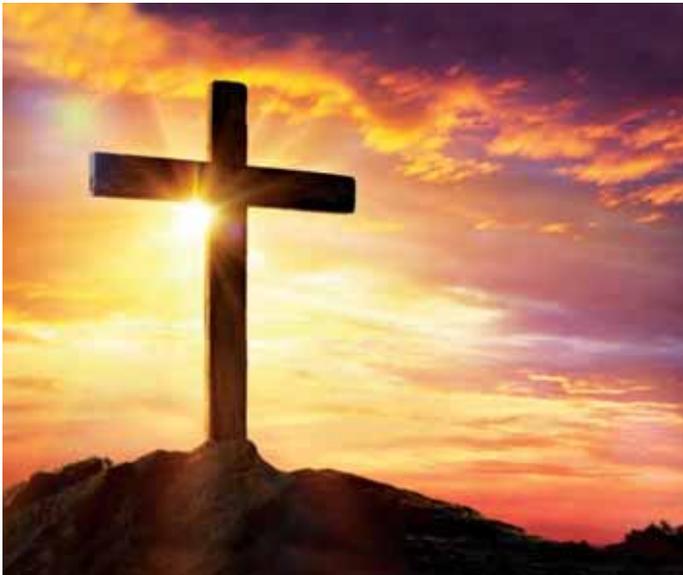

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TO REDISCOVER THE MEANING OF CHRISTIAN PENANCE

“Even the dramatic historical period we are experiencing, can be lived in a spiritual key, that is, illuminated by the Holy Spirit, and therefore can become fruitful for life, for the growth of our faith and our humanity: this is the great challenge of the Christian experience, this is the occasion that the Church asks us to welcome into the profound meaning of the gestures of Lent, so as not to fall into resignation and anger, so as not to dry up our humanity.”

I believe that some reflections of Card. Mauro Piacenza, current regent of the Apostolic Institution of Penance, can help in this challenge, offering all Christians the opportunity to live this time of penance, often ‘imposed’ on us in the form of deprivation of freedom, personal and more solitary lifestyles, as a possible participation in the definitive victory of

Christ over evil, the only medicine that can procure peace and salvation for humanity that today is so tested by the pandemic.

It is evident how much the public demand for almost forgotten behaviours, such as sacrifice and sobriety, has become overwhelmingly current due to the obsessive pressure of the mass media from all over the world, oriented

in particular in three directions: “denounce an imminent danger, in the face of which everyone is responsible for themselves and others; disclose a future horizon, substantially positive, within which everything can be resolved for the best; ensure that the waiting and sacrifice required is set a deadline”. Cardinal Piacenza maintains that these three directions “have always been the coordinates of Christian penance too, which, in Holy Lent, are proposed to everyone (...). An imminent danger is indicated, an enemy lurking – the spirit of evil – before which all the Christian people are called “to arms” of penance. A positive horizon is disclosed, which is the victory won by the Cross of Christ and shared to those who

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welcome Him into their own existence; an end to this battle is assured, represented by the “sacred number” of the forty days, a time of true conversion and salvation. This evil, this victory and this time have, however, an incomparable importance for human life, because they concern not only the temporal good of bodily health, but the much more radical one of eternal salvation, and of the soul and body ; not only the healing or immunity from contagion, but the victory over sin, which makes man

a slave, and also over death, which puts an end to any aspiration that is only human, all too human; not only the time of the ‘lockdown’ and of the extraordinary measures to combat the pandemic, but the time as a whole, reversed from the perspective of the end and illuminated by the light of the Resurrection”.

This is the great luminous horizon that connotes the Christian meaning of penance with joyful hope: to be able to respond with all our heart to the divine Love of Christ who took over all the evils of the world and who in the sacrifice on the cross renewed His universe marred by sin; in the strength that comes from the Spirit, renewing the offering of our life to the Lord,

accepting to suffer with Him, and thus participating in the new life of the risen Christ, alive and present in history.

We entrust this time of Grace to Rosa Mystica, despite the thousand contradictions and fears that each of us is experiencing. As Cardinal Piacenza reminds us, let us address our trusting prayer to the Virgin of Sorrows. May She, “*who generated and continually generates all, united as She is to the Cross of her Son, and, therefore, fully participating in the glory of the Resurrection*”, help us to mature true Christian penance, “*for She alone is capable of embracing and seeing the current pandemic emergency transfigured into salvation, maturing the joy and freedom of those who know they belong to no other power in this world, but to Christ alone*”.

Mgr Marco Alba,
Sanctuary Rector

May the words found at the beginning of Pierina’s diary, comfort us in this difficult period of confinement, words of a simple and humble woman who knew pain very well, having spent her entire life not only in human solitude but also in the contempt and disdain of her fellow citizens.

Guided by the Divine Master and under the protection of the Holy Virgin, Sister Maria Crocifissa and all the Saints, I dedicate this writing to the glory of Our Lady, our tender Mother.

Like the simple lark that rises and the higher it goes, the more it praises the Lord with its song, so I too would like to draw nearer to Mary and raise my love song towards Her. I would like to give this song an echo that could extend and penetrate all souls so that they could be understood and transformed by this same love of Mary, as She has shown it!

It is in Her that filial confidence is found!

It is in Her that maternal goodness exists!

It is Her who encourages us and, although

we are muddled by so many miseries, She makes us go to Jesus.

This is what Mary demonstrates and wants from our souls ...

that we go to Her to be led to Jesus!

JESUS, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF IT!

“I too, like everyone, given my advanced age, have lived through this last year with difficulty, and still, as I write, I am trying once again to survive, what we hope, the last blows of the tail of a virus, which has sought in all ways to deeply upset our lives. But on this long journey – now I am able to fully recognize it – I got an unexpected support, a gift that I received, certainly not by chance, just last year, a few days before the pandemic began.”

A simple but precious picture given to me by a friend with a text of what is called the “Act of abandonment to God”, which Jesus himself dictated to a Neapolitan priest, Don Dolindo Ruotolo, a great mystic, contemporary, and friend of Father Pio, whose canonization is ongoing. Rereading it with you, at least in its salient points, I believe is the best way to understand not only its importance but the great spiritual support that we can draw from it not only for the present moment but forever in our lives.

Here is what Jesus directly suggests to us if we find ourselves in difficulty: “Why do you get confused by getting upset? Leave the care of your problems to me and everything will calm down. I tell you that

every act of true, blind, complete abandonment in Me truly produces the effect you desire and resolves thorny situations. Abandoning yourself to Me does not mean to struggle, getting upset and desperate, and then turning to Me in agitation in order that I follow your desire; in this way you are changing your agitation into some kind of deformed prayer. To abandon yourself means to calmly close the eyes of the soul, to divert the thought of tribulation and

to return to Me so that I alone can make you find, like babies asleep in the mother’s arms, on the other shore. What bothers and hurts you tremendously are your own reasoning, thinking, harassment, and desperate desire for Me to take care of your problems. How many things I do when the soul, in its spiritual and material needs, turns to Me, looks at Me, simply asking Me “Please, take care of it”, and then closes its eyes and rests!” You will not receive many

work, close your eyes and do not think about the present moment, divert your thoughts from the future as from a temptation. Rest in me believing in My goodness and I promise you by My love that, by asking Me “Please take care of it” I will think about it fully, consoling you, liberating you, leading you... scattering treasures of Graces when you are in full poverty”.

Again, as always, re-reading these words, I feel, first of all, being exposed in my spiritual misery because very often I too am among those who are agitated, complaining and asking while continually suggesting to God what should be done. But then, every time, immediately afterward, I try to rediscover the experience of that first time when we were all enveloped in fear for what was hap-



pening around us and, listening to the words of Jesus, so strong, so clear, so truthful, and feeling being wrapped in His love as a cloak, I could abandon myself to Him. Many times during this so difficult and painful year, when it is becoming particularly disturbing and worrying, I take my little image, and, with humility reread it. And maybe in the end, I will have learned.

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Rosanna Brichetti Messori

TIME SCHEDULE OF MARCH - APRIL 2021

Daily:

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

Lent Friday

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

Saturday

15:00 Confessions. 15:30 St Rosary.
16:00 H. Mass, pre-festive.

Sunday and holidays

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

Saturday, March 6 (1st of the month)

10:00 Confessions.
10:30 H. Mass, followed by a meditated Rosary with exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday, March 13 - Monthly Marian Day

Friday, March 19 - Solemnity of Saint Joseph

(with plenary indulgence)

Sunday, March 21 (3rd of the month)

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

Thursday, March 25 - Solemnity of the Annunciation

(with plenary indulgence)

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday

START OF SUMMER TIME: Celebration times are postponed by one hour

10:00 H. Rosary - Confessions.
10:30 Blessing of the olives, Solemn Mass.
16:00-18:00 Confessions.
16:00 Adoration.
16:30 H. Rosary.
17:00 Blessing of olives, Solemn Mass.

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17:00 H. Mass.

Paschal Triduum: April 1-2-3

- Holy Thursday 15:00 - 17:00. Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Rosary - Confessions
- Good Friday 15:00 Stations of the Cross in memory of the Lord's death
- Holy Saturday 15:00 - 17:00 Confessions
17:00 St. Rosary (Mass is suspended)

Sunday, April 4 - Solemnity of EASTER OF RESURRECTION

Monday, April 5 - Easter Monday

According to the holiday schedule

Sunday, April 11 - DIVINE MERCY Sunday

(plenary indulgence)

Tuesday, April 13 - Monthly Marian Day

Sunday, April 18 (3rd of the month)

17:00 H. Mass for the sanctification of the diocesan clergy (presided over by the Episcopal Vicar of the Clergy, don Angelo Gelmini)

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