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The Mother of the Church

In this issue of our bulletin, we would like to offer all readers the text of the profound homily that the Bishop of Brescia held on June 1, 2020, presiding at our Shrine the solemn concelebration in honour of the Virgin Mary Mother of the Church, the day after the Solemnity of Pentecost. We wish to share with you all the words of Bishop Pierantonio, who expressly asked to come on that day, to the Shrine in Fontanelle, dedicated to the Mother of the Church, helping us to better understand the tenderness with which Mary takes care of all of us, a sure ally in the unceasing struggle against evil, especially close to all consecrated persons. In this time of recovery of liturgical and community life we wish everyone to find in the words of our Bishop, strength and consolation in trials, reasons for hope on the path of faith.



HOMILY:

“**W**hen did Our Lady become the mother of the Church? Why do we invoke her as Mother of the Church? When did this really take place and start? Certainly today Mary is the Mother of the Church, but since when did it start? The passage of the gospel that we have listened to, could give us an answer. It started under the cross: “They were at the cross of Jesus, his mother, his mother’s sister – therefore Our Lady had a sister –, Mary the mother of Cleophas and Mary of Magdala” (Jn 19:25). Three women under the cross, one of them was the mother of Jesus. Jesus who is on the cross, now in the last moments of His life, in agony, and we can imagine in terrible suffering, seeing the mother and there beside her the disciple whom He loved – one of the disciples, therefore, the others were not there, there is only one – said to the mother: “Woman, here is your son!” (Jn 19:26). “Woman”, He does not say “mother”, and this is

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really noticeable. Of course, she is His mother, but here He wanted to underline the fact that Mary, being a woman, has the power of life in her. Not just that. She has the power to defend life... to defend it from those who attack it.

Even the somewhat mysterious words we heard in the first reading, in the light of what Jesus says to His mother, become clear. What kind of words? From the book of Genesis: "Then the Lord God said to the serpent – to him who tempted the human race and led it to reject God's proposal – "I will put enmity between you and the woman" (Gen 3 14-15). Enmity between you, who are the snake, and the woman. You are the one who tries humanity to annihilate it, the one who inoculates the poison of death into humanity. "I will put enmity", a radical difference, because if the woman is the one who produces life, the snake is the figure who causes death. Enmity "between your seed and her seed: this will crush your head" and while she will crush your head, you will try to bite her heel... Impressive!

It is the image of a great strug-

gle: the woman who carries the life within herself, who strives vigorously against the one who tries in every way to remove it, to poison it, and who, when he feels this pressure on his head, reacts violently, trying to bite her.

Let us go back to the Gospel of John: "Woman, here is your son!". This son actually represents all of us. This son is the disciple. It is as if Jesus said: "My mother, from now on in addition to being a mother for Me, you will be a mother for him too, and for all those whom he represents, my disciples, those who will believe in Me, the humanity that will believe in Me and potentially the entire humanity", because the Son of God dies on this cross to save all mankind.

This is why the whole of humanity is entrusted to Mary, and within this humanity, those who believe in Jesus, in His Church, become the representation of this salvation.

And what does the Mother of the Church do in favour of the Church, of those who are part of it? This is what she is doing: she combats the evil with great force to defend life

and she wants us to experience and taste the beauty and the splendour of life. And for this to happen, she will always rise against the serpent, with all the power that the Lord has given her, against those who want to try to destroy life, to poison it, to pollute it, to corrupt it, often even by trampling the freedom of humanity. Because this is how sin works, by putting pressure on us, on the decisions we make, on what seems appropriate to us, in many cases by making us fail to control the passions that ruin us as well as others. The Virgin watches over us as a Mother, inspires, suggests, and also comforts and corrects us.

The short passage from John's gospel, then ends with another sentence. Jesus turns to the disciple and says: "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home." (Jn 19:27). The original language of the gospel says: "He welcomed her among his precious things", among those circumstances that allowed him to be himself. In other words, Jesus said to the disciple: "You will truly be my disciple if you become my brother, and you will become my brother or sister, by accepting the mystery of the fatherhood of God, but also by welcoming the reality of Mary's motherhood". Her motherhood thus becomes an integral part of



From Pierina's diary 13 July 1947

"Our Lord has sent me to bring a new Marian devotion to all religious orders, both male and female, and to secular priests as well. I promise those religious institutes or congregations that the more they honour me, the more flowering of vocations they will have, and the fewer vocations will be betrayed, the fewer souls will offend the Lord with mortal sin, the more holy will their minister of God be. **I wish the thirteenth of each month to be "the Marian Day", to be preceded by special prayers of preparation for twelve days.** That must be a day of atonement for the offenses committed against Our Lord by consecrated souls whose sins penetrate three sharp swords through my heart and through the heart of my Divine Son. On that day I will shower on the institutes or religious congregations that honour me, abundant grace and holiness of vocations. May this day be sanctified with particular prayers such as Holy Mass, Holy Communion, the Rosary, and the Hour of Adoration. I wish the **thirteenth of July of each year to be celebrated** by all

religious orders and in each of them that there be souls living in a great spirit of prayer, so that no vocation will be betrayed (**WHITE Rose**). I also wish there to be souls living of generosity and love of sacrifice, of trials, of humiliations, to atone for the offenses that Our Lord has to receive from consecrated souls living in mortal sin (**RED Rose**). I also wish other souls to offer up their lives totally to atone for the betrayals Our Lord receives from Judas-priests (**YELLOW-GOLDEN Rose**). The immolation of these souls will obtain from my maternal Heart the sanctification of these ministers of God and an abundance of grace on their congregations. I wish this will be my new devotion to be extended to every religious institution".

Like any anniversary falling on a weekday, the Marian Day of July 13 will also be celebrated on the second Sunday, i.e. July 12, in accordance with the provisions currently in force.



our childhood experience, as was rightly mentioned at the beginning. The Church is the alliance of those who feel that they are her sons and daughters; of course they are born from an earthly father and mother..., but only Mary's motherhood is so exceptional, that we can truly be ourselves. To really be the Lord's Church we need to feel Mary's motherhood, and for this the Lord gave her to us. This motherhood – I repeat – defends us from evil and allows us to experience the splendour of the good.

Saint Mary, Mother of the Church, Mystical Rose! The rose, which in the world is one of the most expressive images to indicate beauty, is the flower par excellence. The rose and the flowers are among the most beautiful realities that the world knows.

The culmination of beauty is embodied in Mary, and this beauty became the ideal of the Church, what the Church is called to be. And the Church – let us remember – is all of us together and each of us personally. We too must guard this beauty, not allow the evil to disfigure us.

Let us ask her then tonight: Rosa Mystica, Holy Mother of the Church, guard the beauty that comes from your Grace, which is present in us. Defend us from the attack of everything that tends to spoil our dignity as children of God. And in particular we entrust to you all the ministers of the Church, religious men and women and those who have consecrated themselves, for often the attack of the evil is concentrated on them, because by striking those who in the Church have particular responsibilities and tasks, and are called to give an even clearer testimony, the Church has to suffer much more. We entrust to you, our Mother, all these people: our bishops, our priests, Pope Francis, consecrated persons and all the baptized: guard them in that beauty that comes from Grace, and defend them from evil “.

Mgr Marco Alba

*Rector of the Sanctuary Rosa Mystica
Mother of the Church*



Our small religious family, founded with great effort, was created exactly here in front of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary Rosa Mystica and Mother of the Church. We send you this photo to show how we have placed it in our church and how our Mother is greatly venerated by the faithful. The Disciples of the Annunciation.

Remain in my love

“*I write these lines still in contemplation of the meditation during the two days that have just passed, namely the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and that of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary which, as we know, are celebrated every year on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost and the following Saturday.*”

In contemplation, I repeat, that is, almost enraptured by the atmosphere of love that emanates from these two successive commemorations and that, if we pay a little attention, they cannot fail to transform us and our life. And this is because they make us penetrate, without the need for too many studies or reasoning, into the depths of the Christian Mystery, making us experience it directly.

We are talking about two feasts that originate from as many apparitions. The first, from those of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque at the end of the seventeenth century, in Paray-le-Monial. The second from those of Mary to the little shepherds of Fatima in 1917. In order to demonstrate, among other things, the meaning of the phenomenon “appearances” in the divine plan in these two events, repeatedly two fundamental things are explained with great patience and simplicity, so that we all can understand them. The first that Christianity is the religion of Love and that is precisely why it has a living Heart in its center, which constantly vibrates for each of us. And the second, which, if we want to reach this Heart easily to unite ourselves profoundly with it, the safest and fastest way is to go through another extraordinary Heart, namely the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin, who first formed Him in her womb, then brought Him forth, and offered Him to the world. That is to say, through Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother.

These are things we probably already know. The problem is that, perhaps, after having often heard them being repeated, we have become accustomed to them so that they no longer produce in us the wonder that they should evoke. An astonishment which, actually, is important to recover, so as not to end up believing that Christianity is ultimately reduced to comply with certain standards or at most a system of val-

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ues, perhaps even a little outdated today and therefore should be changed, adapted to the time we live in.

Times in which, as we well know, the faith in God occupies less and less space and man seeks in himself a meaning to his life, with consequences of suffering and moral disorder that are often truly dramatic.

But it is precisely for this reason that Jesus seems to remind us at the beginning of modern times when all this should begin, that God is not only there, but that He is love and that He, the Man-God, represents the abundance with His heart. LOVE that seeks love, i.e. Love that seeks each of us so that we can fully live our lives under His loving guidance. And it is precisely for this reason that at Fatima, He sends Mary to offer us a helping hand, moving us through her, to unite us ever closer with our Creator and Lord. To the Heavenly Father, to the Word who incarnated and died for us and who, upon rising, has earned us this Spirit, which transforms us now into children, united to the Holy Trinity, from Heart to heart.

Rosanna Bricchetti Messori

SCHEDULE OF JULY AND AUGUST 2020

Daily

16:00 Confessions. 16:30 H. Rosary.
17:00 H. Mass.

Every saturday

16:00 Confessions. 16:30 H. Rosary.
17:00 H. Mass – Prefestive.

Sunday and feast days

10:00 H. Rosary – Confessions.
10:30 H. Mass.
16:00 -18:00 Confessions.
16:00; 16:30 H. Rosary.
17:00 High Mass.

Saturday, July 4 - (first Saturday of the month)

10:00 Confessions.
10:30 H. Mass – Followed by meditated H. Rosary with the exhibition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, July 12

Feast of Maria Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church
See schedule of feast days

Monday, July 13 – monthly Marian day

16:00 Confessions – Eucharistic Adoration.
16:30 H. Rosary.
17:00 High Mass.

Thursday, July 16 – Feast of the Holy Virgin of the Mount of Carmel

Sunday, July 26

Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 1 (first Saturday of the month)

10:00 Confessions
10:30: H. Mass – Followed by e meditated H. Rosary with the exhibition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, August 13 - monthly Marian day

16:00 Confessions – Eucharistic Adoration.
16:30 H. Rosary.
17:00 High Mass.

Saturday, August 15 – Assumption of the Holy Virgin Mary

10:00 Marian procession and H. Rosary

Saturday, August 22 - Feast Queenship of Mary

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The Foundation will then evaluate the contents and the possibility of insertion.

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