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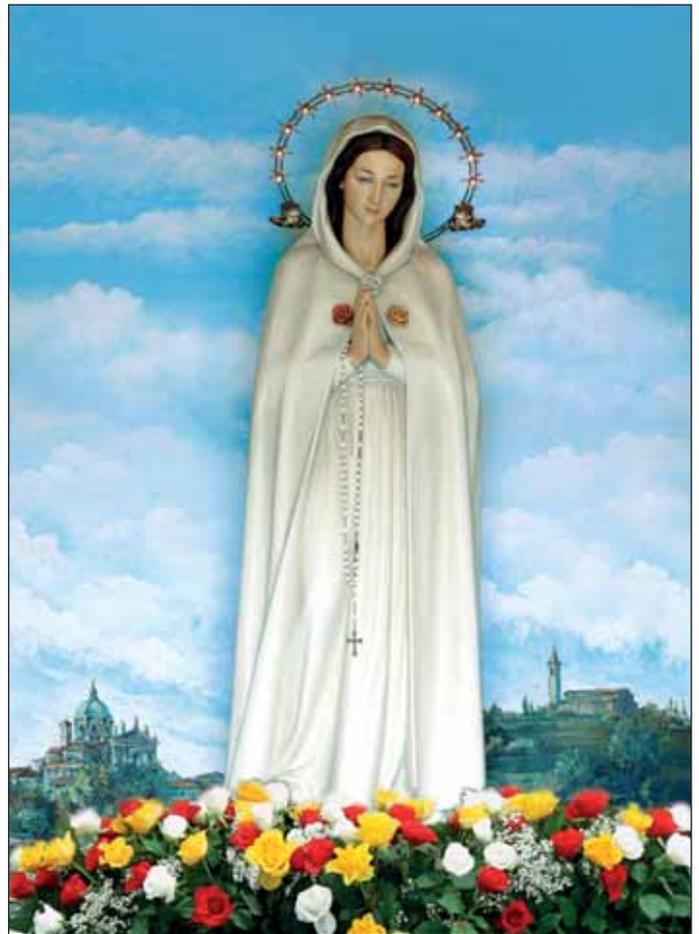
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Sunday, October 19, will be a very important day for our Church in Brescia and for the whole Church in the world as well: in Rome pope Paul VI will be beatified. Therefore, with joy, we will join on the diocesan path; in the next numbers of the Voice of Rosa Mistica, we will give space to some reflections based on the writings and the Marian teachings of this great pope. Our hope is that this will provide to all of our readers an occasion of growth and true conversion to Christ, through the powerful intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Msgr Marco Alba, Episcopal Delegate



IN A FEW WORDS THE ENTIRE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY

Last time, referring to the Marian teachings of Paul VI, we have spoken about the Rosary. This time we complete the picture of the devotions that he explicitly recalls in the document devoted to the Holy Virgin, i.e. the Marialis Cultus, with another prayer of which he underlines «the unchanged value and the intact freshness». It is about the Angelus Domini.

THE ANGELUS DOMINI: a prayer, which remains up to date
Paul VI Apost. Exhort. "Marialis cultus" n. 41

«**W**hat we have to say about the Angelus is meant to be only a simple but earnest exhortation to continue its traditional recitation wherever and whenever possible. The Angelus does not need to be revised, because of its simple structure, its biblical character, its historical origin which links it to the prayer for peace and safety, and its quasi-liturgical rhythm which sanctifies different moments during the day, and because it reminds us of the Paschal Mystery, in which recalling the Incarnation

of the Son of God we pray that we may be led "through his passion and cross to the glory of his resurrection."(109) These factors ensure that the Angelus despite the passing of centuries retains an unaltered value and an intact freshness. It is true that certain customs traditionally linked

with the recitation of the Angelus have disappeared or can continue only with difficulty in modern life. But these are marginal elements. The value of contemplation on the mystery of the Incarnation of the Word, of the greeting to the Virgin, and of recourse to her merciful in-

tercession remains unchanged. And despite the changed conditions of the times, for the majority of people there remain unaltered the characteristic periods of the day-morning, noon and evening-which mark the periods of their activity and constitute an invitation to pause in prayer».



Probably by now the major part of us, do not have any more the occasion to recite it habitually; but when possible, it would be a good thing to resume it. Nevertheless, by praying it at least once a week, it would be certainly possible to restore this beautiful practice in a special circumstance, i.e. at the Sunday Angelus during which the pontiffs recite publicly in the St. Peter's square since the existence of the television. In this way, they allow all the people who are interested to do so, to participate in the prayer on this important event.

It is one further reason to deepen its intimate meanings. We will explore them together when going over the various stages of the structure, composed, as we know, of three antiphons, accompanied by three Ave Maria, followed by a verse and by a prayer.

1. «The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary»; «And she conceived by the Holy Spirit». Immediately, without any preamble, we are introduced in the very center of the principal event in the human history. Gabriel announces to a Hebrew girl that, if she would agree to it, she would bring birth to the Savior. The facts immediately follow these words since she indeed approves to cooperate for the works of God.

2. «Behold the handmaid of the Lord»; «Be it done unto me according to Thy word». Always impressed

by the synthesis of her conciseness, we are now recalling how all this could have been realized. Amazed and certainly confused, Mary, the protagonist, responds to the proposal of God with a disarming humility and simplicity. Here I am, I totally trust You and therefore I put myself completely at Your disposal. Thus, to the graces, to the gift of God, the girl responds to the project with full confidence and total faith, without reservations.

3. «And the Word was made flesh»; «And dwelt among us». And here are the unthinkable effects from human point of view: God, in the person of the Verb, assumes a full humanity and becomes the Emmanuel, the God with us. He was prepared to

charge everything on his own shoulders; for the sake of humanity, he was, with his death and resurrection, going to reopen fully the path toward the Father. The Latin language, in which the prayer of the Angelus was originally given birth, explains it in a better way than its translation how this could take place: "habitavit in nobis", means in fact: "He came to live among us", but also "He came to live in us." Thus, from that moment on, each one of us is called to give birth to Jesus inside oneself in the way Mary did it. This, because the proposal to accept the Savior is always and continuously addressed to each of us. It passes, like with Mary, through our "yes." In fact, with the Christian God who is love,

July 13, 2014: A shower of roses.



Shower of petals of roses on the altar.

May St. Therese, the little Saint of Lisieux, forgive us if we borrow the words of her famous promise: "... I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses..."

On Sunday, July 13, in Fontanelle we have indeed experienced the

beauty, the enchantment, the poetry and the truth of these unforgettable words. Everywhere there were roses, white, red and yellow... roses in the three flowerbeds near the chapel in the glory of their summer flowering... roses on the altar... roses at the feet of

nothing can happen without our free adhesion.

As we know, three Ave Maria accompany each of these antiphons; it is an application of continuous help to Mary to accompany us with her maternal intercession on the path, which she herself had walked on. The verse that follows is underlining it also: «Pray for us, o holy Mother of God», «That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ». The prayer finishes with: «Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen».

Hence, a summary of the entire Christian mystery in its contents and consequences in just a few words. I would dare to say, with strength in their brevity, a sort of sacred representation able to captivate us and to wake up again our amazement up to deep feelings for the gifts of God

Rosanna Brichetti Messori

From a young Mexican priest: Pilgrimage to Fontanelle



On the Sunday of Easter, last April 20, a small group of Mexicans and Peruvians went on pilgrimage to Fontanelle. It was a group coming to Milan to participate in the perpetual consecration of Fr. David Padron, M.Sp.S. Relatives and friends came from City Mantas, Tamaulipas, Mexico, where the devotion to Maria Rosa Mystica is growing every day. We were very happy to have celebrated Easter as a spiritual family during the Eucharist, the Adoration and the Rosary, praying and sharing everything together. This day will remain in our hearts as a beautiful gift of Our Lady. We have met other Mexicans: deacon Felipe and Mrs. Lupita and this has been for us a sign of the great family that Rosa Mystica creates in the world.

P. David De Jesus
Missioner of the Holy Spirit

the white statue of the Lady... roses on the shady alleys... roses between the floral homages of the pilgrims... roses falling from above on the altar during the choral prayer of the believers and another shower of multicolored petals falling down from the gate of the chapel... and thousand other blessed roses... Thousand is a lot, yet they were not enough, neither the five hundred of the morning, neither the other five hundred at the Solemn Mass of the evening. Therefore, also the roses on the altar and those in the vases on the carrier platform of the statue of Rosa Mystica were distributed. The Feast of July 13 will certainly remain in the memory of many believers: a big crowd of devotees already present from early in the morning, praying the Rosary, walking in the procession, waiting in front of the confessionals and attending the Solemn Evening Mass that concluded at the sound of the Angelus with Alexander Manzoni's hymn:

*«Rising day, and evening falling,
When noon declares the moiety,
The bronzes hail Thee, ever calling
Pious crowds to honor Thee».*

The people even continued the feast during lunchtime; many have taken advantage of the interval to return to the feet of Rosa Mystica for a personal prayer. There were many pilgrim groups, buses, families. The seminarist Sashika welcomed numerous Sinhalese families and after the floral homage and the prayer with hands clasped together palm to palm, they were always the first to make a simple yet very pleasant picnic.

Adoration at 3 a.m., personal and guided prayers, still more believers in front of the confessionals, followed by the Solemn Mass, which was celebrated by the Episcopal Delegate... procession with a big crowd of devoted believers and at the end, at the feet of the great Crucifix, the benediction of the roses. Even more white, yellow, and red roses which were, however, not enough for everybody; but nobody was dissatisfied because after all everyone received from the hands of the Lady a white, a red, or a yellow rose. And that one was the truest and most beautiful rose of this great Feast.



Distribution of blessed roses to the pilgrims.



The long procession in honor of Rosa Mystica.

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■ *From India* - Seminarist Mathew (fourth-year student in theology and very devoted to Mary Rosa Mystica) writes us: Thank you so much for the monthly bulletin! The teaching of Pope Paul VI is wonderful and very interesting! The reflection on the importance of the Holy Rosary comes also on the right moment! We are very happy to have heard the Presentation of the Spiritual Family of Maria Rosa Mystica by a Nun of Togo, in addition to the knowledge that we already got from the Small Missionaries of Maria Rosa Mystica of Mother Hildegarda of Brazil. As I have already manifested to some Bishops, it is my great desire that also the group of priests consecrated to Rosa Mystica one day will be able to visit Fontanelle. Here in India we have started to work for Rosa Mystica among the young people: many among them already know her, others are discovering her with great interest. Herewith I send you some photos of the boys that came to us in these last days to pray together. Please pray for me and our missionary work for Maria Rosa Mystica in India. We all pray that the Congress that will take place in Mexico in these coming months will be a great success!

We have received

■ *From Jerusalem* - Sr. IZIDORA from the Rosary Sisters sends us warm regards and the spiritual proximity of the Community.

SCHEDULE OF PRAYERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Every Sunday

17:00 Holy Mass preceded by Adoration. Confession and Holy Rosary

Saturday, Sept. 6:

20:30 First Saturday – Procession and prayer vigil

Monday, Sept. 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

16:30 H. Rosary

17:00 Solemn Mass

Friday, Sept. 12 - Holy Name of Mary

16:30 H. Rosary

17:00 Solemn Mass

Saturday, Sept. 13

17:00 Holy Mass preceded by Adoration and H. Rosary

20:00 Marian vigil of the Sinhalese pilgrims

Sunday, Sept. 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10:30 Solemn Mass and procession

15:00 Adoration, Confession, Holy Rosary

17:00 Solemn Mass

Monday, Sept. 15 - Our Sorrowful Mother patroness of Christian Mothers

16:30 H. Rosary

17:00 Holy Mass with and for the living and deceased mothers

Important announcement: We kindly ask the priests, the religious and the escorts of the groups to announce their arrival on time to the secretary and the responsible director of the Cult in order to enable us to organize in the best possible way your reception and visit in Fontanelle. In this way we can prepare and provide you a pilgrimage in an orderly, devoted and fruitful way. We cordially invite you to visit the directory in the official website (www.rosamisticafontanelle.it) regarding the Marian worship in Fontanelle, the schedules and the new brochure «History and places of worship». In organizing your pilgrimages kindly act according to the rules of the Directory and the above quoted brochure. Thank you for your kind cooperation!

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■ *From Argentina and Brazil* - Many old and new friends send us news about their prayer groups which are dedicated to Maria Rosa Mystica. Among the last ones we remember Mrs. Anna TAGLIAFERRI from Buenos Aires for her commitment and perseverance; in 2005 she was with us in the St. Peter in Rome on the occasion of a prayer meeting of the marian groups. Among the new ones we would like to thank Rodrigo Vicente Corsi of the group of young people in Espirito Saint Pinhal (Sao Paulo-Brazil) for sending us beautiful photos of Rosa Mystica surrounded by roses. To all we would like to convey our feelings of brotherly affection and our proximity in prayer with Her who is Mother of Love.

Our particular warm regards and vivid proximity go to all the groups of prayer «Rosa Mystica» in **Mexico**. Let us continue with courage and perseverance in the love for our Heavenly Mother, Maria Rosa Mystica, under the guidance of our Shepherds. We just received the news that the Congress in Mexico will be held as programmed from November 12 to 17.

*United in prayer
all your priests bless you!*

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