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July 13: a feast that embraces all of humanity!

This month of July, in communion with many faithful around the world, we celebrated the feast of Maria Rosa Mystica and Mother of the Church: it was truly a period of Grace for our Shrine and for the fruits of spiritual good that many pilgrims from many nations have testified to us. With our whole heart we thank God the Father for His visible and invisible gifts, which we have received through the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin.

Starting from the evening of July 13, the first Marian Feast of Rosa Mystica was also celebrated, dedicated in particular to young people during four days of intense prayer, celebrations, meetings, testimonies and live music. We have experienced a wealth of new humanity, many witnesses transfigured by Christian faith and hope, strong in trials and sufferings, happy to offer their lives for the Glory of Christ; we also experienced the

joy of fraternity and sharing, accompanied by the intercession of Rosa Mystica, noticeably sensing the thoughtful protection of the heavenly Mother, so attentive to Her children!

On Sunday July 16, at the conclusion of the Feast, we experienced a very important Eucharistic celebration, in the presence of 7 members of the International Theological Commission, appointed last year by our Bishop to study and deepen the doctrinal content of the messages of the alleged seer Pierina Gilli, completing a long and articulated course of study, started in 2014. The work of this commission has almost come to an end, with very encouraging results so far, and the members wanted to know directly the places of worship linked to Rosa Mystica and personally desired to meet our Bishop. The celebration was presided over by Fr. Pedro Barra-

jon, Rector of the European University of Rome and president of this commission; during the homily, he wanted to underline some enlightening passages that we wish to offer you:

"What does this wonderful Creator, this great Sower, the Almighty Father sow? Love. (...) If we go to the various Marian shrines in the world - I know that John Paul II spoke of this Marian geography - what does the Mother of Jesus, the Theotokos, the Mother of God want to tell us? It is the same message, namely, "What is the Gospel, what is the Good News? That the Word of God will never fail. That no one will ever be able to separate us from the love of Christ (...).It is true that humanity is not doing well, it is true that there is a war going on - for which we must always pray, we also do it today for peace - it is true that there is so much confu-

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sion, but it is also true that the Lord continues to sow love, and that He seeks the great revolution which is the revolution of the Saints. A heart that has understood love is enough to transform the desert into an oasis. Pope Benedict said, speaking of faith in Europe, that the faith in Europe would probably, from a sociological point of view, is lost, so to speak, it would no longer be a faith shared by all of the society, and that there is a need for creative minorities, for places of spiritual creativity, for places of contemplation. Well, certainly

one of these places is this Sanctuary of Rosa Mystica. Because in this place, like Mary who tried to understand the words of Jesus in her heart, so many people come to pray to Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church, Mother of priests, Mother of consecrated life; She invites everybody to do penance, purity, sacrifice, and in this key of love, this place becomes like a Carmel, it becomes a place of contemplation, it becomes a place to listen to the Word, it becomes a school to be able to love. (...) And looking at Maria Rosa Mystica, we find in

Her not only a motivation to love, a model to love, but also a strength to be able to do it, because She gives us the One in whom we are powerful, Jesus Christ, Her Son”.

Let us welcome this invitation with simplicity, according to each one's responsibilities, invoking from Rosa Mystica the only power, namely, that of the Son, Who has the strength to change the destiny of the whole humanity.

Mgr Marco Alba
Rector of the Shrine

The Dream of January 24, 1947 and Pierina's Fiat

Riccardo Caniato

In the last issue we relived the first «apparition» of the Virgin to Pierina, in which the purple-clad Virgin showed herself as Our Lady of Sorrows and remained silent, leaving to Santa Maria Crocifissa di Rosa, who accompanied Her, the task of combining the three swords that pierced Her with as many categories of consecrated souls - 1. Those who betray their vocation; 2. Those living in mortal sin; 3. Those priests who make their ministry unworthy - for which Heaven had come to ask Montichiari for “prayers, sacrifices and penance”. And we have seen how the alleged “seer”, at the end of this ce-

lestial visit, has regained speedy recovery despite the poor state of health in which she was.

Immediately after these events, by order of the spiritual director, Father Giustino Carpin, some pages were removed from the

Diaries written by Pierina - 6 or 7 pages to judge from the traces left in the spine of the binding - leaving a void between November 1946 and the miraculous recovery of March 12, 1947, which we have already reported. The entries in the Diaries started again with half a sentence, confirming that Pierina had written some-

thing else on the previous pages.

Fortunately for us, the contents of the Diaries written for Father Carpin largely overlap with the report written by Don Luigi Bonomini, acting as parish priest in Montichiari at the time of the first cycle of “apparitions”. In this document, which Pierina dictated word for word and which covers the salient facts of her life from 14 August 1944 - when she was thirty-three years old she was admitted to the convent as a postulant in the Handmaids of Charity - to 8 December 1947 (the day on which the first cycle of “apparitions” of the Virgin in Montichiari was ended in the cathedral), we think we have reasonably found what has been cancelled from the Diaries. In fact, the text we are talking about is located exactly between the story of the first apparition of the Virgin and that of the surprising events of March 12, 1947, thus it perfectly covers the “hole” found in the Diaries. It is a detailed description, just a few pages long, of a mystical experience lived by Pierina, to which Don Bonomini gave the dignity of an independent paragraph under the title: «Dream of the night between 24 and 25 January 1947».

The ‘visionary’ tells of a vision with a very expressive scenography and a complicated script, far from our dream experiences in which the plot seems to have no rhyme or reason. Pierina tells she found herself in a forest, full of brambles,



stones and thorns, trying to reach a small church on top of a hill. «In me», she confides, «I felt a kind of envy of a child, he must have been six years old, who, very happily playing with a hoop and jumping, preceded me about ten meters, without fear and effort». Then the superior of the Handmaids approached Pierina, inviting her to «imitate the simplicity of that child in order to be able to walk quickly among the thorns». In this way, every obstacle disappeared and Pierina reached her goal. She found the church open as on feast days; it was a rough and bare building, except for a small vineyard in front of the facade, laden with bunches of ripe grapes and decorated with red and white silk fabrics. It was a sober but regal Church bearing fruit. Inside, she was dazzled by the Light, which was Christ: the high altar shone with the many candles that illuminated the holy Host exposed for adoration. «But the absolute solitude of the place – comments Pierina – filled the soul with a sense of bitter sadness». Faced with this Jesus left alone – a recurring theme in Pierina's "private revelations" – the "seer" knelt, on the left side looking at the altar, while the reverend Mother was kneeling on the right side.

It was during adoration that the central passage of the dream took place, of which we report other excerpts from Pierina's citations: «Suddenly I realized that I was full of ailments all over my body [...] and they reflected the multitude of spiritual ailments that I didn't bother to heal». A supernatural voice intervened to explain what the young woman was experiencing: «Many abscesses covered my head and caused me painful pangs in the brain.» This happens – said the voice – because you do not generously follow God's will, because you are only supporting your own judgement". My ears ached: "It's because you do not listen, especially during holy meditation." My eyes were inflamed, "why don't you mortify them when you are satisfying your curiosity observing the things of the world in preference to those of God". The elbows were swollen: "It depends on your behavior in church which is not suitable for a bride of Jesus and because you lean your elbows on the counter as seculars do at the tavern". Even the tongue was inflamed: "This is because – continued the voice – you refrain from saying, out of human respect, a few good words to the sick or to the people you approach, and because you do not avoid useless words". My throat ached: "You are too refined in food which, as the bride of Jesus, you should always choose among the poorest and most tasteless". There

was a pause, and then the voice continued: «The pain in your legs and feet is because from morning to evening you take so many useless steps without offering them to Jesus, so that your sacrifice is only material without spiritual merit. How many souls you could have saved and converted». What about the heartache? «How many graces did Jesus give you compared to the others, but you didn't know how to appreciate them, repaying them with coldness, infidelity, by doing nothing of what the Lord asked of you to follow him more closely».

After this unexpected but dazzling examination of conscience, the "visionary" recalled having lowered her gaze to the ground, feeling profoundly inadequate. But contrary to her expectations, in all probability precisely because of the humility of her heart and the sincerity of her repentance, the voice resumed speaking, relaunching God's plan for her: "Jesus is calling you again and wants you by His side to carry the cross on Calvary, where the victim souls are sacrificed to then reign with Him in heavenly bliss".

Thereupon Pierina gave her life to Jesus in the Eucharist: «Oh, my Jesus, forgive me so many faults, so many infidelities! From now on I will do as you wish: I offer myself a victim that You can immolate at Your pleasure like the hosts that are broken to pieces on the altar". And while she was pronouncing these words which involved the totality of her being, the holy Host disappeared, giving way to a large cross in front of the altar. «It was not a real cross», Pierina hastened to point out, «but a symbolic one: at the top the word "martyrdom" was written and underneath I saw my "father", my stepfather who caused me much suffering; in the middle I saw [...] the anonymous letters addressed to me that had made me suffer so much [and she was also shown the woman who wrote to her, whom she knew]; in my right arm I saw a small pile of stones, sick intestines and other things that [...] looked to me like tumors; in the left one I saw written words such as "illnesses", "jealousies", "persecutions", "humiliations", "temptations"». Here the voice resumed – «Pierina, Jesus asks you to be generous in accepting this cross out of love for Him» – and faced with the understandable hesitation of the young woman for a proposal full of responsibilities, mortifications, sufferings... the voice formulated a promise, instilling courage in her: «Do not doubt your strength. We will support you.» In this "we" we can glimpse the Most Holy Trinity, the Mother of God, the heavenly Crown of her Angels and Saints. It was then that Pierina

pronounced her fiat: «I lowered my head as a sign of submission and spread my arms as if to embrace the cross: I had the impression of the presence of mysterious hands that supported me and helped me raise my arms».

Even at the end of the vision, as at the beginning, Pierina encountered obstacles. The devil made himself present, someone who remained in the shadows behind her back, someone tried to distract the "seer" from the contemplation by trying to make her fall, but everything was reconstituted with the gift of three roses that Pierina found in her hand and with the ascetic admonition of the Chief of the Handmaids who showed Pierina, her own cross as if it were stuck in her heart, saying: "Each of us has his own to bear. Through these crosses we shall become holy together; let us promise Jesus to be always faithful to Him".

There is no room for further spiritual remarks, but if the dream was, as said, both unequivocal and complicated, its meaning seems very clear in defining that the evil that torments us is a direct result of our bad feeling in the world due to ourselves because we forget God and therefore we do not nourish our inner life; in doing so, we end up harming only ourselves. In this context, some souls are called into the structure of salvation to accompany Jesus in the Passion, also taking upon themselves the evils and sins of others and allowing themselves to be sacrificed for them along with Him on the cross. The external signs of the Via Crucis, as well as the symptoms of very serious illnesses that mysteriously accompanied Pierina Gilli's earthly existence acquire meaning and value in her "Here I am!" pronounced on the night of January 24, 1947. In her wake, we too can give meaning to suffering and learn to offer it.

All that remains is to understand why these illuminating pages were cut from the Diaries written for Father Giustino: perhaps it was a decision by Pierina, who nurtured a strong awe for Father Carpin, or maybe the order came from the spiritual director, perhaps at a time when he doubted that such a humble person, moreover a woman, could be associated with the Cross of Christ. Nevertheless, if the events of Montichiari will be recognized as authentic, Heaven will make use, once again, of the immense merits of a humble woman.

Riccardo Caniato

The Church of Brescia has opened, in agreement with the Holy See, a new phase of investigations into the events in Montichiari involving the figure of Pierina Gilli. With the establishment, on December 7, 2019, of the Diocesan Shrine of Maria Rosa Mystica Mother of the Church at Fontanelle di Montichiari, the Church of Brescia recognized in Pierina Gilli the authenticity of life characterized by a lively and profound spirituality which has been maintained constant over the years and rich in shades, certainly of an extraordinary order which materialized, however, in an ordinary life of hiding, in prayer and in service to others. Since studies are still ongoing on the nature of the revelations reported by Pierina Gilli, we wish to clarify that with the words «apparitions», «seer», «message», «miracles»... we do not intend to prevent the final judgment of the authority of the Church, but only faithfully report the human testimony offered by Pierina Gilli with her life and in her writings.

TESTIMONY...

Hello, I am the mother of an 11-year-old girl, Elena who has been suffering from bad allergic asthma from grasses since the age of 3 which torments her approximately from March to June depending on the year. In recent years, we have followed alternative treatments to avoid intoxicating the child with strong drugs but with limited results. Last December 3, 2022 we went on pilgrimage to the Rosa Mystica Sanctuary of Fontanelle. We participated in the prayer of the Holy Rosary and in the celebration of the Holy Mass; Elena went to Holy Communion and after having walked the Scala Santa on her knees, she received a rosary as a gift from an unknown gentleman, which she still keeps for her prayer. After the celebration, she walked a few times inside the water tub and we prayed for her recovery. This spring Elena no longer showed allergic symptoms, she only blew her nose a few times but no more asthma, shortness of breath and red, swollen eyes. She always slept peacefully at night. In the meantime, I checked the pollen bulletins on specialized sites and found out that our girl was fine even on days when there was grass pollen. Next Saturday, July 1, morning we will have the opportunity to stop at Rosa Mystica and I am asking for the possibility of leaving an ex voto in gratitude for Elena.



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16:30 Holy Rosary
17:00 Holy Mass

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