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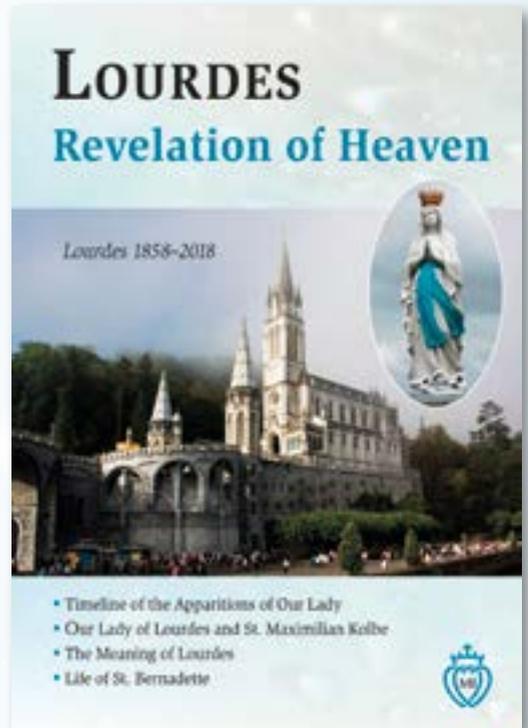


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A Booklet about Lourdes

The apparitions of the Mother of God in Lourdes took place at a time when freemasonry was spreading its perfidious and pernicious ideology about paradise on earth and the boundless happiness of man here and now.

The final drifting apart from the real purpose for which we are created results in eternal damnation at the moment of death.



The booklet contains these themes:

- The Timeline of the apparitions of Our Lady
- Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Maximilian Kolbe
- The Meaning of Lourdes
- The Life of St. Bernadette

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Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

As you know, the main resolution for 2019 is to put into more determined effect our consecration to the Immaculata as her instruments, and to implement this consecration in our daily lives. In other words, how can we become more docile to her, how can we fulfil her will?

As the title of this issue shows, it is simply to follow her order: "Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye!" This word is only an echo of the voice of the Heavenly Father saying: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear him!" In fact, apart from God the Father, nobody in the world is able to repeat these words, except Mary, the Mother of Our Saviour: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I have found all my joy and life and pleasure. Hear him!"

Therefore, the obedience of the instrument to the Immaculata is nothing other than to follow the doctrine, the precepts and counsels of Our Lord, to live the Gospel. Because the Gospel of Our Lord is in a certain way equally the Gospel of Mary!

God wanted to give us His Son, His eternal and uncreated WORD not directly, but through the intermediary of Mary. In a similar way the incarnate WORD wanted to give us His words, His "good news" (*Evangelium*), His doctrine, not directly, but also through the intermediary of Mary: each word coming out of the mouth of Our Saviour passes first into her Immaculate Heart, the "seat of Wisdom", and only afterwards through her to our minds and hearts.

Not only Protestants and modernists, but many good Catholics would consider such a statement as an exaggeration, saying that it was not Mary who gave us the Gospel, but the Church through the Evangelists.

Let us look at this a bit closer: the Evangelists, certainly under divine inspiration, eagerly consulted the witnesses of the life and the teachings of Our Lord, in order to write the Holy Scriptures. Saint Luke in his prologue states this formally (Lk 1:1-3). But from whom could they possibly know about the childhood and hidden life of Our Lord, if not from His Mother, and from her alone?

Also, in his public life, even if Our Lady did not accompany Jesus, she was very often hidden in the crowd, and received His teaching with the most burning love and intelligence. In those times, the apostles had yet a very superficial and often wrong idea about the Messiah; there were many things they

didn't understand! Our Lady meditated on them, enlightened by the fullness of the gift of wisdom given to her; she never forgot even one of the words; she conserved all of them in her heart! In Heaven we will know how much of the Gospel we owe to her alone, she who communicated it to the Evangelists!

However, there is something more: Our Lord called her blessed, because she alone not only eagerly heard and meditated upon His teaching, but put it fully and totally into practice! Jesus declares that not only those who hear him, but those who also do the will of the Father, will be saved. It is quite easy to listen to Our Lord, to read and meditate upon the Gospels! But it is very difficult to put them into practice! If we read the Gospels by ourselves, we may have nice thoughts and considerations, but to little effect. If we receive the Gospels from Our Lady, she enlightens us to understand them as she understood the words of God, and to live them!

Yes, the Gospel of Jesus is, so to speak, also the Gospel of Mary! Through her the Evangelist got to know the most important aspects of the life of Our Lord, and Jesus wants to present to us his teaching only through her motherly hands.

We ask ourselves, how are we to live our consecration to Mary with greater determination? First, in meditating with her and through her the Gospel of Our Lord: to repeat with her each word formed by His lips knowing that they are words of God, and one word spoken out by God is more than all the wisest books on earth! Secondly, in conforming our views and our life to this Holy Gospel, so that the "Word of God" would not remain a dead letter, but a source of life and loving action!

Let us read and meditate upon the Gospels of the Holy Mass in particular, always with Mary, asking her specifically to give us the strength to accomplish what Jesus through her asks us to do, or to avoid! If we ignore this, we will never even discover what possibly could be the Will of the Immaculata, and never would we "hear Him", never would we "do what He will say to us".

O Immaculata, Our Mother and Teacher of God's revelation, of each word of your divine Son, enlighten our minds, strengthen our will, that we "hear the word of God with a heart similar to thine Immaculate Heart and bring forth fruits a hundredfold".

This is a first beginning to better live our consecration!

Fr. Karl Stehlin

Warsaw, on the 17th of January 2019



St. Maximilian on The will of the Immaculata

Our sole and highest desire is to fulfil the will of the Immaculata in the strictest manner possible. To become more her property every day. Allowing the Immaculata to take possession of our whole being.

Then we shall become her worthy Knights. And it will not be us, but she, who acts in and through us and exerts an influence on the surrounding environment. Under the loving breath of grace, the icy barriers placed in front of the hearts of our neighbours will melt away. Whole multitudes shall follow the voice of the Immaculata and become instruments in her hand. Through them, the Immaculata shall influence other souls, and so more and more onwards, culminating in the conquest of the whole world, of all souls and of each individually.

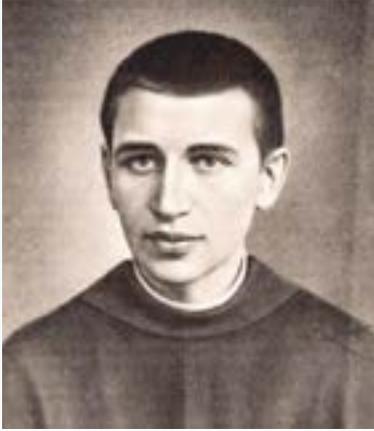
In order to hasten that time, we must first begin with ourselves. Let us turn our gaze to Jesus, our most perfect model. He, God, ho-



liness itself, gave Himself to the Immaculata without reservation. He became her Son, wanted her to lead Him as she liked for a good thirty years of His earthly life. Could we possibly need better encouragement?

Let us follow the example of Jesus and from this moment renew the promise made to the Immaculata. Let us endeavour to live in such a way as to become every day, every moment, increasingly the property of the Immaculata; that is, let us fulfil, the will of the Immaculata ever more perfectly.

St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe
Niepokalanów, before September 1938

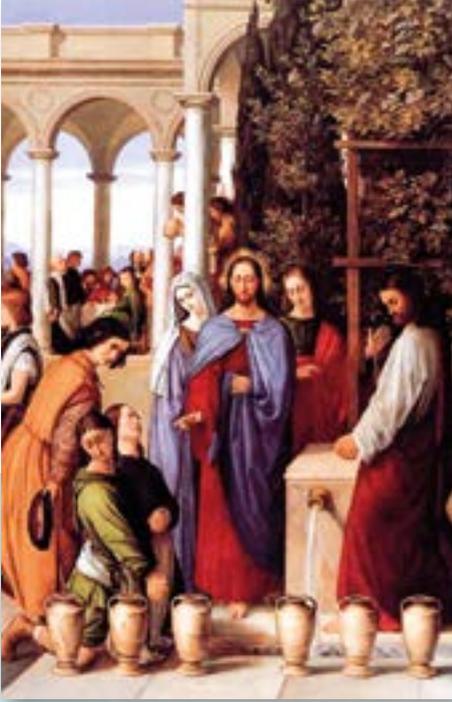


Heroic Knight

Father Wenanty Katarzyniec lived at the same time as St. Maximilian. His life was short but St. Maximilian was sure that his life was full of holiness. St. Maximilian wrote about him:

"I have not had the good fortune to live long with Fr. Wenanty, but those few moments I spent close to him left an indelible and positive impression on me.

- I will never forget the humility that shone through his whole person.
- He never tried hard to do extraordinary things, but did all common things in an extraordinary manner.
- I never saw him angry.
- He worked zealously for the salvation of souls.
- He would not forget sinners. He set up the M.I. and longed to start giving public talks, but death cut short the course of his life.
- He preached in a simple way and was understood by everyone, although he excelled in theology.
- He never caused sorrows, was never reckless, never disobedient.
- He did not smoke, did not drink, and did not boast."



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"Whatsoever he shall say to you, do ye." — one instance of the few words which the Immaculata said in the Gospels.

In getting to know St. Maximilian Kolbe, we are struck by his total devotion and his immense trust in the Immaculata. Our appreciation and admiration of St. Maximilian stems not so much from his achievements or writings, as from his intimate and confidence-filled relationship with the Mother of God.

It was his perfect and imperturbable devotion to the Immaculata combined with the generosity of the Mother of God, that made him a great saint.

Saint Maximilian was always obedient and joyful in doing the will of the Immaculata. "I only care that the will of the Immaculata may be fulfilled always and in everything" — he wrote in 1926. What is the will of the Immaculata? Mother of God she expressed it during a marriage in Cana of Galilee, when she told to the waiters: **"Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye."**

She desired that Jesus' commandment be obeyed, that His





will be done. The Immaculate had uttered these words before Our Lord commenced His public ministry, before He performed a single miracle.

It was the Immaculata who first noticed the problem in the wedding feast at Cana, and it was she who initiated the solution. She was the one who was able to appeal to her all-powerful Son to get Him to help. It is worth remembering that in those days the lack of wine at a wedding was a great shame and a disgrace. We too need to have recourse to the Immaculata — not only in our

earthy tribulations, in all aspects of our life, but especially in all matters of our salvation. We must have a desire for the Immaculata to shower us with graces and we must be faithful to them. We must have a great confidence in the Mother of God. We must give ourselves to her and strive to fulfil her will.

According to the goal of the M.I., the Knights of the Immaculata are servants of HER; they are obedient to her; they do all whatsoever SHE asks. The first Knight of the Immaculata, St. Maximilian,

said many times: „The WILL OF THE IMMACULATA be done in all things!“.

What is the will of the Immaculata?

St. Maximilian answered: “Undoubtedly, her will is fully united with God's will; therefore, we need but unite our will to hers, so that, through her, we unite ourselves to God. But only holy Obedience is able to manifest God's will, and her will, infallibly. As such, perfecting the virtue of obedience to one's



superiors is the practical implementation of being a 'Knight of the Immaculata': it is the M.I. made alive. This does not mean having no initiative: one can and should freely express one's thoughts, the desires that arise in one's heart, as long as one is prepared with equal satisfaction (of the will, because nature sometimes may also rebel) to welcome the decision of obedience, whether it complies with or is contrary or indifferent to one's own wishes.”

The Immaculata's will is that we fulfil God's will, the will of HER Son, that we do always and everywhere whatever He tells us.

How do we fulfil the Immaculata's will?

St. Maximilian answered: “All we have to do is to let ourselves be led by her — and not by ourselves — ever more per-

fectly, every day, every moment more and more perfectly, where, when and how she — not we — may like. (...) Therefore, before, after, or in the end, we always reach the same conclusion: let us seek to belong to her every day, more with every moment, let ourselves be led by her in an increasingly perfected manner, ever more peacefully, with ever growing trust and confidence, as she allows, through everything, either in us or around us and toward us, that we may thereby become ever more perfect instruments in her Immaculate Hands."

The Immaculata does not 'do her own politics', she does not impose her own will nor does she have her own vision of the future. The Immaculata knows God's plans and intentions, she accepts them perfectly and desires to have them fulfilled.



Saint Maximilian wrote: "You yourselves will experience in your lives, even on this earth, that all of the perfection of holiness, all the fervour of action, all the usefulness of the missionary ministry consists not in great wisdom, nor in great intelligence, not in great skills nor even in the amount of prayer and penitence, but solely in the perfection of holy obedience. Why is this? Because through holy obedience the cer-



tain will of God, and the will of the Immaculata manifest themselves; through holy obedience we truly become instruments in her hands, as set out on the certificate of the M.I.”

The Immaculata knows that God can do everything — hence her decision and the words: **“Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye”**.

The servants at Cana in Galilee obeyed her without

hesitation, they followed Our Lord’s command without question. We can confidently say that they were the first Knights of the Immaculata — let us imitate their trust and obedience. Let us turn to the Mother of God with full confidence. She will lead us to the perfection that is an expression of obedience to Christ. Our weaknesses and imperfections will be replaced by joy and victory. For only the Immaculata will crush the head of the serpent. **M**

125th Anniversary of the Birth of St. Maximilian

The 7th of January 2019 was the 125th Anniversary of the Birth of St. Maximilian, the founder of the Militia Immaculatæ.

Raymond (Rajmund) Kolbe was born into a humble family in the small Polish town of Zduńska Wola, not far from Łódź, on the 7th of January 1894. He was the second of five sons, although two of the younger ones died soon after birth, such was the pov-

erty and hardship of his family's circumstances. Francis (Franciszek) was the firstborn, then Raymond (Rajmund), followed by Joseph (Józef). Walenty and Anthony (Antoni) were the two who died.

Nonetheless, his parents, Julius (Juliusz) Kolbe and



The birthplace of St. Maximilian (the house after renovation)



Mary (Maria) Dąbrowska, who had grown up in that town and were imbued with the strength of faith typical of its inhabitants, accepted God's will and strove to do the best they could for their remaining sons. Mary set a great example to her children, as did Julius, both being members of the Franciscan Third Order and it was from this environment that young Raymond absorbed his early concepts of the part religion was to play in his life. Even so, this did not prevent him from displaying his individualism with occa-

sional flashes of obstinacy and audacity for which he expected to be disciplined.

As time passed and the family required more space than their single roomed apartment could permit, it became necessary to relocate to Pabianice, where Julius was eventually able to open a shop and rent some land for a small-holding and where Mary obtained



The baptismal font where he was baptized as Raymond Kolbe, in the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in Zduńska Wola

work as a midwife, as well as helping Julius and discharging her duties as mother and housewife. The time came for their three sons to begin their schooling, and Julius and Mary entrusted them to Fr. Włodzimierz Jakowski, so that they might receive a sound religious formation and instruction.

Raymond's individualism showed itself in that when he had done anything for which he knew he deserved to be punished, he would not only admit it, but would fetch the stick so that his mother or father could administer his punishment, and then, with no complaints — indeed with thanks for his punishment — he would take it back again. This was by no means commonplace in a young lad.

Around this time, in 1904, when he was ten years old, young Raymond had an experience

which was to transform his life.

It occurred after an innocuous act of mischief which displeased his mother, and she said to him: 'My little Raymond, who knows what will become of you?'

She thought nothing more of her question, but it brought about a sea change in his life in so far as he suddenly became very serious, one could almost say he became older than his years, and he was often in tears during his prayers.

Fearing for his health, his mother pressed him for an explanation saying: "You ought to tell your mother everything."

His mother received his explanation but told no-one except Julius until after Raymond's death when she revealed it to the friars in a letter dated the 12th of October 1941. This is what her letter said about how he related his experience:

“Trembling with emotion and with tears in his eyes, he said, ‘Mother, when you scolded me, I prayed very much to Our Lady to tell me what would become of me. Later when I was in church, I prayed to her again. Then the Madonna appeared to me, holding two crowns in her hands. One was white and the other was red. She looked at me with affection and asked me which of the two crowns I wanted. The white one meant that I would remain pure and the red one meant that I would be a martyr. I answered that I would accept both of them. Then the Madonna looked kindly at me and disappeared’.”

His mother knew from the change that had come over him that he was telling the truth, and she said that his acceptance of both crowns prepared her for what was to happen later. Raymond became a great helpmate around the home, undertaking all manner of duties to assist whilst his parents were away from the house earning a living — scrubbing and sweeping, preparing and cooking the food, doing the laundry, making the beds — and all with the greatest of diligence and obedience, and in a spirit of service.



The Church of St. Matthew in Pabianice; in this church Raymond Kolbe had a vision of Our Lady offering him two crowns.

Consecrate yourself to make Reparation

On the 13th of October 2018, Knights renewed their consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in three main cities in Mindanao, an island in the Philippines. By the grace of God and the powerful mediation of Our Queen the Blessed Virgin Mary, 313 Knights renewed their total and unconditional service and consecration to Mary while 251 souls entered into the Militia Immaculatæ.

One of the Knights, Marie Fang, a young woman from Surigao, with the assistance of several other local Knights, zealously prepared the renewal Ceremony there. After gathering City permissions, Police permits, and even approval from the Diocese, Marie with her fellow Knights laboured to pull together about 30 Knights and 30 other souls for this renewal. And the procession of 30 minutes in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart started with about 20 people. It was followed by the simple renewal of consecration of the very few Knights present and ended with the distribution of the renewal gift in an

elegant packet. The newcomers also received some flyers, but they could not yet join the Militia Immaculatæ as there was no priest.

In the same manner, local Knights in the small mountain village of Sobsob, located in Northern Mindanao organized a Renewal ceremony. There were 7 Knights present on the day of reparation, the 13th of October but on the following Sunday 87 gifts





for the renewal were distributed, hopefully to the other Knights by the parish priest.

Knights and Catechists will often experience first-hand that hard work does not always seem to yield desired fruits. At the renewal ceremony of Friday night, the 12th of October, prepared especially for Government employees, not a single M.I. Knight from the Governmental offices participated — and the renewal ceremony took place about 100 metres from the doorway of the Municipal Hall! Nevertheless, some 80 bystanders attended Mass and some 26 remained for the M.I. conference and ceremony that took place after the Mass. The icy fingers of

the materialistic and superficial Occident reached the innocent heart of the Philippines, and the Freemasonic plan to spread the new religion of human rights everywhere is a reality not easy to overturn.

On the 13th of October, in Davao, two simultaneous processions of Reparation started out at 6:00 AM from points 8–9 km North and South, for the Holy Mass and ceremony of Renewal to take place in the public plaza beside the City Hall and in front of the Cathedral. Knights from 29 Barangays or Municipalities were represented, many carrying their banners during the Procession following a statue of

Our Lady of Fatima. At the Mass itself, 15 banners of the Holy Rosary framed the Altar to inculcate the essential tool of reparation and the apostolate — the Holy Rosary. The Mass, attended by some 500 people, was followed by a short brunch. Then the people were divided into four groups, with Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer giving a conference to the veteran M.I., while catechists paired off to work with those who wished to become Knights of the M.I. and the children, who were divided into M.I. children and new children.

The Renewal ceremony witnessed 91 Knights renew their engagement and 77 souls enrol themselves in the Militia Immaculatae. Immediately after the ceremony, M.I. books and literature were on display.

In Camotes, Fr. Salvador led a ceremony of Renewal, leading 127 people on a procession of reparation. Then, 6 Knights renewed their boundless consecration to the Immaculate Heart while 48 newcomers joined the army of the Immaculata.

In Cagayan de Oro, M.I. and Legion of Mary catechists worked for 3 days in the City Hall where in the same 3 days, some



112 souls became Knights of the Immaculata through Father Hora. Then, on the 13th of October at the renewal ceremony, around 130 Knights of the Immaculata renewed their consecration to Mary.

In Gensan, the attendance of the Mass celebrated by Father Eisenring in the Park was 564. For the procession, there were 192 people including the presence of 128 elder Knights. After the catechism 14 people became Knights of the Immaculata while 86 renewed their consecration.

Consecrations of new M.I. Knights in Colombia

Father Stehlin came back to Colombia after almost a year since his first visit to this country. Firstly, he visited Bogota, the capital city of Colombia, on the 22nd of November 2018. He celebrated the Mass of Saint Cecilia at the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary's Chapel, and then he gave a conference about the Militia Immaculatæ there. He pointed out that through the Militia, people can truly live the sacrament of Confirmation by being instruments in the hands of the Immaculate, who is the Dispenser of all God's graces. After the conference there was a light meal for Father Stehlin, the Priests

and the community at the Priory. Many people embraced Father's calling to be Mary's instruments, therefore consecrations in Bogota took place on the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (27th of November), on the next Sunday (2nd of December) and finally, on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (12th of December).

Additionally, Father Stehlin visited Bucaramanga on the 24th of November. He gave a conference at the Saint Therese Priory, at which many people felt the necessity to help the Immaculate as well; that is why on the next day (25th of November) and also on the Feast of the Immaculate Con-



Enrolment ceremony in Bogota on the 27th of November 2018



Enrolment ceremony in Bogota on the 2nd of December 2018

ception (8th of December), several more people enrolled in the Militia Immaculatæ.

During all those days the Immaculate's calling was moving a lot of Colombian hearts; therefore, 169 people consecrated themselves in Bogota and 91 people consecrated themselves in Bucaramanga. Moreover, the Prior, Father Javier Conte, the other two Priests of Bogota's Priory, Father Bernardo Arizaga and Father Juliano de Souza as well as the Brother Antonio consecrated themselves to the M.I. As a matter of fact, the Fathers are strongly committed to this apostolate since they consecrated the new Knights in the previously mentioned dates, and days after

the consecrations one of them gave a special homily about Saint Maximilian Kolbe and his work.

This was an amazing blessing for Colombia and it is expected that the M.I. will keep on growing with God's grace.

Ibeth María Cárdenas Vallejo



Conference by Fr. Stehlin in Bogota

M.I. Apostolate in Nicaragua

In Nicaragua one of the diocesan bishops is very friendly towards the Traditional Mass and the Society of St. Pius X. He wants to establish the Militia Immaculatæ in each parish of his diocese.

On the 12th of December (the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) in one of the dioceses Fr. Augusto enrolled 400 Knights. Only 400, because he had only 400 Miraculous Medals.

About 10 parish priests from this diocese are interested the M.I. and they want to see it established. They particularly want to interest young people especially. In a few parishes the M.I. is already established.

The bishop of this diocese wanted a conference about the M.I. in his diocesan seminary and Father Stehlin gave a speech for seminarians and priests from the diocese. They were very interested in the M.I. and in the apostolate of St. Maximilian. The speech went to their hearts. Almost all the seminarians wanted to join the M.I., but the bishop said: "first you have to read about consecration to the Immaculata".

This bishop gave his imprimatur and his foreword for two books of the M.I.: "Consecration to the Immaculata" and the M.I. Booklet. Both were printed by Fr. Miguel Boniface. The bishop noted that modern Catholics lack



Conference by Fr. Stehlin for seminarians in the seminary (Esteli Diocese)

a missionary spirit, and the knightly spirit. And the M.I. is the best answer for that. He wanted to convert all the people in his diocese.

Father Boniface also printed two million flyers and distributed them everywhere. For example, whilst driving his car, he would stop at a red light and leave his car to give flyers to people. He has worked like that many years, never missing an opportunity to promote the faith.



Speech by Fr. Stehlin to priests in Esteli Diocese



Faithful during a sermon, before an enrolment ceremony into the M.I.



Establishment of the M.I. in High School

Very zealous Knights in Costa Rica

In Costa Rica bishops are very modernistic and are not friendly towards Tradition. But Fr. Boniface works in this country (unfortunately without chapels).

Those faithful to Tradition are very zealous. Fr. Miguel Boniface, the National Moderator, gave them a small flyer about the M.I. and the faithful memorised it and wanted to join the M.I. It was a surprise also for Fr. Stehlin.

The faithful organized the transmission of the conference using Facebook and approximately 400–500 have listened to it. One of them translated the letter of the Director very quickly.



Fr. Stehlin and Fr. Boniface with a group of faithful



Conference by Fr. Stehlin in San Jose

The faithful are not yet Knights, but they work as very zealous would-be Knights.

Father Miguel Boniface gave conferences about the M.I. to five groups of people; on this occasion 300 people submitted

their names for enrolment and they want to join the M.I. The next visit of Fr. Boniface in Costa Rica will be their official enrolment into the M.I. and probably more people will join the M.I. as well.

The Militia Immaculatæ in Guatemala

The M.I. was established in Guatemala one year ago. Almost all the faithful joined the M.I. For Knights it is an honour to carry a statue of Our Lady during a procession.

In the picture: Young Knights carry the statue of Our Lady during the procession to honour the Immaculate Conception.



A new Knight in Moscow

We are pleased to announce that during Christmas time in Moscow (Russia) Father Shane Pezzutti enrolled one new Knight into the Militia Immaculatæ. The M.I. in Russia is growing slowly but continuously.

We pray for the new Knight and the Militia Immaculatæ in Russia. Let the zealous Knights in Moscow and throughout Russia spread the spirit of St. Maximilian and the Militia Immaculatæ.



The M.I. Corner

Knights of the Immaculata have made M.I. Corners in many chapels and churches.

From these corners, Knights and the faithful can obtain Miraculous Medals, flyers, books and booklets about the Immaculata, about her messages at Fa-

tima, about the M.I., its history, and its rejuvenation.

Generally, the M.I. Corner is located near the door of a chapel or church. It is a very convenient place for all. In the M.I. Corner we have a statue or picture of the Immaculata, flowers for her and information about the M.I.

With the literature available at the M.I. Corner each of us can obtain more knowledge about the Immaculata and the M.I. In the M.I. Corners we have among other things:

- booklets about meditations, about the Rosary, and much more;
- books about Fatima, about the M.I., about the spirituality according to St. Maximilian, etc;
- many flyers about Our Lady;
- pictures and images, and of course the Miraculous Medals.

In many places the M.I. Corners are prominent, neat and well looked after, well-stocked, and are manned by an M.I. Corner Knight for a few minutes after each Mass.

In some Districts the priests mention to those present the need to educate their souls, about their duty as confirmed Catholics



M.I. Corner in Butuan (Philippines)



M.I. Corner in Mukwonago (U.S.)

to save souls, and also give a reminder to those who are Knights about repeating the Act of Consecration that they made to the Immaculata when they were enrolled.

Hopefully they benefit from these gentle zealous reminders of what they can do, and should be doing, to save souls, and to take Miraculous Medals, flyers and books to distribute to others. For example, Knights can give



M.I. Corner in Le Moulin du Pin (France)

these sacramentals to their family, friends, acquaintances and strangers — to anyone that they recognize has a need.

If you want to start an M.I. Corner in your chapel or church, please contact:

info@militia-immaculatae.asia

M.I. Enrolment in Rockdale (Australia)

On the evening of Tuesday, the 27th of November 2018, 46 men, women and children presented themselves as candidates to join the ranks of the Militia Immaculatæ. The ceremony of enrolment took place at the Church of the Child Jesus & St. Joseph in Rockdale, NSW. The ceremony was officiated by Fr. Benjamin Campbell.

The evening began with rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Then followed the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Next came the actual enrolment ceremony. All lifted up their voices

in song to the Blessed Virgin. Fr. Campbell pointed out the power that even natural things have when they are united to the supernatural by our prayers and sacrifices. The little image of Our Lady on the miraculous medal has the power to touch hearts.

The postulants all renewed their baptismal promises, and miraculous medals were blessed and imposed on those who had not yet received them. The ceremony ended with St. Maximilian Kolbe's Consecration to Our Lady and a hymn to the Mother of God.



New Storeroom for the M.I.-Switzerland

On the 8th of November, Fr. Stehlin blessed the newly built M.I.-Warehouse for the M.I.-Switzerland. The previous storage room, housed in an apartment building, was bursting at the seams.

Now the new storeroom provides space to better carry out the apostolate of the M.I.-Switzerland. All the M.I. articles and magazines for the "Knight" in the German-speaking world are stored here. In addition, the M.I.-Switzerland also has a worldwide apostolate: Miraculous Medals (and increasingly more Rosaries) with corresponding pamphlets are sent to all parts of the world

from here: to date, 60 countries across all continents. About 300.000 medals are distributed per year.

The pamphlet for the Miraculous Medal is now in 18 languages. In this manner, the M.I., in the spirit of St. Maximilian Kolbe and Fatima, is working towards having the Immaculata known and loved throughout the whole world and saving as many souls as possible.

The M.I. runs its own online shop for its apostolate: <https://militia-immaculatae.info/en/shop/>

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Retreat in Antwerp (Belgium)

From Friday evening the 23rd of November 2018 until Saturday evening the 24th of November Knights from the M.I. groups in Leuven and Ghent joined forces with new Knights from Antwerp for a one-day Marian retreat in the local Priory. Together they formed a small band of twenty brothers and sisters in arms, leaving their families and occupations for one day to devote themselves to prayer and spiritual instructions under the guid-

ance of their heavenly Queen and Mother. Slowly but steadily, with intensive monthly meetings, they are growing and spreading across the country to rebuild their faith, families, and Christendom.



Retreat and 93 new Knights in Poland

After the Advent Recollection Fr. Karl Stehlin enrolled 93 Knights into the Militia Immaculatæ. He preached a retreat in three chapels in Poland: Warsaw, Lublin and Chorzów.

The theme of the recollection was "The Immaculata — Our Ideal". At each conference Father started with the M.I.'s story in countries in Latin America and Asia. He spoke about the M.I. in Colombia, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Vietnam, China and the Philippines.

After these stories he preached about our total consecration to the Immaculata. Our consecration is the fulfilment of the promises of our baptism and confirmation. The purpose of our existence on earth is to save our



souls and help our neighbours to save theirs, which is a consequence of the sacrament of confirmation itself.

During the retreat, Fr. Karl Stehlin reminded the Knights that they are instruments in the hands of the Immaculate. Giving

concrete examples, he showed the dangers that face the Knights fighting for the salvation of souls, caused by pride and impatience. He especially appealed to "sleeping" Knights' consciences. Let us hope that his zealous words awakened many of them.

International Headquarters of the M.I.

The Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X has allowed and blessed the establishment of the International Headquarters of the M.I. in Warsaw (Poland — homecountry of St. Maximilian).

Its tasks are as follows:

— supporting priests and faithful in various countries in establishing the M.I.,

— preparation and assistance in publishing books and flyers in the native languages of the Knights.

— coordination of Knights activities.

Already basic publications are published in several languages: The M.I. Booklet is available in English, French, Spanish, Dutch, German, Russian and Sinhalese;

the booklet "Consecration to the Immaculata" is available in English, French, Spanish, German, Polish, Russian, and Lithuanian.

There are also many flyers available in a dozen foreign languages.

All publications can be downloaded for free from the M.I. Library: www.mi-library.org



Places associated with St. Maximilian



Above: First chapel in Niepokalanów

Below: Consecration of the statue of the Immaculata (6th of July 1927)



The Militia Immaculatæ is an army of Knights of Mary Immaculate which works for the conversion of all men to God, whether they be Protestants, or Jews, or Muslims, & in particular the Freemasons, and that all become saints, under the patronage and through the mediation of the Immaculate Virgin.

The Militia Immaculatæ was founded by St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe on the 16th of October 1917. Since 1937, Militia Immaculatæ is also called the Knights of the Immaculata.



Original Statutes of the Militia Immaculatæ (by St. Maximilian)

"She will crush your head." (Genesis 3:15)

"Thou alone hast vanquished all heresies throughout the world."

(from the Roman Breviary)

I. Goal of Membership:

To work for the conversion to God of all men, be they sinners, heretics, schismatics, Jews, Moslems etc., in particular the Freemasons; and that all become saints, under the patronage and through the mediation of the Immaculate Virgin.

II. Conditions of Membership:

1. To consecrate oneself entirely to the Immaculate Virgin, placing oneself freely as a docile and generous instrument in her hands.
2. To wear the Miraculous Medal.

III. Duties of Membership:

1. If possible, to pray the following ejaculatory prayer at least once a day: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee, and for all those who do not have recourse to thee, especially for the Freemasons and for those who are commended to thy care."

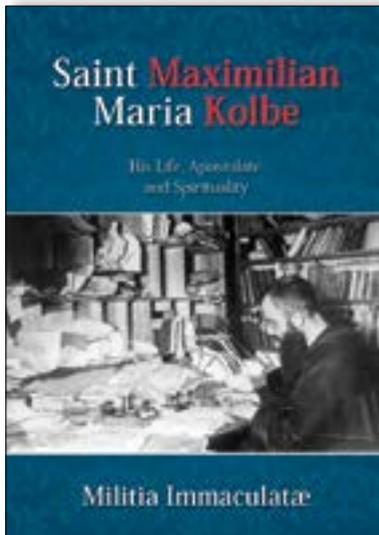
2. To use all other valid and legitimate means for the conversion and sanctification of men, according to one's means, in the different states and conditions of life, as the occasions present themselves; this is entrusted to the zeal and prudence of each one. Particularly recommended, however, is spreading the Miraculous Medal.

N.B. These means are recommended only as suggestions and not as an obligation; not one of them obliges under pain of sin, not even venial sin. Our principal motive is to help the greatest possible number of souls to be united with the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the mediation of the Immaculata.

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