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The Risen Christ, the source of all Grace

“After the solemn celebration of Easter Sunday, we started in Fontanelle the intense passage of the Paschal time, which this year, largely coincides with the month of May, the Marian month par excellence. It is the month during which our places of prayer and devotion become the destination of numerous pilgrimages, organized by different dioceses, or the goal of simple visits of faithful and pilgrims, even during the evening with the assistance of the beautiful season that starts off with an increasingly favorable weather.”

April 23, first Sunday after Easter and the feast of the Divine Mercy, is a day particularly close to the tradition and the cult of Rosa Mystica, already

since its origin, due to its close connection with the Source of Grace in Fontanelle, where so many pilgrims come to immerse themselves in its water with great

devotion, imploring physical and spiritual healing. At Easter time this simple and symbolic gesture becomes a precious opportunity to renew our baptismal promises, to manifest the desire to revive the new Life according to the dignity of the Son of God, and to immerse our obsolete being in the mystery of Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ, finding the necessary Grace to overcome all disbelief in our path of faith.

The baptismal recall of the symbolism of water, typical of Easter time, together with that of fire and light, as well as the humble and purifying gesture of immersing oneself into the water of the Source, thus become the concrete manner in which many pilgrims manifest in an outward manner their desire to obtain the inner renewal, the conviction of a conversion path, the urgency of abandoning the slavery of sin to

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live in the liberty of the children of God. That is why in Fontanelle even at Easter time, the faithful continue frequenting and requesting assiduously the Sacrament of Confession, the authentic Sacrament, which clearly bears witness of the true passage towards the new Life.

Many Marian sanctuaries in Italy as well as in the whole world, are today the concrete sign of this desire for the resurrection of the Christian people, often emphasizing the recall of the water of the baptismal liturgy: Mary herself, in Her constant concern to lead us to the risen Christ, is often symbolically venerated with the title of "Source", precisely to point out that through Her often the desire gushes forth from the hearts of the people searching for Her Son again, to serve and adore Him in spirit and truth, with the renewed readiness to combat evil.

Precisely in this way, Maria Rosa Mystica comes to Fontanelle, as Mother of the Church, as Mother of the now living body of Christ, in an epochal historical moment, full of ordeals and contradictions, yet at the same time rich in challenges to show the world the splendor of Faith, as the beauty of gold purified by fire. To Her, we entrust this intense period that awaits us, invoking the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the living presence of the Risen Lord who accompanies the journey of God's people in the sad and happy events of the history.

Mgr. Marco Alba
Episcopal delegate



Fatima teaches us how to defeat evil

“In this month, the whole Church celebrates the centenary of the apparitions of Fatima, which took place between May 13 and October 13, 1917. The Pope will emphasize the event by canonizing Jacinta and Francis, the two shepherds who with their cousin Lucia were the visionaries of that very important Marian apparition. Just the two of them and not Lucia because the latter passed away only a few years ago while the two children died shortly after the apparitions and therefore the time has matured for them.”

The apparitions in Fatima are important and certainly among the most complex and disquieting ones in the whole history of these extraordinary phenomena. When attempting to synthesize the message, it is above all, the fact that Mary, prophesying the misfortunes that incurred at that precise historical moment of humanity – (the Bolshevik revolution, a second extremely bloody world war, deep struggles and disturbances within the Church, events of which the origins, from a human point of view, are very scary, difficult to control and hardly comprehensible), Mary, however, provides a simple and clear explanation.

There is a precise link, which we often want to ignore, between evil and human sin, which intertwine with each other in a vicious circle that swallows and drags the world to ruin. Yet, there is also the opposite, that is, the virtuous circle blessed by God, bringing

together conversion, penance, love and prayer, creating a force capable of overthrowing even the most negative predictions. Thus, believing in the Gospel and living it as best as possible can not merely change the fate of those who practice it, but it also involves the destinies of the world.

As said before, if the diagnosis is simple and clear, also the tenet of its therapy is apparently disarming: recognizing, trusting fully and constantly in the love of the Triune Godhead and in the Heart of His Word that became a man. The fastest and most secure way to achieve this is to entrust ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. With her “yes”, She created a new and special bond between the Creator and His creatures, between Heaven and earth. Therefore, still and always, Fatima, though with its complexity, does nothing but bring us back to the core of the Christian faith: evil exists, so it is useless to make illusions. And it can

also be very big and terrible, but faith tells us, it assures us even, that it will not prevail as long as we do not keep clinging to Jesus and his Mother, constantly asking Them for an ever more sincere and profound conversion. We have always to follow the main path, which Mary has repeatedly reaffirmed also in Montichiari and Fontanelle. The events in the two cycles of the supposed apparitions in Fontanelle are still under examination; even so we cannot but emphasize the close relationship between the two Mariophanies in Fatima and Fontanelle, even with reservations regarding the case of Fontanelle. Rosa Mystica not only expressly recalls her coming to Fatima telling, "I spread there the devotion of consecration to my Heart", but also here in Fontanelle during the important appearance of December 8, 1947 She shows Her heart to Pierina, saying, "Look at this Heart that loves men so much; nevertheless most of them answer it with insults." Yet, She adds, "When the good and bad are united in prayer, they will obtain from this Heart mercy and peace: For now through Me the good ones have obtained from the Lord the mercy that has stopped a great scourge." (Perhaps the Second War World, which had just finished two years before?) Once again in 1966, "Since the moment I was Assumed in Heaven, I always have interposed as Mother and Mediatrix between my Divine Son Jesus Christ and the whole humanity. During these centuries how many graces I have granted... how many punishments I have stopped... how many conversations I had with the souls ... how many visits I still paid to the earth to bring messages... and yet men just continue to offend the Lord". Lastly, "I wish the people of Montichiari to consecrate themselves to my Heart". There are many more analogies to point out between the apparitions of Fatima and Fontanelle. However, for now let us content ourselves by bringing out the essential, because what God wants, is, that we reach the love through Mary and that the centenary of Fatima may remind us to be ready to listen to Him and accept Him by reciprocating with true and deep sincerity.

Rosanna Bricchetti Messori

Important notice for Priests, Religious and Lay Responsibles for pilgrimages to "Fontanelle" of Montichiari

In compliance with the Episcopal Directory for the Marian Veneration issued on July 15, 2013, it should be noted that the only authorized places in "Fontanelle" to carry out acts of worship and devotion in the public and private sphere, are those located in the specifically identified sacred areas. It should as well be remembered that pilgrimages, group visits or other public religious events have to be reserved and organized entirely in accord with the Secretariat of the Fondazione Rosa Mistica Fontanelle, which can be reached at the addresses as mentioned in the official website of the Foundation.

Therefore, in respect of the legitimate powers and responsibilities, no acts of worship and devotion are allowed in other neighboring places or commercial businesses adjacent to Fontanelle. Likewise, no other public or individual entity is permitted to coordinate visits and pilgrimages in "Fontanelle".

Mgr. Marco Alba

Episcopal Delegate

for the marian devotion in Fontanelle

April 2017



The works started this year in Fontanelle are already in the final phase, as can be seen from the picture. We hope that we can conclude them at the beginning of summer time, in order to accommodate all the pilgrims in the best way possible. As already mentioned, the estimated costs are around **300,000 euros**, and all are to be compensated by the Fondazione Rosa Mistica Fontanelle. We therefore would like to solicit your generosity, inviting you to contribute to the realization of this important project for Marian devotion in Fontanelle. For donations and offers please use the following banking coordinates:

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■ **From Ivory Coast** - In the Rosa Mystica prayer group of Ivory Coast there has been a normal change in the important directional roles. We join the followers in thanking Mrs. Marie Thérèse ADOU, who for so many years has served as National President of the Rosa Mystica prayer groups in the Ivory Coast and in expressing our wishes to Mrs. Marie Thérèse AMICHA, who has taken over her task.

TIMETABLE OF MAY 2017 EASTER TIME AND JUNE 2017

Each day:

16.00 Confessions ; 17.00 H. Rosary,

Each Friday:

16.00 Confessions ; 16.30 H. Rosary
17.00 H. Mass

Saturday :

16.00 Confessions ; 16.30 H. Rosary
17.00 H. Mass, Pre-festive

In the month May:

20.30 Adoration, H. Rosary with meditation and benediction.

Sunday and feast days:

16.00-18.00 Confessions ; 16.00 Adoration
16.30 H. Rosary ; 17.00 solemn H. Mass

Monday, May 1 - St. Joseph, patron of workers

Beginning of the Marian month

16.00 Confessions ; 16.30 H. Rosary
17.00 H. Mass

Saturday, May 13 – Holy Virgin of FATIMA

Marian Prayer Day

16.00 Confessions - Eucharistic Adoration
16.30 H. Rosary
17.00 In memory of Our Lady of Fatima

**Wednesday May 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Conclusion of the Marian month**

16.00 Confessions
16.30 H. Rosary
17.00 H. Mass

Sunday, June 4 – Solemnity of Pentecost

Tuesday, June 13 – Feast of St. Anthony of Padua

Marian Prayer Day

16.00 Confessions – Eucharistic Adoration
16.30 H. Rosary ; 17.00 H. Mass

Sunday, June 18 - Solemnity of Corpus Domini

Venerdì, le 23 juin

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

16.00 Confessions
16.30 H. Rosary
17.00 solemn H. Mass

Saturday, June 24

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

16.00 Confessions
16.30 H. Rosary
17.00 solemn H. Mass

Thursday, June 29 – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul

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■ Our dear Sylvia, a trusted collaborator for translations in several languages, writes: "Today, two members of the Rosa Mystica Group Apeldoorn, Holland, came to me to report an event that the group regards as a real miracle thanks to the intervention of our Loving Mother". The statement is as follows: "In September 2016 with 4 other members of our Rosa Mystic group, Apeldoorn, my wife, Nel, and I, found ourselves in a desperate situation when we returned from a Marian pilgrimage. Nel suffered from severe headaches and suddenly lost conscience. For three days she was in a coma. Her situation was so precarious that a surgical operation was considered too dangerous for her age of 82 years. The doctors did not give us any hope: if she would survive, she would have been reduced to a vegetative state. Today, a few months away, she is able to walk again independently, to talk, to make small expenses and to go to the Mass without a rollator. We see this as a great miracle. We praise the Lord and thank our Most Holy Mother for Her lovely protection!"



Nel Jansen a year ago in the red circle, prosperous and healthy. After months of serious illness, here she is in the yellow circle, she lost much weight and is totally healed.

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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