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Amidst the storms, the heart is leading

“With these well-known words, a traditional Italian Marian song has taught us over the years to turn with trust to the Immaculate Virgin. These are simple and direct words, with which the People of God wished to express the true sentiments which arise from lived faith through the often troubled journey of our life.”

This year they can maybe assist us to live two realities so close to us with greater consciousness: the time we are living in, marked by a world pandemic

that has dramatically reawakened in Europe, and the first anniversary of the establishment of the diocesan shrine Rosa Mystica - Mother of the Church, on the occasion

of which our Bishop of Brescia, H.Em. Mgr.Tremolada, will preside over the solemn Eucharistic celebration on December 7, 2020.

It is truly a great grace, to be humbly invoked, that in the storms of life the human heart does not get lost but may be guided, supported, consoled. For us believers, it is a question of rediscovering the gift of divine sonship, of faith as a house founded on a rock, of the consolation that one encounters along the road of fraternal charity and communion. The Immaculate Virgin, preserved from original sin –



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and therefore from the true cause of all fear, i.e. the breaking of the original bond with the Father – as of Grace she knows the depth of the human heart, its radical weaknesses, and precisely for this She knows how to guide us, so that even through the storms each of us can make the journey towards the Father (cf. Opening prayer of the Liturgy of December 8). It is the same journey of the prodigal son in which we are guided by Her during storms and

in the distance from all security to be able to return to ourselves, to look within with truth, and to feel the desire to return to the Father's house, rediscovering ourselves as expected and beloved children.

Is this journey possible, even today, precisely now where everything conspires to disintegrate the unity of the heart and the strength of human relationships? In the "yes" of the Virgin Mother there is the secret of our "yes", or at least of the possibility of perceiving the urgency of our response.

This is why this first anniversary of the constitution of the diocesan shrine becomes even more important for all of us. We turn with renewed awareness, guided by our Bishop to Her who in this place is so intensely implored as Mother of believers, Mother of the

Church. Look, oh Mother, at the hearts of all the believers, guide your Church in the storms of history, in the storms that mark the path even of consecrated persons and priests in such a confused time; help us to rediscover ourselves as children, guide us to retrace the path of our faith to be stronger in hope, and to offer a little light to the darkness of so many hearts.

May the Mystery of your Christmas, Oh Lord, surprise us more, becoming eager to welcome you as King of hearts and of history, victorious over evil and the destructive force of every storm.

Bishop Marco Alba
Rector of the Sanctuary



A CHILD CALLING OTHER CHILDREN

“Once again we are approaching Christmas. A somewhat troubled Christmas this year, because we are still dealing with that pandemic, which end is difficult to foresee and, above all, the damage of all kinds that it has caused and still will cause. But perhaps for this very reason, we should feel this feast with greater depth than ever and welcome this exceptional Child, whose birth we remember again with even more tenderness than usual, with an intense and sincere love.”

I was thinking about how to help myself first of all, and then you as well to arouse this state of mind of special welcome, when I received two booklets, small but important booklets, in which a journalist, Costanza Signorelli, collected with great attention and kindness the stories of some children and adolescents who have had a particular experience. That of getting sick, usually due to cancer, in a very difficult and painful path that led to their death. But of having lived all this in a crescendo of awareness that develops in them an ever more intense faith, an extraordinary abandonment to God, a way of facing the suffering that united them more and more to Jesus, sharing in his Cross. And that transformed an objectively tragic experience of suffering and pain into a path that was already that of resurrection. Along a luminous route, which not only filled their own hearts with a supernatural joy, but also the hearts of so many who learned about it and still do so.

I read these stories all in one breath, with inevitable inner participation. And then I decided that

I was going to talk about these for Christmas.

Why? Because it moved me deeply to think of that holy Child, born in poverty on a winter night two thousand years ago, apparently like all the other children in the world, but in reality burdened by a very special mission: To assume pain, sin, suffering of the whole humanity of all times and all places and, through His death of love, reopen the path to the Resurrection for every man. And then He called these other children or young people to join Him on particularly difficult and tormented paths, accompanying them step by step with His grace – and always also with the maternal help of Mary – to say like Saint Paul, “to complete the sacrifice of Christ in their flesh”. Certainly not because it was not enough that He had reopened the ways of Heaven and Divine Love for us, but because through the testimony of these little other Christs, we also will understand what is happening inside and out-

side of us when we take the gospel and Jesus’ promises seriously. It happens that the sky becomes transparent, that our often heavy and opaque life suddenly acquires a new meaning. It happens that we no longer feel alone with all our efforts and our problems, but are enveloped by the tenderness and mercy of a Father who wanted us, one by one, without exception. A Father who gave us a brother in humanity, Jesus, who shared our very existence, dying to redeem it. And that now, together, Father and Son, through the Holy Spirit, i.e. the Love that unites Them, follow us step by step so that we too can take the right path, which will lead us into that eternal life that sooner or later all await us.

For all this, this year, my Christmas, accompanied to the cave by Giulia, Manuel, Gianluca, Mirella, David, Carlo, Laura will be different. Because the light that emanates from their short but very intense lives, will surely illuminate me too, making me penetrate with greater intensity into the great Mystery behind that little baby in swaddling clothes. It is the most sincere wish I also send to each of you.

Rosanna Brichetti Messori

Bibliography: C. Signorelli, The Grain of Wheat, Stories of Young Saints among us, NBQ; and C. Signorelli, Born for Heaven, The Extraordinary Life of Laura Degan, NBQ. To order: marketing@lanuovabq.it

We have received

■ From Tinaco - Cojedes state Of Venezuela

Very sad news: On October 20 a young 39-year-old priest was murdered for defending a parishioner who was a victim of a robbery. This priest was the current spiritual director of the Rosa Mystica Foundation, which has been operating in this country for more than 25 years. The pain of friends and collaborators and of all the clergy and local people is great. Let us convey our closeness in prayer and participation and that of all the whole, great family of Rosa Mystica to these brothers and to the Diocese, so severely affected. We publish the photo of Fr José Manuel de Jesus Ferreira taken last year in Fontanelle on the occasion of one of his pilgrimages.



TIME SCHEDULE OF NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2020

Daily

15:00 Confessions
15:30 H. Rosary
16:00 H. Mass

Sun- and feastdays

10:00 H. Rosary – Confessions
10:30 H. Mass
15:00-17:00 Confessions
15:00 Adoration; 16:30 H. Rosary
16:00 H. Mass

Sunday, November 1 - Solemnity of All SAINTS

16:00 H. Mass for all our deceased benefactors

Monday, November 2

Commemoration of the faithful departed

Possibility of plenary indulgence at the Sanctuary

Saturday, November 7, (first Saturday of the month)

10:00 Confessions
10:30 H. Mass – followed by a meditated H. Rosary with exposition of the Holy Sacrament

Friday, November 13 - monthly Marian day

Saturday, November 21 - Presentation of the Virgin Mary

Sunday, November 22 - Solemnity of Christ the King

Possibility of plenary indulgence at the Sanctuary

Sunday, November 29 - 1st Sunday of ADVENT

Saturday, December 5 - (1st Saturday of the month)

10:00 Confessions
10:30 H. Mass- followed by a meditated H. Rosary with exposition of the Holy Sacrament

Monday, December 7

Eve of the Solemnity of Mary Immaculate

16:00 H. Mass presided by
Em. Mgr Tremolada, Bishop of Brescia
On the occasion of the first anniversary of the constitution of Diocesan Shrine Rosa Mystica-Mother of the Church.

Tuesday, December 8

High feast of Mary, The Immaculate Virgin

Possibility of plenary indulgence at the Sanctuary

- Morning: 09:30 Start of community prayer.
10:00-12:00 Confessions
10:30 H. Rosary
11:00 High Mass – followed by the Hour of Grace
- Afternoon: 15:00 Confessions – Eucharistic Adoration
15:30 H. Rosary
16:00 H. Mass presided by **Mgr Gaetano Fontana**, Vicar general of the diocese of Brescia.

Sunday, December 13 - monthly Marian day

Friday, December 25 - HOLY CHRISTMAS FEAST

Saturday, December 26 - Feast of St. Stephen the martyr

Mass time of feastdays

Sunday, 27 December - Feast of the Holy Family

Thursday, January 31 - Memoria S. Silvestro

Possibility of plenary indulgence at the Sanctuary
High Mass 16.00: Chant of TE DEUM

Friday, January 1, 2021 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of the Lord

Possibility of plenary indulgence at the Sanctuary
Mass time of feastdays

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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 and we wish everyone a Holy Christmas.

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