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*Priest  
forever*



## ROSA MYSTICA AND THE CONSECRATED VOCATIONS



*In the heart of Easter time,  
precisely on the fourth  
Sunday of Easter,  
the Sunday of the Good  
Shepherd, the Church is  
invited to pray in a special  
way for consecrated  
vocations, so that the Father  
may continue to pour out  
this precious gift to His  
Church and keep with His  
Providence the souls of all  
the consecrated persons.*



From the origins of the spiritual experience that has spread from Fontanelle to all over the world, prayer has always been incessant for all particular vocations; we could even say that the cult of Maria Rosa Mystica is really typically linked, as a distinctive sign, to this kind of prayer and intercession. From this tireless movement of prayer that ascends to the Father through Mary in the last few years, some fruits of Grace have arisen that are for us a sign of great hope and solace, in times so arid and tormented under the spiritual and vocational profile. In Brazil a female religious congregation was founded inspired by Rosa Mistica, many seminarians and missionaries in formation come to Fontanelle from every part of the world to entrust their vocational path to

Rosa Mystica, many new religious associations for men and women come to spend in these places moments of prayer and silence and for some years now the new priests of Sri Lanka have come on pilgrimage to Fontanelle with their Bishops to consecrate their priesthood to the intercession of Maria Rosa Mystica.

Moreover, this year we were able to share with the Church of India (State of Kerala) another particularly significant gift for our history: don Mathew, a seminarian who has come to Fontanelle several times in these years, entrusting to Rosa Mystica his long path of formation, received his priestly ordination last January 3. Don Mathew belongs to a fraternity of missionary priests founded in Ita-

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ly in the Diocese of Orvieto-Todi, called *Opera S. Maria della Luce*, closely connected to a homonymous Marian shrine founded in 1929 in the province of Terni. Being consecrated to the Holy Virgin in this reality marked by a strong impulse of evangelization, his greatest desire is also to share in the future a priestly fraternity dedicated to Rosa Mystica, starting from India.

Having recognized the fruits of this devotion in their apostolic work and in the growth of their personal vocation, several times in the past, some priests from various parts of the world have expressed the same strong



desire. We entrust to the divine Providence and Rosa Mystica the path of don Mathew, thanking him for all the good that he has

sown during his presence in Fontanelle and we hand over to Mary, Mother of the Church, the desire which so many consecrated persons and priests are maturing in their hearts: we confidently place ourselves in the hands of the Father, so that He can fulfill this impulse of good for the cause of the Kingdom of His Son, as we have learned to pray in Fontanelle in the words of the well-known prayer dedicated to Her: *Rosa Mystica, Queen of the Apostles, let flourish around the Eucharistic Altars many religious and priestly vocations which, with the holiness of lives and their burning zeal for the salvation of the souls, could spread throughout the world the Kingdom of your Jesus! Fill us too with your heavenly favors!*

**Mgr. Marco Alba**  
Episcopal delegate

## YOU WILL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS

*There is a passage of the Gospel that for over two millennia has always served Christians as a discriminating factor in orientating ourselves in the facts of the world, that is, to understand in the end what is good and what is not, who can be trusted and who not. It is about Matthew 7:15-20: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? So, every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit. A sound tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits".*

To arrive at a correct judgment about the events and the people involved is not a matter of applying complicated theorems which are only known to great experts. It is by applying the simplest reasoning in the world, within everyone's reach, i.e. to confront the causes with the effects, to compare the origin of certain things with the things themselves. Are they useful for the true good of the world in general and of people in particular? Do they produce a correct relationship with God, are they bearers of peace, of physical and spiritual health, of inner serenity, of brotherhood? If this is the case, the result cannot be evil.

However, experience shows that the proposed criterion obtains good effects if it is used correctly. If, for example, it is applied with due prudence, if one knows to wait for some time in order that the things or persons involved are revealed in their wholeness and remain good in their duration. This is what the Church does, for instance, in cases where events may be of a supernatural origin, such as Marian and non-Marian apparitions. Or when it comes to judging the sanctity of a person before canonizing him or her. We sometimes think that the time to arrive at a judgment is too long and the willingness to accept extraordinary events too poor. Maybe sometimes that is true. However, it is also true that prudence is never too much. In fact, the Church knows that diabolical infiltrations are not a fantasy, but a real possibility and that it is therefore safer to wait rather than to hastily come to a conclusion of a judgment that afterwards needs to be changed to the disillusion and confusion of the faithful. It is also because with patience and time the truth always ends up making its way and the good, the real one, invariable ends up emerging, coming out into the light.

Why did I make this long introduction of the good tree that yields good fruit and of the bad tree that instead gives bad ones? I did it because I believe that the events from which the devotion to Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church came into being here in Fontanelle, precisely falling right between those cases in which the passing time is a like gentleman in the sense that at the end it shows the truth and goodness. You know well how it all originated in Montichiari in 1947 where there would have been a first Marian apparation on which, however, also due to the obstacles posed by the ecclesiastical authorities, ended by an almost total silence. Until in 1966, this time in Fontanelle, Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church, would have reappeared showing herself several times. Well, since then, despite the many always interposed obstacles, the cult has not only always stayed alive here locally, but in a truly extraordinary and unexpected way, it has spread all over the world with undeniable fruits that are under the eyes of all those who want to look at the events without prejudice.

I believe it is worthwhile to go down a little more in detail so that our faith can draw trust and comfort from it, sensing in the unfolding of events a truly providential hand. Faced with the obstacles that this time, like many years before in Montichiari, were taking shape, and therefore the scarce possibility of taking initiatives on the part of those who had given credit to the apparitions, the Virgin, this time, chose a different path: that of opening a progressive passage, making herself known to the whole world. This concretely took place through the German-speaking pilgrims, who, freer to move, came from Germany, giving life to it in a few years, also in cooperation with a priest, fr. Laus, by means of an institution with the significant name: "Opus Rosa Mystica", providing, also by sending statues in the world, a gradual spread of the new devotion. This had been a very significant and commendable initiative, that, however, by itself cannot explain the incredible acceptance that this devotion obtained and the fruits that gradually developed over the years. Our archives are in fact overloaded by hundreds and hundreds of letters that communicate the continuous rise of prayer groups coming into existence in honor of Rosa Mystica, all over the world; of innumerable physical and spiritual healings, of sanctuaries

dedicated to her also in nations like China where faith has no easy life. Moreover, the rising of many priestly vocations and the creation of genuine religious orders both male and female, of which we periodically get news. Not to mention the many extraordinary phenomena that are always performed in the name of Rosa Mystica: tears, even blood, statues oozing oil with which the sick are treated; these are all luminous phenomena. Also those who come here in Fontanelle, despite all the restrictions that since a few years ago have, somehow, become less severe, have the opportunity to see in person the multitude of pilgrims that never fail and, if they happen to come during one of the many feasts, celebrated here, they will not fail to become aware of the authentic crowd that come to pray and drink water, to wade in the small water basin near the source, to climb the holy stairs and to pray with deep devotion towards Rosa Mystica. You yourselves, readers of this bulletin –translated into eight languages – that keeps you up to date with what is periodically taking place, in every issue you can read some of the most significant letters we receive from every part of the world.

These are all so copious fruits, so prolonged over the course of decades, so positive for the faith of many who have finally managed to move the many difficulties that existed right here where everything had started. As you know, in fact, for some time now the in-depth studies on the events of both Montichiari and Fontanelle have been resumed with commitment and seriousness, giving us the hope for future outcomes. We entrust everything, as always, to Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church, who knows how to operate for the best.

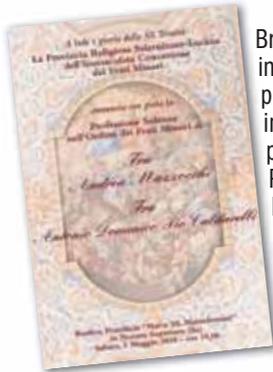
**Rosanna Brichetti Messori**

Our dear Monsignor Marco Alba, Mamma Marisa, and all our dear friends of Rosa Mystica in Fontanelle, by the grace of God and through our Mother Maria Rosa Mystica... I have now become a priest. I know that our Maria Rosa Mystica has blessed me abundantly and has helped me very much to reach the priesthood. My sacred ordination took place on January 3, 2018 in the afternoon. I am very grateful for your precious prayers and blessings. Pray for my priestly life for Jesus. I send my greetings to all our friends. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are blessing you profusely. With love and prayers, sincerely yours, fr. Mathew.

(P. Sobichen Mathew, Kerala, India)



# We have received



Brothers and sisters, with great joy I inform you that the day of my solemn profession and that of a brother of mine in the Order of Minor Friars will take place on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the Pontifical Basilica "MARIA SS MATER-DOMINI" in Nocera Superiore (SA), at 19:00. You are all invited to take part in the solemn celebration! For those who are far away and cannot come sustain us by your prayers! Thank you all for your prayerful support!

**In Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I love you all, save the souls, fra Antonio Domenico Pio Caldarelli**



Sr. Maria Chiara entrusted her vocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary Rosa Mystica, to whom she is very devoted. As we can see from the image-memory of her profession

■ *From Argentine* - Wishing everyone a Happy Easter, I take the opportunity to send this picture of the garden of our church in remembrance of the first Mass in honor of Maria Rosa Mystica, celebrated on 13-03-1983, thirty-five years since the beginning of devotion to Maria Rosa Mystica here with us. It was exciting and emotional for all of us, who from the beginning, love the Blessed Virgin under this title and have always enjoyed her protection. In our hearts there is the hope of a continuation by a fervent youth that carries on welcoming the supplication that Mary transmits to us through the roses on her heart: PRAYER, SACRIFICE, PENANCE. Community of Maria Rosa Mystica-Santa Angela de Valentin Alsina, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**Anna Tagliaferri**

## SCHEDULE FOR MAY AND JUNE 2018

### Daily:

16:00 confessions; 17:00 Rosary

### Every Wednesday:

16:00 Confessions; 16.30 Rosary  
17:00 H. Mass

### Every Friday:

16:00 Confessions; 16.30 Rosary  
17:00 H. Mass

### Every Saturday:

16:00 Confessions; 16.30 Rosary  
17:00 H. Mass Prefestive  
20:30 Adoration, Rosary meditation and benediction

### Sunday and feast days:

16:00-18:00 Confessions; 16:00 Adoration  
16:30 Rosary; 17:00 High Mass

### Monday, May 1 - St. Joseph patron of the workers

*Beginning of the Marian month*  
16:00 Confessions; 16:30 Rosary  
17:00 H. Mass

### Sunday, May 13 - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

*Monthly Marian payer day*  
10:30 Rosary; 11:00 High Mass  
*Afternoon: usual schedule*

### Sunday, May 20 - Solemnity of Pentecost

### Monday, May 21 - Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church

16:00 Confessions; 16:30 Rosary  
17:00 H. Mass

### Thursday, May, 31 - Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*End of the Marian month*  
16:00 Confessions; 16:30 Rosary  
20:00 Confessions and Rosary; 20:30 H. Mass

### Sunday, June 3 - Solemnity of Corpus Domini

### Friday, June 8 - Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

16:00 Confessions; 16:30 H. Rosary  
17:00 High Mass

### Saturday, June 9 - Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Maria

16:00 Confessions; 16:30 H. Rosary  
17:00 High Mass

### Wednesday, June 13 - Feast of St. Anthony of Padua

*Day of monthly Marian prayer*  
16:00 Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration; 16:30 H. Rosary  
17:00 H. Mass

### Sunday, June 24

### Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist

### Friday, June 29 - Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

16:00 Confessions; 16:30 H. Rosary  
17:00 High Mass

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