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## A COMMUNION THAT CONQUERS DEATH

In the last few months, two great people who the Providence has given me to know since I started the service at the Shrine have concluded their earthly journey, two friends who were also part, as founders and active members, of the Rosa Mystica Fontanelle Foundation: Giuseppe Magoni (died December 16, 2021) and Rosanna Brichetti Messori (died on Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022).

Suffering marked the last stretch of the earthly journey of both, uniting them in an even more mysterious and indissoluble way to the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus: of this both were certain and with such disposition of soul and heart they offered themselves to the Father, as those who approached them in the last days of their earthly life were able to see with great emotion. Both of them testified to me, with different temperaments, their sincere love for the Church and for Our Lady, with

an almost childlike sense of trust, which made Jesus' words more understandable: "If you do not become like children..." This interior attitude made their hearts happy, illuminating the smile and the look, even when we went through some difficulties related to the life of the Sanctuary: they wished with all their heart that the cult of Rosa Mystica and the message of Pierina be known and disseminated in the whole Church, they had seen the fruits of Grace first of all in their personal and family experience, and they sensed an enormous potential for goodness, for conversion, which always transpired in their words, in their initiatives, in their plans for the future. Giuseppe, in particular, was part of that small group of lay people who first came together and organized to protect the sacred places of Fontanelle, to give a first structured welcome to the many pilgrims who were starting to come, patiently starting the

initial not always easy steps of the relationship with ecclesiastical authority in a spirit of filial obedience. Only later did Rosanna enter this path, offering her precious contribution of reasoning, of graceful in-depth study, helping us to reread the story of Fontanelle in the broader context of the journey of the Church, of the long and uninterrupted history of the Marian apparitions.

Through different paths, at times very troubled, and in different times, they had thus arrived at the spiritual knowledge of Rosa Mystica; then the same humble and tenacious passion united them, prepared to obey the authority of the Church and to live their lay and familial vocation, to testify that faith in Christ, supported by the embrace of Our Lady – which at Fontanelle they perceived in a sensitive, almost "physical" way – is the only hope that gives reason

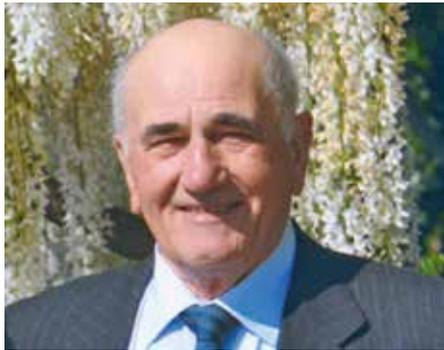
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to life and the world, the only rock on which to build every personal, ecclesial and social renewal. For this, together with all the members of the Foundation, we give thanks to the Lord for the gifts that we have received and will continue to



receive through them; in the communion of saints that binds the living and the dead we are sure that Giuseppe and Rosanna are still accompanying us on the journey, from another perspective and with even greater strength. In the immi-



nence to the celebrations that we will experience on July 13, we also entrust to them the cause of Rosa Mystica, in such a delicate historical moment for our history and that of the universal Church: the humble and often hidden journey of many faithful consecrated to lay people who, through love for Rosa Mystica, consecrated themselves to Our Lady, continues to produce its fruits in the ecclesial body, in a mysterious and surprising way, even after their passage from earthly to eternal life. Farewell Giuseppe and Rosanna, pray for us!

**Mgr Marco Alba**

*Rector of the Sanctuary*

## THE "NEW DEVOTION" OF 13 JULY THAT OUR LADY WISHES IN MONTICHIARI

July 13 is approaching, the date on which Our Lady asked for a particular devotion especially for the benefit of consecrated souls. This request was made to "our" Pierina Gilli in Montichiari on July 13, 1947, still at the beginning of the impressive cycle of private revelations, today the subject of the Church's study, of which her Diaries report and which occupied a significant period of her life from December 1944, when she was 33, until her death in 1991.

The Virgin's first visit dates back in the night between November, 23 and 24, 1946. On that occasion Pierina, a guest of the Handmaidens of Charity, saw Her silently with three swords stuck in Her chest: dressed in purple and with a white veil that covers Her head, uttering in tears only three words: "Prayer, sacrifice, penance". Her second apparition, following many extraordinary events, is recorded on June 1, 1947, in the same shape as the previous time and with the blades piercing Her still clearly visible. The Sorrowful Lady remained silent. The ex-

planations were given by the then blessed and afterwards holy saint Maria Crocifissa Di Rosa, who from Heaven accompanied the Mother of God. To the founder of the Handmaidens of Charity, who lived in the nineteenth century, the task was entrusted of preparing Pierina for the apparitions of Our Lady and Jesus, exactly as it happened to Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows with Gemma Galgani. Di Rosa explained first of all to the visionary, who just returned from a dramatic vision of Hell populated by religious souls, that this has been allowed in reparation for the offenses that the Lord receives from so many consecrated persons and to make her know the gravity of sin, such to cause them hellish punishment. At this point the foundress told Pierina that Heaven wished that in her institute true faith and the practice of piety would return so that each community would become like a bouquet of roses worthy of being presented to the Mother of Jesus. In concrete terms, Our Lady, through Sister Maria Crocifissa, asked that

in each community of the Handmaidens there be three nuns who offered themselves as mystical roses: "First, a white rose, that is, the spirit of prayer to repair the offenses that the religious women are giving to Our Lord by betraying their vocation. Second, a Red Rose, the spirit of sacrifice to repair the offenses that the nuns living in mortal sin are causing to Our Lord. Third, a yellow golden Rose, that is, the spirit of total immolation to repair the offenses that Judas priests are doing to our Lord, and in particular for the sanctification of priests ». Pierina got the explanation that "the Judas" are those priests who betray Jesus just like Judas and that these three roses, cultivated in prayer, sacrifice and penance "will be the ones that will make the three swords fall off from the Most Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary".

As far as she could, Gilli made use of the recommendations of Our Lady, eager to correspond with her life to the cross of the Lord for the salvation of consecrated souls. And, perhaps, it is already only to

reward this generous commitment of hers if in the subsequent apparition of July 13, the one that interests us most for the purposes of this letter, the Madonna appeared to her no longer painful, but in the glow of her white robes and with the three described roses – the white, the red and the golden yellow – sparkling on the chest. It illustrates the new devotion that does not only concern the Handmaids but is extended to all religious congregations and diocesan priests.

Let us try to describe this apparition, which is also to be found in detail in the Diaries. Around 4 in the morning of the 13th, after the recitation of the Rosary with the Handmaids Sisters, "suddenly a beautiful Lady appeared in the midst of a very bright light, dressed in white, in the finest satin in the splendour of the light with silvery reflections. A white mantle fixed under her throat as if by an invisible hook, descended from head to toe, revealing a few tufts of light brown hair on her forehead. The edge of the mantle is finely embroidered in gold. As soon as I saw the beautiful Lady I could not stop myself from exclaiming aloud over and over again: "Oh! How beautiful She is! "». Pierina said that in those situations she would have liked the Virgin to take her with Her to Heaven. Although she recognized Her, she asked Her to introduce Herself: "She replied: "I am the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of you all!"

A symbolic vision followed: "Then She opened Her arms and with them Her cloak to show me that the three swords stuck in Her heart were no longer there." Pierina saw them now, "On the ground, at the feet of the Virgin and between Her feet and the swords I saw white, red, yellow roses, which branched out around the Virgin, forming a niche full of roses. And the Holy Virgin told me: «Our Lord is sending me to bring a new Marian devotion to all religious institutes and congregations, male and female, and also to secular priests" ».

Here, in the notes, the seer interrupted for a moment the message of the Lady, revealing that she

asked Her to explain the meaning of "secular priests" ... and this very insertion, together with other ideas present in Pierina's writings, allowed a scrupulous scholar of the apparitions of Montichiari, the biblical scholar Enrico Rodolfo Galbiati, to detect the candour of the visionary and the non-preconceived authenticity of her celestial dialogues.

But here comes, through the voice of Mary, the content of the new devotion: «I want the 13th of each month to be the 'Marian day', to which special preparatory prayers for 12 days are preconditions». She became sad and explained: "This day must be of reparation for the offenses committed against our Lord by consecrated souls who with their sins make three sharp swords penetrate into my heart and into the heart of my divine Son". Then She smiled again and added: "On that day I will send down an abundance of grace and holiness of vocations on religious institutes or congregations that will have honoured me. May that day be sanctified with particular prayers, such as Holy Mass, Holy Communion, the Rosary, the hour of adoration".

Then, with reference to the day chosen for the apparition: "I wish that July 13 of each year be celebrated by every institute that in every congregation or religious institute there are souls who live with a great spirit of prayer, to obtain that no vocation will be betrayed. I also desire that there be other souls who live in generosity and love for sacrifices, trials, humiliations, to repair the offenses our Lord receives from consecrated souls who live in mortal sin. And finally, I desire that other souls totally sacrifice their life to repair the betrayals that our Lord receives from the Judas priests ». While the Virgin was speaking Pierina saw the three roses she carried in her bosom were reviving in turn.

It is well to specify, with regard to the anniversary of the 13th day of the month, that the Mother of God also explained to Pierina that She had come to Montichiari in continuity with Fatima: there, in Portugal, to show Her Immaculate Heart to the whole of humanity which forgot

God; here, in Brescia, precisely to propose it again for the salvation of the many consecrated persons who have lost themselves and continue to lose the sense of their own vocation. Regarding the Handmaids, Our Lady revealed: «I chose this Institute first of all, because the founder Di Rosa instilled in her daughters the spirit of charity, so that they are like many little roses, a symbol of charity. That is why I introduce myself surrounded by a rose garden ». It is the same explanation that Saint Paul gave that God's judgment on each of us will be based on the love given.

The seal of the apparition was a promise of good for those who had accepted Her appeal, "reviving the primitive spirit of the holy founders": "The immolation of these souls will obtain from my maternal Heart the sanctification of these ministers of God and an abundance of graces on their congregations. I wish this new devotion of mine to be extended to all religious institutes ". And again: "I promise to those religious institutes or congregations that will honour me the most, that they will be protected by me, and will have greater flowering of vocations and fewer betrayed vocations, fewer souls who offend the Lord with grave sin, and great holiness in God's ministers »...

The message of July 13, 1947, which began with the manifestation: "I am the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of all of you", ends with the unveiling of the title that from that moment on gave the Marian apparitions of Montichiari and Fontanelle the proper character to it: "You will tell the reverend superiors that the title of the new devotion to the Virgin Mary is "Rosa Mystica", the real Virgin of religious souls".

For each of these souls who find themselves in despair, Mary came down from Heaven to this place to show her heart as the Mother of the Mystical Body, of the Church which, despite all the falls and shortcomings of her children, will one day triumph with Christ.

**Riccardo Caniato**

## TESTIMONY OF A LADY OF MONTICHIARI

I am a retired teacher, origin from the area of Emilia, but from Brescia by adoption. I am a practicing Catholic; I often turn to Our Lady who gives me advice in times of difficulty. Lastly, She gave me Her help on SUNDAY 18 April 2021. I was walking on a strip of grass located on a 2 meter high wall in the back of my house. Suddenly, my eyes were clouded. I thought: "Now I will fall down and I quickly asked the Virgin for help. She wrapped me in a white mantle and laid me down on the concrete floor below. I fell on the concrete without any fear and serious consequences. Since Our Lady, came to Montichiari and wished to be called ROSA MISTICA, I am convinced that I was miraculously saved Her. I thank Our Lady with devotion and join the Rosa Mystica prayer groups.

### TIME SCHEDULE JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2022

Time schedule:

#### WEEKDAYS

16:00 Confessions

16:30 H. Rosary

17:00 Holy Mass

#### FEAST DAYS

10:00-12:00 and 16:00-18:00 Confessions

16:00 H. Rosary

16:30 Eucharistic adoration

17:00 H. Mass

#### SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

1st Saturday of the month

10:00 Confessions

10:00 H. Rosary

10:30 Eucharistic celebration, blessing of sacramentals and prayer for spiritual healing

13th of each month Marian day as requested by Our Lady

16:00 Confessions

17:00 Holy Mass

1st Sunday of the month Youth day with special prayer

3rd Sunday of the month Day for the Sanctification of the diocesan clergy

4th Sunday of the month at 11.45 Holy Mass of the Sinhalese Community

July, 13 – Solemnity of Maria Rosa Mystica

10:00 Confessions

16:00 Confessions

10:00 – 16:00 – 19:30 H. Rosary

17:00 Holy Mass

20:00 H. Mass presided over by the Vicar General of the Diocese

Sunday, August 14

20.30 Procession and prayer of the Rosary on the eve of the feast of the Assumption of H. Mary

Monday, August 15 feast schedule

Sunday, September 11 – interdiocesan pilgrimage of the Sinhalese Communities. The morning celebrations will be in Sinhalese. For the other recurrences the usual time is repeated.

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*A fraternal cordial greeting to all the devotees of Rosa Mystica in the World. Let us always hear from each other, all united in prayer in the maternal heart of Maria Rosa Mystica.*

*Rosa Mystica Fontanelle Foundation*

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