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May Mary always be close to you
and accompany you on your way



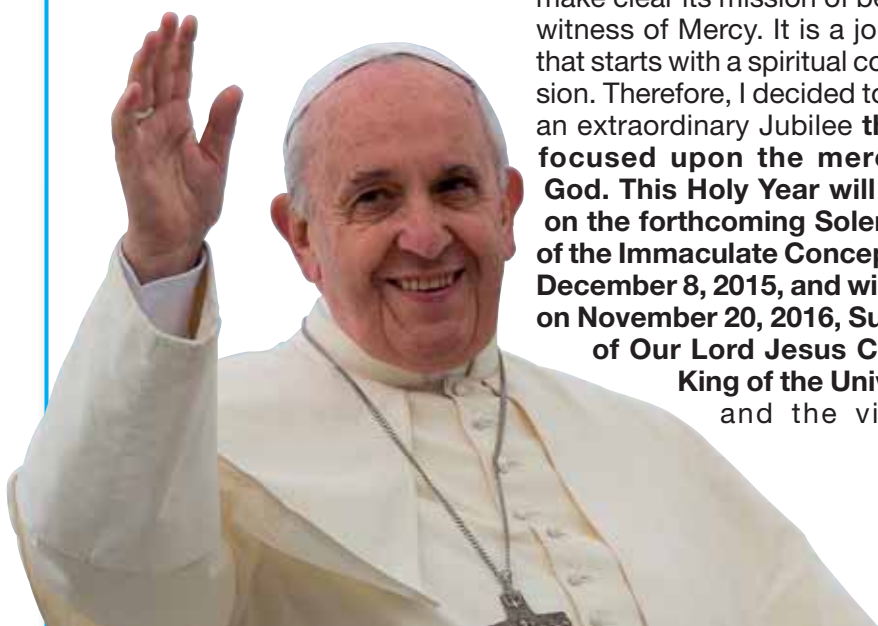
The extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

On September 1, Pope Francis wrote a letter with which he intends to grant indulgence on the occasion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which he launched

with the papal bull *Misericordiae Vultus* last April 11, 2015: «Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought of how the Church could make clear its mission of being a witness of Mercy. It is a journey that starts with a spiritual conversion. Therefore, I decided to hold an extraordinary Jubilee **that is focused upon the mercy of God. This Holy Year will start on the forthcoming Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015, and will end on November 20, 2016, Sunday of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** and the visible

face of the Father's mercy». The letter of September 1 is an opportunity to prepare ourselves to live fully this time of Grace, which helps us to celebrate with the greatest possible result of the sacrament of Reconciliation, which will be administered by the priests in a particular solemn and special way.

We have therefore decided to publish the letter of Pope Francis in our magazine in two successive stages, in this issue and in the next one, so that all the faithful and pilgrims can appropriate it for their personal preparation. Consequently, herewith the first part of the original text of the letter: With the approach of the **Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy** I would like to focus on several



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points which I believe require attention to enable the celebration of the Holy Year to be for all believers a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God. It is indeed my wish that the Jubilee be a living experience of the closeness of the Father, whose tenderness is almost tangible, so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened and thus testimony to it be ever more effective.

My thought first of all goes to all the faithful who, whether in individual Dioceses or as pilgrims to Rome, will experience the grace of the Jubilee. I wish that the Jubilee Indulgence may reach each one as a genuine experience of God's mercy, which comes to meet each person in the Face of the Father who welcomes and forgives, forgetting completely the sin committed. To experience and obtain the Indulgence, the faithful are called to make a brief pilgrimage to the Holy Door, open in every Cathedral or in the churches designated by the Diocesan Bishop, and in the four Papal Basilicas in Rome, as a sign of the deep desire for true conversion. Likewise, I dispose that the Indulgence may be obtained in the Shrines in which the Door of Mercy is open and in the churches which traditionally are identified as Jubilee Churches. It is important that this moment be linked, first and foremost, to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with a reflection on mercy. It will be necessary to accompany these celebrations with the profession of faith and with prayer for me and for the intentions that I bear in my heart for the good of the Church and of the entire world.

Additionally, I am thinking of those for whom, for various reasons, it will be impossible to enter the Holy Door, particularly the sick and people who are elderly and

alone, often confined to the home. For them it will be of great help to live their sickness and suffering as an experience of closeness to the Lord who in the mystery of his Passion, death and Resurrection indicates the royal road which gives meaning to pain and loneliness. Living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial, receiving communion or attending Holy Mass and community prayer, even through the various means of communication, will be for them the means of obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence. My thoughts also turn to those incarcerated, whose freedom is limited. The Jubilee Year has always constituted an opportunity for great amnesty, which is intended to include the many people who, despite deserving punishment, have become conscious



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*We assure the Bishop
our prayers and those of all
the groups bearing
the name Rosa Mystica,
Mother of the Church.*

of the injustice they worked and sincerely wish to re-enter society and make their honest contribution to it. May they all be touched in a tangible way by the mercy of the Father who wants to be close to those who have the greatest need of his forgiveness. They may obtain the Indulgence in the chapels of the prisons. May the gesture of directing their thought and prayer to the Father each time they cross the threshold of their cell signify for them their passage through the Holy Door, because the mercy of God is able to transform hearts, and is also able to transform bars into an experience of freedom.

I have asked the Church in this Jubilee Year to rediscover the richness encompassed by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The experience of mercy, indeed, becomes visible in the witness of concrete signs as Jesus himself taught us. Each time that one of the faithful personally performs one or more of these actions, he or she shall surely obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. Hence the commitment to live by mercy so as to obtain the grace of complete and exhaustive forgiveness by the power of the love of the Father who excludes no one. The Jubilee Indulgence is thus full, the fruit of the very event which is to be celebrated and experienced with faith, hope and charity.

Furthermore, the Jubilee Indulgence can also be obtained for the deceased. We are bound to them by the witness of faith and charity that they have left us. Thus, as we remember them in the Eucharistic celebration, thus we can, in the great mystery of the Communion of Saints, pray for them, that the merciful Face of the Father free them of every remnant of fault and strongly embrace them in the unending beatitude».

Mgr. Marco Alba
Episcopal Delegate

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The highest privilege is to serve the Lady

Which child would not be happy to give a rose to his mother, or, which child would not be happy to give her a sign of affection, of gratitude, of love, a rose, a gift on the day of her feast. It is precisely by offering a flower, a rose, a gift that every child desires to make his mother happy and satisfied. St. Josemaria Escriva said that the Rosary is the prayer Mary enjoys the most; it is this prayer that makes her happy and content of her children. These words of the great saint accompanied me every day of my service in Fontanelle in this extraordinary and very hot summer. I arrived on the last day of June, the same day that Don Sashika returns to Sri Lanka. On the day I have to return home after the great feast in honor of Rosa Mystica by the Sinhalese Catholic Community on September 13, I will take with me the memory of those months here in the house of Rosa Mystica, remembering the highest privilege that was given to me to serve the Virgin. How many times I prayed the rosary, alone or with some compatriots, and how many times I have experienced the joy of guiding the rosary prayer during pilgrimages, feast days and processions. I really had a great and undeserved

privilege; how many «Hail Mary» and how many roses I was able to donate and to collect in large bunches for our dear Mother in Heaven! Standing at the feet of the Lady I had the opportunity to present her the prayers of so many pilgrims who come to Fontanelle every day and every hour in search of maternal love, relief and support from her Heart, that never disappoints her children.

Serving Our Lady helped me to realize how important it is for the priests and for the faithful to be devoted to her, to love her and to make other people love her - as we learn from the great Don Bosco: pray and make people pray. This is what I learned and want to testify, praying that all may experience the joy of standing at the feet of Mary, in her school. Another grace has been given to me by the Madonna in Fontanelle: being away from home for reasons of study, she gave me the grace and joy to pray the rosary every day in my mother tongue, the Sinhalese, together with the faithful from Sri-Lanka, a country that loves Rosa Mystica so deeply.

As a conclusion of this short letter I assure you all my prayers so that Mary helps us to grow and to experience all the good virtues.

Santa Rita stated, «The virtues are like lights that illuminate the dark spots

of our lives». I ask Our Lady to give you all the graces that can help you to possess the beautiful virtues of our faith, hope, charity, humility, purity of heart and holy perseverance. Guided by these lights we will not only illuminate our own lives, but likewise that of people we are living with and of those who merely pass by. These lights illuminate our life, which is the most precious gift we have received from God. Whilst sincerely thanking each and every one, the Foundation, the priests, those in charge of the maintenance of this beautiful place, the volunteers, all the faithful and pilgrims, I assure and beg the charity of a prayer, a beautiful rose. Love Our Lady Rosa Mystica and make others love her.

Pray and make others pray.

Sincerely yours,

Gipson, seminarist



Open your heart to Jesus

Those who use to come to Fontanelle know that the 2nd Sunday of the month is special because it is a day of tradition to fulfill the rite of the «Communion of Reparation». It is the response to a desire which Mary had expressed directly, even formulated in different ways in the course of the many Marian apparitions spangling the Church's history. A desire of Jesus himself - for which she acts as a mediator - to respond to His great love for humanity that led Him, let us never forget it, from the incarnation to the death on the cross, with a gesture that, despite the limitations of the human beings, is also love.

Hence: «Communion of Reparation». However, are we sure to have really understood its significance? It will be helpful to reflect a bit upon it. Because if today it is already difficult to realize the significance of the Eucharist, i.e. the presence of this divine mystery hiding itself, not metaphorically, but in truth, in the guise of sacred bread, it is certainly still more difficult to approach this sacrament in the sense of «reparation». Yet, it is not that complicated if we look from the evangelical point of view, which is love. In fact, everything regarding God that Jesus has taught us, starts from love and comes or should arrive to love. It is out of love, in fact, that the Father created the cosmos and humanity. It is out of love that He wanted the incarnation of the Son in Jesus of Nazareth so that through Him humanity could enter even more profoundly into the Trinitarian life. It is out of love that He died on the cross to conquer sin and evil that oppress human life, illuminating it as from now, in the anticipation of eternity, with the light of the resurrection. It is out of love, finally, that He wanted to help concretely by staying very close to everyone on his troubled path with that consecrated bread and wine, which are His body and blood, nourishment and drink that give the spiritual sustenance, allowing everyone to

overcome any difficulty. We are, therefore, not mistaken if we consider the Eucharist above all as a great aid in our weakness, a substantial nourishment for our existence, a new manna made available to us. But we add depth to our perception of the gesture of approaching the altar to consume the Lord's body and drink His blood if we experience this sacrament also as an encounter of love where we ask for help and support, light and grace, but also to express our gratitude from the bottom of our heart for the many gifts that God has made and still continues to do for us. Thus, besides receiving love, we should understand that we also have to return it, not by doing extravagant things, but simply by offering our hearts to Him as He has done with us. We should realize His pain that in spite of the abundant love He is pouring out over us all, His love is, however, so little perceived and accepted. Then, even in our smallness, embracing all humanity, we console Him for those who cannot or do not know how to accept it. «Love is not loved», thus the repeated exclamation of Francis of Assisi, who offered his own body to Christ in order to revive visually the memory of the passion through the stigmata. «In the heart of the Church I will be love», was the motto of St. Therese of Lisieux, who, not being able to do anything due to illness, had understood that, of all of the human gesture, nothing could go beyond than the gesture of reciprocating a relationship of deep and intimate divine love.

Hence, this is what the communion of reparation consists of: always, if you can, but at least one time a year, try to be very generous with Jesus who is always there awaiting for us, humble to the point of being eaten by those who sees little or nothing of the grandness of the mystery about Him.

Rosanna Brichetti Messori

We have received



More photos from other groups in Mexico were sent to us, as a testimony of love of this people to the Blessed Virgin under the title of Rosa Mystica and her feast organized on the anniversary of the July 13 CY.

Timetable for october 2015 Month of the Rosary and month of missions

ON OCTOBER 1ST THE WINTER SCHEDULE WILL BE STARTED

Daily:

15:00 Confessions
16:00 H. Rosary

Saturday:

15:00 Confessions
15:30 H. Rosary
16:00 H. Mass (in anticipation of feast days)

Sunday and feast days:

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

October 2 and 3 (Friday and first Saturday of the month):

15:00 Adoration, H. Rosary, Confessions
16:00 H. Mass

October 3, Saturday:

20:00 Marian vigil with procession – H. Rosary – Adoration

**October 11, Sunday: Feast of our Lady of the Rosary,
Day of Worldwide union of the communion of reparation**

10:00 Benediction of the bread
10:00/12:00 Confessions
10:30 Procession
11:00 H. Mass

In the afternoon, according to the timetable for feasts and after the H. Mass: Procession.

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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■ *From Mexico* - July 22, 2015 - Hello dear friends, I am Guadalupe, informing you that on July 13, 2015, here in Poza Rica, Veracruz, all groups of missionaries of Rosa Mstica have met each other during the beautiful feast of our Mother Rosa Mystica, coordinated by our guide and coordinator, Diocesan Nabor Alejo Jimenez, assisted by volunteers. Some volunteers visit the sick, others give their assistance in the Church. We gathered to bring our Mother Rosa Mystica in procession, after which we exchanged testimonies that stimulate us in our

Faith and help us to continue on this pleasant journey. All attended the Mass in honor of Our Virgin, Maria Rosa Mystica, served by Father Alejo N. and we concluded the day with a Marian concert offered to Our Lady Rosa Mystica. We send you our fraternal greetings from Poza Rica, Veracruz, Mexico. Groups of Missionaries of Rosa Mystica. We herewith send you some pictures of the groups.

*United in prayer
all your priests bless you!*

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