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*World
Union of the
Communion of
Atonement*

*“act of love and gratitude on the
part of the children to the Lord”*

(from Pierina’s diary)

Mary, our Hope

*“In our Diocese and in Italy, as in many other parts of the world,
we are gradually and prudently resuming the ordinary journey of life and faith,
after the time of trial and emergency that marked
the life and health of many beloved people.”*

We must recognize, with sincere amazement and gratitude, that since the reopening of the Churches and public worship, the Sanctuary of Rosa Mystica - Mother of the Church has become an incessant destination for many pilgrims and devotees, in ever-increasing numbers while respecting government regulations, to the point that on Sunday we have planned a new morning Eucharistic celebration; it is as if the *sensus fidei* of the people of God, after the time of fear, has felt almost by filial instinct, by attraction, the desire to restart their own sacramental and worship journey precisely with the help, protection and

consolation of our Mother. Moreover, it was evident that during the period of the emergency and the lockdown in Italy, on several occasions the Pope, the CEI (Italian Episcopal Conference) and individual bishops from all over Italy, officially proclaimed and celebrated acts of trust in the Virgin, seeing in Her a sure sign of hope to unite around Her the strength of the most sincere and popular prayer, namely the Rosary; many faithful then, often spontaneously, almost contagiously, wished to live and to continue experiencing the consolation of this prayer by creatively using the many opportunities for virtual connection offered today by social networks.

Saint Bernard, in one of his homilies inspired by the title of Maria Stella Maris, gives us these words, which perhaps help us to re-read in faith what we are living, so as not to lose its memory and teaching: *“Oh you who see yourself tossed about in the course of this century, in the midst of thunderstorms and storms in a more perilous way than if you walked on earth, do not look away from the glow of this star if you do not want to sink in the storms. If the winds of temptations rise and you run aground among the rocks of tribulations, look at the star, invoke Mary... In danger, in anguish,*

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in perplexity, think of Mary, invoke Mary ... By following her examples you will not get lost; invoking Her you will not lose hope; thinking of Her you will not fall into error. Leaning against Her you will not slip; under Her protection you will not be afraid of anything; with Her guidance you will not get tired; with Her protection you will reach your destination". (Homilies in praise of the Virgin, 2:17).

Over the centuries, Mary has kept intact, especially through the trials of our history, the secret of Her strength, of Her attraction preserved for souls, especially the most desperate ones: like a North Star, fixed in the continuous changing of the stars, She continues to indicate with love, tenderness and patience Her son Jesus, She guides many baptized persons who are oppressed by prejudice and mediocrity to re-discover Him, She reveals Him to those who are far away, arouses a renewed desire for His love, for His forgiveness, and thus revives hope as an unexpected, free gift within the reach of each of us, even of those who are judged as 'lost' or irrecoverable. And She does this above all by gently leading souls back to the Eucharist, to the contemplation of this profound mystery, which always introduces us in a new way into the journey of the Church, into community life.

Whatever the stormy sea we are crossing, let us raise our gaze, let us fix it confidently at our Star of the Sea, let us be led in a docile way into the safe haven of the love of Her Son Jesus.

Mgr. Marco Alba
Rector of the Sanctuary



Continuous influx of pilgrims in prayer in compliance with the established guidelines

WE FIND BACK OUR COURAGE AND CONVICTION

“Also this year, by direct desire of Maria Rosa Mystica Mother of the Church – who made an explicit and heartfelt request to Pierina – we will celebrate the **World Union of the Communion of Atonement** on October, 13. But if each time we have always tried to commit ourselves, not only to pay homage, but to show all our love to Jesus in the Eucharist, I believe that on this occasion we have some more reason to experience the event with even greater seriousness and depth.”

The last difficult months, in fact, should make us understand many things and should help us to better penetrate that Christian mystery of which Jesus is the Heart and which for us today, two thousand years after His incarnation, is represented precisely by the Holy Eucharist.

We all know very well how things went: suddenly, besieged by an almost unknown and very dangerous virus, which we believed to be far away and which instead had already been among us for some time, from one day to the next we found ourselves forced not to attend churches anymore.

However, even more serious is that we were no longer able to attend the Holy Mass and feed on the Body and Blood of Christ. All this during three long months. When things improved, we could attend the Mass again, but still today, we

have to observe many heavy precautions to be able to approach the Eucharist. All of this was not chosen from our perspective of faith, but by others according to criteria that are often distant and not always understandable. If I draw on my personal experience, I must say that while this was all heavy, it still taught me something. First of all, it reminded me that this world that has become so complicated, nevertheless believes it is very strong, capable of dominating everything. However, in reality, deep down in its heart, it is weak and very fragile. And far from God, we Christians, are now in the minority. Consequently, that great gift which for us is the Eucharist, the center of our faith, which we had always perceived as perennially available, could actually become very difficult to experience. It is thus not a sort of comfortable habit, a foregone gesture, but a destination

that can be achieved with a precise will that comes from a deep conviction of its outstanding importance. In short: let us be careful, we must become more and more aware that for us believers in Jesus, followers of His message of love, convinced that He is still alive and working among us precisely in the Eucharist, today, in a world that always goes the more de-Christianizing, the spaces of faith and devotion are reduced and therefore we must first of all keep them open within us, i.e. in our hearts. Also externally, if necessary, yet without violence or arrogance, but with a lot of conviction and some courage.

Yes, precisely courage and conviction: I am thinking of the many official saints who, feeding on Him, despite their human frailty, have accomplished memorable deeds and works over the centuries. I think of the countless generations of simple Christians, equally saints, even if anonymous, who in Jesus the Eucharist, had found the strength to live the difficulties of daily life, sacrificing themselves to give their lives to other children of God, in a very long chain that still is continuing. I think of the difficulties encountered by believers under atheistic communist regimes, which they still remember. But also to many current Christians, persecuted in so many parts of the world.

For us, thank God, this is not yet the case and we hope it will not be in the future either. But even our horizon is not cloudless and consists of many kinds. Let us therefore renew our faith and on this day specially dedicated to Jesus the Eucharist, we find an impulse of love, a desire for union with Him, the will to follow Him fully with the desire and will to share His cross in our difficulties and then rediscover with Him, and with Mary, the fullness of the Resurrection.

Rosanna Brichetti Messori



We ask everyone to pray for a tormented Lebanon

Prayer groups

In this period we have received many testimonies of prayer groups named after Maria Rosa Mystica already existing for years in many countries. These groups now wish to have a better direct contact with the Foundation and with the Ecclesiastical Authority in charge of it. We sincerely thank them and confirm our willingness to provide all the news that interest them and the directives we can suggest.

From Managua in Nicaragua, from the Congregation of the Incarnate Word we receive the following, "We send a greeting from Nicaragua from the apostolic group Maria Rosa Mystica of the parish of San Pio X, Managua with the aim of creating a communication with the Sanctuary of Fontanelle and therefore being able to spread more devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We have about 5 years of organization. United in prayer with our Mother Rosa Mystica". Family group.

From Peru, from the Community of Consecrated Life of the Daughters of Maria Rosa Mystica we receive the following, "I am Sister Clotilde of Peru, on behalf of the Community we ask to be in contact with you in order to share the devotion to the Virgin Mary Rosa Mystica".

In union of prayer .

TIMETABLE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2020

Daily:

16:00 Confessions
16:30 Chaplet
17:00 H. Mass

Sundays and feast days

10:00 Chaplet – Confessions
10:30 H. Mass
16:00-18:00 Confessions
16:00 Adoration
16:30 Chaplet
17:00 H. Mass

Saturday, September 5 (1st Saturday of the month)

10:00 Confessions
10:30 H. Mass – Followed by a meditated Chaplet with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, September 6

Pilgrimage of the diocesan communities of Sri Lanka

10:30 High Mass for the Sinhalese communities
In the afternoon: usual schedule for feast days

Tuesday, September 8

Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary

Saturday, September 12 – Most Holy Name of Mary

At the usual pre-festive hour
20:45 Eucharistic Adoration.

Sunday, September 13 – Monthly Marian Day

Usual schedule for feast days

Tuesday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4 *Pilgrimage of the Indian communities from Switzerland.*

Wednesday, October 7 – Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary

Saturday, October 10 (2nd Saturday of the month)

10:00 Confessions
10:30 H. Mass – Followed by a meditated Chaplet with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, October 11 – Day of the Communion of Reparation

10:00-12:00 Confessions
10:00 Benediction of the breads and Chaplet
10:30 High Mass
16:00-18:00 Confessions
16:00 Eucharistic Adoration – Chaplet
17:00 High Mass

Tuesday, October 13 – Monthly Marian Day

Sunday, October 18 – World Mission Day

From October 20 to 26

Chaplet with the QUEEN of RADIO MARIA.

Every day, immediately after evening mass, meditated rosary by the volunteers of Radio Maria, in the presence of the pilgrim statue.

Sunday, October 25

TIME CHANGE – Winter schedule of the functions

Morning: schedule unchanged

Afternoon:

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

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<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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