

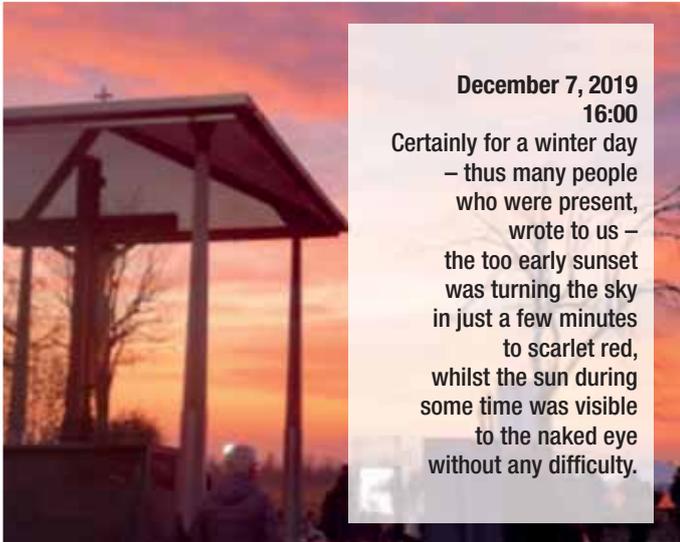
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Certainly for a winter day
– thus many people
who were present,
wrote to us –
the too early sunset
was turning the sky
in just a few minutes
to scarlet red,
whilst the sun during
some time was visible
to the naked eye
without any difficulty.

“We contrive to do something pleasing to distant devotees by publishing in this issue a clarifying interview and a grateful salutation to the Bishop by the Bishop Delegate and the President of the Foundation.”

GREETING

A sincere welcome and thanks to our Bishop Pierantonio, for his presence today in this place, to preside over the Eucharist, on such an important, historic day, so long awaited by many pilgrims. I wish to express on behalf of everyone, our great gratitude for how you, from the start of your episcopate, wanted to take this place and the cause of Rosa Mystica to heart, sensing the missionary value and meaning of this Marian devotion, now widespread in the five continents. Today we mark a decisive turning point in a long historical journey, open to recognize the fruits of Grace that Mary will show us in the future.

Many thanks also to the present episcopal vicars, to the concelebrating priests of various nationalities, to the men and the many religious women, especially linked to the charism of Santa Crocifissa di Rosa, so close to the mystical and spiritual experience of Pierina Gilli.

A warm welcome and thanks also to the present political and military authorities, who remind us of the importance of these places also for the civil structure of our communities and our desire to place ourselves at the service of the common good.

Finally, I would like to thank you all and to extend a big welcome today to the many pilgrims, who came despite the harshness of the weather, to everyone from so many parts of the world who have made in all ways known their joy and spiritual sharing this moment of grace, especially to the sick and the infirm.

May Maria Rosa Mystica - Mother of the Church, support our prayer, so that each of us can grow in fidelity to our personal vocation, in the desire to serve Christ and his Church more and more and to proclaim the truth of the Gospel to the world of today.

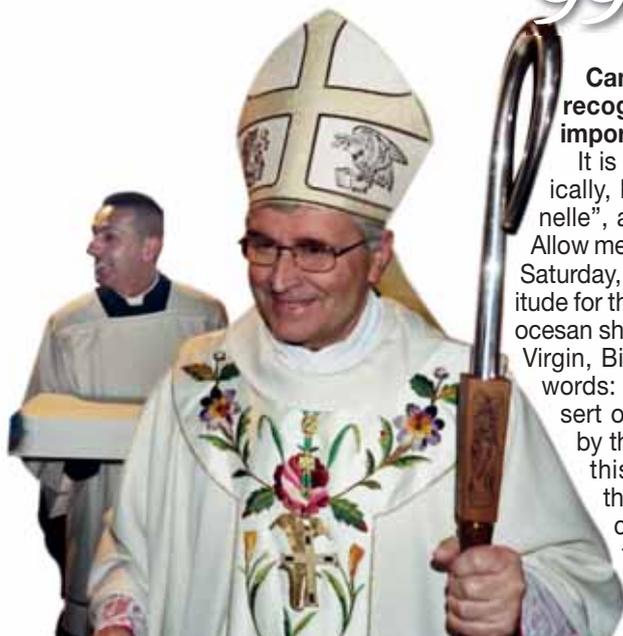


MARY AND HER PEOPLE

The historical turning point on the “case of Fontanelle”

December 10, 2019. Interview with Riccardo Caniato, first editor of the Diaries of the alleged seer of Fontanelle, Pierina Gilli, as well as an official member of the Maria Rosa Mystica Foundation, exclusively tells *La Nuova Bussola Quotidiana* about the importance of this event.

In the presence of thousands of praying believers, the bishop of Brescia, visibly moved, proclaimed the establishment of the Diocesan Sanctuary of Maria Rosa Mystica and Mother of the Church. “A very important page, not only for the case of these alleged Marian apparitions, but for the history of the whole Church”



Caniato, why do you think this recognition by the Church is so important?

It is a very important fact, specifically, both for the “case of Fontanelle”, as for the Church in general. Allow me to explain it. In his homily last Saturday, after expressing joy and gratitude for the proclamation of the new diocesan shrine dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, Bishop Tremolada used these words: “With this solemn act we insert ourselves in a furrow opened by those who preceded us”. Well, this “open furrow” is certainly the one traced by the last Brescian bishops who prepared the way, but, even more; it is the furrow of the *sensus fid-*



A picture of the bishop kneeling at the foot of the crucifix, visibly moved, in front of thousands of praying believers; this image suggestively depicts a day that goes into history.

We are speaking about the Holy Mass celebrated by His Excellency Pierantonio Tremolada, bishop of Brescia, on the occasion of the constitution of the Diocesan Shrine of Rosa Mystica - Mother of the Church, where, from the post-war period to the present day, a worldwide cult has developed towards the Mother of Christ and Her Mystical Body, the Church.

ei (sense of the faithful) of the people of God. Because, and I like to conceive of it in this way: it was precisely the great trust of the Marian people, spread all over the globe that broke prejudices and showed this place in a new light.

Are you speaking about a Church that listens to its people and shows understanding for their faith?

The bishop said it, speaking of “those who – I quote the words textually – up to this day, have prayed in this place with faith and have opened their hearts to the action of the Holy Spirit, capable of converting and regenerating to the life of faith”. And we all know that in Fontanelle the judgment of the Church in the past, has not always been “in tune”. Then, first of all, there is obviously the extraordinary work of Mary.

Which work? Tell us...

Although the events related to the cult and the discernment of the apparitions have slowed down for some time – as often happens in investigations concerning mystical phenomena – a spontaneous devotion was born around Rosa Mystica since the 60s/70s, which soon spread all over the world. And in a short time many inexplicable facts began to occur, related in particular to some statues and images of Rosa Mystica.

Can you tell us something about it?

In Lebanon, for example, Rosa Mystica icons were found oozing scented oil, in America, there are statues that cried tears and blood, the same phenomenon occurred in India, where bishops and cardinals saw honey oozing out of an image of the Virgin, as a sign of blessing, and so on... Then there are the miracles: at least two religious congregations inspired by Rosa Mystica and referring to Brescia were founded, and which have been recognized by their respective bishops, as well as a myriad of religious associations. Healings and conversions are innumerable...

But despite all this, there is still no recognition of the apparitions?

No, not yet. It must be specified that the recognition of the Diocesan Sanctuary, which took place last Saturday, does not automatically imply the recognition of the apparitions. But there are two important news in this regard. The first, recently it was discovered that, contrary to expectations, no “non-constat” decree has been adopted in relation to the apparitions of Maria Rosa Mystica. In fact, when the bishop at that time, Msgr. Giacinto Tredici, in 1951 went to the parish of Montichiari and said: “There are not enough elements to recognize the supernaturality”, no formal decree ever followed this declaration of suspension! At least in Brescia there are no traces of it. This means that all subsequent pronouncements of the Diocese of Brescia, who appealed to

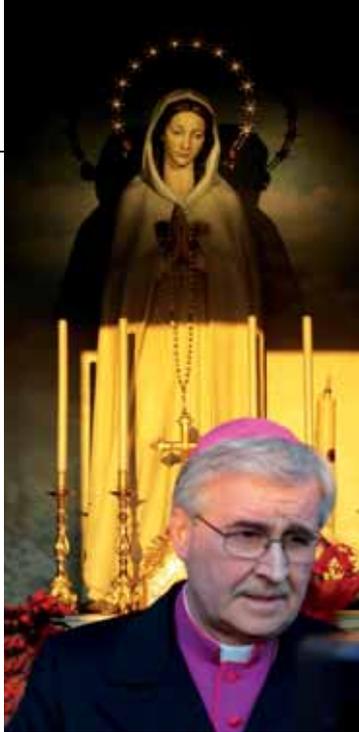
the decree, saw that their principal reasons were sacked.

And the second news?

It is, once again, in the words of Bishop Tremolada when he says in his homily: "We are comforted by the full communion between our Diocese and the Holy See, in the common desire to truly look into the extraordinary experience lived by Pierina Gilli, in great humility and with sincere faith".

Exactly. What about the presumed seer, Pierina Gilli: is the judgment on her changing as well?

Certainly a truth is emerging: the investigations on Pierina Gilli were hasty, probably due to a certain prejudice. All voices in her favour were silenced, to give space only to opinions contrary to her credibility and state of mental health. In addition, it should be noted that Gilli, at the time of the investigations, was trapped for forty days without contact with the outside world, she could not confess, she could not speak with relatives, nor could she receive the Eucharist. In this state, she was told that if she did not renounce to the apparitions, she would be excommunicated. She never withdrew her statements. The more, in that period, the poor woman suffered excruciating pain in her body and had to undergo continuous dia-



bolical assaults, including nocturnal torments that never allowed her to rest.

Why so much fury against her?

On the one hand, there is the fact that the prophecies made by Our Lady had to be fully fulfilled. Indeed, Rosa Mystica had warned her; Pierina's mission would have cost her enormous suffering, including slander, humiliation and the very fact of not being believed by many, even not within the Church.

And on the other

hand?

On the other hand, I think, there is the content of the messages that Our Lady gave to Pierina: it was not at all – we would say today – "politically correct"...

What do you mean? What did Our Lady say to Pierina?

The Virgin appeared to Pierina Gilli, presenting herself as "Maria Rosa Mystica and Mother of the Mystical Body, the Church" and showed herself in a white dress with three roses on her chest. She herself, then explained the meaning of these roses, which are prayers, sacrifices and penances required from the visionary and from anyone who believes in her apparition, to repair the wrongdoings of three specific categories of consecrated persons.

Which ones?

Consecrated persons who fail in their vocation, those who live in mortal sin and priests who betray Jesus, like Judas. Understandably, for the Church of that time, with still full seminaries, such an explicit and dramatic reference to one's own shortcomings and negligence was unthinkable. In short, Our Lady feared that in the post-war period a major crisis of faith would touch the heart of the House of God in her favourite children, the consecrated. Thus she strongly advocated a new conversion to prevent the spread of indifference and serious sins. At that time it might seem like a foolishness of a so-called clairvoyant, but today everyone can understand that these words were indeed prophetic.

Did Mary also indicate a way out of this serious crisis?

There is a very significant message that Rosa Mystica left to Pierina on April 17, 1978: "Pray children, pray also for those among your brothers who make the Church of My Divine Son, Jesus Christ suffer so much... they too have a soul to be saved... at least you, beloved children, offer sacrifices to the Lord for their radical conversion... that after the renunciation of sin... they may return to the fullness of a new life of true Christians. You, my children, who have been faithful to the love of My Divine Son, Jesus Christ, continue to love by giving these brothers who have gone away, the forgiveness of love! ... ". (Here Our Lady looked very tenderly and majestic at the same time). "I stretch out

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The heartfelt thanks of the Foundation:

Your Excellency,

First of all we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this joyful recognition. I am sure that on this happy day many religious and lay brothers who have prayed, worked and suffered for this place, are united with us.

It is difficult to express in words the feelings that move us right now. As you can see, we, lay people from the first hour, all have become older now. When we set – and we do not even know why – the first steps on the road of Rosa Mystica, we were still young spouses and young parents with work and family concerns, but the great spiritual appeal of Rosa Mystica along with her love brought us to a deeper and tighter bond. Several times we seemed to have achieved our aims, but then there was always a more or less serious, unexpected event that broke all our plans. We have experienced difficult moments, but we have never felt abandoned, because there has all the time been great respect in us for the authority of the Church, of which we have always felt as devoted and obedient children.

And therefore, your Excellency, you can imagine what joy of sharing you give us today with your words! Words that demonstrate how the

Church, which we recognize as our Mother, has caught the same feelings of amazement and gratitude that we have, recognizing the constant news of graces that Rosa Mystica has spread

in many forms and many times on her devotees, which are always growing in number and coming from all over the world. Now we have reached a very important stage not only concerning the proclamation of the Sanctuary, but also for the constant deepening studies on the events of Montichiari and Fontanelle, as well as on the figure of Pierina, who sacrificed herself for the cause of Rosa Mystica. There is still a good way to go; our strengths and enthusiasm are no longer those of the youthful years, but Rosa Mystica has always called for new forces to her cause. So She consoles us and reassures us that She, together with Mgr Marco Alba, will be the safe and the enlightened Guide of the next steps.

May the heartfelt and maternal call of Maria Rosa Mystica be freely proclaimed and experienced by many of her ever more numerous children. On behalf of all the collaborators of the Foundation, I renew our grateful thanks and in memory of this extraordinary event we offer you an icon and a medal depicting Maria Rosa Mystica



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Marisa Tanzini Cuelli

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my arms, I open My maternal Heart, giving to all the children My Motherly love!... The glory of the Lord will triumph!...". In fact, in Fontanelle, Our Lady warns humanity against a particular punishment, namely the atheism, or the crisis of faith as a real threat to the world and to the Church itself.

Prayers, sacrifices, penances, Immaculate Heart of Mary: it seems like hearing the message of Fatima... As always, the apparitions of the Madonna are intertwined in a single design of Salvation. In fact, there is a very great link between the apparitions of Fatima and the alleged ap-

paritions of Fontanelle. So much so that on December 7, 1947, the Virgin, appearing to Pierina in the Cathedral of Montichiari, showed her precisely Jacinta and Francesco of Fatima, "They will be companions to you in all your tribulations. They have also suffered; although they were smaller than you" (...) "They will help you. This is what I want from you, the same simplicity and goodness of these children".

One last question: what can a faithful person who intends to listen and to follow Maria Rosa Mystica actually do?

Our Lady in Fontanelle asks for a few, but very precise things.

1. The World Union of the Communion of Reparation on the 13th of each month

for all the outrages and offenses against the Eucharistic Jesus.

2. Furthermore, always on the 13th of each month, the date precisely linked to the apparitions of Fatima, Rosa Mystica asks the confession of sins, the participation in Holy Mass, the Communion, the recitation of the Rosary and an hour of Eucharistic adoration.

3. Lastly, on December 8 of each year, the Hour of Universal Grace is to be practiced at noon. "With this practice – says Mary – many spiritual and corporal graces will be obtained". In addition to this, following the example of Pierina Gilli, Our Lady invites the faithful to offer their lives for the love of Christ and His Church.

TIMETABLE OF THE MONTHS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2020

N.B. Every first Saturday of the month, starting from January 4, 2020, at 10:30 Holy Mass will be celebrated, followed by a meditated Rosary with the exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Every day (weekday)

15:00 Confessions; 16:30 Rosary.
16:00 Holy Mass.

Saturday

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

Sunday and holidays

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

Wednesday, January 1, 2020: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

The possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence for pilgrims

15:00 Confessions - Eucharistic Adoration.
15:30 Rosary.
16:00 High Mass - Act of entrustment of all mothers to Maria Rosa Mystica.

Saturday, January 4, (1st of the Month)

10:30 Holy Mass followed by a meditated Rosary.

Monday, January 6: Feast of the Epiphany

15:00 Confessions - Eucharistic adoration
15:30 Rosary
16:00 High Mass - Act of entrustment of all children to Maria Rosa Mystica

Sunday, January 12: Feast of the Baptism of Jesus

Holy Mass in memory of Pierina Gilli on the 29th anniversary of her death

15:00 Confessions - Eucharistic adoration.
15:30 Rosary.
16:00 High Mass with renewal of baptismal promises.

Monday, January 13: Monthly Marian day

Saturday, February 1st (1st of the Month)

10:30 Holy Mass followed by a meditated Rosary.

Sunday, February 2 - Feast of the presentation of the Lord Jesus

H. Mass for all consecrated (men and women).

Monday, February 3 - in honour of St. Blaise

Holy Mass with throat blessing.

Tuesday, February 11: Feast of the Blessed Virgin of Lourdes

Holy Mass with blessing of the sick

Thursday, February 13: Monthly Marian day

Wednesday, February 26: Holy Ashes

BEGINNING OF LENT

Holy mass with imposition of ashes

Friday, February 28: First Friday of Lent

15:00 - 17:00 Confessions
15:00 Stations of the Cross (with Plenary Indulgence)
16:00 H. Mass

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