

PIERANTONIO TREMOLADA
BY THE GRACE OF GOD, AND OF THE APOSTOLIC SEAT
BISHOP OF BRESCIA

Decree on the constitution of the diocesan shrine

**ROSA MYSTICA - MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
in Fontanelle di MONTICHIARI**

Prot. n. 1528/19

Having acknowledged that the places and structures in our Diocese of Brescia in the Fontanelle area, in the territory of the parish of Santa Maria Immacolata in Borgosotto di Montichiari (BS), have become in recent decades an important spiritual reference point and a place of pilgrimage for thousands of faithful from Italy and abroad;

Considering that the historical origin of this imposing phenomenon of prayer and veneration towards the holy Mother of the Lord – invoked here as "Rosa Mystica - Mother of the Church" – is linked in a way that is not secondary to the spiritual experience of Pierina Gilli (1911-1991);

Noting that the historical origin of this phenomenon and its subsequent developments are currently the subject of a renewed phase of study and discernment on the part of the ecclesiastical authority, also in order to better understand if and how, in the present, it may favor and increase the Christian life of pilgrims, and considering its convinced affinity to the Church and the sharing of its evangelizing mission under the protection and inspiration of the One who has always been exalted for Her immaculate holiness, Her closeness to God and to men, and Her maternal mediation;

Considering that since 2001 my esteemed Predecessors, in strict agreement with the indications of the competent organs of the Apostolic See, constantly reaffirmed the importance of welcoming and recognizing the exercise of public worship in the aforementioned places, moderating it through the promulgation of special diocesan directories;

Considering the importance of recognizing also on the canonical level the missionary potential of these sacred places, in order to consolidate, strengthen and increase the numerous spiritual fruits germinated here over time, as well as to offer the dutiful and ecclesial pastoral care of the pilgrims, especially through conscious, active and fruitful celebrations of the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist, in view of a life and a baptismal testimony that are more adherent of the demands of the Gospel and of fraternal love;

Considering canons 1230-1234 of the C.I.C., of my ordinary authority,

**I CONSTITUTE THE DIOCESAN SHRINE
ROSA MYSTICA - MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
IN *Fontanelle* DI MONTICHIARI**

The approval of a new Statute of the new Sanctuary and the appointment of the Rector will be provided as soon as possible.

Effectuated in Brescia on December 7, 2019
At the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

THE DIOCESAN CHANCELLOR:

THE BISHOP:

