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“REJOICE, FULL OF GRACE”

“The words with which the Archangel Gabriel addressed Mary in the Annunciation were at the center of the homily which our Bishop of Brescia, H.E. Mons. Tremolada, offered us during the celebration of the Mass that he presided in Fontanelle on the eve of the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, last December 7, 2020, the first anniversary of the constitution of the Diocesan Shrine Maria Rosa Mystica-Mother of the Church.”

The Bishop exhorted all of us to allow ourselves to be transfigured by the action of the divine Grace, through the great intercession of Our Lady, with these clear words: “Each of us has his own experience of devotion to the Mother of the Lord, each of us has a his own way of loving Her, of venerating Her, of praying to Her, though we will never know who Our Lady really is. It is someone whose Mystery will always go beyond us (...). In order to understand ever better who Our Lady is in Her Mystery, also of salvation, we must allow ourselves to be transformed in turn by Her Grace” (...); “When we enter into the action of the Grace, we become ca-

pable of understanding better the Mystery of God and we also will be able of opening ourselves more truthfully to the Mystery of Mary, full of Grace. The more we walk in God’s grace, the more we will understand the greatness, the beauty of the Mother of God. We need a lot of prayer to feel deeply united to Our Lady, to realize who She really is. We need Grace in a slow way to slowly transform our hearts, our thoughts, our desires, and our intentions. Let us make this happen and then we will feel Our Lady ever closer. Let us ask Her for this to happen, that is, we ask that the Grace that operated in Her will operate more and more in us”.

The strength of Her who is the

mediator of Grace is even more necessary for us in trials, tribulations, temptations, and in the struggle against the mystery of iniquity, and evil, as the Bishop reminded us: “She who has not known evil, can help us to overcome it. Because unfortunately we know evil, we feel it within us, we see it around us, and often the evil gives us the impression of being stronger, even if he is not, as the Grace of God is immensely more powerful, but we must rely on it”. Precisely in the context of this entrustment, the Bishop officially wanted to hand over to us the commitment of constant prayer for

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the Church of Brescia and in particular for diocesan priests: *“In this celebration I would like very much to entrust our Church to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I would like to entrust in a particular way those who in our Church have the task of exercising the Sacred Ministry, namely, the priests. We know that in this place the love for priests has been cultivated in a very intense way; we know that a specific attention to the ministers of the Church, to their holiness, to their dedication characterizes this diocesan sanctuary “(...);” to the Mother of the Lord who is the Im-*

maculate Conception, to Her who does not know sin, to Her who is filled with God’s grace, to Her before whom the angels bow and joyfully recognize Her greatness, to Her we entrust the journey of our Church, the journey of our priests, and the journey of each of us”.

We want to welcome with great seriousness and gratitude this so important task that the Bishop has entrusted to us, a task that has characterized the prayer of our Shrine from the very beginning of the devotion that has arisen in these places, according to the style of Marian prayer lived

intensely by Pierina Gilli herself. We can already announce that on the **third Sunday of each month**, starting from the new year 2021, the afternoon mass at the Shrine will always be celebrated for the sanctification of our diocesan clergy, and will be presided over by the episcopal Vicar of the clergy of the Diocese of Brescia, don Angelo Gelmini. We wish to begin the task entrusted to us in the concreteness of this gesture, lived at the height of the Divine Liturgy, in communion with all those who wish to be spiritually united in our prayer, in the certainty that the gifts of Grace of the Mother of the Church and Her maternal consolations will not lack.

Mgr. Marco Alba
Rector

News of hope from Kenya

Don Luca Montini is a young priest originally from Lumezzane, in our Diocese of Brescia, incardinated in the missionary congregation of the priests of San Carlo Borromeo, currently serving in Kenya, near Nairobi. Every time don Luca returns to Italy, he always comes to celebrate at the Fontanelle Sanctuary and to share his missionary ‘adventures’ with us.

In Kahawa Wendani, on the northern outskirts of Nairobi, the St. Joseph Dispensary was founded, a kind of small hospital with various health services; recently don Luca, head of the structure, decided to also open a maternity ward, for the reception of pregnant women, and called it

Mary Mystical Rosa Maternity, entrusting it to the protection of Rosa Mystica. (Those wishing to see the structure and the people who animate it live, don Luca, doctors and nurses, can use the following internet address:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pzJLowbc4KI>).

We gladly publish the article that don Luca sent us, inviting everyone to support this work especially with prayer.

Don Luca writes us:

“The maternity ward was placed under the protection of Maria Rosa Mystica for three reasons.



○ The **first**, historical. Since I became a priest, a dear friend, don Marco Alba, has asked me to offer Masses for the intentions of the pilgrims of Maria Rosa Mystica. Therefore, every day I celebrate Mass having in my mind and heart our Virgin of Fontanelle. Like drops on a rock, these Masses have dug an ever greater affection for Her, helping me to gradually understand Her closeness and the importance of Her message for my vocation.

○ And now we go to the **second** point. When she appeared at the Fontanelle, Maria revealed, in unsuspected times, the difficulties and betrayals that would exist between priests and religious. I don’t feel exempt from Her calls. I am a priest, and I am a sinner. I need a Mother to accompany me, hand in hand, at the feet of her Son, so that I can ask for forgiveness and start over and over again.

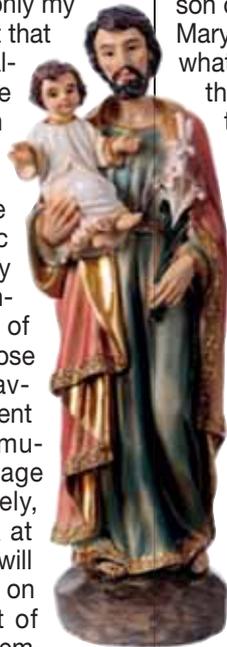
○ The **third**, perhaps more common, is linked to the name Rosa Mystica. The beauty of the rose helps us to remember what we work for: the Beautiful, the Good, the Right. In one word, Christ. We serve the sick because we want to serve Christ, nothing more, nothing less.

I hope, and pray, that the devotion to Maria Rosa Mystica will find fertile ground here too, in Kenya. The Lord will show us His plans. Certainly it procured me joy when the parents of one of the 15 girls born in our ward told me the name they had chosen for their daughter: **Mary Rose**.

Joseph: the man of laborious silence

I confess that I felt great delight when I read that Pope Francis has dedicated this year 2021 to St. Joseph. And this is because over the years, as I became more and more acquainted with this so silent and shy, but also a such important man in the history of our Christian faith, I have become a faithful lover of him. But as well, more than once, I have received his benefits. In fact, having invoked him in some really difficult situations, each time, in one way or another, I felt his presence and his help. And now, I am therefore very happy that the Pope has drawn not only my attention back to him, but that of the whole world, thus allowing everyone to be able to deepen this great man and believer.

Joseph means a lot today: First of all he is the protector of the Catholic Church, then of a happy death; but also of carpenters and more generally of all workers; equally, all those who call for his help, having to guarantee a sufficient good life for large communities, or just must manage their families appropriately, so that they do not lack at least what is necessary. I will stop here, but I could go on and on because the list of those who have placed themselves under the protection of this man is truly amazing who, however, remains really important for that one great thing on which, then, all the others depend as corollaries. And that is for having accepted to enter with great humility and discretion the most relevant event in human history – after creation itself – namely, in the Incarnation of the Word of God in Jesus of Nazareth. We all know how things went: Mary, a very young Jewish girl, betrothed to Joseph, receives the surprising announcement that God has chosen her as the mother of the Messiah, the Expected One of Israel, the Saviour. At first she is very surprised, but reassured about how everything will happen, she immediately pronounces that “yes” that will change history, allowing God’s plan



to be realized. Hence it was, says Matthew (1,18-25), that “Mary, before they went to live together, found herself pregnant by the work of the Holy Spirit”. A situation that is certainly not easy to explain to Joseph, who knew nothing about it and who, when informed, evidently, was stirred in a sea of doubts: publicly repudiating Mary, who seems to have betrayed him, or dismissing her secretly? It is again Matthew, who informs us that: “While he was thinking about these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said to him: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your bride with you because what is generated in her comes from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus: for He will save your people from their sins”. Hence: “When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had ordered him and took his bride with him”.

This is the greatness of this man: the immediate and obedient acceptance, as soon as the Spirit reveals his designs, in this adherence to the divine will, as soon as it is revealed. As, moreover, Mary had already done before him. The right spouse, therefore, to whom to entrust humanly this pregnant woman with Her extraordinary child who was about to see the light. He was the father of a little family that hid a great Mystery within itself, which needed to be protected in order to have the time to mature and manifest itself. A father who was immediately at work in the episodes concerning the childhood of Jesus and of whom no trace can be found – because he was probably no longer alive – at the wedding in Cana, when Jesus, then an adult, became strong and ready to come out .

Having finished his human role, Joseph nevertheless continues from Heaven his precious protection to those who, knowing his silent paternal strength, invoke him full of hope for his caring help. And we, I am sure, want to be among them.

Rosanna Brichetti Messori

We received

■ FROM CAMEROON

Dear friends of the Sanctuary Maria, Rosa Mystica, even in our small mission in Obeck in Cameroon, located in the heart of the popular districts of the city of Mbal-mayo, about fifty kilometers from the capital Yaoundé, the pandemic has torn the ecclesial fabric. It must now be patiently repaired. It is not easy to make damaged clothes look like new. This is even truer for relationships between people. As it is with repairing clothes, patience is needed, as well as some imagination, looking for new forms of dialogue and exchange. This is the challenge of Obeck’s mission. And Christmas, which reveals to us the Son of God under the signs of simplicity and fragility, shows us the way: the Church is called to make herself simple and poor in order to be able to come out to meet people in their existential context. In our time of precariousness, we can only be credible in the eyes of the many people who suffer from discomfort and anxiety by paying attention to the little things, saying no to the “throwaway culture” which despises what is small, fragile and seemingly worthless.

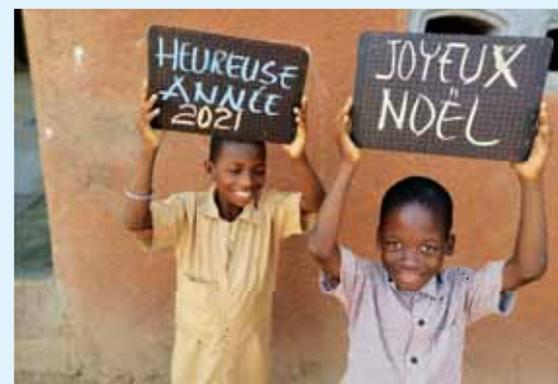
In this journey, Marie precedes us. When she received the announcement of divine motherhood, She left to help her cousin Elizabeth in the last months of her late pregnancy.

Best wishes to all for a Merry and Holy Christmas.

Franco Paladini

■ FROM BENIN - *Dear and honourable friends of the Rosa Mystica Fontanelle Foundation, Together with the orphan children of the Diocese of N’Dali, we are happy to express our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2021. It is also a good opportunity to tell you how much we are grateful for all the attention that you bring us through the offerings of the Holy Mass. May God bless you all and give you the security of good spiritual, physical, mental and economic health despite the global crisis. On behalf of the children and the diocesan family,*

Msgr Martin ADJOU, Bishop of N’Dali



TIME SCHEDULE OF JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2021

Daily

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

Sunday and feast days

10:00 H. Rosary – Confessions.
10:30 H. Mass.
5:00 - 17:00 Confessions.
5:00 Adoration.
16:30 H. Rosary.
16:00 H. Mass.

Friday, January 1 – solemnity of Mary mother of God

The possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence for pilgrims
Mass time of feast days.
16:00 High Mass – Act of trust in Maria Rosa Mystica by all
mothers.

Saturday, January 2 (1st Saturday of the month)

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

Wednesday, January 6 – Solemnity of the Epiphany

Mass time of feast days.

Sunday, January 10 – Feast of the Baptism of Jesus

H. Mass with renewal of baptismal promises.

Tuesday, January 12

H. Mass in memory of Pierina Gilli on the occasion
of the 30th Anniversary of her death

Wednesday, January 13 – Monthly Marian day

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

Sunday, January 17 (3rd Sunday of the month)

16:00 Holy Mass for the sanctification of the diocesan clergy
(presided by the episcopal Vicar of the Clergy,
don Angelo Gelmini).

Every Friday of Lent

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

Tuesday, February 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus

Holy Mass for the consecrated persons.

Wednesday, February 3 - Memory of St Blaise

H. Mass with the blessing of the throat.

Saturday, February 6 (1st Saturday of the month)

10:00 Start of confessions.
10:30 Holy Mass – Followed by a meditated Holy Rosary with
exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Thursday, February 11 – Feast of Our Lady of LOURDES

H. Mass with the blessing for the sick

Saturday, February 13 – Monthly Marian Day

15:00 Adoration.
15:30 Holy Rosary.
16:00 H. Mass.

Wednesday, February 17 - Sacred Ashes

Beginning of the Holy Lent

16:00 H. Mass with the application of ashes.

Sunday, February 21 (3rd Sunday of the month)

16:00 H. Mass for the sanctification of the diocesan clergy
(Presided by the Episcopal Vicar of the Clergy,
don Angelo Gelmini).

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Also present on the home page of the official website:
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and the possibility of insertion.*

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the maternal heart of Maria Rosa Mystica.**

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