

Directory regarding the Marian worship in Località Fontanelle – Montichiari (BS)

July 2013

Premise

The Bishop of Brescia, Mons. Luciano Monari, acknowledged the interventions carried out by his predecessors and the instructions given by the Holy See concerning the so-called apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Montichiari, and of the recent Letter of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith dated 13th November 2012, with this directory intends to regulate in a definitive manner the worship in Località Fontanelle giving an adequate assistance to the pilgrims who in this place arrive from all over Italy and from abroad.

The Bishop, after noting the non –observance of several points of the norms contained in the previous directories (2001 and 2008), asks now the Association Rosa Mistica – Fontanelle and all the faithful, to receive with docility, obedience and spirit of faith the binding norms proposed by this Directory.

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1 – The Marian worship, which always has been cultivated and recommended in the life of the Church, must be proposed and practiced in conformity with the Magisterium of the Church and particular with the chapter VIII of the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium* and the apostolic exhortation *Marialis Cultus* by Pope Paul VI.

2 – At Località Fontanelle must be valorised and defended solely a Marian and baptismal worship: therefore, any reference must be avoided to apparitions, messages or other presumed supernatural events which, directly or indirectly, could lead the faithful to believe that the judgement of the Church about the so-called apparitions or other extraordinary events at Località Fontanelle, in time, has been modified in a positive way by the Holy See.

The symbolic and historical richness of the old Marian title “Rosa Mystica” cannot be obviously be discussed and can therefore be maintained.

3 – The practice of worship at Località Fontanelle in Montichiari is subject to the authority of the diocesan Bishop only.

In order to make more effective the custody and supervision on the worship according to this Directory, the Bishop appoints his own Episcopal delegate, who can cooperate *in loco* with a presbyter with special duties as moderator of the worship and administrator, stated in this directory , Art. 4.

The Episcopal delegate and his co-operator will take care of acting in agreement with the parish priest *pro tempore* of the parish S. Maria Assunta in Montichiari, for an harmonious pastoral action among the religious functions of the parish and those for Marian worship at Fontanelle.

The Episcopal delegate every six months will show the Bishop a written report on the situation of the Marian worship in Località Fontanelle, from the pastoral and property point of view, according to the Directory norms.

4 – In particular, the duties of the Episcopal delegate, with the help of the possible cooperation of the Presbyter who is moderator and administrator *in loco*, will be the following:

- Moderate the Marian worship, by maintaining the symbolic and historical richness of the old title “*Rosa Mystica*” and promoting a baptismal and Marian spirituality excluding references to apparitions or other supernatural events;
- Take care of the observance of the canonical norms about the celebrations and custody of the Eucharist;
- Arrange the preparation of schedules and calendars of the Eucharistic celebrations and other worship acts or devotional practices;

- moderate the gathering and recording of the intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful for the celebration of the Holy Masses, according to the agreed modalities;
- moderate the gathering and recording of the possible offerings of the faithful;
- regulate the legal and statutory aspects connected to the property and to the places of worship in the most appropriate manner, in order to grant the observance of these regulations about the worship;
- prevent circulation by all means (also using a data processing technique) of publications and magazines spreading the Marian worship not completely in tune with this Directory;
- carefully correct any doctrinal mistake of the texts of popular prayers , in particular those promoting or giving authority to Ms Pierina Gilli's declarations.

5 - The Association *Rosa Mistica Fontanelle*, in order to continue and operate, has to modify at the soonest its Statute, in accordance with the indications of this Directory, by indicating the purposes, the components of the Governing Council and the administration of goods. Consequently, also the editing of the magazine and its circulation by post, by subscription or by a data processing technique, must be reconsidered at the soonest, in the light of what defined by Art. 4.

6 – The attitude of total fidelity to these rules is the condition necessary for maintaining the worship to the Virgin Mary at Località Fontanelle.

Brescia, 1st July 2013

The Bishop
Luciano Monari

The Diocesan Chancellor
Msgr. Marco Alba