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Sacred Heart of Jesus, be my only light and eternal source of salvation. Be forever with me every day and with all my family, because Your blessing, Your peace and Your love transform our hardened hearts into real bouquets of roses for Heaven. I love, adore and glorify You, now and forever. Amen



An important change in the responsibility for the management of the cult in Fontanelle

“As many pilgrims and faithful already have observed these days, from January 1, 2016 Mgr. Oliviero Faustini has taken over the responsibility for the management of the cult and administration at Fontanelle Montichiari, replacing Mgr. Giancarlo Scalvini, who in July 2013 had begun to carry out this very delicate and important task with full dedication and passion.”

Mgr. Scalvini, who still ensures his presence at various occasions in Fontanelle, also on the board of directors of the Foundation, has opted, in agreement with the bishop, to delegate the responsibility for direct management of the cult to another priest, after two and half years of acute activity and constant shifts between Brescia and Montichiari.

To him I personally express sincere gratitude and great affection, for his fraternal and diligent cooperation with which we have worked in recent years; these are feelings that I express on behalf of all employees and volunteers present at Fontanelle, as well as the thousands of faithful and pilgrims, who in recent years have enjoyed, often communicating it directly to

him, his way of animating the worship and prayer in Fontanelle with tireless dedication.

During the Eucharistic celebration of the first day of the year, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we expressed these feelings of deep gratitude in front of Mary, Rosa Mystica; at the same time we welcomed

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the new supervisor, appointed by the Bishop for the cult of Fontanelle, Mgr. Oliviero Faustini, a priest already committed at the Curia of Brescia as head of the college of the exorcists of the Diocesan Canonical Service of the Cathedral religious movements.

Mgr. Faustini will certainly put to the service of Fontanelle his rich pastoral experience, which he attained over the years also at the avail of some very delicate tasks of priestly ministry and spiritual discernment; he deserves our gratitude for having taken this far from easy task, for his willingness to continue and enhance the path taken so far with the collaboration

of many priests in service to Fontanelle and that of many lay volunteers dedicated to Maria Rosa Mystica.

We entrust to the protection of the Mother of God this renewed phase of our path in Fontanelle; may Maria Rosa Mystica reward with heavenly favors all those, who in the past and present, have worked with humility in the service of worship and Marian prayer, in communion with the Magisterium of the Bishops and the Holy Father.

Mgr. Marco Alba
Episcopal Delegate

Dear and faithful devotees of the Mother of God, Rosa Mystica, I gladly start this period of ministry in Fontanelle, and will try to offer you my modest capabilities, aware that with the help of the Most Blessed Virgin we will continue our journey so far traced by priests, lay people, volunteers and all those who in any way have generously and with simplicity offered their collaboration. Let us follow with devotion the school of Mary and she will lead us to Jesus.

Don Oliviero Faustini

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Also the Foundation Rosa Mystica Fontanelle would like to join in the greeting of Mgr. Alba to both Mgr. Don Giancarlo Scalvini and Mgr. Don Oliviero Faustini. While wishing Mgr. Don Oliviero "Work well!" for the good of all the devotees of Rosa Mystica, and assuring him our full cooperation, according to his directives, at the same time we thank wholeheartedly Don Giancarlo, who accomplished with great love and in excellent balance the important task, which the bishop had assigned to him at a delicate moment for Fontanelle: the moment in which the recognition of the cult, which took place previously, was consolidated in all its expressions, resulting in a complete and constant assistance for all the pilgrims.

May Maria Rosa Mystica endow these two devoted servants with abundant graces.

President
Leonardo Tanzini

MARY, FOREVER READY TO WELCOME US

Perhaps not everyone knows that the sanctuary of Fontanelle has a particular characteristic: that of always being open at every hour, day and night. Only the small chapel that stands outside the larger church follows the normal hours of the other places of worship. Instead, the Source of Mercy with the adjoining church is always accessible.

Anyone who has visited it has seen with his own eyes this modest building: almost like a large cover, subject of many years of service, giving shelter, though with some effort, against the summer heat and the cold winter. The structure is still the same like in the beginning: poor and a bit precarious like the cult itself at its early origin, however, carefully stated by thousands of believers, who all through long, long years, maintain their belief while persuing forward with incredible tenacity their great devotion towards Rosa Mystica.

Today, as you know, the cult is permitted and recognized, hence causing it more comfortable. For-



fortunately, among all the possible things the very nice tradition to keep the small sanctuary open day and night, was maintained. On reflection, it is perhaps precisely the modesty and poverty of the building that allows all this: there is in fact no precious decoration, no artwork of value to steal. Instead, there is something that cannot be evaluated according to the human reasoning; something of great importance when one possesses a supernatural vision of life. There is Mother Mary, expecting her children relentlessly at any time when they feel the need for her. And as we know she is a very special Mother, who gave birth to the Savior Jesus and now is our best defender. A protector, but also and above all the gentle and safe path to come in the first place to her Son and then through Him to God the Father and to the glorious Trinity.

Pope Francis has often stated that the Church has to open itself to the world, to all who, though being sinners and far off from the Church, do yet feel in some way God's call in their heart. Well, I believe that Fontanelle can be a symbol for this opening. Surely the pope referred especially to the heart of the Church, which must be invariably open and welcoming to the many prodigal sons, who may not even dare to take the road back home, afraid of being rejected. In fact, it should be acknowledged widely to them that the door is always open and that for them the fat calf is reserved to celebrate the joy of their return. They should be informed that in the heart of the Lombardy

countryside, between winter mists and summer heat, there is a small sacred building, which is permanently open and accessible. There a Mother is ready to listen and to help; she cannot be but a great source of attraction and hope!

We, first of all, may therefore enjoy this fact, and let us then bring friends for a short stop of prayer after an evening or dinner spent together. It can be a means to reach Mother Mary, even for those who usually are far away from Her or show apathy towards religion. The Virgin Mary knows how to be a mediator of great miracles.

Allow me to tell in this respect an episode where my husband and I were the protagonists. Two friends of ours, a young married, and wealthy Swiss couple, parents

of two children, had decided to divorce. We had tried in every way to dissuade them from pursuing their intention, but to no avail. In the end, we invited them to a dinner that was to be their last time together. Strategically, we had chosen as a meeting place a restaurant in Montichiari. After the dinner, we casually asked them if they wanted to see a quite special place. They consented, and together we went to Fontanelle. It was late in the evening and we were alone. We parked our cars and walked to the Source. The environment was very impressive and murmuring a prayer together was not difficult. In our hearts we hoped that something might happen, but we did not want to insist: the Virgin would certainly know what to do. We went out to leave the sanctuary, but when our friends tried to start the engine of their car - a Ferrari - it did not start. They retried over and over again. In the end they gave up and realized: Rosa Mystica wanted them to remain still a little bit with Her to reflect on what they were doing. In short, they did not divorce and a year later they got a third child, a delightful little girl.

Rosanna Brichetti Messori

We have received

■ From Argentina -

Like every year we celebrated on December 8, 2015, the Hour of Grace in our church Valentin Alsina - Buenos Aires - Argentina. We send our best wishes in the hope that Pope Francis can find the solution and recognition of the apparitions of Rosa Mystica to Pierina. We always pray for many years for this purpose. We wish all those who work for the Foundation of Maria Rosa Mystica Fontanelle a very good health and many blessings.



We have received

■ *From Burundi* - In memory of **Father Victor Blasi**: On Christmas Eve, December 24, 2015 around 19:00 hrs. father Victor Blasi, a great devotee of Rosa Mystica - PAX - entered the house of our heavenly Father. Fr. Victor Blasi gave his life for the mission in Burundi, where he created many schools in Mumuri. Together with bishop Ruhuna (later killed by guerrillas) he erected the shrine dedicated to Our Lady Mediatrix of Burundi as demanded by Maria Rosa Mystica. In Bujumbura, he created the training center for orphans, where hundreds of children are welcome. Meanwhile, many of the children have become adolescents and young people, who, after having studied and been trained to a life centered on values, are able to deal with the inevitable difficulties. Still today, many other orphans are loved and cared for in this residence, where they try to overcome the great problems of a life made difficult by the many hardships. Fr. Vittorio, as spiritual father, has lived in the service for God and everybody, in humility and poverty, with others, for others.

■ *From Uganda* - Greetings and Happy New Year 2016 greetings from Uganda. I am very grateful for the



■ *From India* - We wish you a Happy New Year, In India, we have started our new year at the feet of Maria Rosa Mystica, all gathered there during the Vigil and the Holy Mass. The main celebrant was Rev.Fr.Benedict Arakkal, Rector of the Minor Seminary St. Paul Kannur Diocese.

constant communication and information regarding Maria Rosa Mystica and the Catholic doctrine in general. This reminds me of my first visit to Fontanelle during the retreat for 100 priests in 2006. The memories go back to the great events of Montichiari and all that Mary did for us. Thank you! The devotion to Rosa Mystica continues with the prayer group in Nsambya, Kampala. Be assured of my constant prayers in the sacrifice of the Mass every day. We keep alive the devotion to the glory of God through Maria Rosa Mystica. May God continue to endow with blessings upon all of you and the work you perform.

Fr. John Byamukama
(Kampala Uganda)

*United in prayer
all your priests bless you!*

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Timetable for February 2016

Daily: 15:00 Confessions. 16:00 H. Rosary

Every Tuesday and Friday:
15:00 Confessions. 15:30 H. Rosary. 16:00 H. Mass

Saturday: 15:00 Confessions
15:30 H. Rosary. 16:00 H. Mass, pre-festive

Sunday and feast days:
15:00-17:00 Confessions.
15:00 Adoration, H. Rosary, Confessions. 16:00 H. Mass

February 5 and 6 - first Friday and first Saturday of the month:
15:00 Adoration, H. Rosary, Confessions
16:00 H. Mass

**February 10, Ash Wednesday,
the day of abstinence and fasting.**
The ashes will be imposed on Sunday 14, during the celebration of the Holy Mass.

February 13, Saturday: Marian day
15:00-17:00 Confessions. 15:00 Adoration
15:30 H. Rosary. 16:00 H. Mass

Every Friday of Lent:
15:30 Stations of the Cross. 16:00 H. Mass.

N.B. Every Friday of Lent: abstinence.

Important notice: We kindly ask the priests, the religious and the pilgrimage group guides to notify your arrival in good time to the Secretariat and the Responsible for the Worship, thus enabling us to arrange in the best possible way your reception and stay in this place of worship. Following this procedure, you will be given the opportunity to experience the pilgrimage in an orderly, dedicated and fruitful way. In the official website (www.rosamisticafontanelle.it) we invite all to visit the Directory about the Marian worship in Fontanelle, the timetable and the new brochure "**History and places of worship**". We also invite everyone to organize the pilgrimages by following closely the guidelines of the Directory and those in the brochure mentioned above. We warmly thank you for your cooperation!

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