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We adore Your cross, o Lord, we acclaim Your resurrection; from this tree of life joy has come into the world.



THE HEALING POWER OF REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS

“With these same words Pope Francis begins the third and last part of his message in view of Lent 2019, a message that starts from the spiritual intensity of some words of the eighth chapter of the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, describing the new life of the believer in the Holy Spirit and its powerful effects on the universal plan of salvation that God continues to work on behalf of men, of history and of the entire creation, awaiting with eager expectation the revelation (see Rm 8, 19). In other words, the oeuvre of our personal conversion, possesses a beneficial and mysterious force, which goes beyond the confines of our soul and of our body with its power, and reaches the flow of time, of human history, and the breadth of all creation:”

“If a man lives like a child of God, if he lives as a redeemed person, who lets himself be guided by the Holy Spirit and knows how to recognize and put into practice the law of God, starting from that what is inscribed in his heart and nature, he does well also to the creation, cooperating in its redemption. This is why creation – says St. Paul – has as an intense desire that the sons of God manifest themselves, i.e. that those who enjoy the grace of the paschal mys-

tery of Jesus may fully live its fruits, destined to achieve their complete maturation in the redemption of the same human body”.

Only in this way can we contribute to the perennial struggle against the destructive force of sin, which tempts (through temptation) to destroy the fiducial and loving relationship with the Father, ending up by locking up the creature in solitude and fear: “By breaking the communion with God, the harmonious relationship between human beings

and the environment in which they are called to live was also ruined, so that the garden turned into a desert (see Gen 3: 17-18). This is a sin that leads man to consider himself as a god of creation, to feel he is the absolute master and to use it not for the purpose as desired by the Creator, but for his own interest, to the detriment of creatures and others”.

In this Lent that is awaiting us, the Pope shows us two concrete

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attitudes to live fully the work, the 'oeuvre of conversion', through the path of **repentance and forgiveness**, to decisively initiate the restoration of our face and our hearts of Christians, to live in this way all the wealth of the Grace of the paschal mystery, which wishes to incarnate and transform the fabric of our personal and family life and our daily relationships.

The path that has been shown to

us is certainly fertile and available in Fontanelle, where the incessant tradition of prayer to Mary is associated, in the constant reminder of the yellow rose on Rosa Mystica's chest, precisely through the constant invitation to **penance** addressed to all pilgrims; in particular, the heavenly Mother reminds us that we must live in the spiritual dimension of self-immolation, that is, voluntary offer to the Father of our

own daily trials and sufferings, for the conversion of our sinful brothers and especially for the reparation of the sins of the consecrated persons, thus bringing relief and to heal open wounds in the variety of the ecclesial body spread over all the earth. With these same intentions, we also welcome the invitation to learn with renewed readiness the humble and difficult path of forgiveness, to heal our hearts, to open new ways of involvement and to break the wall of separation and resentment that sometimes mark relationships in our families and in our communities. Let us therefore ask Maria Rosa Mystica for the Grace that this favorable time will not pass in vain for our salvation, for that of the Church and of all creation, let us ask Her with confidence to help us to carry out a journey of true conversion, bearing fruits of good works, which give glory to the heavenly Father.

Mgr Marco Alba
Episcopal Delegate

We have received

■ *From Argentina* - My name is Eduardo Devit, I am a Salesian religious and I belong to the religious community that serves the Parroquia Santo Domingo Savio, in the city of Rosario, in the Argentine Republic. Since 1981 in our parish an intense spiritual movement has developed around Maria Rosa Mystica after a group of parishioners, who had a picture of Maria Rosa Mystica in their house, reported that during the praying of the rosary the tears flowed from that image. The image is now in the parish. According to the testimonies of some of the faithful, this event was occurring again on other occasions. From that moment on, followed by the parish priest of that time, Father Germán Plasenzotti, the intense spiritual movement remained in our parish, especially on the 13th of each month, when we venerate Her in a special way. After several years, in 1996 the parish community began the construction of a temple, dedicated both to the parish activities and to the devotees of Rosa Mystica. During all this time, the efforts of the faithful have made progress in the Temple and we would like to create a chapel inside the Temple so that the faithful can easily approach the image of Rosa Mystica and also have an appropriate space for prayer.

May María Rosa Mystica continue to accompany us. Let us keep in touch.

Fr. Eduardo Devit sdb
Parish of Santo Domingo Savio Rosario, Argentina

■ *From Fontanelle* - Sunday, February 10, 2019, when I walked with my feet in the water of the Rosa Mystica Church in Fontanelle, the lipoma in the hollow of my right foot disappeared. I

had this tumor for two years and it was so painful that I could hardly walk. I received this grace that I had never thought of; I came to this place I had never been before, I did not know anything about this place. I am so grateful to Rosa Mystica!

Anna S.

■ *From Belgium* - Monday, November 26, 2018. Full of gratitude towards the Blessed Virgin Mary, who has healed me on the spot in Fontanelle from a quadruple fracture. The doctors had predicted 2 years before I could walk properly. Well, six weeks after removing my patch, I was healed!!!

Thank you so much, o dear Mother!

Michel Alain

■ *From Mexico* - Rev. Monsignor, we wish to inform you that in October we will hold a meeting in Mexico, during which we will also meet Mgr. Gerardo De Jesus Bishop of Tabasco. We beg you to put this possible meeting in the intentions of the Holy Mass. God bless you Warm regards,

Gabriel Zechinelli
Maria Rosa Mística México

■ *From Nicaragua* - We send our greetings from Nicaragua. We are the apostolic group Maria Rosa Mystica of the parish of St. Pius X, in Managua, Nicaragua and we wish to create a communication with your Maria Rosa Mystica group in Fontanelle and to be able to augment the spreading of the devotion to Mary Most Holy. Our group exists since 5 years.

Apostles of Maria Rosa Mystica

“Sacrifice”: what does it really mean?

“Those who follow us know that we have reflected again several times in different episodes on the mission, which Rosa Mystica had entrusted Pierina Gilli respective transmitting her program for “prayer, sacrifice, penance” which is obviously very important and that, therefore, must penetrate deeply into our hearts. I mentioned “reflected again” because, in reality, we have already done this several times, in recent years, even in this magazine. But *repetita iuvant*, as the ancients used to say, means that repetition is necessary, because it helps us to make things more and more ours. Especially in the spiritual realm where we have a lot of resistance to change, but where it is even more important that we understand the need to change certain things in our behavior because it will turn into a good thing for us.”

Until today, when I was meditating on the exhortation of Rosa Mystica, I wondered why she had repeated twice a similar word, namely “sacrifice” and “penitence”, which in our language (Italian) practically means the same thing. I told myself, maybe because She wanted to emphasize the concept well to make us understand it better. But I was not entirely convinced of it. In fact, the author, Fr. Antonio Gentili, a religious belonging to the order founded by Saint Antonio Maria Zaccaria – the Barnabites – an expert on spirituality, suggested an interpretation of this word that seemed to me more correct and which I immediately thought of making it mine, also regarding what was said by Rosa Mystica, and that I would also like to transmit to you.

“Sacrifice” in its etymological origin, comes from the Latin expression “sacrum facere”, that is, as we all easily understand, “to make sacred, to sacralize” something or someone. To understand the meaning that we commonly give to it today: it probably derives from the fact that, sometimes, the operation of “sanctifying” means a commitment for those who

make an inner change, which implies a certain renunciation, a certain work on themselves, a certain effort, which in some measure “costs us” something. Yes, it may cost us something, but on the other hand it gives much more because “to sanctify” in the sense as we have said before, means something very beautiful. It means, to change our look on any reality. To change it beginning with ourselves, then with our brothers in humanity, and finally with the whole world. It is a question of that new look that can only come from faith, and that leads us to “see” the action of God in every person or thing, in every event that concerns our life and the world. This “looking at everything with the eyes of faith” is very important because, if we think about it, the perspective really changes. Do you want a very simple example? Well, let us put ourselves for a moment in the role of a woman who finds out that she is going to have a child, which she did not foresee at all, and who poses serious difficulties, or that she will give birth to a creature who will have problems. Today’s general mentality at this point is that abortion would be a solution. On

the contrary, the view of faith believes that this child is in any case a being desired by the heavenly Father, His own son, destined for eternal life. And, therefore, it has an immense value anyway. This reflection, under a different perspective, certainly helps to enlarge the conscience of a mother, to make her find the right love to also accept the newcomer, even if it is problematic.

You understand well that the same could be applied to every other aspect of life. For marriage, for instance, “sanctifying” means understanding the alliance that unites two spouses, which is significant for a gesture which is precisely a “sacrament”. It means living the bond not as something that is only based on one’s own desires and needs, but with the right sense of responsibility for building a family.

Thus, I believe that when Rosa Mystica invites us to experience the prayer and the penance as well as the “sacrifice”, She invites us to draw the best conclusions of our faith at every opportunity, i.e. to have an interior look as similar as possible to that of God. Even when it comes with a cost for us. It is a look full of love for each created reality, which is not an end in itself, but that tends to eternity. In fact, as Genesis tells us, the Divine Spirit is already present in it and has animated it since the beginning of time. A reality which, as the Gospel says, was then engaged even more closely in the same divine life since the incarnation of the Word of God in Jesus of Nazareth. That is to say, He assumed the whole world directly into Himself, precisely through the body that Mary gave Him in her womb. Thus, in doing the “sacrifice,” we are continuing the work of incarnation and redemption in ourselves and in the whole world.

Rosanna Brichetti Messori

MONTHLY SCHEDULE IN MARCH AND APRIL 2019

MARCH 2019: BEGINNING OF HOLY LENT

From Monday to FRIDAY:

15:00 Confessions.
15:30 H. Rosary or Stations of the Cross. 16:00 H. Mass

Every 13th of the month – monthly Marian Prayer Day

15:00-17:00 Confessions. 15:00 Adoration.
15:30 H. Rosary. 16:00 H. Mass.

Saturday

15:00 Confessions.
15:30 H. Rosary. 16:00 H. Mass – Pre-festive.

Sunday and feast days

15:00-17:00 Confessions
15:00 Adoration. 15:30 H. Rosary
16:00 High Mass

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday - Day of meager meal and fasting

Beginning of the season of Lent

15:00: Confessions – Eucharistic Adoration.
15:30: H. Rosary.

16:00: H. Mass with imposition of ashes
Wednesday, March 13: monthly Marian Prayer Day

Tuesday, March 19 - Solemnity of Saint Joseph

Sunday, March 24 - Third week of Lent

Day of prayer and fasting for the Martyr Missionaries

Monday 25 March - Solemnity of the Annunciation

Sunday, March 31:

START OF LEGAL TIME: THE HOURS OF THE CELEBRATIONS ARE POSTPONED BY 1 HOUR

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

APRIL 2019 – TIME OF LENT AND EASTER

From Monday to Friday:

16:00 Confessions.
16:30 H. Rosary or Stations of the Cross. 17:00 H. Mass

Saturday:

16:00 Confessions
16:30 H. Rosary. 17:00 H. Mass – Pre-festive

Sunday and feast days

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

Saturday, April 13 - Monthly Marian Prayer Day

Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday

Blessing of olive oil and the H. Mass starts with a procession

16:00-18:00 Confessions.

16:00 Adoration.

16:30 H. Rosary.

17:00 High Mass

PASCHAL TRIDUUM: April 18-19-20

- **Holy Thursday:** 15:00-17:00 Eucharistic Adoration and H. Rosary – Confessions
- **Holy Friday:** 15:00 Stations of the Cross in memory of the death of the Lord
- **Holy Saturday:** 15:00-17:00 Confessions
17:00 H. Rosary (no mass)

Sunday, April 21: Solemnity of EASTER

16:00-18:00 Confessions

16:00 Adoration

16:30 H. Rosary

17:00 High Mass

Monday, April 22: Monday of the GUARDIAN ANGEL

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

Thursday, April 25 - Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist

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

Sunday, April 28: Second Sunday after Easter, Feast of the Divine Mercy

09:30: Commencement of community prayer

10:30: Marian procession

11:00: High Mass. *In the afternoon, see schedule of feast days*

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