

Mariophany of Rosa Mistica – 1st International conference, 11th -12th October 2025

Saturday, 11th October at 15,00

GREETINGS from His Excellency Monsignor Pierantonio TREMOLADA, Bishop of BRESCIA, to the participants in the Conference

I'm happy to be here. I must say I've been waiting for this moment, first because I'll be happy to hear what's to be said, but then I'll treasure everything I won't be able to hear, because I believe this is a very important event.

I thank all those who will give presentations; just being here, having thought about this moment, is a source of great joy for me because we feel truly supported, accompanied in a discernment that we consider very precious: this devotion to Mary, Mystical Rose and Mother of the Church, which finds its source here—I say this in a personal capacity but I believe I speak on behalf of our Diocese—is at once a gift, a privilege, and a duty. It is a gift because it opens us to an experience of faith that is enriched by this devotion, starting precisely from the figure of Mary, the Blessed Virgin who is the Mystical Rose.

When we discussed the spirituality of Mystical Rose, what immediately struck me was the Rose.

The Rose is beauty, the most beautiful existing flower, and so the spirituality of Mystical Rose recalls the beauty of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the full of grace. Grace is also beauty, a life I would call resplendent, where holiness also becomes radiance, a lovable light that attracts you. Mary's beauty is inseparable from her goodness, her love, and this seems to me an important element of spirituality. Today we need a faith that lets the beauty of life shine through, and in this we are helped.

And then there's the fact that here we are invited to pray for consecrated persons, especially priests, that they may be worthy of their ministry, supported, and defended by the Blessed Virgin Mary in the exercise of the precious task entrusted to them for the good of the Church. Mary is Mother of the Church, so we feel fully in tune with the Second Vatican Council, which thus defined Our Lady and also discovered the importance of this bond uniting her to the Church.

Mary gazes upon the entire Church: the universal dimension of this devotion, of this cult, strikes us and in a certain sense confirms the truth of this definition of Our Lady, Mother of the Church, because as the Mystical Rose she is venerated almost everywhere in the world.

So, here we are living a devotion that we consider precious. We are convinced that it is right to foster it, also helping to ensure that this place becomes increasingly welcoming.

We're thinking about it. Perhaps you'd like to help us by spreading the word, and with the help of anyone who wants, we intend to give a more beautiful form to this environment, this place we consider precious. As you can see, it can be improved, and we want to do so! We're confident that if Our Lady wishes it, we will make it happen.

Our desire is in harmony with hers, because I believe She deserves a place where She can be honoured with dignity and where those who come can feel increasingly welcomed. It's important to us that this be a place of prayer, a place of peace, a place where the possibility of reconciliation with God is guaranteed, a place where one can encounter the beauty of the mystery of Mary, who is the Mystical Rose and Mother of the Church.

So, good work everyone, and let's walk together.

Reciprocation of the greetings to His Excellency the Bishop from Riccardo Caniato, Moderator of the Conference:

Your Excellency, you told us that this place is a gift, a gift from God, a privilege, because whoever receives a gift from God receives a privilege, because it is an injection of hope when every time we recognize that God comes to meet us. And this is a privilege because it changes our lives.

This is a place where you can breathe eternal life with God. Our Lady makes herself present as our Mother in Heaven, sent by God. And at the same time, it's a task, because when God distributes His gifts, we see it through talents, but they're not for us; they're meant to be shared.

That is, the Gospel tells us to shout the truth from the rooftops, and so we can take on this task of bringing this hope to others in a world that is suffering not a little, but terribly. And this is the gift the Holy Trinity has given us through Mary here. But I also wanted to thank you, because you too has given us a gift.

I am certain that you are considered and will long be remembered as a dear father to this Diocese, but I certainly don't speak in a personal capacity. All the faithful and devotees of Mystical Rose throughout the world will not remember you for long, but they will remember you forever, as the Bishop who erected this place as a Shrine and who, with his commitment, his dedication, his study, led us to the *Nihil obstat*, to this important recognition that made God's gift to this place truly a gift for the universal Church and for the entire world, because ultimately it is the entire world we must hope for, that is, God wants everyone to be saved, right? And so, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart, also for what you have just said.