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## Mary, Gate of Heaven

This Marian title resonates familiarly in us, educated by the rhythm of the Loreto's litanies: *Ianuam coelis, ora pro nobis...* In the liturgical time we are living in, which opens a window onto the ultimate realities and the communion of Saints, in the memory of our deceased, we feel this invocation even closer, it accompanies us and consoles us. She was the first to pass through the narrow door that is Jesus. She was the first to welcome Him with all her heart and followed Him every day of her life, even when she did not understand, even when a sword pierced her soul. This is why we first of all invoke her as the Door of Heaven: Mary is the door that exactly follows the shape of the heart of her Son Jesus, with Her we can enter confidently into this great mystery, especially when we feel like unworthy or disconsolate children. But this title reminds us of another truth of our faith: The Mother of Christ accompanies the people of God with

thoughtful tenderness on their journey towards their heavenly homeland, to contemplate «the holy city, the new Jerusalem, (...) ready like a bride adorned for her husband» (Rev 21, 2). The future condition of the Church is already realized in Mary, virgin bride, all beautiful and glorious, without spot or wrinkle: She herself supports us to keep vigil constantly, to go to meet the Groom who comes with the lamps lit, so that, when the door is opened, we can enter into the wedding banquet.

This title also helps us to better understand another aspect of the Marian devotion, namely that of the value of the apparitions and the method of ecclesial discernment of the Marian apparitions: after all, they are particular events, linked to humble and poor people, through which Mary opens up more for us the doors of Heaven, in a simple and maternal way, without adding anything to the deposit of Revelation but immersing

ourselves with more faith in the mystery of the life of Her Son. It is very beautiful to reread the long history of the apparitions from this perspective, recognizing the tenderness of the traits with which the Virgin accompanied and supported the Christian people in various historical events and in every corner of the earth, often the most remote, such as happened in Bethlehem ...

I was intrigued by this key of lecture to understand the history of salvation, starting to read a very recent book by Sister Daniela del Gaudio, an authoritative member of the International Theological Commission who helped us greatly to deepen our doctrinal studies on the alleged apparitions of Rosa Mystica. The book is entitled, precisely, *Door of Heaven*, and highlights how the Virgin, with Her original method of evangelization, intervenes in the history of men, fully enters into the way of thinking

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and acting of the different cultures of the world, showing how the Lord calls every people to be part of His family. It is She who bends over Her children from above, lowering Herself to be close, indeed very close to each of them. She chooses to appear to the humblest and desperate, to make us understand that there is no person in the world who is excluded from Her gaze and maternal love. Thus Mary shines as a sign of hope for all, showing how precisely in the most difficult and painful circumstances of history She knows how to encourage Her children, instilling faith in God, in the certainty that only the Father holds the destiny of humanity in his hands. In a recent interview to present the book, Sister Daniela launched a beautiful

provocation, which I would like to relaunch to all our readers, in this time in which we await a conclusive judgment from Rome regarding the long studies on the alleged apparitions of Rosa Mystica in Montichiari; I leave space for her own words: "I say to those who do not believe in Mary's apparitions in history that they should put Her to the test. Those who do not believe, please go to a place where Our Lady appeared, and I am sure that She will amaze them. There are many people who testify to having found or rediscovered faith precisely by frequenting a Marian place (...). Personally I remember meeting a desperate man in Lourdes: in addition to having a tumor, he had lost his job, with a family on his shoulders. I saw him return from Lourdes crying

like a child from the joy he had in his heart. We must have the courage to go and visit this Mother and challenge Her, starting precisely from those places where She manifested herself and where She can still give us a particular sign of her closeness. Anyone who doesn't believe must think of a mother and must deal with this Mother's desire to dialogue with him or her."

Let us ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of this child's heart, which still knows how to speak and confide in the heavenly Mother: She knows how to open our most closed doors and can rekindle the desire for Heaven in us!

**Monsignor MARCO ALBA**  
The Rector

## Fatima 1917 - Montichiari 1947: *Hell exists and is there to see!*

«At a certain point the Virgin opened her hands again as She had done the previous month. The reflection of her rays of light seemed to penetrate the earth. And we saw something like an ocean of fire." It is the story of Lucia dos Santos, the oldest of the shepherd children of Fatima. In her Memoirs she reported on the vision of 13 July 1917 in the Cova da Iria: «Immersed in that fire we saw demons and damned souls. These were like transparent burning coals, black or bronze, and they had a human shape. They were as if suspended in this fire, lifted by the flames that came out of themselves together with clouds of smoke. And then they fell everywhere, like sparks in great fires, without weight or balance."

It is the vision of Hell and not in Dante's transposition, but it is what was actually shown to the three seers of Alyustrel. Strongly impressed, Lucia returned to describe those lost souls and spirits, indicating their

differences: «**The demons were distinguished from the damned** by the horrible and repugnant shapes of frightening and unknown animals, but transparent, like black coals transformed into embers».

This vision developed "amidst cries and moans of pain and desperation that made one tremble with fear and horror." And the little girl burst into a scream when the earth split beneath their feet, a cry of terror overlaid with bewilderment. Fortunately, everything "only lasted a moment, thanks to our good Celestial Mother, who in her first apparition had promised to take us to Heaven, **otherwise I think we would have died of fright**".

Note the delicacy of Mary who, before showing her little ones the truth of Evil, reassures them of their happy destiny in Heaven, and who then shortened that terrible revelation as much as possible. It was accompanied by one of the most important messages given on Portuguese soil,

from which we understand that humanity as a whole and even more so as to its single individuals, is lost if it does not comply with the divine plan: «You have seen Hell, where they go the souls of poor sinners», said the White Lady «with goodness and sadness: «**To save them, God wants to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart** in the world. If you do what I tell you, many souls will be saved, there will be peace. The war will end. But if humanity do not stop offending God then under the reign of Pius XI a worse one will begin».

This vision of 1917 with the legacy that accompanies it, Maria Rosa Mystica collected to forcefully propose them again to Pierina Gilli thirty years later, in May 1947. It should be noted that, in her "apparition" in the cathedral of Montichiari for the feast of the Immaculate Conception of same year, the Virgin herself will put an unequivocal seal on the very close link, established by Heaven, between the visits to Portugal and

those to Brescia, declaring, to conclude on that day, in which among other things She showed the "visionary" her Immaculate Heart - exact citation - the "cycle of apparitions" that began in Fatima.

From this statement, which among other things invites us to read the subsequent demonstrations at Fontanelle in 1966 as a new "chapter", we also draw greater light on the words with which the Virgin explains to Pierina that if She had appeared in Fatima to propose devotion to her Heart to all humanity, in Brescia She addressed it to consecrated persons in particular.

In this context we understand why on December 7th, again in the cathedral, Maria Rosa Mystica presented herself accompanied by her little brothers Jacintha and Francesco Marto, who passed into Heaven in 1920 and 1919 respectively, to entrust them with the "visionary" from Brescia, to whom She promised their support in her earthly mission. And it also fits into the dramatic and coincident vision of Hell that Pierina had to undergo on the night of May 31st, at the end of that Marian month marked, as we have seen, by visible assaults by infernal creatures.

Even during that day which coincided with the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin, Pierina had to fight first with the gigantic monster and then with three demons who «wanted to take me away»...! There was no respite, in a physical and violent torment made up of kicks, punches, dragging, with the young nurse who, to her horror, also saw ringworms coming out of her mouth. She counted 11 ones. But the worst was still to come.

After half past midnight, while the "visionary" was lying exhausted as if unconscious, she was mysteriously called to deal with another dimension. We read from her Diaries: «Suddenly I felt transported into a very large enclosure, which seemed to have no boundaries and a terrifying vision presented itself to me. Oh God! What's going on? What a scare... It's hell! I felt powerless, without support. In front of me was an

immense flashing of flames. I could smell the nauseating, fetid odor of sulfur and a very strong heat, which, although I was far from the fire, seemed to suffocate me. I invoked the Lord and the Virgin. I couldn't withstand it anymore, I felt myself folding in on myself. I saw crowds of demons in that immense enclosure; everyone had wings, even those who had tormented me, whereas before I had seen them without wings. In the midst of the flames I saw the damned souls, almost transparent so that their clothes and faces could be easily distinguished».

At this point Pierina noted that «the damned souls were divided into three different groups, in resemblance to the three demons who had tormented me in the last period of suffering». Everything is linked, everything is connected in divine revelations. Just as the symptoms of the illnesses from which she suffered were linked to specific shortcomings and types of sins, so the demons who were allowed to afflict her, were linked to the types of sinners' souls for which the "seer" was asked to offer reparation. Furthermore, a celestial Voice, which intervened to explain, correlated these groups with the three swords then transformed into roses on Mary's chest: «Behold hell! The first group is made up of religious souls who have betrayed their vocation and are damned because they have not converted. The second is made up of religious souls who died in mortal sin.»

Pierina wrote in great anguish: «Among these damned souls I saw the devil who had made me suffer the longest and hardest. I also saw a nun, dressed in black, frighteningly deformed, immersed in a sea of fire that came out of her eyes, nose, mouth, ears, even the tips of her fingers and wrapped in snakes».

The third group "is made up of the Judas priests". The visionary still remembered: «In the midst of those very high flames I saw many priests and I distinguished two of them with the mitre, I don't know if they were bishops or popes». An important note: in front of God, even a pope

enjoys the personal freedom and responsibility to do or not do His will.

Finally, the vision shifted to «a soul immersed in a frightening fire, the flames got out from this soul, reached a great height and then fell back, tormenting him horribly». Who is this damned man - Judas himself? The Antichrist who will come? - we do not know. We are told, however, that "these souls hated each other and were devoured by hideous beasts." And the Voice continued: «These are the souls who in hell hate Our Lord the most».

Exhausted, Pierina started shouting: «Enough! Oh God help me, stop! Apparently careless, the Voice had a message to give, before that seeing ended, and warned: «Penance is needed, penance to prevent souls from going to hell». Pierina responded: «We will do penance, we will do penance, but enough is enough!».

She commented, that her strength had reached the limit. And the ordeal ended: «Finally I was taken out of the frightening enclosure beyond a very large iron door, which I heard close thunderously behind me».

Epilogue: «Everything is over. I thanked the Lord for having freed me [...]. I regained consciousness [...] and saw myself in the arms of the Reverend Mother who had supported me during the terrible vision. Together with her I thanked the Lord again by reciting the Holy Rosary. Then I calmly lay down on the floor and took rest. The nuns also rested. It was one o'clock in the morning on June 1, 1947».

Like the shepherds of Fatima, Pierina experienced hell at first hand. From this moment she knew that, truly the souls of many consecrated people are suspended, in grave danger, and that their eternal destiny also depends on the quality of their life of prayer and mortification. Full of mercy she fell asleep, once again, on the bare ground.



We always receive testimonies of healings, conversions, other manifestations of extraordinary facts for the benefit of many brothers. We would like you all to share with you all in this joy, but due to lack of space we cannot publish them in full in the bulletin.

**- A young Spanish-speaking mother shows us her joy.**

<From Alejandra V. My daughter was born on July 13, the same day on which Rosa Mystica is celebrated. She was born with respiratory tachypnea and for this reason she had to remain hospitalized with a special device and was fed with a tube. Her prognosis was not favorable and many people prayed for her, I asked the Virgin to save her, to be with her and take care of her so that she would not feel alone. After about 2 weeks she was discharged from the hospital without consequences and I took her to church to thank the Virgin, when I returned home I noticed that the face of my little girl was shining.>

**- A religious brother writes to us from Mexico:**

<About 11 years ago, the STATUE of the Mother of Jesus Christ, in her invocation as Rosa Mystica, visited my home in the city of Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico. A few days later I had the opportunity to meet my aunt and my cousin who I had caused a lot of trouble. The meeting and their forgiveness aroused in me a feeling of peace and indescribable love. It was the first time I felt the joy of being forgiven. I am sure that it was the Mother of Jesus with her title of Rosa Mystica who produced this miracle. Subsequently, for several years, I followed Her to various homes where the Rosary was recited. Today, July 13th, I want to thank you again and ask for your intercession for the needs that you know very well about me. Brother Cristóbal, thank you and many blessings to all of you. David>

**- A community writes to us from the Balearic Islands:**

<Ave María Purísima... We are an institute of contemplative life (seclusion). Therefore, our apostolate is prayer. We live in Mallorca in a town called Artá and more precisely in a hermitage called Betlem which was built in 1804 for hermits but due to lack of vocations in 2010 they closed. We are here for just a month and were sent by the Bishop of Mallorca and the Vicar General. We are currently a public association of believers. The community was founded in 1970 in Coria-Cáceres, the female branch; we are the male branch. This is the link to our website and some photos with the Bishop and of the convent. We have the Blessed Sacrament exposed 24 hours a day. We wish to place the image of the Virgin in the Church for public veneration. Obra de Amor Toda de Maria >



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.

We inform you that on December 7th, the fourth anniversary of the elevation of this place of prayer to a Diocesan Marian Sanctuary, the Bishop of Brescia Monsignor Pierantonio Tremolada will preside over the concelebration at 4 pm.

<b>Hours: Holidays</b>	<b>Hours: Weekdays</b>
10.00am Holy Rosary	3.30pm Holy Rosary
10.30 am Holy Mass	4.00 pm Holy Mass
3.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration	
4.00 pm Holy Mass	

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