

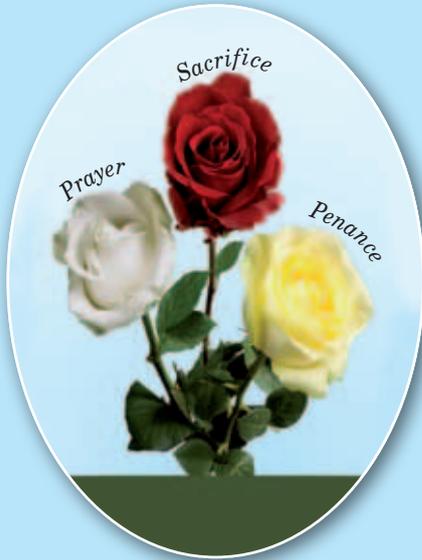
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THE DIVINE MERCY

“The Divine Mercy, which we celebrate at Easter time, is the face of God’s love for the sinner who realizes that he cannot save himself, and in many ways shouts his infinite need for salvation.”

We can say that the greatest misfortune of modern man is not so much the sin as the gradual expiring of the sense of sin and its illusion of being free far from God, escaping the Divine Mercy. As Benedict XVI reminded us in his public speech on April 11: “The counterforce against evil, which threatens us and the whole world, can ultimately only consist in our entering into this love. It is the real counterforce against evil. The power of evil arises from our refusal to love God”. He who entrusts himself to the love of God is redeemed. Our being not redeemed is a consequence of our inability to love God”. “People assure that when God does die in a society, it becomes free. In reality, the death

of God in a society also means the end of freedom, because what dies is the purpose that provides orientation. And because the compass disappears that points us in the right direction by teaching us to distinguish good from evil”. (III, 1).

As stated in the Diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska, all of humanity will be able to find its peace – each of us will be able to find peace – if we just turn with renewed confidence in the Divine Mercy, letting ourselves be embraced by the crucified and risen Christ. At all times, and even in the most difficult and troubled historical situations, the Providence has aroused in His Church living witnesses of this Mercy, all connected by a common trait: a total humility, centered on a

boundless trust in the love of the Father, in which they placed the only consolation of all their suffering. In the history of the Church, from the beginning, everything that comes from God, matures in the fire of trials. “What will the years ahead of us bring us?” people asked John Paul II on April 30, 2000, at the canonization of St. Faustina, certainly one of these witnesses for our time; “What will the years ahead bring us? What will man’s future on earth be like? We are not given to know. However, it is certain that in addition to new progress there will unfortunately be no lack of painful experiences. But the light of Divine Mercy, will il-

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lumine the way for the men and women of the third millennium”.

In the experience of the spiritual belief that originated in Fontanelle, there is also a shining sign of this continuous witness of humility in the life of the Church, that is to say the life of Pierina Gilli, her total surrender to the will of the Father in great silence and her ability to sacrifice the countless physical and spiritual trials that have accompanied her throughout her life to the Crucified Christ. And it was her who on the second Sunday after Easter, on April 17, 1966 – afterwards also called the Sunday of Divine Mercy under the authority of St. John Paul II – wanted to invite all the sick and suffering to come to the Fontanelle spring of Montichiari, to implore Rosa Mystica the outpouring of consolation and the Divine Mercy. After more than fifty years, still today this invitation is accepted by thousands of people who come on pilgrimage to Fontanelle to pray in their need for salvation, healing, and conversion, precisely to Her whom we call, Mater Misericordiae in the prayer of the Salve Regina.

St. Faustina had a vision of the Virgin: *“From her heart two splendid luminous rays were released, of which one rose towards the sky and the other descended to envelop the earth. A voice said to me: join your prayer to that of my Mother and place your heart inside hers”.* Mary is the One who has the most profound knowledge about the mystery of the Mercy of God; She knows its price and how great it is: this is why in Fontanelle we invoke Her as Mater Misericordiae, especially on the Sunday after Easter with renewed confidence, so that She will never get tired of turning Her eyes towards us to enable us to recognize the merciful face of her Son Jesus, who is resurrected and alive in the Church.

Msgr Marco Alba
Episcopal Delegate

PENANCE, SYMBOL OF LIFE

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened

“We are retracing – remember? – those three words “prayer, sacrifice, penance” which constitute, at the very request of Mary, the heart of the devotion to Rosa Mystica - Mother of the Church, here at Fontanelle and everywhere in the world. Therefore, after speaking about prayer and sacrifice, now we will deal with “penance”.

The expression is immediately clear even at the common level, in our normal language; in fact, when we speak of “penance” we immediately understand that we are referring to something that implies a certain degree of renunciation, of suffering, of something negative, which, if possible, should be avoided. However, the experience of thousands of years has also shown the opposite – formulated in a wise proverb – “it’s a blessing in disguise”. This means that men have sensed that that part of the pain, which life sooner or later reserves for all (if only regarding the limits, which life itself contains: for example, the death of loved ones, inevitable in the succession of generations) brings tears and suffering, but at the same time it is a source of knowledge and an experience that in the end enrich life itself, through which we can understand better and better its depth and importance.

Well, if human reason has already come to understand that suffering is, as they say, “the best pedagogue”, we will see how faith adds a great light to all this, opening us to horizons - even joy - which we often ignore. Therefore, we will understand why Rosa Mystica invited us to practice penance without fear, together with prayer and sacrifice.

Let us immediately clarify that the invitation that Mary gives us, is not intended to hurt us on purpose. Of course, she herself has sometimes suggested – as for example in Medjugorje – forms of fasting or small sacrifices that accompany our spiritual life. What Mary above all wants to make us understand, is the spirit with which we must face, not only the great pains, but also that inevitable burden of fatigue and suffering that the wheel of life presents to us on a daily basis and which is often a source of inner revolt, even of anguish or depression. And as always, to give us relief and to suggest us the way, She shows us the Son. What He said about it, but above all what He did.

Among many other things, this is what He said: “Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” (Mt 11, 28-30). Or again, a little later (Mt 16, 24-25): “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it”. But that is also what Jesus always did,

testifying with His own life, the truth of what He had been preaching in the streets of Palestine. The Easter period we are experiencing is reminding us of this: betrayed by him whom He considered as a friend, He was nailed to the cross on which He died.

But on the third day He rose again, in a blaze of light and joy, defeating evil par excellence, i.e. death itself, thus reopening the road to hope for each of us.

This is the key is to understand and accept the “penance” that inevitably accompanies every life, even ours and which Rosa Mystica invites us to face and to accept positively. He, who as God could avoid it, voluntarily assumed it by becoming man and thus entering into the dynamics of our own life. He assumed it to make us understand that it does not lead to death but to life.

Knowing and facing life together with Him means little by little, to purify the heart, learning step by step that meekness and humility, which make us capable of the true love that knows how to lose one’s life to find it fuller, brighter, and richer of joy.

It is the fundamental passage of the Christian faith that we trust God to the point of accepting the cross. And Mary, who suggests it to us, experienced it before us. With inexpressible torment, She saw Her Son die on the cross, condemned by His own people.

But She also saw Him rise again and now, Queen of Heaven, She returns, as Rosa Mystica - Mother of the Church to remind us, almost to implore us, to give Him confidence and to follow Him in this way of purification that seems difficult, but in reality is a “sweet yoke” in which we find the true “refreshment”, which is that deep sense of life and of death that we need, in order to be in peace.

Rosanna Brichetti Messori



On April 12th we also had the visit of Don Giorgio, a Maronite priest who is completing his studies in Rome and who has left us the photos, which we are publishing here.

■ *From Lebanon* - Being a bridge between East and West we continuously receive reassuring news of a collaboration between the devotees of Rosa Mystica. In fact, prayer groups established in different cities have formed the association “Famille Maria Rosa Mystica Baab-dath-Liban”. This association aims to create numerous families of Maria Rosa Mystica throughout the Lebanese territory and to spread the maternal appeal of the Virgin Mary. They sent us their documents and received the blessing and approval of His Beatitude Patriarch Bêchera Boutros Rai together with Mgr. Boulos Mattar and Mgr. Cesar Essayan.

Famille Maria Rosa Mystica Baab-dath-Liban

We have received

■ *From Spain* - I am the young man who spread the apostolate of Rosa Mystica in Malaga and I wanted to tell you that I entered a religious order, the Heralds of the Gospel. I ask you to pray for me, in front of our Mother Rosa Mystica, to whom I have consecrated my vocation. The other day I received an e-mail with the news regarding Pierina Gilli's journal. Can you imagine what great joy it gave me? I hope to receive it soon. I am in Madrid now, but I'll soon go to Brazil, to the Mother House, to do my novitiate. I ask you again to keep me very present in your prayers. And I would always like to hear about the foundation. We remain in contact and in union of prayer. In the Lord,
Adrián E.P.

■ *From Argentina* - I am happy to write to you again from this land so far away. Some of you already know me from my apostolic work with María, Rosa Mystica since 1994, when I was just a child. Today, in 2019, I am studying for the final year of theology at our Archdiocesan Seminary in Salta, in northern Argentina, to be soon a priest with the help of God. In my room, I have a small altar with the statue of Maria Rosa Mystica and the Crucified Christ and I also have a very small statue of Rosa Mystica that I always carry in my bag wherever

SCHEDULE OF THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE 2019

Every day (weekday)

16.00 Confessions.
16.30 H. Rosary.
17.00 H. Mass.

Saturday

16.00 Confessions
16.30 H. Rosary
17.00 Prefestive Mass

20:30 Adoration, meditated H. Rosary and benediction in May

Sunday and feast days

16.00-18.00 Confessions.
16.00 Adoration.
16.30 H. Rosary.
17.00 Solemn Mass.

Wednesday, May 1 - St. Joseph the worker
Beginning of Marian month

Monday, May 13: Monthly Marian Day

Friday, May 31

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Conclusion of Marian month

Sunday, June 2 - Solemnity Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, June 9 - Solemnity of the Pentecost

Monday, June 10 - Feast of H. Mary, Mother of the Church

Thursday, June 13 - Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua
Monthly Marian Day

Sunday, June 23 - Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Monday, June 24

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Friday, June 28

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, June 29

Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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I go. During this year, I had to do an apostolic mission in a parish that has a mission center dedicated to "Maria Rosa Mystica". Because of my obligations as a seminarian (study, prayer, etc.), I cannot devote myself to the Marian apostolate as I would like, but I dedicate myself to making Rosa Mystica known through social networks, particularly on Facebook and WhatsApp. Well, in WhatsApp I send Marian messages from the 1st to the 13th of each month to the devotees of RM and who are associated with my contacts. There are already more than 600 people from different countries who receive these messages and I also take this opportunity to send them the "La Voz de Rosa Mystica" bulletin. If someone wants to join this list of Rosa Mystica, you can send me a message to this number: +54 9 3874067641. And with these young people, we remember many other seminarians who, in countless countries of the world, communicate to us their priestly vocation, born out of the devotion to Rosa Mystica and entirely dedicated to Her, Mother of the Priests.

Sr. Fernando Leguizamón

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