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SANCTUARIES, IRREPLACEABLE PLACES FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION.

In this very delicate time for the life and future of our diocesan Shrine Rosa Mystica-Mother of the Church, a time in which the phase of diocesan discernment is approaching a conclusion in view of the construction of the new Shrine, of the arrangement of the surrounding space and of the current places of devotion, I think it is useful to offer everyone some interesting points for reflection from an apostolic letter issued by Pope Francis in 2017, and perhaps unknown to most. It is the 'Motu proprio' **Sanctuarium in Ecclesia**, i.e. an official act with which the Holy Father wanted to transfer the competences on the Sanctuaries of the *Pontifical Council for the new Evangelization*, competences until then attributed to the *Congregation for the Clergy*.

Behind this decision, the Pope wanted to express a conviction,

as simple as it is rooted in the tradition of the universal Church: *"By its very nature, then, the Shrine is a holy place where the proclamation of the Word of God, the celebration of the Sacraments, in particular, of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, and the witness of charity express the Church's great commitment to evangelization; and therefore it represents a genuine place of evangelization where, from the first proclamation up to the celebration of the sacred mysteries, it makes manifest the powerful action which God's mercy works in people's lives (no. 4).*

Pope Francis sees in the pastoral action of the Shrines not only a unique and privileged way to respond to the crisis of faith of our time, but also a special support offered to all the faithful to rediscover the meaning of their own ordinary journey of faith in the daily life

of pastoral life in one's own community, valuing what he defines as a spiritual, fruitful and invigorating osmosis between these two realities: *These places, despite the crisis of faith that is affecting the contemporary world, are still perceived as sacred spaces to which pilgrims go to find a moment of rest, silence and contemplation in today's often hectic life. A hidden desire gives rise, in many people to nostalgia for God; and Shrines can be a true refuge for rediscovering oneself and to find anew the necessary strength for conversion. Furthermore, in the Shrine, the faithful can receive support for their usual routine in the parish and in the Christian community. This osmosis between the pilgrimage to the Shrine and everyday life is a great help to pastoral ministry,*

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because it permits the rekindling of the commitment to evangelization through a testimony of greater conviction. Therefore, walking towards the Shrine and participating in the spirituality that these places express is indeed an act of evangelization, which deserves to be appreciated for its profound pastoral value (no. 3).

According to the Pope, it is above all the action of the Holy Spirit itself that must not be suffocated in the Sanctuaries, since it is often precisely in these places, often attractive also for their natural and artistic beauties, that the simple and humble faith of the believer can "in a profound way, experience the closeness of God, the tenderness of the Virgin Mary and the company of the Saints: an experience of true spirituality that cannot be underestimated, at the risk of mortifying the action

of the Holy Spirit and the life of grace. Many Shrines have even been perceived as forming part of the life of people, families and communities, as having shaped the identity of entire generations, and as influencing the history of some nations (no. 2); this experience of true spirituality opens the hearts of pilgrims to ever new forms of apostolate and charity, according to what the Pope defines as a 'pedagogy of evangelization', i.e. "it pushes towards a more responsible involvement both in their Christian formation and in the necessary witness of charity that flows from it. The Shrine also greatly contributes to the catechetical commitment of the Christian community; indeed, transmitting the message that gave rise to its foundation in harmony with the times, enriches the lives of believers, offering them justification for a more mature and

informed commitment to the faith (cf. 1 Thess 1:3). All in all, in the Shrine, the doors are wide open to the sick, the disabled, and above all, to the poor, the marginalized, refugees and migrants (no. 4).

Renewing the gift of faith, rediscovering one's Baptism and the beauty of the Christian proclamation, giving new energy to the personal journey in the ordinary fabric of ecclesial and community life: these are the great gifts at the service of which we would like to place ourselves, gradually realizing the project of a new sanctuary, more and more beautiful and welcoming. May Rosa Mystica watch over our path and make us humble servants of the Father's will.

Mgr. Marco Alba
Rector of the Sanctuary

July 13, 1947 - from Pierina's diary:

"I am the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of you all".

"Our Lord has sent me to bring a new Marian devotion to all religious institutes and congregations, both male and female, and the secular priests as well".

"I promise that all 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 who offend the Lord with mortal sin, the more holy will their ministers of God be".

"I wish July 13 of each year to be celebrated by all religious institutes".

"I wish that in every congregation or religious institute there will be souls living in great spirit of prayer, so that no vocation be betrayed". (White rose)

"I also wish that there will be other souls who live in generosity and love of sacrifice, of trials, of humiliations to atone for the offences received by Our Lord at the hands of consecrated souls living in mortal sin". (Red rose)

"I also wish that other souls completely immolate their lives to redeem the betrayals that Our Lord receives from the Judas priests. (Yellow gold rose)".

"The immolation of these souls will obtain from my maternal Heart the sanctification of these ministers of God and an abundance of graces on their congregations".

"I wish that this new devotion in my honour to be extended to every religious institution".

"I wish the 13th of each month to be the 'Marian day', to be preceded by special preparatory prayers for 12 days." It must be a day of atonement for the offences committed against Our Lord by consecrated souls whose sins run 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 special prayers, such as Holy Mass, Holy Communion, the Rosary, the Hour of Adoration".



Sunday, July 11 we will remember in a particular way this maternal call of Maria Rosa Mystica

WHAT IS A PRIEST

On Sunday, June 20, here, in Fontanelle, we had the joy of celebrating together with the bishop's delegate for the clergy of Brescia, Don Angelo Gelmini, the 25 years of priesthood of our three dear friends: Mgr Marco Alba, rector of our Shrine "Rosa Mystica Mother of the Church", Don Angelo Pizzetti and Father Abramo collaborators.

It was a great celebration that made everyone happy. Now we would like to share it with you too, who are very numerous, and scattered all over the world, always following us with attention and faithful friendship. And we will do this by recalling what the core of the feast was that we celebrated, a core that sometimes even we believers are tempted, to forget, or underestimate, that is, the greatness of the Christian priesthood. This latter aspect must be particularly dear to us, devotees of Rosa Mystica, because it is precisely on this that Mary centred her attention when, since 1947, she revealed that under a beautiful appearance, under a still high number of priests and vocations, in reality there were many things that did not go well and that it was necessary to pray a lot to save what was risked being lost, i.e., the call to the priesthood lived with fidelity and holiness. Back then, as we know, Rosa Mystica was not taken very seriously. Now, however, we know very well how things stand; we know how in recent decades the flow of priests who have abandoned the ministry has increased

the more and more, certainly not replaced by the trickle of a few new vocations. It is a phenomenon which has its deepest roots in the fall of the faith which has affected the whole Church: calls to the priesthood cannot arise and grow healthy and prosperous where the relationship with the supernatural decreases more and more, where one has almost erased God from life, and where, consequently, there is a strong risk

of not understanding any more the greatness and the importance of those who try to represent him on this earth. This is in fact the essence of the Christian priesthood, its main nature. Certainly, the priest is also called to be a support and a help for those around him, if he can be, even from the material point of view, a good father who welcomes and listens to everyone, but this is not the core of his call. He received the sacrament of Holy Orders for two fundamental purposes which are the preaching of Sacred Scripture and the celebration of the Sacraments. That is to say, these two passages which allow us to revive among us like two thousand years ago in the streets of Palestine, Jesus Christ, the Trinitarian Word, made flesh to redeem our human nature and reopen our hearts to the love of God. As it is easy to understand, it

is a task, which is very deep, very demanding, very important, and, therefore, certainly not easy to sustain. I also believe, it is impossible to accept and live with serenity and holiness if not abandoning oneself with fullness and trust in every moment to God who has called each of them. A task that makes them "consecrated", the "anointed", men chosen as



special channels of Grace, for example when they absolve sins in the name of God, or when with their words and gestures they become instruments so that the bread and wine offered on the altar become the Flesh and Blood of Christ. A mystery of unspeakable grandeur and depth.

And it is precisely from this first fundamental call that the other one derives, i.e., that of chaste virginity which, at least in the Latin Church, accompanies the priestly vocation. A rule, that, as we know, could also be changed, and which today it is the subject of so much criticism from those who would like to make the marriage of priests possible. On the other hand, those who resist and strive to preserve the tradition not only stress the practical difficulties of entering into the bonds necessary for a family while accomplishing the priestly mission, but above all underline the importance of chaste virginity – naturally well lived – to make the heart more available and capable of supporting the great interior commitment required of those who undertake this path. A call that becomes a total gift of oneself to Christ who has chosen each of them, docile and free instruments in the hands of the One who through them wants to make Himself close and intimate to every man who sees the light.

Rosanna Brichetti Messori



We have received news which fills us with joy:

on July 16 in PERU, a group of young girls wish to put their lives at the service of others as daughters of Maria Rosa Mystica by following the suggestions that their hearts draw from the teachings that came through the words which Pierina Gilli wrote in her diaries. Let us accompany these young people with our prayers and thank Maria Rosa Mystica-Mother of the Church for this new order which is added to others already existing for years and flourishing with new vocations.

SCHEDULE OF JULY - AUGUST 2021

DAILY

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

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 Adoration
16:30 H. Rosary
17:00 High Mass

SATURDAY, July 3 (1st Saturday of the month)

10:00 Confessions
10:30 Holy Mass – Followed by a meditated H. Rosary with exposure of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar

SUNDAY, July 11

Celebrations in honour of Maria Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church

TUESDAY, July 13 – Monthly Marian day

15.00 - 18.00 Confessions
16:40 H. Rosary
17:00 H. Mass with Vespers prayer
National live broadcast on RADIO MARIA

FRIDAY, July 16

Memory of the Blessed Virgin of Carmel

SUNDAY, July 18 (3rd Sunday of the month)

17:00 H. Mass for the sanctification of the diocesan clergy (presided over by the Episcopal Vicar for the Clergy, Don Angelo Gelmini)

MONDAY, July 26

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

SATURDAY, August 7 (1st Saturday of the month)

10:00 Confessions
10:30 H. Mass – Followed by a meditated H. Rosary with exposure of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar

FRIDAY, August 13 – Monthly Marian day

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

SUNDAY, August 15 – Assumption of the Holy Virgin Mary

17:00 H. Mass for the sanctification of the diocesan clergy (presided over by the Episcopal Vicar for the Clergy, Don Angelo Gelmini)

SUNDAY, August 22 – Feast Queenship of Mary

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www.rosamisticafontanelle.it

Anyone who wishes to send videos of celebrations of their own Rosa Mystica group, can send them to the following e-mail address: info@rosamisticafontanelle.it
The Foundation will then evaluate the contents and the possibility of insertion.

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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