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## THE TIME OF FINAL DISCERNMENT

In the history of a Sanctuary, some moments become decisive, representing a fundamental turning point not only for the life of a Diocese, but also for that of the entire Universal Church. This is how it was for us in May 2001, when the Marian cult of Rosa Mystica was authorized by Bishop Sanguineti at Fontanelle di Montichiari, this is what happened in 2013, when Bishop Monari ordered the start of a process of revision and study of the diocesan process carried out regarding the alleged visionary Pierina Gilli way back in 1947, this was the case last December 7, 2019, when the diocesan Shrine Rosa Mystica-Mother of the Church was established by Bishop Tremolada: this is how we trust it can happen in the near future, we hope in course of the year 2024. The reason is simple, but of great importance: on September 15, 2023, a substantial study document was delivered to the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome, the result of a year's work by an inter-

national theological commission specifically established in our Diocese of Brescia and appointed by the Bishop to study from a doctrinal perspective the entire corpus of messages of the alleged apparitions experienced by Pierina. After the completely positive re-evaluation of the person of the alleged visionary, in her psychophysical and spiritual aspects - which took place in 2016 with the conclusion of the first diocesan study phase - it was thus intended to complete the process of reviewing the entire affair, addressing more directly the discernment of the content of the alleged apparitions. The seven members of the Commission, to whom we owe all our gratitude for the dedication and professionalism with which they carried out their work, offered the Bishop of Brescia and the Universal Church a concise collegial conclusion of their research, accompanied by the study contribution which each of them has personally explored and 25 attachments which summarize the

ten-year revision process carried out in recent years, in constant agreement with the Roman Dicastery. The outcome of this study delivered to the Dicastery is strongly encouraging, and opens us to renewed hope: some characteristic aspects of the Marian Cult linked to the Rosa Mystica were unanimously valorized, and above all, well-founded arguments were presented in favor of the recognition of the alleged apparitions experienced by Pierina Gilli. The time could therefore be ripe for a final ecclesial judgment, which, given that it concerns a phenomenon of Marian worship, which now concerns thousands of faithful, and devotees spread, throughout the world, have only to be entrusted to the competent bodies of the Holy See.

It is therefore a question of accompanying this decisive phase of discernment with discretion and prayer, aware that this choice will involve the spiritual good of many faithful,

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of many consecrated souls and of the Church itself: The time could therefore have come for a definitive ecclesial judgment which, given that it is a phenomenon of Marian worship which now concerns thousands of faithful and followers spread throughout the world, can only be entrusted to the competent organs of the Holy See. For this reason, we urge everyone in this time to join us

with this prayer intention, in spiritual communion with our diocesan Sanctuary, so that the Virgin Mary and the Holy Spirit can illuminate the minds and hearts of those who will have to carry out this judgment of discernment.

We invite you to do so according to those coordinates of spiritual life that Pierina Gilli witnessed and communicated to us in these places, indicating

the three roses on Mary's chest and the meaning that the Virgin wanted to give to them: therefore not only prayer, but also sacrifice and penance.

Rosa Mystica and Mother of the Church, pray for us and bring to completion the fruit of this work in truth, in obedience to the will of the Father.

**Mgr Marco Alba**

*Rector of the Sanctuary*

## The demonic manifestations of May 1947

The first two "apparitions" of Maria Rosa Mystica occurred on November 24, 1946 and June 1, 1947. In both cases, the Madonna had three swords stuck in her breast and was particularly saddened by the suffering caused to her by the consecrated souls. On 1 January 1947 Pierina Gilli experienced the complex "mystical dream" which took place in front of the Blessed Sacrament and the Cross in which it was revealed to her that Christ wished to associate her with His Passion and that, in case of acceptance, she would have to suffer in life the symptoms of many ailments in different parts of the body, each of which had a precise correspondence with as many sins and spiritual shortcomings of souls. On March 12, the alleged visionary, while in the eyes of the world she was in a coma and appeared to be dying, had an interior vision of the Blessed Maria Crocifissa di Rosa who asked her if she was willing to postpone her entry into the eternal to offer a little more, here on earth, "prayers, sacrifices and penances" for the benefit of the sins, even very serious ones, incurred by the consecrated. It is through the free 'yes' of this human instrument that the first cycle of Montichiari's "apparitions" materialized, beginning on July 13, 1947 and culminating on December 8 in the Cathedral for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, as well

as the second cycle in Fontanelle in 1966.

But in this period, between the end of November and the visit of the Virgin in July, it becomes clear that in the stages summarized here, the so-called visionary was spiritually prepared for the events that were to follow and that this preparation implied, precisely, her free adhesion to the divine plan.

Pierina, who accepted everything that came from Jesus and his Mother as a good for herself, for the world, for the Church, nevertheless also had to undergo the experience of Evil. In a secular and worldly context, which preaches the non-existence of the devil and hell, Pierina had also experienced in this phase numerous satanic manifestations, which culminated in the vision of the hell, as was the case of the three shepherds of Fatima. Heaven, through it, wants to give us proof that the forces of darkness are always in conflict with the life of grace. This particularity of the irruption of the evil one in a powerful form at the beginning of a mystical experience is an assured meeting point between the figure of Pierina and that of other mystics, such as Gemma Galgani and Padre Pio da Pietrelcina, the holy Curé of Ars ... They too, before meeting the Lord Jesus and the Virgin in an extraordinary way and establishing a full and continuous relationship with them,

had to face an almost hand-to-hand clash with satan.

In her Diaries Pierina confided to us that, after the prodigious recovery in March in which she had confirmed the intention, already expressed during the dream at the beginning of the year, of placing herself at the disposal of her special calling, instead of happily meeting her destiny, she remained for a certain time entangled in temptations, doubts and bad thoughts which even led her to avoid the spiritual guidance of the priest and the good superior of the handmaids. During the following month of May, this internal conflict that agitated her soul was gradually accompanied with more vehement tones by an unrelenting aggression on the part of evil spirits. We read from her writings, «Towards the beginning of May, the reverend nuns of the hospital began to hear noises and these were frequent, especially at night...». The case history is well known: creaking of doors and windows, which sometimes slam or open on their own, footsteps of heavy shoes in the corridors and on the stairs, rattling of bolts and chains... At first Pierina did not feel anything and the first thought was to celebrate a Mass for the souls in Purgatory, then to have the institute blessed by the chaplain, who was also her confessor. From May 6, she also heard the noises that caused

her "so much fear". However, it was nothing compared to what awaited her the following night: «I heard loud noises along the staircase again and then footsteps outside the room [...]. Suddenly the door opened and I saw a nun dressed in black, who I knew well but was not from this house, enter my room. Astonished by her presence, I was about to speak to her when she suddenly disappeared. Instead of her, I then saw a monstrous figure at the foot of the bed. He looked like a giant, with an enormous head, very long teeth, enormous hands, very large eyes, like fire...». And here the alleged seer noticed a detail that gives the measure of the havoc that Satan wants to wreak on consecrated souls: «He was holding some nun's clothes in his hands in a disorderly manner (I distinguished three of them and a petticoat, without speaking he looked at me while sniggering)». This monster showed up several times until the end of the month, still showing her the torn consecrated robes, also accompanied by other demons in the form of beasts, who sometimes physically attacked the poor nurse and aspiring Handmaid of Montichiari, hitting her, biting her, in one case throwing her on the floor by knocking over the room's armchair on top of her. On May 23, she woke up in the middle of the night, struck in the face by the tail of a large snake that was on her chest. The bruises and indescribable disorder of the rooms were witnessed by nuns and priests.

But let us go back to the first diabolical manifestation to experience it with the eyes of the mystic: all around - Pierina said - the room was filled with a red glow; the frightening creature disappeared only after she took the holy water and made the sign of the cross with it, "uttering the Most Holy Name of Jesus".

Kneeling to pray in a corner of the room, Pierina saw the Cross from the dream of January 1, again and heard a voice imploring three times: "Penance". At which point the young woman had the internal impulse to promise that for the next 15 days she would sleep on the floor. A purpose that the confessor did not always allow Pierina to carry out considering the heavy work that she faced every day, regardless of an always-precarious state of health. A purpose that, however, the devil tried to hinder in every way, even appearing to her in the guise of the nuns, the superior mother of the Handmaids and the confessor himself and addressing her in a rude way, calling her stupid, while with other arguments he tried in vain to dissuade her from sleeping on the bare ground. In all these cases it later became known that neither the superior, nor the priest, nor those nuns had been to Pierina in the circumstances she described.

It is noted here that as in the case of numerous other mystical souls, for example Saint Gemma, also with Pierina Gilli the devil, in disguise, would even go so far as to pass himself off as a consecrated soul to deceive her. However, for the benefit of the serenity of the reader, it is useful to point out that both mystics did not allow themselves to be "seduced" by virtue of their pure souls. And from this we can draw the conclusion that anyone who wishes to strive for good and truth, at every crossroads of his/her path, faced with every choice to make, is perfectly capable of distinguishing with an honest conscience the truth from the lie, what is good from what is not.

Another important aspect to note is that in this period of very difficult tribulations Pierina Gilli was not alone. In fact, she was able to count first of all on the ordinary help of

the Church, which came from her constant sacramental practice, nourished in particular by her frequent Holy Communion and Confession; from confident recourse to the liberating grace of prayer, holy invocations and holy water; as well as by the human and tangible support of the spiritual guide and the nuns who, once the dangerous situation had been identified, decided to stay close to her, as much as possible, 24 hours a day, even in the moments in which the "seer" was experiencing these experiences extrasensory. But from reading the Diaries we learn that even Heaven, which grants trials to the extent that we are able to bear them, has occasionally intervened in an extraordinary way. So it was in the vision of the Cross that we have described, and so also in the "apparition" - a luminous example of the communion of saints - of Blessed Maria Crocifissa di Rosa on the night of May 25: on this occasion, the foundress of the Handmaids encouraged Pierina for how she was facing the trials and, inviting her to continue the penance of sleeping on the floor, she also offered her the weapon of fasting on bread and water which she asked her to observe for three days. But in the end she "heartily" blessed her, but also the Mother Superior and the nun who assisted her blessed her "for the sacrifices you have made". And, gently, she ordered her to rest "out of obedience"; she deserved it and she needed it badly because, Pierina did not know that in a few days she would have to overcome the last obstacle: the vision of Hell. But we will return to this.

**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.*





**SETTIMANA DI PREGHIERA  
EUCARISTICA MARIANA**

*in occasione della Festa della Comunione Riparatrice di Domenica 8 ottobre 2023*

*Da lunedì 9 a giovedì 12 ottobre,  
ore 16:00 Adorazione Eucaristica riparatrice e Rosario  
ore 17:00 Santa Messa.*

<p><b>Venerdì 13</b> <i>Giornata Mariana</i></p> <p><b>16.00:</b> Esposizione, Santo Rosario, Benedizione Eucaristica <b>17.00</b> Santa Messa <b>18.00</b> Testimonianza video della Mamma del <b>Beato Carlo Acutis</b> "Carlo e il suo rapporto con Maria e con l'Eucarestia". <b>20.30 - 22.30</b> Esposizione con adorazione riparatrice. Confessori presenti per il Sacramento della Riconciliazione</p>	<p><b>Sabato 14</b></p> <p><b>9.30</b> Esposizione, adorazione, preghiere riparatrici <b>10.00</b> Santo Rosario <b>10.30</b> Santa Messa <b>16.00</b> Esposizione &amp; Santo Rosario <b>17.00</b> Santa Messa <b>18.30</b> "L'Eucarestia e i santi medici", a cura del <b>Dott. Paolo Gulisano</b> <b>20.30</b> Processione e fiaccolata mariana.</p>	<p><b>Domenica 15</b></p> <p><b>9.30</b> Lodi mattutine <b>10.00</b> Processione Eucaristica <b>10.30</b> Santa Messa <b>11:30</b> "La manna: le radici dell'Eucarestia", catechesi biblica a cura della biblista <b>Antonella Anghinori</b> <b>16.00</b> Adorazione Eucaristica e preghiere riparatrici <b>17.00</b> Santa Messa</p>
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*"Umio Divin Figlio Gesù mi ha inviato nuovamente per chiedere l'Unione Mondiale della Comunione Riparatrice e questo avvenga il giorno 13 ottobre"*

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SANTUARIO DIOCESANO  
ROSA MISTICA  
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Montichiari (Brescia) - Angeli e Arcangeli

**From INDIA:**

We received a beautiful and long testimony from a young Indian who met Rosa Mystica in 1999 in Amernath, in the state of Maharastra, India during a prayer meeting. "It was the first time I attended the novena to Rosa Mystica. My first look at the Blessed Virgin filled me with great joy in the depths of my heart and at that moment I decided that I would commit myself to her cause, even if serious problems arose." The problems were not long in coming. Fortunately, a letter from Cardinal Dias (now deceased) in which he stated that he found nothing contrary to the true

doctrine in the words of the visionary Pierina and a photo portraying Pope John Paul II while blessing a statue of Rosa Mystica in St. Peter's Square, reassured the souls of the devotees. Then they got statues for various parishes from Mr. Horst Mehring of Germany; in the following years they got in touch with the Rosa Mystica Association at Fontanelle and the devotion continues to spread.

Now he is waiting for the right moment to please some devotees in the United Arab Emirates.

We sincerely thank this devoted missionary of Rosa Mystica.

**We have received:**

**From Lebanon, 01/10/2023**

Lebanon is delighted with the latest news coming from Fontanelle. We dedicate our prayers to the Church accelerating its verdict on the apparitions. As usual, and to maintain our unity of prayers, we send you Samira's healing testimony. Samira is one of the founders of the Maria Rosa Mystica group, Baabdash-Lebanon. We wish a blessed month to you and to all the families of Maria Rosa Mystica in the world.

Ghada Maalouf

P.S. The aforementioned lady was diagnosed with "multiple sclerosis, MS" in 2002. Following prayer and blessing with the water of Rosa Mystica, the lady improved. After 21 years she is in perfect health and the doctor described the recovery as miraculous.

**To remember:**

- October 8, World Union of Reparative Communion
- 10:00 Blessing of the bread, procession
- 10:30 Holy Mass
- 16:00 Eucharistic Adoration
- 17:00 Holy Mass

Priest confessors will be present both in the morning and in the afternoon

**We also remind you that on October 29 we will return to solar time, so the afternoon celebrations will be brought forward by 1 hour**

For more detailed timetables, visit the website: [www.rosamisticafontanelle.it](http://www.rosamisticafontanelle.it)

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