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Holy Friday 2020:

The Bishop of Brescia
Mons. Pierantonio
Tremolada gives the
blessing to the people
of Brescia in the
deserted streets of the
historic center.

Many say: who will show us the good?

“The text of Psalm 4 expresses in a poetic and direct form two feelings that I believe are at the root of the human heart in the time of the trial, which began for us in the Diocese of Brescia with the start of Lent, and then gradually spread throughout the world in a pandemic form: the cry to God of the fearful man, who in the hour of danger experiences the feeling of no longer seeing any security, no support, no hope in the future, and at the same time the desire to see again the light of His face, to hear today His reassuring voice which, like to the unbelieving disciples after the terrible days of the Passion, continues to tell us: “Peace to you, it is I, the Risen One, do not fear!”.

Let us ask for Grace to be able to go to the bottom of these two inner motions, which belong inextricably to our heart and soul, to do it without fear and without scandals, because the more truthfully and profound the first feeling will be, the more we can be able to experience the gift

of the Easter faith, of the consoling action of the Spirit, to understand which ‘passage’ is required of us today in the situations we are facing, to become new creatures.

I think that this exceptional time in the life of the people of God, who in many parts of the world

has not been able to access the Sacrament of Confession, the Eucharist and the Anointing in the usual way, can become a great opportunity to rediscover the effectiveness of our baptism: it is the sacrament at the beginning of the rebirth of life, the inexhaustible source, although often forgotten, the gift of the Spirit, who renews the dignity of the children of God and the essential link with the living body of the Church.

Even for many faithful and devotees of Rosa Mystica, these days are difficult, marked by mourning, solitude, isolation, economic and family problems: let us be guided by the illuminating words with which Saint Paul describes the truest nature of the baptismal experience for a believer, an experience that we are continually called to retrace on our path of rebirth, through all historical

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circumstances. In the letter to the Romans he tells us: *"Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life"*. (Rom 6, 3-4).

St. Paul lived in this certainty, which he announced to the first ecclesial communities: any situation of "passion" or "burial" can introduce us into the mystery of the Easter passage, can lead us back to the root of our faith, to the intimate communion with Christ, to make today a living experience, perhaps unexpected, of His victory over death and evil.

Many believers in many situations have also witnessed to us in this time the signs of this victory of Jesus, alive and present in his Church. Rosa Mystica, Mother of all believers, especially of the most doubtful and fearful, please help us to recognize these signs and to find in them consolation and hope.

At this time, the life of prayer at the Shrine continues in a discreet but insistent way, despite the limitations imposed by government decrees, like a thin thread that unites idealistically all the faithful of Rosa Mystica throughout the world with the incessant supplications of the suffering humanity. Every afternoon, from 4 to 5 pm, we pray during the hour of Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament, in communion with our diocesan Church and united with our Bishop. Starting from Holy Thursday, we celebrated the daily Holy Mass, without the presence

of the faithful. In silence we pray a lot in the presence of Jesus and Mary, only accompanied by the bubbling of the blessed source of water; we pray especially for the sick, the dying, the families in difficulty, all the medical and health teams and for the many deceased in our Diocese, in Italy and in the

whole world. We have repeatedly renewed our entrustment and our consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on behalf of many who asked for prayers and intercessions. Rosa Mystica, we beg you to grant us as soon as possible to be able to return to celebrate the Sacraments in our Shrine and in many churches in the world, with a renewed and purified heart, pleasing to the Lord!

Happy Easter time to all of you!

The Rector
Mons. Marco Alba

A lesson to learn

"This time I put my thoughts, my reflections on paper, and send them to you from the 'eye of the storm'. Yes, exactly like this. In fact, I too am at this moment, like everyone else, still locked up at home because of the pandemic that is hunting down the whole world."

A very small organism, a virus, invisible to the naked eye, that is keeping its hooks in that human being who is able to get across the immensity of the cosmos until reaching the moon and Mars, but who now often sees how hundreds of thousands of his own species are succumbing. A danger, a suffering, a tragedy that for the first time in the history of humanity does not concern only some countries or a continent, but the whole world and seems to last for a long time, keeping us alert for still a long time. The need to defend ourselves by obliging us to look at each other with covered faces, not to touch others, neither what surrounds us if we are not wearing gloves, to keep us as far away as possible, in one word, to be watchful of everything and everyone. A danger, a hurt, a tragedy that I, like all the others, am experiencing, as I said, right in the center of the eye of the storm in Lombardy, hit with particular violence and within

it in a province – Brescia – which together with Lodi, Cremona and Bergamo, has ticked off very high records of sick and, unfortunately, also of many deceased persons. Everyone, I repeat, everyone of us has, if not a close relative, at least a friend or acquaintance among them. In addition, even Montichiari, to which Fontanelle belongs, has been involved since the early days in this painful spiral that has now slowed down, but which maybe will attack again in a short time, hopefully not with as much gravity.

Faced with an event of this kind, one cannot help trying to reflect, to understand, to deepen at least a little. There is a first thing to consider in a strictly human, horizontal way. Moreover, at this point, it is certain that eventually science will be able to tame this virus as it has already performed with so many others. And that, therefore, even if at the beginning in slow motion and at the cost of a heavy price of many sick and dead, in the end, life will

resume in fullness and even, perhaps, with the extra impetus which generally follows after great natural tragedies, such as earthquakes, cyclones, volcanic eruptions, or caused – alas – by humans such as wars. Therefore, perhaps with a little more experience on our shoulders, we will go on trying to project ourselves into the future and to forget what is painful in the past.

However, especially for us believers, there is another plane of reflection on the profound meaning of what is happening now, namely, the question why it even concerns our faith: the closed churches, the impossibility of approaching the Eucharist, our holy Food – which is Jesus himself – the beating Heart of Christianity. Of course, we can pray, perhaps we are doing so more than before, by creating chains that – even if by computer – we have involved people who were previously more distant from the faith. However, if we do not go deeper into it, all of this will end as soon as a semblance of normality will be restored.

We must realize very well how in their apparitions Jesus and Mary repeatedly told us for at least three centuries that humankind is gradually moving away from God. By putting the Creator and Lord of heaven and earth, and of every being, the more and more just in a song and living as if He does not exist, we will encounter a great disaster caused by disharmony and disorder, which will end sooner or later in such a great evil, that even the most innocent has to suffer.

And that therefore we must not only pray and beg that this epidemic be ended, but also pray with humility that the light of the Spirit may teach and guide first of all ourselves, but likewise those who govern us and those who have important roles in society, to truly rediscover the meaning of life. To reweave that loving relationship above all with God who consequently leads us to live well the relationship with our brothers and sisters, but also with the world and the nature that we have massacred, which now inevitably is rebelling. In a few words, to understand the lesson that the Lord is imparting to us and to behave accordingly.

Rosanna Brichetti Messori



We have received many requests for prayers and also many testimonies of Faith. In this tragically sad period for everyone, we publish the letter sent to us by a dear missionary friend in Cameroon. Mbalmayo, April 19, 2020.

Dear Friends of Rosa Mystica,

On this Sunday of Divine Mercy, I send you my best wishes for a Happy Easter. May the joy of the Virgin Mary in the resurrection of her Son flood our hearts, enlighten our minds and strengthen our wills in this particular moment of the pandemic, which, as I know, has strongly affected your region. We pray every day for you so that the Lord's Mercy will caress the sick and welcome our dear departed into His sweet arms.

If I write my wishes a little late this year, it is because we, in Cameroon too are starting to be messed up by Covid-19, which, in fact, also came to us. We naively believed that the heat of the Tropics could keep him away, but that was not the case. It came through the Cameroonians residing in Europe who, due to the pandemic and its economic aftermath, decided to return to their country...

There are currently something over a thousand patients, about forty deaths, a good number of healings, around 300. In our context, the chloroquine-based healing protocol (an antimalarial) associated with an antibiotic (azithromycin) seems to have a good effect. As this country does not dispose of an adequate sanitary structure for emergency, from mid-March the government has taken drastic measures to avoid propagation including the closure of schools and all borders... For a week, masks have been mandatory in public.

At ecclesial level, public celebrations have been suspended for three weeks now. Only in the Easter Triduum did we celebrate in the parish with a small group of faithful representing the various neighborhoods. I am sending you some photos of the functions attached to this message.

I am in contact with several faithful through WhatsApp and stay at home out of prudence and respect towards people (in fact, I could be a healthy carrier of the disease), but there is never a lack of work (news, catechesis preparation and liturgy for families). There is a change, but even-

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gelization does not stop. At the base, the leaders of the neighborhood communities, of the Caritas group and the catechists continue their service with great feeling for charity and faith creativity... One of the photos depicts Caritas members preparing packages for the poorest. This year, each patient was also given a little picture of Rosa Mystica.

At our level, in addition to the need to comply strictly with safety standards since the "virus does not stop in front of the churches and not even in the blessed water", we have tried to emphasize to the faithful the opportunity of this time for the deepening of the faith, so that it is more essential and personal ("you are born alone and you die alone"), to rediscover slightly forgotten values such as silence and meditation, and above all so that families live more intensely their vocation to be the Church in their own house.

The Church is manifested publicly on the day of Pentecost, but in reality, She is born at the Annunciation, the day on which the Holy Virgin Mary, in all solitude, at home and not in the temple, pronounces her "yes" to the Lord's plan.

That the silence of our days lived in confinement, without solemn liturgies, without processions and incense, may be an opportunity for the deepening of our vocation. May Maria Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church, intercede for the sick, the elderly who experience the drama of solitude and for our dear departed, who preceded us in the House of the Lord.

An Easter greeting to you and to all the Friends of the Sanctuary of Maria Rosa Mystica.

fr. Franco Paladini

For the moment, celebrations in the presence of the faithful, according to current government provisions, are still suspended.

As soon as we have new provisions on the matter, we will publish the timetable on the website of the Shrine.

The postage costs for the delivery of the bulletin "The Voice of Rosa Mystica" are increasing; we beg the help of the kind readers to preserve the relationship with the faithful. Those who can receive it by e-mail please send us your e-mail. Those who want to continue to receive the paper newsletter by post, please contribute with a minimum offer to the costs. The Foundation will continue to send it to those who wish to receive it, but have no means to contribute.

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The Covid in Cameroon is not able to kill the love in the families and their devotion to "Maria, Rosa Mystica". Herewith some photos demonstrating it.

WE COMMUNICATE THAT A YOUTUBE CHANNEL, DEDICATED TO THE SANCTUARY, HAS BEEN ACTIVATED, TO THE FOLLOWING LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMr9uxXkq8IzvKSSd8cR0Zg>

Also present on the home page of the official website:
www.rosamisticafontanelle.it

Anyone who wishes to send videos of celebrations of their own Rosa Mystica group, can send them to the following e-mail address:
info@rosamisticafontanelle.it

The Foundation will then evaluate the contents and the possibility of insertion.

The lack of space does not permit us to publish many other beautiful testimonials co-operating in the recognition of the case; they are kept in the archive. We all feel united in prayer in the maternal heart of Maria Rosa Mystica.

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