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*Lead, Kindly Light, amidst th'encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on! The night is dark, and I am far
from home, Lead Thou me on!*

Cardinal Newman



GOD WITH US

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Thus, once again this year, day after day, we are now about to celebrate Christmas. As always, we see the lights appearing on the streets, we begin to think about presents and maybe even of holidays. We all know it, but often do not dare to tell each other, there is something changing, actually, has already changed. That is because we have to deal not only with the ever-stronger presence of other

cultures and religions among us, but also because one of them, the Islam, at least in its most radical fringes, does not only come with threats but also with real and devastating attacks to our lives. And this cannot but disturb us. They tell us not to be afraid, to go on living as if nothing had happened, but frankly, it is not easy. That is because, beyond the immediate danger of events of terror and death that

are never entirely predictable and hence not controllable, we have the distinct feeling that upheavals are going to take place, intended to affect the very foundations of our Western culture. And among these foundations, firstly, our own Christian faith, of which the feast of Christmas is certainly one of the principal symbols. Let us not forget that in this feast, we celebrate the memory of a truly extraordinary event, which is the very incarnation of God in a human person, in that child who was born in the simplicity, and poverty of a cave and to whom was given the name of Jesus. A child who obviously would grow as all other children, but in whose person also hides the divine nature that, through the sacrifice of the

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cross, from then on guarantees every individual the opportunity to liberate their lives from the traps of sin and death, making him participant, even now, to the joy that derives from the awareness of that divine love which completely envelops him. All things, let us face it, appearing so singular and strange that at first might seem a sort of pious legend to console us in our troubled life. A myth was born two thousand years ago, spread over the centuries, coming up to us.

This is how many think of it today; unfortunately, they thus deny all the good that comes from faith. It is, however, not a myth as shown by countless studies and researches throughout the course of the Christian story; one after the other demonstrated how those extraordinary stories that the evangelists tell us are certainly credible and can therefore indeed fully belong to the history of humanity, they are even its very foundation. It is clear that if all this was true, it even takes greater importance, especially in this more and more troubled time in which many difficulties overlap and entwine each other.

It is also clear that for all this, today not only our faith should not diminish, but rather must become even more secure and profound to enable us to draw from it the strength and light we need to live these coming complicated and difficult years. On a personal and intimate way, in the depths of our hearts in an open and continuous dialogue with the God who chose to become like us to show us His love. Also outwardly, we should not be afraid to express our Christian belief by continuing to live with simplicity and sweetness, without evasiveness, neither complexes nor fears

A dwelling in Paradise

The old movie «A dwelling in Paradise» tells the story of a boy who, after the death of his mother, is totally abandoned, forgotten and haunted. Desperate and heartbroken on a cold December evening, he went to the tomb of this mother seeking for solace. There he laid himself down on top of the grave and wept, calling his mother's name, longing for the warmth of her maternal heart. Tired, he eventually fell asleep. Then he dreamed of a ladder that rose from earth to heaven, and comforted by that vision, he climbed the steps, reaching dizzying heights. Looking up, he saw the smiling face of his mother. Then he saw that she was tossing a ball of silver thread that came bouncing along the steps towards him. The boy grabbed the shiny thread, holding it tightly in his hands and moved upward, higher and higher. It was such a gorgeous sight. At the highest point of the scale his mother was waiting. He moved towards her and she kept her son in her spirit, embracing him with kisses and soothing him... When he wakened up the youngster found himself in a strange room; half-frozen he had been transported to the infirmary. He recovered and went along his life, which was difficult and hard as before; somehow it did not seem so hard and cruel anymore as the smile of his mother always hovered over him; the warmth of her maternal heart continued. His mother accompanied and assisted him from heaven.

It is a beautiful story, a moving film, but I never could write a more moving chronicle about the marvelous day of Faith and Grace that we have experienced on December 8 in Fontanelle.

The pilgrims, the first of the new **HOLY YEAR**, crowded in Fontanelle in the early morning when in the sky «the morning star» still shone alongside the crescent moon. They filled the streets and gardens, the chapel, the stations of the Cross, the morning procession. They were in many during the Marian prayer and the solemn Mass. There was a long queue before the confessionals, the holy Scale, the Source and the tub. Numerous pilgrims attended the Eucharistic banquet, the Hour of Universal Grace and the offering of the new rosary of nacre and silver filigree in the hands of Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church and our Mother. And in the afternoon, which like the morning was bathing in a tepid sunlight, the feast of the Immaculate continued with a renewed devotion of all the pilgrims during the Adoration, the Rosary and in the confessionals. The solemn Mass was celebrated by Don Marco, the Bishop's Delegate. When he closed the feast with a floral tribute to the Virgin in the form of a basket full of white, red and yellow roses, in the dark of night the glowing star was indicating and still will indicate forever all the places of the Divine Mercy. On December 8 of this Holy Year which has just been started, each of us together with the pilgrims were weaving a magnificent tapestry with the silver thread we received as a gift from our Mother of Heaven; it is a tapestry telling over and over again about the goodness of the Virgin in this blessed place. Like in the story of the boy, we also are clutching the silver thread, which is the devotion to Our Lady and climb the steps of the staircase that rises from the earth to heaven.

May the days of the Holy Year of Mercy, pass through our fingers like the nacre beads of a rosary linked by a thread of silver filigree under the gaze of the most tender of mothers: the Virgin Mary.

That is our wish and our prayer for the coming Christmas and New Year.

Don Giancarlo

regarding our traditions, transmitting them to our children, in order to keep their great value. Let us hold this year, with even greater tenderness, this child whose birth we celebrate.

And let us entrust Him all our past to be purified, our present so

it will not be excessively hard for us and our future to be always illumined by His light. And with this spirit, reconciled and fully confident, we will enjoy the coming feast. Holy Christmas to all!

Rosanna Brichetti Messori

"My Love embraces all humanity"

These photos of pilgrims praying at the foot of Rosa Mystica are the manifestation of the words written in large letters on the Chapel dedicated to Her.

"L'AMOR MIO ABBRACCIA
TUTTA L'UMANITA'.."



December 6, 2015:
With us from Korea



A delegation of the miners of Belgium
who come each year to thank Rosa Mystica



Clara and Jemma from
South Korea
on October 30
and 31, 2015



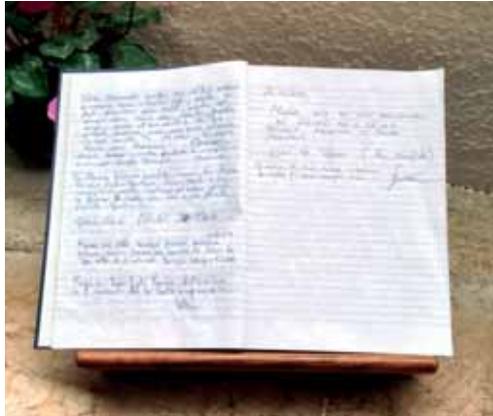
From Benin –
Fr. Augustine Marie,
who returned after
years to thank Rosa
Mystica, at whose feet,
he had celebrated one
of his first Masses.

December 8, 2015: Feast of the Immaculate Heart



Those big blue prayer books

From now on, we will publish in our monthly newsletter some of the prayers that the faithful and pilgrims have written in the big blue prayer books; afterwards these books will be preserved in the archives of the Foundation Rosa Mystica Fontanelle. The publication of the prayers that we transcribe, omitting any reference to the people who have left them, will renew all our readers desire for prayer that here has the



fragrance and the grace of the white rose which is the Immaculate Heart of our sweet Lady. We thank our dear Mrs. Liliana Bresciani Alba, mother of Don Marco, who read and chose for us these roses.

Dear Rosa Mistica, I lost my mother recently. Please, welcome her at your side as she deserves it. As for me, I do not ask anything, but please, protect my son and help me to watch over my father because now, without his wife, he feels lost. I thank you with all my heart

Mother Mary, today begins the journey of faith that we have promised you; we trust in your help and we are sure we can fulfill it. If You will be next to us, we can overcome any obstacle. Thank you, Mother Santa Rosa Mystica.

Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary Rosa Mystica, Your Mother and Mother of the Church, grant to my priestly ministry wisdom and prudence, to be able to offer my life for others without sparing myself.

Oh Mary, keep close to your heart the unborn children and console their mothers.

Mary, you know what my family needs... without love we cannot go on... Please come in my house and bring me the greatest gift: love. Thank you, please make haste.

Sweet Virgin Rosa Mystica... I pray you: take care of us. Thank you.

Timetable for January 2016

Daily:

15:00 Confessions. 16:00 H. Rosary.

Saturday:

15:00 Confessions.
15:30 H. Rosary.
16:00 H. Mass (vigil).

Sunday and feast days:

15:00-17:00 Confessions
15:00 Adoration
15:30 H. Rosary
16:00 Solemn Mass

January 1: According to feast timetable

January 2: First Saturday of the month

January 6: Epiphany: according to feast timetable

Sunday, January 10 – Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord:
Renewal of Baptismal Vows during the High Mass

Wednesday, January 13 – Marian Day

15:00-17:00 Confessions.
15:00 Adoration.
15:30 H. Rosary.
16:00: H. Mass.

Important notice: We kindly ask the priests, the religious and the pilgrimage group guides to notify your arrival in good time to the Secretariat and the Responsible for the Worship, thus enabling us to arrange in the best possible way your reception and stay in this place of worship. Following this procedure, you will be given the opportunity to experience the pilgrimage in an orderly, dedicated and fruitful way. In the official website (www.rosamisticafontanelle.it) we invite all to visit the Directory about the Marian worship in Fontanelle, the timetable and the new brochure **"History and places of worship"**. We also invite everyone to organize the pilgrimages by following closely the guidelines of the Directory and those in the brochure mentioned above. We warmly thank you for your cooperation!

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*United in prayer
all your priests bless you!*

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