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IMMACULATE VIRGIN, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

“The renewing force of the journey of Advent is always enriched in the liturgy of the Church by the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. For a long and consolidated tradition of worship and history, this feast is experienced at Fontanelle in a particularly devout and participated way by thousands of pilgrims, present in our sacred places or gathered in prayer in many parts of the world.”

During the morning of Saturday, December 8, lit by an almost warm sun, the intensity of prayer and the composure of many faithful, was touching and exemplary. The beginning of the functions starting at 9.30, followed by the procession, the Solemn Mass of 11:00 and finally, from 12:00 to 13:00, the greatly awaited moment of the Hour of Grace, in front of the cross of Jesus, accompanied by the intercession of Rosa

Mystica, culminating in the solemn act of consecrating our life to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

A long space of prayer in quietness, both in a personal and community atmosphere, to implore the gift of conversion and purification for the entire Church, starting from the heart of each one of us, so that the Church may be faithful to its mission and continue to shine in the world as the Bride of Christ, without losing Hope, even through

the many trials it is facing in such a confused historical moment, and at the same time, decisive for our future.

In particular, we also wanted to pray for all priests, and consecrated persons, entrusting to Maria Rosa Mystica the gift of new vocations, the custody of consecrated souls and their protection in times of difficulty, loneliness, temptation and unfortunately sometimes even betraying their vocation and mission. We wish to share with all readers a prayer that accompanied us in those moments: *“My Jesus, I entrust to You all the consecrated people in this difficult time: your ministers need Your help, Your strength, Your perseverance, Your love because there are too many temptations that push them to follow the path of sin, that discourage them, so that they take the wide road, leaving the narrow road that leads to You. O Jesus, support them, guide them, sanctify them, form them according to Your heart, give them the ability*

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to persevere in tribulations, make them able to always find the necessary strength in prayer. Let them know how to keep their eyes fixed on You, lovingly embracing the Cross that leads to the Resurrection. O, Jesus, never take Your gaze from them, hold them by the hand and in times of necessity, embrace them in moments of the greatest difficulties; but please, O Jesus, never allow evil to prevail over them“.

May the Immaculate Virgin allow us to continue our journey of Advent with faith and to open our eyes and our hearts to adore, in the wonder of the Holy Night, the great mystery of the Incarnation, the cornerstone of our salvation, hope for every man of good will: the mercy of the Father is continually offered to the freedom of men in the journey of history, stronger than any betrayal and rebellion, to attract their hearts with the same logic of the beginning, that is, in the unpredictable sign of a helpless and needy newborn.

On behalf of all the members of the Rosa Mystica Fontanelle Foundation, of the priests and of the numerous volunteers serving this place, I offer to all our readers and to the faithful, devoted to the Rosa Mystica cult spread throughout the world, a sincere wish of a Holy Christmas, experienced in your families and in your communities. Trusting in the spiritual communion that binds us, we can assure you that the many requests and prayer intentions that incessantly come to Fontanelle are offered daily to the heavenly Father in our liturgical celebrations, invoking the intercession of Maria Rosa Mystica and Mother of the Church.

Mgr Marco Alba
Episcopal delegate

PRAYER

“Last time, I promised that together we would revisit, one at a time, those three words: “prayer, sacrifice, penance” that here, at Fontanelle di Montichiari, constitute the primary substance of the devotion to Maria Rosa Mystica- Mother of the Church. So let us start from the first, that is, from prayer.”

Saint Teresa of Avila, the great Carmelite, the mystic who was proclaimed “doctor” of the Church, precisely because of her wisdom in spiritual matters, said, with a very simple but also very significant definition, that to pray means “to frequent God with friendship “.

If the words make sense, it seems to me that praying wants to indicate not only to pronounce prayer formulas, but to have in the course of our life a loving and continuous relationship with the One who created us and who now follows step by step our existence with the love of a Father. Let me tell you how much this touches me. I often think – especially at night, when I wake up and for a while I cannot go back to sleep – of that kind of invisible and unbroken column of praise, of supplication, and hopefully also of thanksgiving, which at that moment from every corner of the earth rises to Heaven. And then of the other column, the one of grace, of love, also invisible but real, which uninterruptedly descends as a benevolent response, from Heaven to Earth. Yes, because God always listens to us and always answers us, even when we doubt it because we do not see the acceptance of our prayers, which we would like to receive immediately and exactly in accordance with what we

asked for. Thus, with little faith and little hope, we think that God is evil - as we are often with those around us - that He does not give us attention, that His gaze and love are directed to other people, because sometimes even about this we doubt. But Jesus himself reassures us, comparing God to a father of a family, offering us a clear example: ‘Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?’ If He lets us wait sometimes, it is not because He does not pay attention to our situation, but that the waiting in itself is already the best answer to our prayers, because it will somehow be useful to understand better, to deepen our lives and often also the quality of our relationship with Him and our fellow human beings. If He sometimes keeps us waiting, it is not because He does not pay attention to our situation, but that waiting in itself is already the best answer to our prayers; in one way or another, it will be even useful to better understand, to deepen our way of living and often also to enhance the quality of our relationship with Him and our brothers.

It is exactly this, as I told you last time, I think I understood something more of Maria Rosa Mystica’s continuous exhortation to prayer (together with the sacrifice and penance which we shall discuss later).





At the request of many groups around the world, who could not come in person to Fontanelle, we publish in this newsletter some photos taken here during celebrations in this year, which is coming to an end.

We thank all those expressing their devotion to the Blessed Virgin Maria Rosa Mystica by informing us of the wonders that flourish in the prayer groups.

In a spiritual embrace, we wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas very close to Maria Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church.

In fact, it happened also to me to consider God as a kind of ATM in which one puts the card to obtain pardons in exchange. Almost automatically, like when we proceed to take out cash money. As if it were a right, without ifs and buts. Without understanding that instead everything is a gift, that is born, precisely, from that “frequentation with friendship” of which Teresa of Avila speaks. A friendship, a relationship of love with God, which should become more and more profound in our life, leading us also to a prayer that over the years becomes ever more sincere, truer, simpler, more confident, becoming, as Jesus asks us in the Gospel, a “continuous” prayer. It seems a very difficult goal, almost unattainable for normal human beings. Instead, it is easier than we believe, if we allow God himself, through his Holy Spirit, to guide us step by step towards a faith – and therefore also towards a prayer – which each day becomes a little more mature. A prayer that asks above all that God blesses what we want, the programs we have made, even when they are good, but only ours, decided exclusively by ourselves. This is a first phase, a little immature that we all must pass. The important thing is not to stop here, but under the impetus of the Spirit who mysteriously guides, to

advance, understanding better and better that what matters most in life are not our programs, but the plans that God has for us, asking Him to be able to understand them and, with His help, to realize them. It is a decisive step that will also change our prayer which will then turn into a loving abandonment in the arms of a Father whom we totally trust. And it is at this point that we are ready for “continuous prayer” which does not consist in reciting prayers continuously, but in assuming deep within us an attitude of love and openness to God, even in the midst of the multitude of our daily commitments. Thus, our heart, impregnated with faith, will always be with Him, in every instant, day and night, consciously or unconsciously, will beat in unison with God. In his embrace, in harmony with our Creator and Redeemer, our life, even in hardship, will be enriched by peace and serenity, which no one else in the world can give us.

And Mary has a very important role in everything. She reminds us precisely here, at Fontanelle, where, as we will find out in the following bulletins, that by combining prayer with “sacrifice” and “penance” She makes us realize how everything is integrated and helped to become a means that allows us to really unite ourselves with God. But also, as

always, by recommending the Rosary.

Yes, the Rosary, that complex prayer, which contains more prayers inside and which someone called a masterpiece of the Holy Spirit. Why? It is quickly explained, because it is an easy, simple but very effective access to enter and to rest in the heart of the Christian faith itself. In fact, in the mysteries, gradually we review by contemplating the main events of this faith: from the Annunciation, which opens the path to the Incarnation, up to the Resurrection of Jesus and to Pentecost, covering the entire public life of the Son of God, including His crucifixion and death on the cross. A journey in the course of which, reciting the prayer “Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit” at every mystery, we recognize the greatness of the Holy Trinity and we thank Them, while with the “Our Father” we reaffirm the quality of our relationship with Him. All this accompanied by Mary, the Mother, who full of grace, prays with us and for us. For this reason, recited with constancy and love, in the end, the Rosary cannot, but transform our hearts, making us capable to pray the “continuous prayer” that we were talking about.

Rosanna Brichetti Messori



Above:
September 9, 2018:
Feast of the
Sinhalese people
in honor of Maria
Rosa Mystica.

On the left:
October 13, 2018:
Benediction
of the buns.

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SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019

Every day:

15.00 Confessions. 16.00 - H. Rosary.

Every Friday:

15.00 Confessions. 15.30 - H. Rosary. 16.00 - H. Mass.

Saturday:

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

Sunday and holidays:

15.00-17.00 Confessions. 15.00 - Adoration.
15.30 H. Rosary. 16.00 - Solemn Mass.

Tuesday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

15.00 Confessions - Eucharistic Adoration
15.30 H. Rosary
16.00 H. Messe Solennelle – Act of Trust in Maria Rosa Mystica by all mothers

Sunday, January 6 - Solemnity of the Epiphany

15.00 Confessions - Eucharistic Adoration.
15.30 H. Rosary.
16.00 Solemn Mass – Act of Trust in Maria Rosa Mystica by all children

Saturday, January 12 - Ste. Pre-festive mass by suffrage of Pierina Gilli

Sunday, January 13 - Feast of the Baptism of Jesus

Monthly prayer day to the Virgin Mary
15.00 Confessions - Eucharistic Adoration. 15.30 - H. Rosary
16.00 Solemn Mass with renewal of baptismal promises.

Saturday, February 2 - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus

16.00 H. Mass for all consecrated persons

Sunday, February 3 (Saint Blaise)

15.00 Confessions - Eucharistic Adoration. 15.30 - H. Rosary
16.00 H. Mass with the blessing of the throat

Monday, February 11 - Feast of the Blessed Virgin of Lourdes

15.00 Confessions. 15.30 H. Rosary.
16.00 H. Mass with the blessing of the sick.

Wednesday, February 13 - Monthly Day of Prayer to the Virgin Mary

15.00 Confessions - Eucharistic Adoration
15.30 H. Rosary. 16.00 - H. Mass

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