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Sacrifice



Prayers



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The power of the Eucharist within the family

This second Sunday of October in Fontanelle is a special day of prayer and adoration towards the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, especially in reparation of all the shortcomings and offenses. We therefore would like to offer you two passages from the last chapter of Amoris Laetitia, the recent Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on love within the family.

Unfortunately, we are going through times in which the sacrament of marriage and the sanctity of the family suffer daily insults and misinformation. At the same time, we experience more and more the urgent need to pray for all families, particularly for the many wounded families and in need,



challenged by the aggressive force of so many spiritual, moral and economic poverty. The conjugal and family love, especially when it is crucified, has a great need to immerse into the purification of Eucharistic love and by its healing powers and to regain the support of shared prayer, especially that of entrustment to Mary and to her powerful intercession.

We entrust therefore the words of Pope Francis for your consideration, so that they may become an effective stimulus to live with increasing awareness and gratitude for the immense gift of the Eucharistic Bread.

“If a family is centered on Christ, He will unify and illumine its entire life. Moments of pain and difficulty will be

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experienced in union with the Lord's cross, and His closeness will make it possible to surmount them. In the darkest hours of a family's life, union with Jesus in his abandonment can help avoid a breakup. (nr. 317)

"Family prayer is a special way of expressing and strengthening this paschal faith. A few minutes can be found each day to come together before the living God, to tell Him our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings, and to ask Our Lady to protect us beneath her maternal mantle. The family's communal journey of prayer culminates by sharing together in the Eucharist, especially in the context of the Sunday rest. Jesus knocks on the door of families, to share with them the Eucharistic supper (cf. Rev 3:20). There, spouses can always seal anew the paschal covenant which united them and which ought to reflect the covenant which God sealed with mankind in the cross. The close bond between married life and the Eucharist thus becomes all the more clear. For the food of the Eucharist offers the spouses the strength and incentive needed to live the marriage covenant each day as a "domestic Church".

Mons. Marco Alba
Episcopal delegate

IT IS ABSOLUTELY TRUE!

As always, on the second Sunday of October, here at Fontanelle we celebrate the day of the "International Union of the Communion of Reparation". A day during which we approach the Holy Eucharist with particular attention and devotion, praying in union with other devotees all around the world, with the particular aim of "reparation", at least in part, with our love to repair all those deficiencies which unfortunately occur every day against this holy sacrament.

All kinds of shortages, ranging from not believing, or even doubting the real presence of the Lord Jesus with His body and His glorious blood inside the host and the holy chalice, to that of approaching superficially to this so mysterious and, at the same time, so highly important sacrament, even up to the many deliberate desecrations in the Eucharist which unfortunately occur all the time, in defiance of the Catholic faith.

We brought up doubts, superficiality. That is not a feature of our time alone. On the other hand, it must be recognized that one should not be shocked that it is not easy to consider that a striking miracle is taking place every time a priest on the altar pronounces the words of consecration. Just as it is not easy to believe that, when we eat the small host and drink of the chalice, we are really nourished by the body and blood of the Lord Jesus, meeting Him alive and real with His regenerating power, just as two thousand years ago on the paths of Palestine. It is exactly for this cause that the Lord, who knows our limitations and therefore also our possible doubts, that He desires to help our faith with which are called "Eucha-

ristic miracles". With those extraordinary phenomena that accompany the whole Christian history in which, in one way or another, occasionally the veil rises and the great mystery of the real presence becomes obvious. As in the past, there are at least two of the many events: the best known are those of Bolsena and Lanciano. Both involved priests were full of doubt. The first saw how the host that he had consecrated began to bleed profusely, and the second priest watched how the host even turned into a piece of flesh. This is still preserved for centuries in a sealed glass case, examined in the seventies with modern scientific methods, which have proven beyond any doubt that it is even a section of the human heart. All the more, it has the same group of blood found on the Shroud of Turin.

But even in the present, where faith in general and in the Eucharist in particular, encounter even greater obstacles, the Lord seems to want to understand and to help us in our difficulties. As the Marian apparitions in the last few centuries have become increasingly numerous and widespread and particularly in the past few decades, the Eucharistic miracles are multiply-



Greetings
from Maracaibo
(Venezuela).

ing as well; from these miracles we can draw light and comfort. Here is a small review. In Buenos Aires, Argentina, three extraordinary events, even in sequence, are reported in 1992 and in 1994 two bleedings. In 1996, the most striking one happened. During a celebration of the feast day of the Assumption, a host fell on the ground. As provided for such cases, the particle is placed in a small container with water so that it dissolves and can be drunk. After a few days, however, it is found transformed into flesh; examined by two different highly specialized laboratories in Sydney and New York, they announced that it is a fragment of a still living heart tissue as is shown by the presence of intact white blood cells and, the more, it belongs to the heart of a person who has undergone great sufferings. Poland, 2008 and 2013, a similar scenario: in 2008, during the distribution of Communion a particle fell down and is placed in water. A week later it shows strange red clots that have been examined with the following result: "The sample that has been sent is a myocardial tissue." Even in this case, the surprising fact is the presence of intact white blood cells that absolutely cannot be present in the cardiac tissue of a corpse. In 2013, the same sequence of events with a similar verdict: "the tissue fragments contain fragmented parts of cross-striated muscle that is very similar to the heart muscle with alterations that appear frequently during agony." But also in Tixtla in Mexico, in the parish of St. Martin, in 2006, a host began to bleed with a similar verdict to those we have seen, while currently in Hungary two other recent events similar to those we have described, are being examined. Many causes in more why, confirmed in faith by God's mercy, we are also during this year experiencing, with intense passion and complete abandonment, our small but important "communion of reparation".

Rosanna Brichetti Messori



We have received

■ *From Cosenza* - In a long letter, rev. Don Tullio Scarcello, pastor of Pedace, a large village in the province of Cosenza, writes about the prayer group which has been blossoming for several years in his parish, thanks to the grace of the Holy Spirit and the work of Mrs. Maria Viteritti, who recently came on pilgrimage in Fontanelle together with her husband. "With the devotion to Maria Rosa Mystica our faith is strengthened. She is like a beacon of light that illuminates and warms all the people that are approaching her. We have lived intense moments of prayer in our Church during the celebrations for Rosa Mystica. Pope Francis constantly invites the faithful of the whole world to love the Virgin, and after his election to the papacy he himself, went to the Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore to venerate the Virgin Mary "the Health of the Roman people." The imitation of the virtues of Madonna should prompt us to love Jesus more and more; He has redeemed us and, through the work of the Holy Spirit, He sanctifies us.

From the motherly hands of Our Lady "Rosa Mystica" we welcome the red, white and golden roses, which entice us to Love, Prayer and Suffering. With St. Alphonsus Maria dei Liguori we cry out, "De Maria nunquam satis". We will always love the Virgin. The Community of the Sts. Apostles Peter and Paul of Pedace is drawing living water from the source of Mary to be purified and sanctified. Unanimously we rejoice with great exultation: "Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church, pray for us!"

A devotee of the Virgin

Don Tullio Scarcello

*Pastor of the community Sts. Apostles Peter and Paul
Pedace (Cosenza) - Italy*

We would like to personally invite Don Tullio to come and pray with us in this blessed place.

■ *From Cosenza* - On Thursday, September 29, 2016, Feast of the Holy Archangels, in the Basilica of Our Lady of Catena di Laurignano (CS), we celebrated the Jubilee of the Rosa Mystica Prayer Cenacle of Cosenza and the Association Mary Mother of Mercy; together we cooperate in activities of prayer and of the opening of the new social year after the summer break. In the afternoon the spirituality was started at 15:30 at the source where the Miraculous Picture of the Virgin was found; today it hangs above the major altar of the Basilica; the Passionist priests for centuries spread its devotion. In procession, amid songs and prayers, we headed through the Holy Door to the Basilica where the Jubilee took

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place. At 16:30 the Holy Mass was celebrated presided by Fr. Joseph, during which the image of Rosa Mystica for our Cenacle was blessed; this image is a work of Maestro Marcello La Neve. I wish with this brief testimony to thank the entire community of the Laurignano priests, in particular the Reverend Father Superior in the person of Fr. Mario Madonna. He has given us the opportunity to experience this day of prayer and fraternity, to Father Joseph for being immediately available and for having presided the Eucharistic celebration as well as all members of the prayer Cenacle of Rosa Mystica and the Association Mary Mother of Mercy, who were all present at the celebration. In conclusion, permit me to thank all those who have accompanied us from afar with their affection and prayers. The Blessed Virgin Rosa Mystica will grant each of you her Maternal Blessing.

Giampaolo Caracciolo

Time table for October 2016

Daily:

15:00 Confessions
15:30 H. Rosary.

Every Tuesday and Friday:

15:00 Confessions
15:30 H. Rosary
16:00 H. Mass

Saturday:

15:00 Confessions
15:30 H. Rosary
16:00 H. Mass, pre-festive

Sundays and feast days:

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

October 9 - second Sunday of October Solemn celebration of the World Union of Communion Reparation - Day of prayers and penance

09:00 Prayers with the whole community
Confessions - H. Rosary
11:00 H. Mass, procession and distribution
of blessed bread

Afternoon: timetable as on Sundays

Please note that from October 1, 2016 the gate of access to the basin and the Holy Stair will be closed from 20:00 to 07:00 o'clock.

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During this last month in Fontanelle, in addition to the many pilgrims coming from neighboring countries and from states around the world, we had two important celebrations representing an entire country.

In September, a solemn celebration took place in honour of Rosa Mystica by the Sinhalese people residing for employment in Italy. The solemn celebration, which was attended by the priests of the various groups, was presided by Mgr. Neville Joe Perera, National coordinator.

Early October a **MARIAN FAMILY CONVENTION** was held by a large group of Indian families residing in German-speaking Switzerland, as well as Indian and Swiss priests. They spent 1 and 2 October in Fontanelle in retreat for prayer and reflection and are an example of families praying closely together. The young people and parents followed moments of specific reflection according to their age and their state of soul. These are moments of prayer that have been repeated for years.

The lack of space does not permit us to publish many other beautiful testimonials co-operating in the recognition of the case; they are kept in the archive. *We all feel united in prayer in the maternal heart of Maria Rosa Mystica.*

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