resurrected and opened all the ways for the Trinitarian offspring. St. John Chrysostom, a great father of the Church, said in his homilies on the Gospel of Matthew: “We see that Jesus Christ was drawn from the same substance as our own and that he was born out of a Virgin, but we do not succeed in understanding how this prodigy could have been realized”.

It is true, however, that in this time of rationalism, people are likely to rebel against such an extraordinary event and, therefore, tries to make it almost insignificant. They do everything to distort it by changing its profound meanings, because very often today Christmas is like a festival of lights, colors and gifts, but no more with its real signification.

Yet there is a remedy. It is always Chrysostom, who suggests it: “We do not strive to discover it (this prodigy). We rather accept with humility what God has revealed to us without wanting to scrutinize with curiosity what God keeps hidden for us. Let’s welcome it instead in the ‘silence’ of faith. The ‘silence of faith’. It is exactly this. Not only the whole scripture, but also the

experiences of the saints teach us that it is in silence and not in tumult and noise that God enters the innermost depths of our being by operating all the most important internal transformations. He can act and give us light and peace only if we trust Him, let down all our defenses, break the barriers that we constantly raise between his love and our heart.

And Mary is the best example. From the moment that the Gospel made her known to us for the first time, at the moment of the announcement, and then gradually throughout her lifetime. Of course, not everything is clear from the beginning about the big project in which she was involved. But she trusted and adhered, at every instant, to the events that were developing bit by bit.

She accepted this mysterious little child, welcomed him and fed him for nine months in her womb. Then she gave birth to him and took care of him day after day, teaching him to walk and to talk. And so she saw him grow more and more in wisdom and grace, until, becoming more aware, at Cana, she pushed him to do the first miracle. Then again, before the immense pain at the feet of the Cross, she was transformed through the words of her dying Son into the spiritual Mother of all humanity.

This is the right attitude, the silence and the humility, which we need to live our faith better during this Christmas, but also in all other moments of our lives. May Rosa Mystica help us with her powerful intercession.

Rosanna Brichetti Messori

Our friend Sylvia who performs translations in several languages for us, sent us one of her own poems, which we publish with joy, in honor of Rosa Mystica.

To all Roses of Rosa Mystica

Such a glorious Holy Mass!
Millions of roses in bloom
on glist'ning emerald grass,
spreading angelic perfume ...
All the Roses are singing,
swaying, bowing and praying!
White, red and yellow roses...
Their melody discloses
delightful rhymes and proses.
“O sweet Rosa Mystica
o dulce gloriosa,
heavenly glow in our heart.
Thou, God’s immense Work of Art...!”

Sylvia





Some of the 50 priests who came on pilgrimage with their bishop of Sri Lanka after the Holy Mass, celebrated by Mgr. Valence Mendis on October 21 of this year.

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2017

Every day:

15.00: Confessions; 16.00: H. Rosary

Every Friday:

15.00: Confessions; 15.30: H. Rosary
14.00: H. Mass

Saturday:

15.00: Confessions; 15.30: H. Rosary
16.00: H. Mass - Prefestive

Sundays and feast days:

15.00-17.00: Confessions; 15.00: Adoration
15.30: H. Rosary; 16.00: Mass

Tuesday, November 1, - Solemnity of All Saints

15.00: Confessions; Eucharistic Adoration
15.30: H. Rosary; 16.00: High Mass

Monday, November 13 - Monthly Marian Prayer Day

15.00: Confessions; Eucharistic Adoration;
15.30: H. Rosary; 16.00: High Mass.

Mardi, November 21

Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15.00: Confessions; 15.30: H. Rosary
16.00: High Mass

Sunday, November 26 - Solemnity of Christ the King

Sunday, December 3 - Beginning of the Advent

Friday, December 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

10.00: Confessions; 10.00: Beginning of Community Prayer
11.00: High Mass - followed by the Hour of Grace
15-17: Confessions; 15.00: Eucharistic Adoration;
15.30: H. Rosary; 16.00: High Mass.

Tuesday, December, 13 - Monthly Marian Prayer Day

15.00: Confessions; Eucharistic Adoration;
15.30: H. Rosary; 16.00: High Mass.

Sunday, 17 December - Beginning of the Christmas novena

Monday, December 25 - Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

15.00: Confessions; 15.30: H. Rosary;
16.00: High Mass.

Sunday, December 31

15.00: Confessions; 15.30: H. Rosary
16.00: H. Mass of Thanksgiving

Monday, January 1, 2018 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

15.00: Confessions; 15.30: H. Rosary
16.00: High Mass

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■ In September, the solemn celebration in honor of Maria Rosa Mystica by the Cingalese people who live in Italy for reasons of work. A huge crowd of people celebrating and honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary Rosa Mystica who is co-patron of their country.



The lack of space does not permit us to publish many other beautiful testimonials co-operating in the recognition of the case; they are kept in the archive. *We all feel united in prayer in the maternal heart of Maria Rosa Mystica.*

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