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Rosa Mystica

Down the centuries among Catholics the month of October is known for the devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Apart from the recitation of the Holy Rosary it includes processions, novenas, singing of the litany of Loreto.. The Litany of Loreto lists many of her titles but there is a flower amongst them which is the Mystical Rose. Truly, the rose is the queen of all the flowers, and there is something in the Heavenly arrangement of its petals and its colouring. There is something in its scent and symmetry, in the modesty of its green leaves, which makes it very special. It is the flower which captures the heart at nearly every stage of its growth, even when a bud. While it grows, its petals gradually unfold as a token, as it were, of the blossoming of the lover's love for his loved one.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the most beautiful of God's creation, is indeed "the Incarnate Rose," especially chosen for God's garden. She is the "rose of Sharon and the lily of the valleys" [Cantic of Canticles 2:1]. There is no rose comparable to her and she has made Paradise ever so much more beautiful.

But if you call her a rose, white is the color of her purity; gold, the tint of her royalty; red, the hue of her suffering. The rose grows out from a stem of thorns and in the heart of this flower, the red of the Cross of her son was forming. Indeed, without thorns a rose is not a rose, and without the thorn of great suffering, Our Lady could not have become the Mystical Rose of God's Paradise.

Fr. Gregory Noronha

PRAYER TO THE ROSA MYSTICA



Rosa Mystica, Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Grace, in honor of thy Divine Son, we prostrate ourselves at thy feet to implore God's mercy. We beg for help and grace, not relying on any merit of ours, but on the kindness of thy motherly heart, and confident that thou will grant our urgent requests.

Hail Mary...

Rosa Mystica, Mother of Jesus, Queen of the Holy Rosary and Mother of the Church, of the Mystical Body of Christ, we implore the gifts of unity and peace for the anxious world, and those graces so able to convert the souls of thy erring children.

Hail Mary...

Rosa Mystica, Queen of the Apostles, pray that many men and women may hear Christ's call to priestly and religious vocations, and help them spread the Kingdom of Jesus Christ throughout the world by the holiness of their lives and their burning zeal for the salvation of souls. Pour out thy Heavenly grace upon us!

Hail Mary...

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Pope's Letter

To My Venerable Brother
Archbishop Rino Fisichella
President of the Pontifical Council
for the Promotion of the New Evangelization

With the approach of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy I would like to focus on several points which I believe require attention to enable the celebration of the Holy Year to be for all believers a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God. It is indeed my wish that the Jubilee be a living experience of the closeness of the Father, whose tenderness is almost tangible, so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened and thus testimony to it be ever more effective.

My thought first of all goes to all the faithful who, whether in individual Dioceses or as pilgrims to Rome, will experience the grace of the Jubilee (...).

Additionally, I am thinking of those for whom, for various reasons, it will be impossible to enter the Holy Door, particularly the sick and people who are elderly and alone, often confined to the home (...).

I have asked the Church in this Jubilee Year to rediscover the richness encompassed by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy (...).

Furthermore, the Jubilee Indulgence can also be obtained for the deceased (...).

(...) I have decided, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, to concede to all priests for the Jubilee Year the discretion to absolve of the sin of abortion those who have procured it and who, with contrite heart, seek forgiveness for it (...).

A final consideration concerns those faithful who for various reasons choose to attend churches officiated by priests of the Society of St. Pius X. This Jubilee Year of Mercy excludes no one. From various quarters, several Brother Bishops have told me of their good faith and sacramental practice, combined however with an uneasy situation from the pastoral standpoint. I trust that in the near future solutions may be found to recover full communion with the priests and superiors of the Society. In the meantime, motivated by the need to respond to the good of these faithful, through my own disposition, I establish that **those who during the Holy Year of Mercy approach these priests of the Society of St. Pius X to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation shall validly and licitly receive the absolution of their sins.**

Trusting in the intercession of the Mother of Mercy, I entrust the preparations for this Extraordinary Jubilee Year to her protection.

From the Vatican, 1 September 2015



FRANCISCUS

Communique of the General House of the Society of St. Pius X
on the letter of Pope Francis at the approach of the Holy Year (September 1, 2015)

The Society of St. Pius X learned, through the press, of the provisions taken by Pope Francis on the occasion of the upcoming Holy Year. In the last paragraph of his letter addressed September 1, 2015, to Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, the Holy Father writes:

"I establish that those who during the Holy Year of Mercy approach these priests of the Society of St Pius X to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation shall validly and licitly receive the absolution of their sins."

The Society of St. Pius X expresses its gratitude to the Sovereign Pontiff for this fatherly gesture.

In the ministry of the sacrament of penance, we have always relied, with all certainty, on the extraordinary jurisdiction conferred by the *Normae generales* of the Code of Canon Law.

On the occasion of this Holy Year, Pope Francis wants all the faithful who wish to confess to the priests of the Society of St. Pius X to be able to do so without being worried.

During this year of conversion, the priests of the Society of St. Pius X will have at heart to exercise with renewed generosity their ministry in the confessional, following the example of tireless dedication which the holy Curé of Ars gave to all priests.

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September 1, 2015

The Society of St. Pius X's Supplied Jurisdiction



As the entire “traditionalist” (aka Catholic) community surely knows by now, in a *Letter of the Holy Father Francis to the President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization at the beginning of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy*, Pope Francis stated:

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So, what does this mean?

The canon lawyers and the neo-cons can parse the Code and argue over its meaning until they're blue in the face, but the fact of the matter is that Pope Francis just confirmed that the Society's argument with respect to supplied jurisdiction has always been correct.

In a video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8_kpLmC24M) dated July 15, 2015, the SSPX presented its understanding of the matter saying:

Traditional priests do have a jurisdiction that is neither territorial nor personal but supplied in view of the needs of the faithful in a state of necessity.

NB: The justification for insisting upon this jurisdiction, supplied extraordinarily by the Church, is the “state of necessity.”

Pope Francis, in his letter concerning the Year of Mercy, invoked the very same justification; namely, “the need to respond to the good of these faithful.”

Some might argue that the jurisdiction granted by the pope in this letter is specific to that period of time defined as “during the Holy Year of Mercy.”

This, however, invites one to ask the obvious question:

What precisely is different with respect to the needs of the faithful in the time period corresponding to the Year of Mercy as compared to the decades prior?

The answer, obviously, is nothing.

The only logical conclusion to be drawn, therefore, is that the state of necessity to which the SSPX has long claimed recourse for its insistence that the Church supplies its priests with jurisdiction has always existed; i.e., their argument has always been valid.

Like it or not, the pope himself just confirmed it.

To further illustrate the point, consider the matter of jurisdiction *after* the Year of Mercy.

Let's imagine that solutions are not “found to recover full communion with the priests and superiors of the Society.”

What happens to the Society's jurisdiction on the day after the Year of Mercy comes to a close?

Unless the need corresponding to the good of the faithful somehow ceases to exist, the jurisdiction endures even if the Holy Father chooses not to extend it.

How so?

It will be supplied by the Church in response to the state of necessity, just as the Society has been telling us all along; a state of necessity that has just been confirmed by Pope Francis himself.

<https://harvestingthefruit.com/pope-francis-confirms-it-sspx-has-always-had-supplied-jurisdiction/>

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THU 1 October	FERIA 7.15 – Low Mass 4.50 – <i>Rosary & Benediction</i> 5.30 – Low Mass	ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE 5.30 – Low Mass	SAT 17 October
FRI 2 October	THE H. GUARDIAN ANGELS 5.30 – Low Mass	21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8.30 – <i>Rosary</i> 9.00 – Sung Mass	SUN 18 October
SAT 3 October	ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS 5.30 – Low Mass	ST. PETER OF ALCANTARA 5.30 – Low Mass	MON 19 October
SUN 4 October	19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8.30 – <i>Rosary</i> 9.00 – Sung Mass	ST. JOHN CANTIUS 7.15 – Low Mass 5.30 – Low Mass	TUE 20 October
MON 5 October	FERIA 5.30 – Low Mass	FERIA 7.15 – Low Mass 5.30 – Low Mass	WED 21 October
TUE 6 October	ST. BRUNO 5.30 – Low Mass	FERIA 7.15 – Low Mass 4.50 – <i>Rosary & Benediction</i> 5.30 – Low Mass	THU 22 October
WED 7 October	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY 5.30 – Low Mass	ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET 7.15 – Low Mass 5.30 – Low Mass	FRI 23 October
THU 8 October	ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN 4.50 – <i>Rosary & Benediction</i> 5.30 – Low Mass	ST. RAPHAEL 5.30 – Low Mass	SAT 24 October
FRI 9 October	ST. JOHN LEONARDI 5.30 – Low Mass	CHRIST THE KING 8.30 – <i>Rosary</i> 9.00 – Sung Mass	SUN 25 October
SAT 10 October	ST. FRANCIS BORGIA 5.30 – Low Mass	FERIA 5.30 – Low Mass	MON 26 October
SUN 11 October	20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8.30 – <i>Rosary</i> 9.00 – Sung Mass	ST. JOHN CANTIUS 5.30 – Low Mass	TUE 27 October
MON 12 October	FERIA 5.30 – Low Mass	SS. SIMON & JUDE 5.30 – Low Mass	WED 28 October
TUE 13 October	ST. EDWARD 5.30 – Low Mass	FERIA 7.15 – Low Mass 4.50 – <i>Rosary & Benediction</i> 5.30 – Low Mass	THU 29 October
WED 14 October	ST. CALLISTUS I 5.30 – Low Mass	FERIA 5.30 – Low Mass	FRI 30 October
THU 15 October	ST. TERESA OF AVILA 4.50 – <i>Rosary & Benediction</i> 5.30 – Low Mass	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 5.30 – Low Mass	SAT 31 October
FRI 16 October	ST. HEDWIG 5.30 – Low Mass	ANNOUNCEMENTS Priests' Presence: Fr. BW (20-23/10); Fr. GN (1-30/10); Fr. Loschi (29/10-13/11). The <i>Catechism in pictures</i> is available for LKR750. No Sunday Mass: 20 December.	