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“Let us think of that little girl who died due to the cold in Syria the day before yesterday”, Pope Francis said in the Angelus of February 16, while he explained the sermon on the mount, from the Gospel of Matthew 5, 17-37.

Iman is a one-year-old Syrian girl who, shortly before the Holy Father's discourse, falls ill with bronchitis. Her father picks her up in his arms and runs through wind and snow, from the refugee camp outside Aleppo where they are at that moment, to try to save her. It takes him two hours, on foot, before reaching the nearest hospital. But Iman does not make it in time to receive help, because she freezes to death.

The tragedy of the Syrian refugees and their children, which we follow in prayer, has long been under everyone's eyes. According to the 'Save the Children' non-profit organisation, the civil war in Syria has resulted in the flight of at least 290,000 children, forced to flee their homes due to the violence. Worsening the situation of displaced families is the harsh winter and the overcrowding of refugee camps. People leave their homes, without having a place to stay and without knowing where to go. Children who survive the cold face fear, lack of food and are deprived of their right to education.

For all this, together with the mayor of Cascia and the Father Rector of the Basilica of Saint Rita, we welcomed with open heart the proposal of the Bishop, Monsignor Renato Boccardo, to choose the symbolic city of Maalula for the Twinning of Peace and Faith 2020, with the aim of bringing the message of dialogue and reconciliation, forgiveness and peace to the tortured land of Syria. The civil and religious delegation of Cascia will leave on April 22 for Damascus, on a journey that will last five days to bring hope.

And that is why Sister Maria Rosa Bernardinis, Prioress of the Saint Rita Monastery, has also decided to help Syrian children and their parents, in a project that will involve the Saint Rita of Cascia Foundation, presided

over by the Mother Prioress. So that the message of charity of our beloved saint reaches the victims of the war also in concrete form. Dear friends of Saint Rita, we will have the opportunity to share with you how to support the needy people in Syria and, if you want to



## Thinking about Iman

help us, all the good you can do will be like the bread of life for these families.

“Let us think about war, let us think about the consequences of war, let us think of that little girl who died due to the cold in Syria the day before yesterday. So many calamities, so many. This is the result of passion and people who wage war do not know how to master their passions. They do not comply with the law. When one gives in to temptation and passion, one is not the master and agent of one's own life, but rather one becomes incapable of managing it with willingness and responsibility” (Pope Francis). ■

# Easter, rebirth of man and creation

Dialogue with Sister Maria Pia Giudici, the Salesian religious who says yes to the Lord and to life

by Alessia Nicoletti

Photo courtesy of the San Biagio House of Prayer Community.

**S**ister Maria Pia Giudici, born in Viggiù (Varese), is a Salesian who created the San Biagio House of Prayer in Subiaco (Rome), a paradise of spirituality and nature, where faith merges with the beauty of creation. Her words reveal her soul and her vision: "I am 97 years old," she confides in me, "but my heart is 20 years old. Life is beautiful at any age. I would like to give this certainty above all to young people, so that they can cope with greyness, indifference, apathy and sometimes despair".

Easter is life that blooms. "It is very nice that this happens in spring," says Sister Maria Pia, "when there is this beautiful awakening of creation. Easter is the victory of life over death. Unfortunately,

there is a slice of humanity that gets used to something quite different, because Easter is the feast of easy purchases. But the wonder, that which is true and profound, is experienced by the person capable of interiority. In fact, they can understand how important this feast is, because the victory

## *Easter is life that blossoms*

over death is Jesus himself, the incarnate Word, the splendid Face of God the Creator who became one of us".

In the times we are living in, too often death seems to prevail. It is therefore essential that man puts himself at the service of life. Sister Maria Pia found her path in faith: "Jesus said 'I am the

resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die'. Our mentality must be imbued with faith, because faith is not the Cinderella of reason but its older sister. The beauty of creation has always excited me. As a young girl, with little joy from my mother and father, I climbed trees and watched the buds open; the little seed guarded with such care and perfection. Faith is a necessary complement to reason, because faith is never a servant of reason, but completes and illuminates it".

Sister Maria Pia has dedicated her existence to life, starting from those who are its custodians: the young. "I was a literature teacher in a secondary school, and I saw how important it is to help

children who start asking questions about the meaning of life: teach the connection between this life and what will come. The answer is within us, in that depth that escapes us: in the image and likeness of God, we are all something infinite and great.

## *Through creation, God allows us to open ourselves to life*

I think that adolescents should already be made aware and responsible for the wealth they possess; it cannot be forgotten, but must be aimed at making one's own existence and that of others more beautiful, enjoying the days that God gives us and treasuring the creation that speaks to us". Sister Maria Pia is also very concrete and tells me about a beautiful project: "With our young people in San Biagio we want to create the 'Forest of Yes': the yes to life. Each young person will come with a seedling. We will go up the mountain near the woods where we will plant the saplings, perhaps even giving them each a name. This way, young people will come to visit their tree to see how it grows, learning to respect and love creation".

Therefore, much can be done by spirituality and faith in the care and safeguarding of creation. For Sister Maria

Pia, the bond is mercy. She says: "If I try to live mercy, with the help of the Lord I make myself present to Him and to myself; so as I walk I will not trample the little creatures that come out of a hole in the earth, I will be careful to discover the first gem, also becoming aware of how much tenderness and ability it reveals. Animals reveal positive aspects of life as well. The dog in our community wags his tail happily if I just look at him and he

Sister Maria Pia invites us to return to the earth, as she did in 2014 with her book "This good land of ours", where the earth is seen as appreciation of the world. "I hope to be able to write again on this very important topic. It is good that our soul lives in union with creation: expression of the love of a God the Creator infinitely loving of what he himself wanted for the good of all. Every day, through creation, God allows us to open ourselves to life,



Sister Maria Pia Giudici, here in the embrace of her sisters, rose to heaven on February 21, 2020, while we were going to press. May our prayer reach her.

## *The beauty of creation has always excited me*

manages to get along with the cat, enough to greet him every day. All this is part of that primacy of mercy which is truly the first face of love. So, within this process, the day not only starts well but also acquires its beauty".

truth, beauty and goodness. Dostoyevsky, a great Russian scholar, wrote 'Beauty will save the world'. What beauty if not that of God and his creation can save the world? What is right, true and good is also beautiful, because it is wanted by a God who, for love, in the only-begotten Son of Jesus, died on the cross for love. But love operated the Resurrection. This is life and victory that always saves and will save those who learn to love".



# At the service of life, neighbour and territory

## The mission of the 'Angela Paoletti' Mercies of Cascia

by Alessia Nicoletti

**W**hat the volunteers of the 'Angela Paoletti' Mercies of Cascia do every day, dreaming and carrying out an important mission, is a true service to life that comes from the heart. A work that is first and foremost human, in which 30 volunteers, adults and young people, take care of the life of anyone who turns to them. The brotherhood, affiliated to the National Confederation of Mercies of Italy, was established in Cascia on April 17, 2019, but the seed of this flower of solidarity, humanity and hope was planted in the rubble of the earthquake of October 30, 2016, and it has sprouted and grown from this. In fact, the volunteers of the Mercies of Italy were the first among the many rescuers to reach Cascia. In particular, for months they ran the canteen in the camp

for those displaced from their homes, taking care not only of the body but also of the community spirit. The volunteers in the yellow-cyan uniform became friends of the local population, indeed real brothers. From this bond, and thanks to the stimulus of Fulvio Barbagallo of the Mercies of Lastra in Signa (Florence), the will arose in the municipal administration to found a confraternity in Cascia for ensuring that this support would not be interrupted and that the community could equip itself with an important service. Mayor Mario De Carolis involved Pio Paoletti, head of the "Angela Paoletti Volunteers" association which dealt with social issues and was unfortunately waning. Pio, together with those who remained from the old association, accepted the invitation with enthusiasm and thus began the process of



The group of 'Angela Paoletti' Mercies of Cascia next to the body of Blessed Mother Teresa Fasce, their protector.

**TAKE  
AND READ**

Alessandra Macajone became an Augustinian nun in the 1960s at the Saint Rita Monastery in Cascia. Mother Macajone died at the Augustinian hermitage of Leccete in 2005, but her light was never extinguished in Cascia, so much so that the Augustinian nuns wanted to give her name to the reception house born in 2006 in Bulacan, in the Philippines. In the book, which draws on Mother Macajone's diaries, we discover her story but above all her way of living the monastic life, founded on a strong and lively faith, always open to the sufferings and dramas of today. A real example for everyone, especially for young people who want to "meet" a special guide along the path of their vocation.

**Rallegrata da Dio.  
Madre Alessandra Macajone  
monaca agostiniana  
Paola Bignardi  
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rebirth within the Mercies family, with all the steps being taken for establishing the new Mercies of Cascia, which came into being about a year ago.

The main daily activity of the group is transportation to hospitals or healthcare facilities, accompanying the elderly, the destitute, people under the care of social workers or with disabilities, to allow them to be able to attend medical visits or undergo treatment. "Sometimes we wait for hours, especially in the A&E department," says Pio, "but we are patient because we know that we are doing something important and essential for that person". To compensate for the time and effort, and also the costs to be incurred, are the users who benefit from the service, which is based on voluntary offers and contributions. The group's activities also include an ambulance and outpatient clinic service at public

events during summer weekends on the avenue of the Basilica of Saint Rita for pilgrims and tourists. In addition, every week the volunteers also work with the patients of the hospital in Cascia, offering them company and listening to them. In short, at the Mercies of Cascia they are true guardian angels, happy to be able to give, because they receive much more back than they offer. "Feeling the thanks of the people you help and accompany, seeing them in tears because otherwise they would be lost and alone, is very emotional ... It makes you understand that you are useful for something, that you have done a good job, and that satisfies you as a human being". Fundamental for the Mercies of Cascia is the relationship with Saint Rita, a spiritual and concrete example of life and virtue, and also with Blessed Mother Teresa Fasce, chosen by the confraternity as its protector. ■

## NEW PROVINCIAL PRIOR

Giustino Casciano is the new Provincial Prior of the Augustinians of Italy. Elected in Rome on February 2, 2020, the new Prior of the Basilica of San Nicola di Tolentino takes over from Father Luciano De Michieli. Our best wishes in his work for the new and important assignment to which he has been called, as guide of the Augustinian Family of Italy, go to Father Giustino Casciano, who for thirteen years was part of the Augustinian community of Cascia, also covering the role of Rector of the Sanctuary. Sincere and deep thanks go to Father Luciano for the wonderful service rendered in these years (*the Nuns of Saint Rita*).

# The Cross, for experiencing love

by Mauro Papalini, Augustinian historian

In past centuries, the Passion of Jesus was the main focus of life of anyone who wanted to follow a spiritual path: imitating the suffering and crucified Christ was the maximum aspiration of virtuous souls. This had visible consequences: very hard penances to reproduce the sufferings of Jesus on himself, even external manifestations of participation in the Passion. To have an idea, just think of the processions of the dead Christ on Good Friday.

Saint Rita lived this approach fully: for her too the Crucifix was the main object of her meditations, every suffering (and there were many of them!) united her to



her Lord on the Cross. One of the most famous episodes in the life of Saint Rita is the thorn of Jesus which she received on her forehead. As we have said, the imitation of the crucified Christ was the guideline, therefore the

holiest desire was to participate directly in some way in his Passion; but certainly not to feel pain, but to experience the love with which Jesus faced his sufferings

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and died on the Cross for our love. When the thorn struck Sister Rita on the forehead, she certainly felt excruciating pain, but above all she felt in her heart and spirit a spark of that love with which Jesus freed us. When St. Paul says, "In my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions" (Col 1:24), this means our yes, uniting not only the sufferings, but a crumb of our love to the Crucified One. This is very important for us: the sick, the disabled or anyone who suffers, join his sufferings to those of Jesus, beseeching him to experience a drop of that love with which he endured them. ■

## PRAYER

### **Saint Rita, teach me to love**

You, who experienced many difficulties. / You, who know what it means to hope. / You, saint of the impossible, / give me the courage to hope. / You, who exercised patience. / You, who forgave even your husband's murderers, / teach me to love. / You, who loved God so much. / You who embraced the cross to stand next to the crucified Jesus / teach me to look confidently at the cross. / Let me hope as you hoped, / Please, on behalf of all those who are sad and disappointed, / for all those who no longer believe in the miracle, / help us to meet the Risen One.



# TESTIMONIES OF GRACE

Your testimonies  
presented by **Maurizia Di Curzio**,  
assistant to the listening service  
for the Monastery of Saint Rita



A love story is usually between two people, this one is “crowded”, an entire family; seven people who love and turn their fears and needs to Saint Rita asking for Her protection. Francesco is a parent devoted to Saint Rita. Thanks to his devotion, the whole family will be linked with the bond of love to this great woman from Cascia; he knows well that *“the family is the domestic Church and must be the first school of prayer. If one does not learn how to pray in the family, it will later be difficult to bridge the gap”*. Francesco knows that *“the pilgrimage is a religious expression, which feeds on prayer and at the same time feeds it”* (quoting Pope Benedict XVI).

“My name is Rita, talking about Saint Rita will not be easy. She has always been present in my life. When I was born there was the first miracle. I was born at home, a birth difficult enough to risk death both for me and mum. Dad, devoted to the Saint, made a vow: if we were saved, each year of his life he would go on pilgrimage to Saint Rita, and this is what happened. For all of us, I am the first of 5 children, Cascia is home. The family has always been under the protection of the Saint. When my little brother Vini- cius absent-mindedly put his fingers in an electric socket, my mum immediately shout- ed for help to Saint Rita and was listened to. When my sister Simona was hospitalised and the doctors had given no hope, mum says that in the afternoon they saw a nun who stopped at the foot of the little girl's bed and Simona recovered and was soon dis- charged. Every year, all together we came to our Saint, to the nuns who always wel- comed us with a smile, and we keep many good memories in our hearts. Dad Francesco got seriously ill and would eventually die on June 15, 2000. In 1999 I took him to Cas- cia; he was no longer eating. In May 2000 they brought Saint Rita to St Peter's in Rome and for dad who could no longer move it was a great miracle; *“I couldn't go this year, she came to me,”* he said. (Rita, Rome - Italy)

## THEY LIVE IN CHRIST

*To you, Lord, we humbly recommend these our dead because, as in their mortal life they have always been loved by You of immense love, so now, freed from all evil, may they enter by Your grace into eternal rest. Amen.*

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Over 400 people responded to the appeal launched by the Nuns of the Saint Rita of Cascia Monastery to live a solidarity Christmas together and become concrete operators of charity. This was the mission of the first digital Christmas campaign called “Cooked for Love”, desired to create a true gift of love for the poor of Bulacan, in the Philippines.



In just one month, the campaign, launched on social media in December, registered a great following, exceeding expectations and reaching many people on the monastery's Facebook page and Instagram account. For a small amount of money, the many who became donors downloaded the recipe book from the [www.santaritadacascia.org](http://www.santaritadacascia.org) website with the nuns' original recipes for Christmas dinner, which was spent in the warmth of the family of Santa Rita. At the same time, each dona-

## Cooked for Love

The first digital Christmas campaign, which gave hope to the poor of the Philippines

tion ensured Christmas dinner and a gift pack of food for 25 needy families (some 100 people), assisted by the Augustinian missionaries of the “Mother of Good Counsel” Monastery in Bulacan.

The campaign raised 3,708 euro, an important sum that enabled nourishing the body, but also and above all hope in the hearts of many people in economic and social distress. For the first time, in fact, the

***A true gift of humanity and love addressed to the poor families of Bulacan. The last have become the first in our hearts***

Augustinian missionaries were able to organise a real Christmas dinner for the poor and needy, a big party in which they felt they were direct protagonists. In addition, a food package, a supply of food to take home, was also given to each of the hundred people, along with greater hope for the future.



For the first time, the Augustinian missionaries were able to organise a real Christmas dinner for the poor and needy.

Great was the happiness and gratitude of the poor of the Philippines, summed up in the words of Augustinian missionary Sister Claudine: “We are moved and thank those who opened their hearts to the project. Christmas this year was special for our

people, because the Lord thought of it in a concrete way and nobody felt alone or forgotten. We collected many graces, transforming them into an invocation of prayer for everyone”.

The faces of the families who attended the dinner on December 25th, immediately after mass, were full of smiles. Those who participated in the campaign have helped many young people and children, including the very young, the true seed of Bulacan's future, develop.

“The offers we received from the many benefactors materialised into something much more significant and great, because they were a true gift of humanity and love for the poor families of Bulacan. The last have become the first in our hearts and we will continue to make it so,” said the Prioress of the Saint Rita Monastery, Sister Maria Rosa Bernardinis, who went to Bulacan at the end of the campaign, to renew closeness and support for the missionary sisters and their dear people.

“Cooked for Love”, which is an addition to the solidarity gifts of the “Made for Love” line, was only the first step in a work of charity towards the last, which the Foundation would like to become the digital appointment of every Christmas.



Many young people at the first Christmas dinner in Bulacan.



# “It was Saint Rita who came looking for us”

Tiziana and Margherita and their meeting with the saint of the impossible

**H**undreds of thousands of pilgrims arrive in Cascia every year to pay homage and pray in front of her body, which is displayed in the Basilica dedicated to her. However there is a story that we would like to recount in which Saint Rita, in one of her “impossible ways”, presented herself in the life of a family that did not know her, but that needed much comfort and courage, and she has never left them. This is the story of Tiziana, who says: “I want to stress that Saint Rita chose us,

she came to us, but not for any particular merit of mine, I didn't even know her”.

When, 27 years ago, Tiziana became mother of Margherita, she was full of happiness for the birth of her baby girl, but when the baby was only 40 days old, she had to deal with a very difficult reality: the baby girl had an eye pathology and had to be operated on. In a flash, happiness for the birth of the little girl turned into dismay and worry. Little Margherita was hospi-

***They have been to Cascia many times to pay homage to the saint***



Margherita is now 27, graduated and satisfied with what she has done in life.



Tiziana has lived all the achievements of her daughter with pride.

talised in a state-of-the-art centre in Sondrio where she was then operated on. As already mentioned, at the time Tiziana knew neither Saint Rita nor her story. In that delicate moment “I didn't believe in Saint Rita, I didn't know her and in truth I didn't believe anything,” continues the woman, recalling how in those moments she drowned without hope in affliction for Margherita's delicate situation. After the operation, the doctors recommended that she watch over the girl all night and be careful not to fall asleep. Exhausted, in spite of herself, Tiziana fell asleep and recalls: “I dreamed. I felt a presence and heard a reassuring voice from a woman telling me that the operation had gone well, although it would not

## ***Saint Rita presented herself in the life of a family that did not know her***

have been as decisive as I hoped. However, the woman said, despite everything she would always remain at my daughter's side and help her at all times. At the end of the dream, she then said to me, 'Now get up and change the baby's nappy'." Once awake, Tiziana went to the locker in the hospital room and, taking a nappy in her hands, had her first encounter with the saint of Cascia. In fact, inside the nappy, Tiziana found a holy picture of the saint of forgiveness.

Today, Margherita is 27 years old. It has not always been easy for her to live her condition. She has been marginalised, sometimes excluded, but she says she is satisfied with what she has done in life. Tiziana,

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The group of the parish of Santa Maria della Luce in Mattinata (Foggia), led for four years by Libera Maria Iaconeta, with much devotion and love. Everyone experiences the closeness of Saint Rita and the group has in fact existed for 50 years.

as a caring mother, has lived all the achievements of her daughter with pride, with the awareness that, even if Margherita cannot see from her left eye, they and their whole family still have an extraordinary relationship with Saint Rita, who has taken them by the hand and has always helped them and continues to do so, just like when she heard that reassuring voice on the night of little Margherita's operation.

Since then many things have changed. Margherita has grown up and graduated, both know the story of Santa Rita, and with their experience they make her known wherever they go. They have been to Cascia many times to pay homage to the saint. Today, they have a close link with the Cascian reality and Tiziana has also become a benefactor of the Beehive of Saint Rita, the welcoming project for children and girls in difficulty. (MF)

## TELL US ABOUT YOUR PILGRIMAGE

If you have also visited the Sanctuary of Saint Rita of Cascia on pilgrimage and wish to tell Marta Ferraro your story, write to us at [redazione@santaritadacascia.org](mailto:redazione@santaritadacascia.org) and we will contact you to share your experience with the readers of “From the Bees to the Roses”.

# In Nice, Saint Rita goes beyond the confines of religions

by Rita Gentili

**J**ust across the Italian national border, in the historic centre of the city of Nice, there is a church called the Annunciation but known to most as the church of Saint Rita. One of the oldest places of worship in the city, the church has a rather troubled history that dates back to the year 900 or so. One the most bizarre events was the total closure of the church, at the end of the 1700s, to be reduced to a salt deposit. This use lasted over ten years, after which the church was

duced in 1934 by the then rector Father Andrea Bianco, who placed a statue of Saint Rita in the church, awakening an ever-growing devotion in the people of Nice. The current rector, Father Patrice Veraquin, confirms this great faith among diocesans, who come to pray to Saint Rita for the most varied reasons: physical healing, work problems, family reconciliations, the gift of parenting, sometimes by someone who would like to be a grandfather and



## *Devotion to the miracle worker of Cascia was introduced in 1934*

restored and reopened for worship, but it then suffered a fire in the mid-1800s. Finally, complete restoration of the building started in 1844 and today it houses a chapel dedicated to Saint Rita. Devotion to the miracle worker of Cascia was intro-

### RITA IS ALSO HERE



**Country:** France

**City:** Nice

**Good to know:** From 1309 to 1377, the permanent seat of the papacy was not Rome but Avignon, a city in southern France, not far from Nice. This period, known as the "Babylonian Captivity", understood as the exile of the papacy from the city of Rome, saw a succession of seven popes, all French, who acted under the direct control of the French monarchy.



***Among the faithful who entrust themselves to Saint Rita there are also people of other religions***

ing the universality of the Ritian message. The strong devotion to the saint translates into celebrations very similar to those in Cascia: preparation of the feast with the “Fifteen Thursdays of Saint Rita”, during which prayers are addressed to the miracle worker and moments of her life are recalled; the Novena, a Mass on May 21, with the reading of prayers of intercession; and a great celebration on the day dedicated to her, also transmitted through the parish website and Facebook page. The latter are instruments that the Oblate Fathers



The church of the Annunciation in Nice, called Saint Rita, crowded with faithful.

sees sadness in the eyes of their children. “A few months ago,” recounts the rector, “a couple who could not have children came to testify that their child was conceived on May 22”. The prayers, the rector explains to us, are left written in a notebook placed near the statue of the saint and there are also many supplications for others, for the church, for society. Many people, on the other hand, simply testify that Rita is an example of life, that she has helped them to overcome heavy trials. With some surprise we learn that sometimes among the faithful who entrust themselves to the intercession of Saint Rita there are also people of other religions, demonstrat-

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use as an extension of what happens in the Sanctuary, to reach even those who cannot come to the sanctuary. A group of lay people supports the Fathers in running the website, in creating the magazine which is sent monthly to around 20,000 people in France and other French-speaking countries, in welcoming the faithful who visit the Sanctuary and in organising the pilgrimage made every year to Cascia. ■



by Marta Ferraro

In this issue we wanted to hear the words of two important figures for carrying out the PPU's activities and for its growth. One is Father Ludovico Centra, Ecclesiastical Assistant, and the other is Don Silvio Bruno, Referent of the Puglia region. The first has the primary task of guaranteeing orthodoxy in what the Church has recognised through the Augustinian Order, so that the devotees of Saint Rita can grow in faith and love of their neighbour, imitating the virtues of the saint. The second, identified by Father Ludovico and Alessandra Paoloni, general secretary of the PPU, coordinates at local level the guidelines established during the annual national meeting held in Cascia.

**Father Ludovico and Don Silvio, how did your relationship with the PPU come about and how did it enrich your priestly service?**

**F. L. -** I think I have, together with some confreres, a small merit in having brought together many devotees and groups of devotees of Saint Rita into a single family, so as to know and live the religious ideal that the saint lived and, logically, the possibility of the setting up of new groups. I want to emphasise that even individual faithful can belong

# Two Fathers in dialogue

## Father Ludovico Centra and Don Silvio Bruno talk about the PPU family

to the PPU. This assignment that the superiors have entrusted to me has added to my being an Augustinian

priest and religious a value of knowledge and dedication for an enlarged portion of the faithful, which leads me to



meet many people rich in experience and with a simple, but well founded faith. Another gift is the priests who take care of the groups locally, excellent people with initiatives and zeal for souls. I cannot fail to notice the strength that drives the leaders and members of the various groups.

**D. S.** - In the parish of San Domenico di Molfetta, where I am parish priest, I already found this group. In fact, as early as 1916 there was a group named after Saint Rita with her statute; however, enrolment in the PPU started ten years ago. Being part of this family has given me the opportunity to deepen my knowledge of the history of the saint and has been a good bonding with other local associations, for both individual and group growth.

**What are the good memories related to the PPU that you keep in your heart?**

**F. L.** - There are many beautiful memories, first of all the affection, familiarity and solidarity that exists within the great PPU family. The desire to translate the Ritian and Augustinian lifestyle into everyday life. A beautiful thing is being able to enter many good hearts and, with the help of the Lord, to enlighten and

## SEND US YOUR PHOTOS

The new Saint Rita of Cascia website has a section dedicated entirely to the PPU ([santaritadacascia.org/piaunione](http://santaritadacascia.org/piaunione)). Send us the photos of your group by email to [redazione@santaritadacascia.org](mailto:redazione@santaritadacascia.org). We will publish them on the website to make known every group that makes up the great family of the Primary Pious Union.

make the good, the beautiful, and the good that they contain grow. How many confidences to take to the altar and, in the heart, how many sufferings to pray for and support.



**D. S.** - Thanks to catechesis and the moments lived together with the group, I have witnessed family rapprochements. The Providential healing of a couple of people from the parish after having prayed so much to Saint Rita is another sweet

memory that I keep in my heart. Seeing so many people approaching the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great satisfaction.

**Father Ludovico, what intentions do you have for the future of the PPU?**

Act in such a way that there is an increase in love for God and one's neighbour with the help of the saint. A nice goal would be that the Augustinian Order, lay faithful and local Churches where there the PPU exists can increasingly work in communion. A "desire-commitment" is to train people who can be the leaven to carry out this service. A big thank you goes to the nuns of the Cascia Monastery, who have always favoured this project. And, I want to stress personally and on behalf of the whole PPU, great recognition goes to Alessandra Paoloni who, with so much purely feminine humanity and Cascian frankness, is behind everything and provides for everyone. ■

## JOIN THE PPU

Whether you are an individual or member of a group, join the PPU! You will thus participate in our meetings, encountering people who, like you, are devoted to the beloved Saint Rita. For information, contact the Secretary General, Alessandra Paoloni: [piaunione@santaritadacascia.org](mailto:piaunione@santaritadacascia.org)



# The determined woman, with eyes illuminated by the Spirit

by Msgr. Giovanni Scanavino, OSA

When Maria Teresa Fasce arrives in Cascia she is still living dreaming: she does not imagine in the least what awaits her and lives on the reflection of the decision she has been able to demonstrate, against all the obstacles that the family had tried to oppose to the choice of Cascia. The entrance to the monastery is heartened by the surprise of the beautiful Sacred Heart and the nun dressed in white, already dreamed of in the train on her way there. The dream of becoming the bride of Christ prevails over any other surprise or sensation. She is to live the period of her training with an incredible inner intensity. Everything is new and everything so beautiful that it deserves to be lived in fullness. And it will be Rita's monastic experience that confirms her decision, when on the eve of her solemn and definitive consecration she was to ask for a supplement of reflection, outside the monastery, to work out whether this consecration should be lived precisely in a real community context. In Cascia, in those years, it was the community that wavered: from heaven, Rita realised that the pulse of a foundress was needed, with clear ideas on monastic holiness, a guide like the one that St. Augustine describes in the Rule: "let her count herself happy not in exercising the power which rules, but in practising the love which serves ... Let her show herself before all a pattern of good works. Let her warn the

unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all ... let her be more anxious to be loved than to be feared by you" (Cf. Augustine, Letter 211, 15).

A true Mother was needed, who loved with the heart of God and manifested this love every day with the eyes illuminated by the Spirit. This combination is not easy: it is the result of a very rich interior life and the translation of a granite faith. The Madonna is at the top of the "series", but also in the Augustinian field there is no shortage of exemplary models: see Monica and Rita herself, whom Mother Teresa always tried to imitate. The conviction of being truly loved by God and of having this love in the heart brings the believer to a new way of looking at people: it is God who makes you love your brother, precisely because in him there is the same love of God. It is a beautiful virtuous circle: union and harmony come from the fact that we never forget the gift of this presence, which in turn becomes like our right glasses with which to look. For St. Augustine, the discovery of the Spirit who lives in the hearts of all those who live in the monastery is formidable. Change life, change prayer; charity is no longer just a duty, but the sure gift of the same Spirit. The Spirit is charity and communion: the identity of the Spirit becomes the identity of the community and the monastery. Thirty years of searching spent well. ■

## THOUGHTS OF A MOTHER

*As the stones in a river continuously collide with each other, becoming beautifully smooth and are carried by the current down to the sea, so will we be purified and perfected one from the other by God.*

BLESSED MOTHER MARIA TERESA FASCE

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# Father Moya, the friar loved by the indigenous people

**S**ervant of God Juan Bautista Moya was born in Jaén (Spain) in 1504. While studying in Salamanca, he entered the Order of Saint Augustine, professing in the hands of St Thomas of Villanova. He offered to be part of the first group of missionaries to Mexico in 1533, but loss of the ship was to delay his departure until 1536. After a few years in Mexico, he was sent to evangelise *Tierra Caliente*, a vast territory with a difficult and harsh climate, which today covers part of the states of Michoacán and Guerrero.

In both his evangelising work and religious life he was an exemplary, attentive, poor and austere friar. In his relations with the indigenous people he was not only respectful, but close, lived with them and shared his faith through preaching and example. He learned their languages and traditions, appreciating the good values he found in them. He is considered the founder of a large number of villages, laying the foundations of a civil organisation based on the gospel values of peace, solidarity and harmony. He was loved by the indigenous people;



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ple; like them, he lived in poverty and simplicity, totally dedicating himself to building a spirit of community to form the great family of God.

Already in old age, with little strength, tired and weak, he was taken to the convent of *San Agustín de Morelia*, where he died between 20 and 21 December 1567, turning his soul over to God, as he had already done in everything during his entire life. His first biographers show how the Servant of God identified himself in all things

***Living example  
of faith in the  
risen Christ***

with the crucified Christ for the salvation of souls, especially those of his beloved *Tierra Caliente*.

Like Saint Rita, Moya also lived the constant presence of God, offering himself as a sacrifice for peace, harmony and communion among peoples.

His remains are to be found in the church of *San Agustín* in Morelia. The beatification process is currently taking place in Rome, in the hope that the life and virtues of Father Moya serve - like those of Saint Rita - as a living example of faith in the risen Christ. ■

**ACCORDING TO  
AUGUSTINE**

**In Him, then, let them be  
beloved; and draw unto  
Him along with you as  
many souls as you can,  
and say to them: Him let  
us love, Him let us love.  
Saint Augustine  
(Confess. 4, 12, 18)**

Archivist Caterina Comino accompanies us in reading the pages of the canonisation process of Saint Rita in 1626, offering us a documentary testimony on the saint accompanied by the comment of the Augustinian Father Rocco Ronzani.

# Rita, woman of Forgiveness

*Of the testimonies of the 1626 Process [of canonisation], two by authoritative people explicitly mention the forgiveness that Saint Rita had granted to her husband's killers: that of the vicar forane of Cascia, Giuseppe Berardo, and that of the prior of the consuls, Antonio Cittadoni.*

"My name is Don Giuseppe Berardo, I am from Cascia, I am a doctor in canonical law, a pious man from the collegiate church of this land and at present I am vicar forane in this land appointed by the most illustrious and most reverend Monsignor Bishop of Spoleto and I have relatives who depend on him.

[...] I have always intended to say it from the oldest of this country and from all others so that it is public and well-known for all these parts and there is a public voice and fame that called her Blessed Rita while living had in great degree the virtue of the charity that not only loved God but cordially the neighbour and the enemies then that I publicly heard say and read in the books that were printed of her life, that she prayed for those who had killed her husband and of this there is public voice and fame". (Spoleto, AD, E-20, *Processus* 1626, ff.21r-22r, passim).

"My name is Antonio Cittadoni from Cascia and at the present time I am one of the priors of this community; my father was called Domitio and my mother Maria, I live from mine and I am seventy-four years old. [...] after I know good and evil I have always heard say much from the so-called Cesare my ancestor, as from all the ancients of this land, that Blessed Rita had lived a holy life and that thus I heard say from the oldest that she had been adorned with all the Christian virtues and indicated in the Catholic faith in the virtue of hope, of charity towards God and neighbour and in particular that she had always prayed to God for who had killed her husband and that she blessed hid the bloody shirt of her husband when he was killed so that when her children saw it they were not moved to revenge". (Spoleto, AD, E-20, *Processus* 1626, ff. 41-41v, passim). (CC)

Rita had married Paolo di Ferdinando Mancini, a man with a discreet social position, but involved in the tumultuous life of the Cascia of his time. The Umbrian town was rich soil for the frequent transits of men and goods between the Adriatic coast and central Italy,

but the wealth that flowed there, raising the standard of living of the town and its countryside, was also a continuous opportunity for intestine struggle for economic and political supremacy, of open wars and underground struggles between factions and with the long-time enemies of Norcia and Spoleto.

Rita gave Paolo two children who were soon orphaned because of the murder of the father. Meditating on the pardon granted on Calvary by Jesus to his crucifiers, Rita remained faithful to the gospel values of forgiveness and mercy, praying for the murderer of her husband and that, in growing up, her chil-



## *Three times she knocked on the door of the Augustinian monastery*

life to him. Three times she knocked on the door of the Augustinian monastery of St Mary Magdalene in Cascia and was turned back, perhaps because of the close relationships that the monastery had with the Mancini family clan which,

children at an early age, Saint Rita did not close herself up in her pain by folding in on

## *Saint Rita did not close herself up in her grief*



Urban VIII receives and approves the process for the recognition of the cult of Saint Rita. Cascia, Monastery of Saint Rita, anonymous painter (XVII century)

dren would never try to avenge their father. The two boys did not even have time to harbour feelings of revenge because, while Rita was still in mourning for her husband, both died, perhaps due to the recurring plagues that decimated Europe from the 14th century onwards.

By now Rita had no choice but to seek peace, which is a gift from God, and to dedicate the rest of her

## *From His Heart she drew the strength to love*

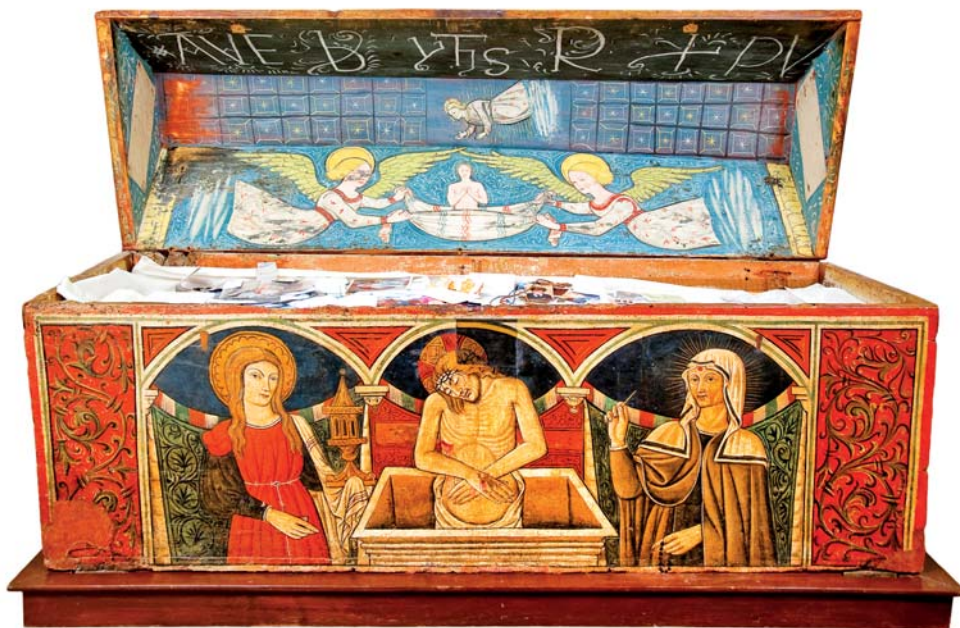
with her evangelical choices, Rita had prevented from grasping the poisonous fruits of revenge.

Despite the great trials to which life subjected her because of the killing of her husband and the death of her

herself but, embracing Christ crucified, from His Heart she drew the strength to love, producing many fruits of holiness with her life. She still continues to produce them through her devotees, especially many women, the "Ritas" of today, who find the strength to accept great suffering, forgive evil received, transform pain into a gift and perfume the world with good works. (RR) ■

# The Cross is Life

by Father Vittorino Grossi OSA, editor-in-chief of From the Bees to the Roses



The solemn case of Saint Rita, kept in the Augustinian monastery of Cascia.

Today when we talk about life, we mostly refer to trees, forests, such as the Amazonian one, which is Earth's oxygen lung. By breathing healthy air, we live. It is the defence of the ecosystem on planet Earth which is thus liveable. In this context, on June 18, 2015, Pope Francis also dedicated the Encyclical entitled *Laudato si'* invoking the 'Canticle of the Creatures' by St Francis to integral ecology. "Everything is related", "everything is interconnected", "everything is connected". This is the refrain that runs through *Laudato si'*, the pontifical encyclical on care of the common home, Earth, which, underlines Pope

Francesco, "like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us". Protecting the environment from pollution, therefore, is saving the life of humanity - we would say in Christian terms: only in this way is Easter, that is, we live.

The ancients, who did not have the polluting waste economy, enjoyed a healthier air and the principle of life they saw in a cross. Its four arms, which can be enclosed in a circle as a symbol of the world (the round Earth) and of man (its round head), was for them the result of the balance of the centripetal and centrifugal forces that occur in the four cross arms of a cross. In this symbol,

common to the ancient world, Christians saw in the cross of the Lord and in Jesus crucified life itself, the vital principle of life of the universe and of man. In this sense, writing from Ephesus to the Corinthians in the years 53-56, the apostle Paul explained the content of his preaching: "Christ entrusted me with the mission of announcing the gospel not by wise speeches, so that the cross of Christ will not be emptied of all efficacy ... we preach Christ crucified" (1 Cor 1: 17-24).

In the early Christian centuries, in Asia Minor (modern Turkey), special attention was paid to the cross in Jewish quarters. Like the Jews, they celebrated Easter on a

fixed date, on the 14th of the month of Nisan (therefore they were called 'fourteenths') which coincided with the death of Jesus on the cross (Easter celebrated on Friday according to the calendar of the Gospel of John, compared with that of the Synoptic Gospels which indicate the first day of the week, that is, Sunday, the day of Easter resurrection). For the fourteenth Christians, therefore, the cross did not represent the humble wood of torture used by the Romans for the condemned *humiliores* (the last of society), but the cross in the sense of life, indeed the crucified Lord himself. For example, in the apocryphal book (i.e. not considered normative in the Church) the *Gospel of Peter*, Jesus crucified is referred to as the "Hanging life". For them, the crucified Jesus replaced the paschal lamb of the Jewish celebration, that is, the Lord Jesus was the true saviour lamb, whose meat is then eaten in the Eucharistic celebration.

From this Christian celebration of Passover in a Jewish context (they were Christians who came from Judaism) we retain some homilies in Greek in the form of hymns. They commend the cross as Easter which is 'life and light', because at the death of the Lord, rays of Life and Light departed from the Crucified, spreading over the entire universe. They also made it the first monogram by putting together the words *Light/Phos* and *Life/Zo-hè* in the form of a cross. For this reason, the Friday of passion (14 Nisan), that is the

memory of the Lord's death, was not a day of mourning for their communities but the 'light-life' Easter day and, therefore, wrote historian Eusebius of Caesarea (*Ecclesiastical History* V, 23, 1) "fasting had to be absolutely ended", which indicated days of penance and mourning.

Then in the context of the Cross, 'light-life' related to the Church, the Judeo-Christian generation in the Tree of Life of earthly paradise read the new tree of life which is the Cross of the Lord planted in the garden of the Church, that is to say of Christian communities. The Christian community therefore confidently turned to his crucified Lord in its prayer, to continually receive his life and light: "Crucified Lord," the President of the Eucharistic celebration prayed, "stretch out your immense hands on your Church" eternally yours (Fourteenth homily).

The whole of this symbolism of Easter as Life, in the crucifixion of Christ, the Christian today contemplates in the Eucharist as a memory of the Lord's Easter, both in the presence of the Risen Jesus as a Eucharistic presence, and in the metaphor of the human body - the whole of limbs and head, as Church as 'body of Christ the head'. In fact, after the story of the 33 years of his life on earth, establishing the Eucharist as his memory, Christ lives today in the Church not in the face of humanity, but in the heart of humanity, and as a perennial gift of life becoming continuous Easter for every generation. ■

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# Easter: the new creation, from darkness to light

by Sister Giacomina Stuani OSA, Monastery of Saint Rita of Cascia

**A**fter Christmas time and after the carnival period, Lent has accompanied us - with its daily life cadenced by fasting, alms and prayer - up to Easter.

"Creation urgently needs the revelation of the children of God, who have been

new heaven and a new earth (cf. *Rev* 21, 1). The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery" (Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2019, 3).

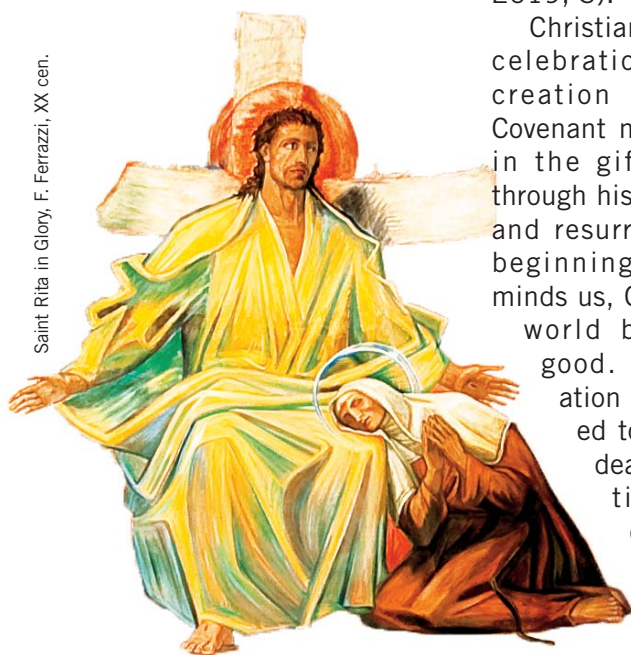
Christian Easter is the celebration of the new creation and new Covenant made by Christ, in the gift of his life, through his passion, death and resurrection. In the beginning, Genesis reminds us, God created the world beautiful and good. Then the creation ended subjected to the slavery of death and corruption ("For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but

disruptive force of the resurrection of Christ. With Easter, through Jesus, God the Father in his infinite mercy, recreates the world, making it pass from darkness to light, just like at the beginning; a new life has been entered. In the death and resurrection of Jesus the work was accomplished of reconciliation of all humani-

***With the resurrection of Jesus, light itself is created anew***

ty with the Father, who wanted, through the Son, to "reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross" (Col 1 :20).

Easter is the spring of life. The winter and darkness of evil and sin have passed, the grace, joy, life brought by the spring of Christ have overcome the greyness of despair and the bright colours of the Resurrection radiate our hearts



Saint Rita in Glory, F. Ferrazzi, XX cen.

made 'a new creation'. For 'if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come' (2 *Cor* 5, 17). Indeed, by virtue of their being revealed, creation itself can celebrate a Pasch, opening itself to a

by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God", Rom 8, 20-21), but in the paschal event it was reached by the

with light and hope, the light and hope of the Risen One.

“At Easter, on the morning of the first day of the week, God said once again: 'Let there be light'. The night on the Mount of Olives, the solar eclipse of Jesus' passion and death, the night of the grave had all passed. Now it is the first day once again – creation is beginning anew. 'Let there be light', says God, 'and there was light'. Jesus rises from the grave. Life is stronger than death. Good is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Truth is stronger than lies.

## ***Easter is to enjoy the happiness that only God can give***

The darkness of the previous days is driven away the moment Jesus rises from the grave and himself becomes God's pure light. But this applies not only to him, not only to the darkness of those days. With the resurrection of Jesus, light itself is created anew. He draws all of us after him into the

new light of the resurrection and he conquers all darkness. He is God's new day, new for all of us” (Benedict XVI, Easter Vigil Homily, 7 April 2012).

Easter is to enjoy the happiness that only God can give, not a fleeting throb of enthusiasm, but the permanent exultation of the heart. This is how every restless heart thirsty for eternity will be filled with happiness. If at Christmas we tried to give birth to the infant Jesus in our hearts, now at Easter we open this same heart to the Risen Christ, and it will be a happy and holy Easter! Our very best wishes! ■

# CHOOSE LIFE

Choose life. This is the invitation of God containing a promise that opens the future: choose life, so that you and your children may live (Deut 30, 19).

Choose life. It is the profound engine of our every gesture, of each of our actions: everything we do - basically - is moved by the desire for happiness, by the desire to have life. Sensing the way is to rediscover the struggle of the heart, between good and evil, between what is fruitful and what is not, in the adventure of life, between vices and virtues.

Choose life. It is the discovery of one's vocation.

“Your vocation inspires you to bring out the best in yourself for the glory of God and the good of others” (Pope Francis, *Christus vivit*, 257). Choose, then! “Give yourselves over to the best of life!” (ChV143).

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# APPOINTMENTS

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**Cascia (PG), from February 6 to May 14.** Every Thursday we meet in the Basilica to celebrate the FIFTEEN THURSDAYS OF SAINT RITA that precede May 22, the Feast of Saint Rita. The celebrations envisage morning Masses at 07:30, 10:30 and 12:00. In the evening, solemn celebration at 17:00 (from February to March) and at 18:00 (from April to May), with passage to the urn to pray in front of the saint's body and direct streaming on the YouTube channel of Augustinian Saint Rita of Cascia: [www.youtube.com/monasterosantarita](http://www.youtube.com/monasterosantarita)



**Cascia (PG), from April 18 to 28.** RELICS and some objects belonging to SAINT JOHN PAUL II will be on display in the Basilica of Saint Rita.



**Cascia (PG), from April 26 to May 2.** The CHAPTER OF THE AUGUSTINIAN PROVINCE OF ITALY will take place. It will open with the Holy Mass at 18:00 on April 26.



**Cascia (PG), May.** Every evening in May at 21:00, on the occasion of MARIAN MONTH, we recite the Holy Rosary in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Sanctuary of Saint Rita. On May 31, at 21:00, the Marian month will end with a Procession from Piazza Dante to the Basilica of Saint Rita.

**Cascia (PG), Sunday May 3.** The appointment is at 16:00 for the liturgical celebration of the WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FEAST (1st - 10th - 15th - 20th - 25th - 30th - 35th - 40th - 45th - 50th and subsequent anniversaries). Spouses will receive a parchment, a brochure and a rose, the symbol of Saint Rita. Please notify us of your intention to attend by April 25 at the Information Office of the Sanctuary of Saint Rita: tel. 0743.75091 - e-mail [infobasilica@santaritadacascia.org](mailto:infobasilica@santaritadacascia.org)

**Cascia (PG), from May 12 to 20.** Appointment for the NOVENA OF SAINT RITA at 18:00, every day from



May 12 to 20 at the Basilica of Saint Rita, in preparation for the great feast of the saint, which will take place from May 20 to 22. Holy Mass will be followed by the opportunity to enter the chapel that houses the body of Saint Rita.

**Cascia (PG), Sunday June 14.** On the second Sunday of June, all parents with children from 0 to 10 years are invited to participate in the 2nd

edition of the "FEAST OF CHILDREN", which will be held at the Basilica of Saint Rita. Mass will be held at 16:00, followed by a special moment dedicated to the youngest, with the blessing of God on them through the intercession of Saint Rita. Please notify us of your intention to attend at the Sanctuary Information Office:

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*for the maltagliati:*

250 g Monteleone di Spoleto PDO spelt flour

130 ml water

1 pinch salt

*for the hare ragù:*

500 g chopped hare meat

60 g carrots

60 g celery

80 g onion

50 g tomato paste

1 bunch aromatic herbs

80 g extra virgin olive oil salt and pepper to taste

1 l red wine for marinating and deglazing

100 g field chicory

1 l peanut oil

½ l vegetable broth



Mix the spelt flour, water and salt (the mixture should be put in the fridge for 8 hours). Using very little flour, roll out the dough 2 mm thick. Cut with a knurled wheel giving a diamond shape and set aside. Lightly fry the carrot, celery and onion in a pan with extra virgin olive oil, add the chopped hare meat (previously marinated with red wine, carrot, celery, onion and aromatic herbs) and deglaze with the wine. Add the tomato paste, vegetable broth and bunch of aromatic herbs. Salt halfway through cooking and cover the pan. Taking care to stir occasionally, it will take about 2 hours to cook on a low flame. Fry the chicory in oil at about 160°C to make it crispy (it will be used to garnish the dishes) and cook the maltagliati in abundant salted water. Sauté the maltagliati with the hare ragù, serve and garnish with the lightly salted crispy chicory.

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