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"Jubilee Sanctuary of the Diocese"



A HISTORIC JUBILEE

Our Sanctuary is about to experience a truly important anniversary right in the heart of the Holy Year 2025, in an atmosphere of joy and gratitude for the authority of the universal Church that has multiplied in the passage of days: in fact, this year we have had the experience of being chosen by the Bishop of Brescia as one of the Jubilee Sanctuaries of our Diocese. In the richness of this spiritual fervor, which has caused us to meet numerous pilgrims, to listen to so many testimonies of faith and rediscovered hope, we are preparing to celebrate **Sunday, July 13, the Feast of Rosa Mystica**, the first anniversary of the granting of the *Nihil Obstat* by the Holy See to the worldwide spread of the Marian spiritual experience born in these places, thanks to the exemplary life of Pierina Gilli and her mystical gifts. The grace we are experiencing in this jubilee year, which began a few months after the granting of the *Nihil Obstat*, is helping us to understand more and more the richness and timeliness of Rosa Mystica's spiritual message for the whole Church and the climate of fruitful acceptance that such worship continues

to arouse in the hearts of the faithful, in every part of the world: the mediation of the Virgin Mother is revealed, sometimes in a surprising and prodigious way, as a true source of Hope and spiritual rebirth for the many pilgrims who continue to seek in the fatigue of trials the consolation of this theological virtue, which flows directly from the Trinitarian heart of divine life. In these first six months of Jubilee 2025 we have welcomed, in addition to many small groups and families of pilgrims, 140 official pilgrimages, about half of them from foreign nations where Rosa Mystica prayer groups and devotees are present (Mexico-Paraguay-Haiti-Colombia-Brazil-Panama-USA-Canada-Austria-Germany-Croatia-Slovakia-France-Portugal-Poland-India-Indonesia-South Korea).

On Sunday, July 13, in the solemnity of the liturgy, we will give thanks to the Father's Mercy for the richness of these gifts; it will also be an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of communion with the many Marian groups and religious orders on the five continents that entrust themselves to the intercession of Rosa Mystica, accept-

ing her calls to prayer, penance and sacrifice for the sanctification of the Church and the rebirth of consecrated vocations. That day will also mark the conclusion of the third **Rosa Mystica Festival**, entitled "*Mary, Security of Our Hope*": we will experience five intense days of prayer, formation, festive gatherings, and especially testimonies of young souls reborn in the hope of faith in Christ through the trial of great suffering and the gift of their own lives. For those who cannot be present, it will be possible to participate in many events by connecting with our social channels.

Finally, we would like to announce as of now a very important event that will take place in this Holy Year: the desire to make the richness of the theological and spiritual content of the message related to the cult of Rosa Mystica better and better known, has prompted us to organize in October 2025 the **First Rosa Mystica International Conference**, in collaboration with theologians and scholars from various nations who worked last year in the diocesan

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study commission in view of the Holy See's judgment. On Oct. 11 and 12, through 8 meetings - *live streaming* - divided into 4 thematic study sessions, some theological and devotional aspects of Rosa Mystica's message will be explored in depth, presenting

the first fundamental elements of reflection that will support the ecclesial discernment of the Marian devotion that has sprung from this cult, for the benefit of the pastors and the faithful. We trust in the power of prayer of all devotees of Rosa Mystica that this Holy

Year will continue to produce its fruits of Grace, sanctifying and purifying the whole ecclesial body under the great intercession of the Virgin Mother.

Mgr. Marco Alba

Rector of the Sanctuary

The double appearance of Rosa Mystica on September 6, 1947

We resume the narrative of the most significant events that happened to Pierina starting from December 17, 1944 with the first extraordinary visitation of the then Blessed Maria Crocifissa Di Rosa. We contemplated the first vision of Our Lady of Sorrows on the night of November 23-24, 1946, and like the subsequent apparition on June 1, 1947, the first in which Mary reveals herself in Montichiari as Rosa Mystica, was prepared by the dream of Jan. 24, 1947, which symbolically marks Pierina's call beside Jesus on the Cross, and by the healing from death of which the doctors are certain on March 12, when Pierina, during her coma, accepts the offering of herself in reparation for the sins of consecrated souls proposed to her by Maria Crocifissa Di Rosa. After these events, Pierina also has to experience the existence of the devil, God's adversary, and hell, in order to fully understand the importance of free will and the value of the choices each man is called to make. Eventually, however, Our Lady returned and on July 13, 1947, she explained with great clarity her presence on the soil of Brescia for the renewal of religious institutes and the revival of the vocational promises of priests, religious men and women... By this time the echo of events has transcended the diocese, and if Pierina enjoys the full confidence of those close to her, who basically constitute her local Church, starting with her family members, Don Luigi Bonomini, serving as pastor in Montichiari, and her dear nuns... many others, non-believers and mostly declared anticlerical, begin to mock and publicly humiliate her. However, the greatest suffering comes to her from the ecclesiastical hierarchies who do not like all the clamor that has been

stirred up and, although moved by proper requirements of prudence dictated by discernment, begin to create a tight cordon of isolation around the alleged seer. Fortunately, Pierina never lacks support at this stage through the extraordinary way of Maria Crocifissa Di Rosa who often visits her to prepare her for the trials and to comfort her, giving her courage and advice. It is she, for example, who informs Pierina on an unspecified date in the summer of '47 that Mother Romanin, the dear superior of the Handmaids of Montichiari, summoned by Mother General, has received orders to treat Pierina with indifference, basically to condemn her to live alone!

Pierina suffers greatly from this situation but, listening to her heavenly interlocutor, she accepts every mortification in reparation for the failings of consecrated men and women, thus embracing more and more fully, the special vocation proposed to her by Maria Rosa Mystica. Moreover, to seal this commitment she renews her consecration to Jesus and her commitment to gain Him as many souls as she can. To this end, the young woman does not spare herself from penances, as when, in order not to be conspicuous, one evening she withdraws herself to pray and sleep on the bare ground in the attic. In addition, in the face of her humility, in the face of her humility and tenacity, Heaven still sends her Sister Crocifissa to watch over her. Moreover, it is the Blessed herself, after a while, who orders Pierina to go to bed for her well-deserved rest. It becomes evident here that the Lord appreciates and welcomes our efforts when we try to cooperate in His saving plan and even goes so far as to be moved and not allow us to overwork ourselves.

In tune with the context of hiddenness and deprivation described, the new apparition of Our Lady takes place. Pierina is in the provincial house of the Handmaids in Mompiano. It is the morning of September 6, 1947. The Mother Provincial refused to meet the Pierina who had to find the strength to impose herself so that she would be allowed access to the chapel where she knows, Mary will meet her. Here is in her own voice the account of what happened then: "I made a brief visit to Jesus. The church was deserted. All of a sudden at the high altar, I saw a white cloud breaking away from the altar and approaching the place where I stood. As the cloud parted, I saw the Lady dressed in white with three roses on her heart. She held her hands clasped, and her mantle of pure white, garnished with gold, tilting back a little. Very beautiful in the face, she showed about twenty years of age". Our Lady's message is closely related to that of the two previous apparitions: she strongly reiterates that the devotion to Rosa Mystica is to be spread without delay in all institutes and "is desired by our Lord, so that He may be loved more by religious souls." Then Our Lady asks for confirmation of her instrument's readiness: "Are you willing to offer your life so that all Institutes may flourish in holiness and all consecrated persons may be like so many living roses perfumed by divine love?" Pierina renews her Fiat, even though Mary reminds her that persecution and unbelief will be the price she will have to pay: "From now on you will have many humiliations from the superiors even of this Institute. You will be misunderstood by everyone." And here Our Lady lets her bitterness reveal itself because those who do not



This statue sculpted by an artist from Alto Adige highlights the symbols manifested by Our Lady in her apparitions to Pierina:

the three roses:

- **White** Prayer
- **Red** Sacrifice
- **Yellow** Penance

and the stairway that invites us to climb to meet her, the sweet Mother of us all. From this point on, this has become the prototype of all statues.

welcome Pierina ultimately do not welcome Herself: "Report in writing to the Mother Provincial," she asks the visionary, "how happy I would be if instead of the empty pews I would see the religious: the conversion of the nuns is manifest." As always God disposes, but man is free to remain deaf to His appeals.

In return for her generous offer Mary assures Pierina of her maternal protection and many graces; and right from the start since - she promises her - at the end of the morning she will appear to her a second time in Brescia, in the chapel of St. Maria Crocifissa of the mother house, and in the time between the two manifestations she will have her meet a nun whom she shows her in a vision and for whom Pierina has put up prayers and sacrifices thanks to which - the Virgin assures her - she is now converted. Indeed, in the gatehouse of Mompiano, the seer

recognizes this nun, also because she sees her so smiling and purified "that she seemed to have like a circle of light around her head." Having quickly reached the mother house, Pierina at noon went to the chapel where Our Lady had summoned her. In this second coming, Our Lady reiterates that her presence in Montichiari is reserved especially for consecrated souls, while in Fatima she had at heart the sanctification of the whole world and in Bonate that of families. For this reason, she asks Pierina to become her representative to the bishop that Rosa Mystica desires a convocation in the church of two representatives of each religious order present in the diocese: "I will come among them manifesting what I desire," she solemnly assures. However, her request for ecclesial communion in her holy name was denied.

Riccardo Caniato

The Bishop of Brescia, in agreement with the Pope and the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, issued the Nihil Obstat decree on July 8, 2024, stating that Pierina Gilli's human and spiritual experience in relation to Maria Rosa Mystica does not contain as a whole any element contrary to Catholic doctrine and morality. Nihil Obstat is the highest positive judgment possible today in the evaluation of private revelations. With such a pronouncement the Church leaves the faithful free to believe the contents of revelations so evaluated to the extent that, properly interpreted in a pastoral context, they foster enrichment for the sacramental and faith life. Given these premises, words such as "apparitions," "seer," "message," and "miracles"... do not reflect a certain judgment of the Church on the supernaturality of the Montichiari Marian apparitions, but are allowed by the Church and reported as expressions intrinsic to Pierina Gilli's experience in relation to Our Lady Rosa Mystic, according to the testimony given by Pierina herself in her daily life and, in writing, in her Diaries.

From a tormented LEBANON preparations for Rosa Mystica festival

The Feast of Rosa Mystica, July 13, is approaching. Despite the very serious circumstances that our country and the Middle East are facing - particularly the war between Israel and Iran - we have already begun preparations for this important celebration. These difficulties urge us to intensify our prayers and supplications to the Virgin Mary, asking for Her powerful intercession for peace throughout the world. Today more than ever, our country is in urgent need of prayer and intercession, finding itself under daily bombings and living in constant fear. In this painful context, our faith and devotion to Rosa Mystica give us strength and hope.

As you know, we have a church dedicated to Rosa Mystica in Hmeiss, and we love to celebrate the feast jointly, gathering with different prayer groups from Jounieh, Daychounieh, Beirut and other regions. The Holy Mass will be presided over by His Excellency Bishop Youssef Soueif, Maronite Bishop of Tripoli and the North.

We extend to you and to all Rosa Mystica associations worldwide, our heartfelt wishes for a blessed and joyful feast of Mary Rose Mystica.

With deep gratitude and respect,

Joyce Sayegh, Family of Rosa Mystica - Beirut, Lebanon

In the diaries of Pierina Gilli, November 23, 1975 we find,

"Truly, wherever I pause through those statues I bring with me the graces of the Lord and the love of this maternal Heart. I bring light within hearts, where there is still darkness, that they may understand the love that I revealed in Montichiari."

Trying to fulfill Our Lady's expressed wish, we dedicate the offerings of every 13th of the month for this purpose: purchase and transportation of statues to parishes and congregations that request them.

In May we donated the statue of Maria Rosa Mystica:

1. St. Joseph's Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, Kerala (India)
2. Congregazione delle Suore Carmelitane, Istituto di Nostro Signore del Carmelo, Mother of Carmel Convent, Kerala (India)
3. Visitation Chapel, Tung Chung, Hong Kong
4. Parrocchia dei SS Angelo e Leonardo, Sant'Angelo a Cupolo Benevento, dove esercita il suo ministero sacerdotale don Eugenio nativo della Costa d'Avorio
5. Igreja Paroquial do Atouguia "Sao Joao Batista", Calheta, Isola de Madeira, Portogallo
6. Parrocchia San Liborio, Roma dove esercita il ministero Sacerdotale P. JOSE ETTOLIL
7. Comunità di Preghiera Riparatrice di San Giovanni Battista, Ungheria

Chiesa Giubilare - Santuario Diocesano Rosa Mistica, Madre della Chiesa
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Rosa Mystica Festival 2025

9-13 Luglio

Maria sicurezza della nostra Speranza!

Mercoledì 9 luglio

20.00 Santo Rosario internazionale
20.45 Concerto inaugurale
REALE
Testimonianza acustica

Giovedì 10 luglio

9:30 Lodi
10:00 Esposizione & Adorazione
11:30 Santa Messa
16:00 Rosario, Adorazione & Vespri
17:00 Santa Messa - Triduo predicato da P. Ambrogio Canavesi
18:15 Testimoni di speranza:
Una luce nel dolore. Incontro con la mamma di Giovanni Maria Rainaldi
20:45 Annuncio del Dono della Divina Volontà
Concerto - Debora Vezzani
"Come in Cielo così in terra Tour"

Venerdì 11 luglio

9:30 Lodi
10:00 Esposizione & Adorazione
11:30 Santa Messa
16:00 Santo Rosario, Adorazione & Vespri
17:00 Santa Messa - Triduo predicato da P. Ambrogio Canavesi
18:15 Testimoni di speranza:
I tre Vulcani della GIOIA!
Incontro con i genitori di Rosaria, Giastin e Cosimo Gravina
20:45 Testimonianza e canzoni con **Francesco Lorenzi - The SUN**

Sabato 12 luglio

9:30 Lodi
10:00 Esposizione & Adorazione
11:30 Santa Messa
16:00 Rosario, Adorazione & Vespri
17:00 Santa Messa - Triduo predicato da P. Ambrogio Canavesi
18:15 Testimoni di speranza:
Missionario di luce! Incontro con la mamma e il medico di Fulvio Colucci
20:45 **Kantiere Kairòs**
Il Sale - Tour 2025

Domenica 13 luglio

Festa di Rosa Mistica

9:30 Lodi
10:00 Santo Rosario
10:30 Santa Messa
11:30 Testimoni di Speranza:
Uscire dall'anoressia? È possibile!
Un segno grande avvenuto alle Fontanelle: il racconto di Maria Pilar

16:00 Santo Rosario, Adorazione
17:00 Santa Messa Solenne
18:30 Testimoni di speranza:
Gesù non sbaglia un colpo!
Genitori di Lisa Rossi

20:45 Adorazione (MFMI)
Processione mariana
Aux flambeaux

**Altri racconti e testimonianze di speranza a cura delle MFMI*
**Apertura Casa della veggente Pierina Gilli*
**Possibilità di Confessori Sacerdoti disponibili tutti i giorni. Possibilità di ottenere l'indulgenza plenaria*
**Ristorazione - Street food Da Giovedì pomeriggio a Domenica pranzo*

"Il Mio Amore abbraccia tutta l'umanità!"

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