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Fruits of Grace in the Easter Season

The liturgical season we are experiencing, although immersed in the drama and gravity of the historical moment which we are going through and being unfortunately increasingly threatened, has given us some important consolations, which we wish to share with all our readers around the world. It is a simple way to reaffirm the primacy of a spiritual vision of life, which always reopens glimmers of hope and Resurrection even in the darkest and most desolate situations. Many of these consolations take place in the intimate and private sphere of souls, as we priests who celebrate the sacrament of confession at the Sanctuary can testify, but some are more manifest and public, and we believe it is important to bear witness to them.

First of all, we share a great joy: on April 13th we solemnly blessed the **first pilgrim statue of Maria Rosa Mystica** at the Sanctuary, together with numerous other statues to be sent to many parts of the world. The diffusion and presence of the statue

of Maria Rosa Mystica, which began in the 1970s on the initiative of a group of German believers, was certainly one of the most surprising and mysterious ways through which in just a few years the cult of Rosa Mystica was propagated throughout the world, in extraordinarily fruitful forms of apostolate and with fruits of conversions and healings that are continually reported to us. In the wake of this long history of Grace, we have decided to promote a new missionary initiative, through the faith experience of pilgrimage. From 18 to 28 April, accompanied by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary Immaculate, the pilgrim Statue visited some parishes and religious and priestly communities in Eastern Europe, near the areas unfortunately marked by war: Austria, Slovakia, Hungary and Poland. Soon we will tell you about the great fruits of this first pilgrimage, obtained through the intercession of Rosa Mystica.

Secondly, our bishop of Brescia, Monsignor Tremolada, offered us two important opportunities for commun-

ion with our Church in Brescia: first of all by entrusting all the diocesan sanctuaries with particular prayer intentions for the entire month of May, in particular for the peace and in view of the preparation of the great jubilee of 2025, and then agreeing to preside at the Sanctuary of Rosa Mystica the **final mass of the second Marian diocesan pilgrimage** organized by ecclesial movements and associations, which will unfold along a 23 km route starting from the outskirts of Brescia.

Finally, in the celebrations of May 31st, at the end of the Marian month, we will experience a particular moment of spiritual communion with the Mother House of the first religious Congregation born in Brazil on the inspiration of Rosa Mystica, the **Little Missionaries of Rosa Mystica**, who on that very day will celebrate the 20th anniversary of their foundation. It is one of the most beautiful fruits, and certainly the first from a historical point of view, that the spirituality linked to

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the cult of the Rosa Mystica has generated in South America, favoring the birth and custody of souls consecrated to God in religious life.

There are many reasons for gratitude that we want to present to the Risen Lord in this time, with a grateful heart; in a spirit of communion we also wish to ask everyone to intensify his/her prayers in view of the conclusive pronouncement that the Holy See will soon be called to give regarding the studies on the mystical experiences of Pierina Gilli and their meaning for the good of the Universal Church.

Monsignor Marco Alba

Rector



First group of the "Little Missionaries of Maria Rosa Mystica - Brazil"

The evening of March 12, 1947

The most attentive readers know that we have already mentioned several times the date of March 12, 1947. If we have done so it is because the events of that day mark a decisive moment in Pierina's mystical experience. In her Diaries it is mentioned immediately after the pages dedicated to the Dream of January 24th, through which, as you will remember, the instrument that God chose for Himself in Montichiari is called to become a victim of suffering and expiation together with Jesus. Significantly, the narrative resumes after a time leap of over a month and a half to mark another crucial moment which serves as a confirmation and further definition of the contents of that Dream.

Since the end of January the young woman had suffered greatly from the onset of kidney stones, which also caused violent bleeding. In her memorials, Pierina referred to "forty days of atrocious suffering", as she confided, "I felt like I was losing my life." But also the doctors, the nuns, and her family members around her despaired: "Everyone lets me understand that

there was no longer any remedy for me." On the evening of March 12, a new crisis would seem fatal. Pierina no longer felt her legs, she could not breathe, and her organism became static and heavy, just like a lifeless body.

At a certain point she lost consciousness and Pierina's writings were proven by the reports later provided by the superior of the Handmaids and the medical staff. It is worth citing some excerpts to understand the seriousness of the situation: «Pierina Gilli, suffering from multiple kidney stones [...], on the evening of March 12 at around 6 pm felt an unusual general malaise. [...]

The patient appeared seriously ill: cold and cyanotic hands, very low and frequent pulse. Sometimes she got out of control. Shallow chest breathing, feeling of suffocation, so she immediately got the administration of oxygen and other urgent remedies for the case. The attending doctor was urgently summoned; he diagnosed a peripheral cardiac collapse; and after giving new instructions he left the

nursing nuns in the conviction of the imminent death. The patient had then also lost consciousness and this could be recognized by the sentences that occasionally came out from her lips with great difficulty. The priest was also urgently called to administer the Holy Sacraments, which she received unaware of what she was doing. Relatives were urgently invited to attend the death of their daughter and sister."

Around 10pm, a strong, evident worsening reduced her to extremes: "The breathing, previously superficial, was now reduced to just the movement of the lips; her glassy eyes clouded over and rolled back, letting out large, abundant tears; a cold sweat covered the patient's face; her pulse could no longer be felt. All her relatives prayed and cried. The priest quickly gave her another blessing. The bystanders awaited the end of the agony when "suddenly Pierina sat up in bed (whilst everybody believed it was the moment of her last breath...), as if pushed by a mysterious force. Without any support she remained sitting for about 5 or 7 minutes".



Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Mary Immaculate with the pilgrim statue of Rosa Mystica.

And so those gathered at the bedside witnessed an unusual, certainly unexpected scene. The witnesses further reported: "As soon as the sick woman sat up straight, she opened her eyes and stared at a high point in the room; her face became pale, her lips formed a smile; her hands abandoned the Crucifix, she raised them high, joining her palms as if in prayer. After a few moments, everyone present heard, "Yes, yes, with all my heart! Safe... everyone will be safe! December... What a grace! Thank you, thank you"... and after these last words she fell back into her pillows and remained with her hands clasped."

She herself told us what was happening in her head and before her eyes in these circumstances, because from her Journal we learn that, while with the symptoms of a dying woman, she was absent from the reality of this world, and entered fully consciously into another dimension made of experiences and sensory encounters that were just as objective for her. Pierina did not fail to emphasize that she had written down what was happening in strict obedience to her spiritual director: on her part, we are sure, she would have gladly kept it secret.

"In this moment of my gravity and unconsciousness, I had the sweet and comforting vision of Blessed Maria Crocifissa Di Rosa. I don't know where I was, and in what position, whether I was sitting or standing, I don't know. First of all, I saw a great light and in the

middle of this light the beautiful figure of the blessed Mother Foundress, of such a celestial beauty that completely attracted me; I can't describe her smile. She was dressed with the robe of the Servants of Charity nuns. She stood with her arms open as if waiting to welcome someone. After a few moments, she gestured to me with her hands to get up."

At this point the Foundress bent her head to the right side as if she was listening to a person next to her, then turned again towards the sick visionary, showing Jesus' plan for her: «The Lord wanted to take you to Heaven, but instead, He wants you to stay still on earth. Until December you will offer your sufferings for the conversion of one of our religious sisters who lives in mortal sin. Do you accept this?»

Here is an immediate perception that sin requires reparation and that the souls of the righteous cooperate in the salvation of sinners and the world with their prayers and mortifications. Pierina's response was equally immediate: "Yes, with all my heart."

The foundress then, in close continuity with the January Dream, revealed to Pierina what would become a constant fact of her existence in the relationship with the doctors and the authority of the Church: «Before the eyes of men, you have nothing, somehow you will still bear the same sufferings».

In practice, the mystic would have to suffer symptoms of physical and spiritual ills which were not her own,

but those of the souls who from time to time, would need her sacrifice and penance. Then Pierina, with a phrase that recalls Jesus' despair in Gethsemane in the face of all the evil in the world, asked, to be certain, whether what was awaiting her would "always be the naked cross?". «Yes», the apparition replied sincerely: «It is in exchange for this, that the Lord gives the conversion of your sinners!». And she concluded the sentence by putting the seal of a promise on it: "They will all be safe!"

The cross is therefore the only path to conversion and salvation: a truth that can frighten and discourage most of the people, but not Pierina who, to these words, reacted with a new surge of generosity that came from her heart: "What a grace! Thank you! Thank you!". Here the vision ends: "The blessed foundress, happy with my offer, went away smilingly [...] and I, convalescing, found myself in bed, but completely healed."

Before returning to our world, Pierina did not fail to express one last time her availability and full of gratitude towards Heaven: "I felt the inspiration to offer the Lord something that costs me a lot to thank Him for the beautiful grace that He had granted me. »: with this, she begged the Lord to be able to internally perceive everything that was happening in each soul that Jesus wanted to convert through her.

Those who were in the hospital room, joyful and surprised by the miracle, ended their statement with some important details to understand the truth and the magnitude of what happened: "Finally, Pierina opened her eyes and looked around as if she was waking up from a deep sleep. When asked repeatedly how she was feeling, she replied: "I am fine, I don't feel any pain, I am just a bit thirsty." »

And in doing so, she turned towards the bedside table and took the glass of water without any difficulty, whereas while receiving communion a few hours earlier, she had barely managed to swallow a small fragment of the consecrated Host. After about twenty minutes, she got up from the bed, and without any difficulty and without support, she walked freely around the room. »

Riccardo Caniato

The Church of Brescia has opened, in agreement with the Holy See, a new phase of investigations into the events in Montichiari involving the figure of Pierina Gilli. With the establishment, on December 7, 2019, of the Diocesan Shrine of Maria Rosa Mystica Mother of the Church at Fontanelle di Montichiari, the Church of Brescia recognized in Pierina Gilli the authenticity of life characterized by a lively and profound spirituality which has been maintained constant over the years and rich in shades, certainly of an extraordinary order which materialized, however, in an ordinary life of hiding, in prayer and in service to others. Since studies are still ongoing on the nature of the revelations reported by Pierina Gilli, we wish to clarify that with the words «apparitions», «seer», «message», «miracles»... we do not intend to prevent the final judgment of the authority of the Church, but only faithfully report the human testimony offered by Pierina Gilli with her life and in her writings.

Thank you for receiving the statue of Mystical Rose

I am Father Fijo Chirayath CMI, I was ordained on 29 December 2019 in Kereala. My birthplace Edathiruthy. The last two years I have been in Kereala. After ordination I was appointed assistant vicar at the monastery of Kottackal near the city of Mala. Last year I served as Secretary of Fr. Provincial. At the time I was on the mission in Dhulea, Maharashtra. In the next academic year, God willing, I will most likely attend higher education in Navi Mumbai.

I am deeply moved and wish to express my profound gratitude for the exquisite Rosa Mystica statue of Mother Mary that traveled from Italy to find a place in my home. Your act of kindness not only added a touch of beauty to my surroundings, but also sparked a sense of deep spirituality within me.

The choice of Rosa Mystica, with her symbolic meaning, resonates deeply within me. As I reflect on this precious gift, the words of Psalm 103:17 come to mind: "But from ever-

lasting to everlasting the love of the Lord is with them that fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children." Your generosity reflects the enduring love and grace that transcends distance and unites us through shared devotion to Mary.

With heartfelt thanks and blessings,

Fr. Fijo Chirayath CMI



Rosa Mystica Festival 2024
IL MIO AMORE ABBRACCIA TUTTA L'UMANITÀ

MERCOLEDÌ 10 LUGLIO
20:00 Santo Rosario interazionale
21:30 Testimonianza & concerto inaugurale
DEBORA VEZZANI

GIOVEDÌ 11 LUGLIO
9:30 Lodi
10:00 Esposizione, Adorazione, Benedizione Eucaristica
11:30 Santa Messa
16:00 Santo Rosario e Adorazione
17:00 Vespri e Santa Messa
18:00 Negli occhi di Maria
18:30 Incontro Biblico con Antonella Angiolini
19:30 Incontro con **Genitori di Lisa Rossi**
21:00 Live Show testimonianze con **Christopher Castellini**

VENEDÌ 12 LUGLIO
9:30 Lodi
10:00 Esposizione, Adorazione, Benedizione Eucaristica
11:30 Santa Messa
16:00 Santo Rosario e Adorazione
17:00 Vespri e Santa Messa
18:00 Negli occhi di Maria
18:30 Incontro Biblico con **Antonella Angiolini**
19:30 Incontro Testimonianze con i figli di **Paolo Neri** e **Il Risveglio di un'Isola**
Giovanni Ziberna & Valeria Balzan
21:30 Dialogo su "La strada del Sole" e concerto della band
THE SUN

SABATO 13 LUGLIO
9:30 Lodi
10:00 Santo Rosario
10:30 Santa Messa (Primo dei colt 1979)
previdi Mons. Giovanni Palazzi
11:30 **I grandi che parlano con gli angeli**
testimonianza di **Elisa & Salvatore** (Genitori di Elisa)
16:00 Santo Rosario e Adorazione
17:00 Santa Messa Solenne
previdi il vescovo di Brescia **S.E. Mons. Pierantonio Trevisoli**
18:00 Negli occhi di Maria
18:30 Incontro Biblico con **Antonella Angiolini**
20:00 **I Anzi** ritratto alle Fontanelle
testimonianza di **sig. Gianluigi Saggio**
21:30 Professione Fiaccola e Santo Rosario

DOMENICA 14 LUGLIO
9:30 Lodi
10:00 Santo Rosario
10:30 Santa Messa conclusiva

in collaborazione con il
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4.15 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
4.30 pm prayer of the Rosary
5.00 pm celebration of Holy Mass

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10.00 am prayer of the Rosary
10.30 am celebration of Holy Mass

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