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of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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All knights of the Immaculata are invited to celebrate the
100th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

of the foundation of the
MILITIA IMMACULATAE
by Saint Maximilian Kolbe

A sermon from H.E. Bishop Bernard Fellay
and an act of consecration to the Immaculata

will follow directly after the closing ceremony
of the official pilgrimage of the Society of St. Pius X
(around 16.30)

Sunday
20th August 2017 — Fatima

Join us and knights from all around the world
in glorifying and thanking the Immaculata.

Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

First, I wish to express my deep gratitude for your generosity, that in this year you want to be true "APOSTLES OF FATIMA", by responding generously to the Superior General's request to join the Rosary Crusade, which consists this time not only in praying the rosary, but also in offering many sacrifices to Our Lady of Fatima, that her solemn request would finally be fulfilled. In this way you will be doing what she asked on 19th August, 1917 in Valinhos: "Pray and make sacrifices; so many souls go to hell because nobody prays and makes sacrifices for them". If you meditate about this simple sentence, you will easily discover the immense sorrow and suffering of her Heart. If one wonders why Our Lady said this, the answer is very simple: the mother who loves her children almost infinitely, must see with an immense sorrow that so many of them go astray forever. But maybe another sorrow is even deeper yet: she, the Mediatrix of all graces, standing beneath the Cross, has received from her Crucified Son all graces of conversion and the sanctification of all people. However, by the will of God, these graces can be "set free" and flow into souls only if she finds instruments or channels to pass these graces from her Immaculate Heart into those souls.

What an honour to be called by Our Heavenly Queen, to be chosen for such an outstanding privilege! What an honour to receive such a task which outdoes the highest and most valuable deeds a human being can ever accomplish! To rule all countries, to be a professor of the most educated people, to be a doctor and give everybody 20 years longer to live... All such unrealizable dreams are nothing in comparison with the fact of being once the instrument of the Immaculate to give immortal life to a soul, to change the destiny of man from eternal damnation into eternal happiness!

But alas! What is the deepest sorrow of Our Heavenly Mother? She gives so many graces, cherishes her beloved child, educates, nourishes, protects, casts her heavenly eyes day and night on him, so that no evil can harm him. And this child is often deaf to her humble request, her anxious whispering, her tears: "My child, please, please pray and make sacrifices, because so many go to hell! Help me to save souls!"

50 years after Fatima: did she not prove to the world and to all Catholics, how much she appreciates the generosity of her instruments, Legionaries, Knights, Blue Army? Did she not save millions and millions thanks to their engagement? Did she not protect the Church and the souls, and win all battles against the devil personified by these Communist and Masonic beasts?

And the last 50 years? Can they not be summed up as a complete contempt for the requests of Our Mother and Queen? Her armies have been alienated, destroyed. The cry of the Mother to save her lost children has been widely ignored.

But thanks to Catholic Tradition her voice is again about to be known! We Knights want to love our Mother and Queen! We want her Immaculate Heart to triumph!

Yes, theoretically! But in practice, are we not hopelessly lazy about doing our duty? Are we not the first to hurt and make sorrowful her Immaculate Heart, when we waste our time with trifles and nothings and simply ignore her begging voice? Instead of thrilling with joy to have such a grace to be counted amongst her intimate friends and Knights, do we not sigh and complain that "it's too much work"?

Therefore, let us once more verify and check our 2017 resolutions as Knights in the light of her Sorrowful Heart and her eyes full of tears. Yes, Heavenly Mother! I can do more, much more, and much better! Help me to console your Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart.

Fr. Karl Stehlin

The Feast of Our Lady of Nazareth



In the Shrine of Our Lady of Nazareth, in the village of Nazaré on the Atlantic coast in Portugal, can be found the statue of Our Lady of Nazareth. According to tradition, this miraculous statue was carved by Saint Joseph, the foster-father of Christ, in the very presence of the Infant Jesus and the Mother of God. Later, the faces and hands of the images were painted by Saint Luke the Evangelist.

Read more: <http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Prade157.php>

The Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin



This year the Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin, is transferred to March 20, because March 19 falls on a Sunday. Who can imagine or worthily describe the sentiments which filled the heart of St. Joseph? Let us try to picture him amidst the principal event of his life: his being chosen as the Spouse of Mary, the most holy and perfect of God's creatures.

Read more: <http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Prade173.php>

The Feast of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Angel Gabriel descended to earth to announce to the Virgin of Nazareth the birth of a son who was to be the Messiah. Gabriel experienced his greatest day when he brought the glad tidings to Mary. One can hardly take one's eyes from the picture of Mary and the Angel, the graciousness and festive joy, from that golden aura of Gabriel's splendour and Mary's perfect readiness for God.

Read more: <http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Prade195.php>



Sorrows and compassion of Our Lady

Mary suffered much during her life, but she never complained.

She was always brave.

On Calvary, she did not sink down in a faint: she stood beside the Cross.

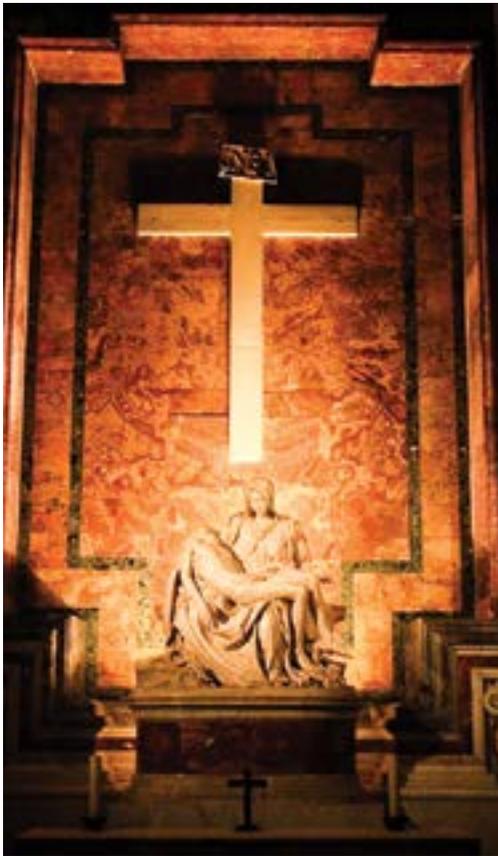
Jesus and Mary suffered together for the whole world. Mary suffered so much from watching her Son suffer. All throughout Our Lord's life, swords were piercing the heart of His Mother, starting with the prophecy of Simeon all the

way to His death and burial. A total of seven swords were to pierce her motherly heart.

The Blessed Virgin Mary's suffering was proportionate to her sanctity.

As Mother of God, Mary was exalted to an incomparable height of holiness. Her sorrows correspond to her holiness, for the sufferings and tribulations of the Saints always keep pace with their sanctity. What then must Mary's sufferings have been in order to be proportionate to her greatness — the greatness of the Mother of God!

- The sorrows of the Mother of God surpassed the power of human endurance. It is the unanimous opinion of spiritual writers that beneath the pressure of her inconceivable sufferings, the Blessed



Virgin's life was miraculously preserved. From the moment of Simeon's prophecy she foresaw her sorrows in vivid reality. Without the special aid of God's omnipotence, her soul would have been separated from her body.

- True, Mary was marvelously tranquil, because she was wholly submissive to the will of God; but this did not lessen her sorrows. Her nature, never disturbed by sin, possessed an extraordinary tenderness and was susceptible to suffering to an inexpressibly high degree.

Circumstances which increased the Blessed Virgin Mary's sufferings:

- We can gain some idea of the immensity of the dolours of our Blessed Mother by considering the conditions that



imparted special bitterness to her sufferings.

Placed in similar circumstances with the Blessed Virgin Mary, what mother would not have longed to die with her son? But Mary could not die with Jesus, although union with Him had become so much a part of her nature that it actually constituted her life. Jesus, her Son, was the bliss of her heart, the sun of her existence.

How could Mary live without Jesus! Still, she must see Him die, without being able to die with Him! What inexpressible grief!

- Another circumstance that increased the anguish of the Mother of God was the realization that her sufferings increased those of her Divine



Son; that these were, in fact, some of the bitterest pangs He had to endure. It was His will that His Blessed Mother should form a part of His sufferings.

When we consider the boundless love with which He loved His Mother, we will understand that to meet her on His way to Calvary, to behold her beneath the Cross, was truly one of His most acute tortures. Mary knew this.

What pain for her maternal heart to know that she must be one of the causes of His sufferings!

- Mary was an eye-witness to the sufferings of her Divine Son. She saw Him bound to the pillar; she heard the lashing of the scourges, she saw His delicate virginal flesh writhe and quiver under the lacerating blows.

She was present at the Ecce Homo scene, and on the way to Calvary, and at the Crucifixion. And her anguish was further increased by the fact that she could offer no relief to her dear Son in His excruciating pains.

As she stood beneath the Cross, she saw the Blood trickling from His thorn-crowned Head into His eyes, but could not reach His sacred Face to wipe the drops away! She saw His lips parched with thirst, pale and bloodless, but was unable to give Him a refreshing drink! His head had no pillow to rest upon, yet she was prevented from supporting it or letting it repose upon her bosom.

Who can comprehend the anguish endured by her Motherly heart during those three endless hours of dreadful helplessness!



- As the Blessed Virgin stood beneath the Cross, there was still another source of most bitter sorrow for her, namely, her clear conception of the nature of sin.

We may not doubt that Our Lord imparted to His Mother a supernatural knowledge of sin, its wickedness, its hideousness, and the horror and hatred of it that God entertains. The hideousness of sin she beheld written on the Cross in the Precious Blood of Jesus.

She saw the sins of the whole world, like a mountain, pressing upon the bowed

shoulders of her bleeding, dying Son. She saw that He was truly God, thus crushed by the innumerable sins of man, covered with their guilt, crucified by their malice!

What unspeakable suffering for the sinless, guiltless, Immaculate Heart of our sweet Mother!



- Another source of Mary's unutterable grief was man's ingratitude for Our Lord's Passion, and the eternal perdition of so many souls for whom her Son's Precious Blood would be shed in vain.

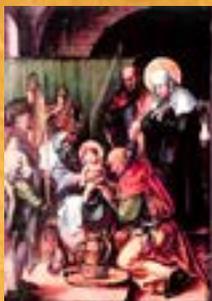
She, the Queen of the Apostles, the Mother of the Church, saw passing before her eyes a vision of the heedlessness of mankind for sins forgiven, the relapses into mortal sin, the amazing, frightful multitude of venial sins, the cold indifference, the disgust for Divine things, the desecration of the holy sacraments, the rejection and abuse of grace on the part of so many souls — all consequences of the basest ingratitude.

Now with the eyes of her soul she saw the multitude of the damned, for whom all the sufferings of her Son would be lost. **M**

The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

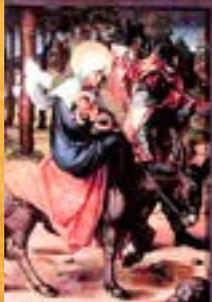
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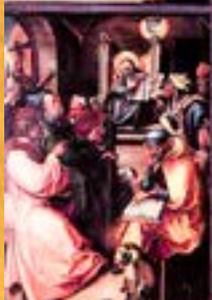
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The Flight
into Egypt



3.

The Loss of
the Child
Jesus in the
Temple



4.

The Meeting
of Jesus and Mary
on the Way of the Cross



7.

Jesus being
Laid in
the Tomb



6.

The Taking
down of
the Body of
Jesus from
the Cross



5.

The
Crucifixion
and Jesus
Dying on
the Cross

In his magazine "Knight of the Immaculata" St. Maximilian referred to news from the world as "little sparks". Sparks are the source of fire. Let them ignite our apostolic activity. Let us gain the whole world for the Immaculata with her help and for her glory.

FINAL CALL: Become an Apostle of Fatima!

2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. The year 2017 is also the 100th anniversary of the Militia Immaculatae. This is the

year for every Knight to become an Apostle of Fatima. How can each Knight of the Immaculata become an Apostle of Fatima? By these three steps:

1. By use of the intellect:

a) If possible, every day for a few minutes and at least one hour a week, read or listen to profound texts, articles, or books about the message and spirituality of Fatima. Books for download are here:

<https://militia-immaculatae.info/en/postsbooks-for-knights-208/>

Books to order: www.kolbepublications.com

b) Read and meditate on the texts about Fatima at least 3 times, if possible on each Saturday (Day of Our Lady)

<http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/info128.php>

2. Through will and heart:

a) Daily, as often as possible, say ejaculatory prayers for the conversion of sinners, especially: "Jesus, Mary, I love You, save souls."

b) Daily, if possible at least three times, the prayer of the Angel of Fatima.

<http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Pad76.php>

c) Daily Rosary for the intentions of Our Lady of Fatima.

d) If possible, on the 13th of each month, fasting for the intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (if that day is Sunday or a feast of obligation, defer the fasting to the previous or following day).

e) Participate in all first Saturday devotions (Holy Communion, Confession during the month, Rosary, meditation on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, in the spirit of reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart).



3. By action:

Zealous participation in the apostolate of the M.I. (distributing the Miraculous Medal, leaflets etc.). The Miraculous Medals, books, flyers, cards can be ordered from Kolbe Publications: www.kolbepublications.com

There are also materials you can share with other people:

Books: <https://militia-immaculatae.info/en/postsbooks-for-knights-208/>

Flyers: <https://militia-immaculatae.info/en/postsleaflets-for-knights-210/>

Bulletin: <https://militia-immaculatae.info/en/knight-newsletter/>

Cards: <https://militia-immaculatae.info/en/cards-for-knights/>

If you try to practice these resolutions, you can be very sure that the Immaculate Heart will accomplish in you her promise in a very special manner in this year 2017: "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge, and the way that leads you to God".

Become an Apostle of Fatima TODAY!

The Worldwide Distribution of Miraculous Medals

For several years, the M.I.–Switzerland has taken upon itself the task of worldwide distribution of Miraculous Medals. Each year more and more medals are being sent out into the world, the total in 2016 being 164,000.

In this endeavor, we cater primarily to the SSPX districts and locations where the M.I. has already been established. We always send blessed medals, so they cannot be sold. However, we do expect a donation from districts in western countries as a reimbursement. We support the mission districts at no charge to the best of our abilities. The apostolate is financed by donations.

Our medal is made of Zamak (a robust, zinc-based metal alloy).



The inscription is in Latin and the symbols are portrayed authentically. The medal is 17 mm (0.67") and comes in gold or silver colour.

Along with the medals, we offer a small accompanying flyer, which briefly explains the origin and the meaning of the medal. We offer this flyer in the following languages: English, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Polish, Croatian, Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Arabian, Swahili and Hungarian.

To make it possible for Knights to have medals with them wherever they go, we also provide transparent plastic pouches with room for 10 medals and flyers.

The medals and flyers can be ordered from the international website of the M.I.: militia-immacolatae.info

Please only order privately if you live in a country where the M.I. has not yet been established. We ask and prefer the M.I.–Coordinators of each country to make their orders with us first and then to distribute them throughout the country. Many thanks for the collaboration!

*Benjamin Aepli,
Coordinator for the M.I.–Switzerland*

The Great Secret of Fatima

From time to time, Marian conferences which given by Fr. Karl Stehlin are held in India. Goa has already held the fourth conference. This time the Director of the M.I. gave a conference on "The Great Secret of Fatima".

Approximately 90 faithful from Goa and from outside Goa attended the Conference. The MC — Mr. Flavio Raposo — gave a welcome to the faithful and a brief introduction about the preacher; Fr. Karl Stehlin began the Conference by leading us in singing the "Veni Creator".

At the beginning of the Conference, Fr. Stehlin explained briefly the Importance of the Role of Fatima in Christianity. He explained about the Apparition of the Holy Angel, the Guardian Angel of Portugal, to the three children of Fatima and how he taught them the Reparatory prayers to make Reparation to the Holy Trinity for the sins of mankind.

The First Secret of Fatima

On 13th July 1917, first Secret revealed by Our Lady of Fatima to the three children was the vi-

sion of Hell, with the message of saving poor souls by sacrifices, suffering and prayer and revealed God's Will to establish in the world the devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

The Second Secret of Fatima

Fr. Stehlin then explained the second Secret of Fatima which consists of Our Lady's request for the Consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart by the Pope in union with the Bishops of the world. Our Lady also promised a period of peace in the world if the Consecration of Russia were to be done according to her requ-





est, or if the Consecration were not done then Russia would spread her errors causing wars in the world and the persecution of the Church.

Father said that till today the collegial Consecration of Russia by the Church authorities according to Our Lady's request has not been done and since the request of Our Lady was not heeded by them, it resulted in the disastrous crisis in the Church today.

The third Secret of Fatima

After the break, Father began with the Conference on the Third Secret of Fatima. He expressly stated that Our Lady commanded Sister Lucia that the Third Secret should not be revealed

before 1960, but Pope John XXIII rejected it and since then it has never been revealed in public by the Vatican.

Regarding the Third Secret of Fatima, Sister Lucy gives us only a hint of the Secret in this line: "In Portugal, the Dogma of Faith will always be preserved... etc!"

Fr. Stehlin said that the Fatima experts saw in this line and the specific date of 1960, that Our Lady wanted to warn the Church about the crisis and dangers that were about to come in the Church, which were introduced by the Second Vatican council in the wake of 1960.

On June 26, 2000 the Vatican released publicly a Secret which was called the Third Secret of Fatima. When the contents were read by various Fatima experts, they all found it meaningless and complicated. Deliberating over the previous writings of Sister Lucia, it was found that her previous writings about the Fatima Secrets were very simple and more profound in under-

standing, quite different from the current Secret writings that made the Third Secret look more symbolical and meaningless.

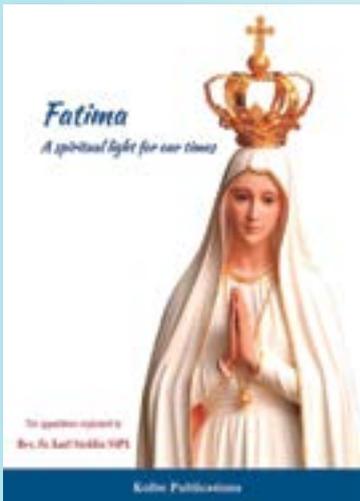
The so-called Third Secret of Fatima released by the Vatican was judged by the Fatima experts to be not the real Secret of Fatima since it was found that the Third Secret was a typed out version, rather than a version written by Sister Lucy which does not give a proof that it was she herself who wrote it.

Also Father explained that when Sister Lucia wanted to write the Third Secret, she couldn't wri-

te it down for two and half months because of its content, so that Our Lady had to appear to her to give her the strength to write it. It is not possible that Sister Lucia was so learned as to portray the Third Secret in the form of a vision, which has nothing reminiscent of such anguishing content that she suffered to write.

So Fr. Stehlin came to the conclusion that the Third Secret was not yet released by the Vatican and the so-called Third Secret which was released by the Vatican is not the true one.

Vhelenie Lobo



Fatima — A spiritual light for our times (Volume I)

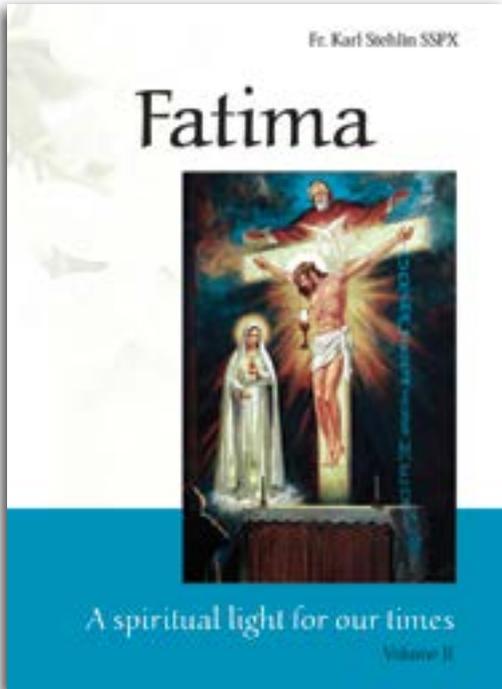
Book for download:

https://militia-immaculatae.info/wp-content/uploads/media/english/Books/Fatima_with_cover.pdf

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Book review of "Fatima – a spiritual light for our times"

Just in time for the Fatima centenary, Fr. Stehlin has released a second volume of spiritual reflections on the Fatima message, while also promising a third volume.



"*Fatima, a spiritual light for our times, volume 2*", begins with a fascinating view of the personalities of the three Fatima seers and the spirituality that each of them followed.

Through the inspiring spiritual lives of these three children, we understand what Our Lady

desires from us, as Fr. Stehlin explains (pp. 40–41): *The life of the seers of Fatima was like a living reflection in which we can see the desires of the Immaculate Heart. From Francisco, we learn perfect love of God in the prayer of consolation; from Jacinta, we learn perfect love of neighbour by praying for the conversion of sinners. From Lucy, we learn how to live constantly in the light of the Immaculate Heart.*

In the second part of the book, Fr. Stehlin considers the **four post-Fatima apparitions** to Sr. Lucy, apparitions which extended and clarified the Fatima message. **Two of these apparitions** occurred at the convent of the Dorothean Sisters in Pontevedra, Portugal on December 10, 1925, and February 15, 1926. **The other two** took place at the Carmelite convent **in Tuy**, Spain, on June 13, 1929, and May 29, 1930.

The messages of **these apparitions** are crucial for understanding the Fatima message, for they treat three of its essential elements: the spirit of devotion to the Immaculate Heart; the reason for the Five Saturdays

devotion and the way it is to be practiced; and the request for the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart.

At Tuy, Our Lady announced the request for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart by the Pope, in union with the bishops of the world. Fr. Stehlin points out the great significance of this request, given that the only occasion on which the Pope normally acts in union with his bishops is at a general council (p. 114). Fatima, then, is of worldwide significance, if an act of the head of the universal Church is required to fulfill its demands.

In the mind of Fr. Stehlin, this emphasizes the fact that, not only the Pope and the bishops, but we ourselves are able to be instruments in the conversion of others. By associating ourselves with great Marian movements, such as the Militia Immaculatae, we *become channels of grace from the Immaculate Heart of Mary to all souls for their conversion and sanctification* (p. 113). In this way,

we personally answer the call of Fatima, and the accumulation of these personal answers will eventually lead to the great act of Russia's consecration, which will come late, but will come.

It is hoped that this brief sketch of the second volume of "*Fatima, a spiritual light for our times*" indicates, in a small way, the many riches contained within its pages. Each of us has heard so much about Fatima, but knows so little about it. Especially in this year of Fatima's centenary, we must make an effort to really understand what our Mother desires of us.

This book makes that goal easy and effortless. By picking it up and reading a few pages at a time, we will perform our First Saturdays of 2017 with proper understanding and devotion, we will recite our Rosaries with a new depth and fervor, we will become ever more effective instruments of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, for the salvation of souls and her triumph.

Fr. Paul Robinson

Book for order: www.kolbepublications.com

for download: https://militia-immaculatae.info/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Fatima_II_EN_WEB.pdf

Progress report of Mary's Mission Tour

From October 28, 2016 to the end of February 2017, the pilgrims of Mary's Mission Tour passed through the big island of Mindanao, the smaller is-

land of Leyte and in March the pilgrims will go to the island of Bohol. During the course of the pilgrimage our priests have enrolled 14,860 new Knights.



Phase III — Bohol

In Bohol pilgrims walking during the month of March

Phase IV — Cebu

In Cebu pilgrims walking from April 7 to April 30

National Pilgrimage: April 27–30

For those who would like to participate in the walking portions of this long Pilgrimage, they are invited to refer to the website:

<http://www.spxasia.com/Countries/Philippines/mmt/main.html>

The purpose of Mary's Mission is none other than that of Fatima itself and it aims to foster devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart throughout the world — especially through the M.I.

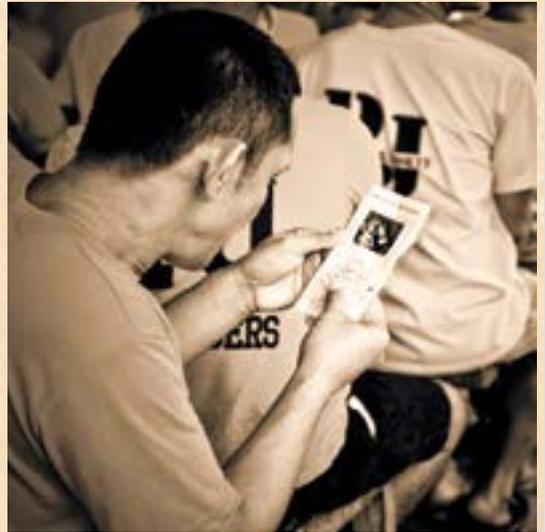
Although there have been times of zealous opposition to the Mission, beautiful gains have been won for Our Lady. These initial graces are real and provide a foundation of grace as a prelude to the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart.

In Mindanao there were consecrated to the Immaculata: 4 major cities (General Santos, Davao, Cagayan de Oro, and Butuan), 5 Municipalities, 6 Barangays, 5 Businesses, the Province of Agusan del Norte, 1 Army-Naval Base, 1 Army Outpost, 2 Police stations and 1 Police Camp.

And the work is still in progress with at least one more municipality to be consecrate. In addition to the consecration of these civil seats of local govern-

ment, 1,079 city and provincial workers who are employees of Municipalities became members of the M.I. These social nerve centres penetrate the surrounding population of some 500 000 souls. It's a small start, but through the Miraculous Medal and through perseverance, great things can be achieved from this small number.

But of all the consecrations, Butuan was the most heartfelt and moving. Mayor Ronerick Lagnada stepped forth to meet the statue at the entrance of the town hall as it arrived. As work-



The consecration to the Immaculate in Cagayan de Oro

Our Lady does not forget those who are imprisoned and are exiled from the outside world. Surely, she loves everyone including the prisoners of this world. The inmates of Butuan City Provincial Jail are indeed blessed to be chosen as one of the places to be visited by the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima.



Mayor of Butuan, Ronerick Lagnada, carried the statue of Our Lady in his arms into the atrium

ers lined the steps leading into the central atrium, and welcomed Our Lady by throwing flowers upon her, the mayor himself approached her, carried her in his arms into the atrium and placed her on a well-prepared altar set upon a raised platform in the middle of the atrium. Lining the walls of the atrium, the stair cases and balconies to 2 sto-

ries above and overlooking the atrium, around 400 government officers and workers looked on as the mayor knelt, and accompanied by his vice-mayor, Jose Aquino, and immediate staff, repeated the words of consecration uttered by Fr. Pfeiffer. Upon completion of the consecration, he rose and gave an impromptu address urging his constituents to faith and confidence in Mary, that she would protect the city from the calamities that so often strike the Philippines.

The power of the good example of the mayor was straight manifested, since immediately after the consecration, around 350 workers attended a conference on the Scapular and by the end of the day, some 500 had received the Scapular. Then, around 230 remained in the



The City Hall Mayor's Office in Butuan

atrium for the M.I. conference following which 142 workers became members of the M.I.

Rev. Fr. Karl Stehlin preached a recollection in Cagayan de Oro. The retreat was attended by mainly young people.

Mary's Mission Tour has been tangible evidence that the M.I. prayer by Knights worldwide is efficacious and bearing fruit. Nevertheless, so much more needs to be done, and in reality, many 'Mary's Missions' in as many places as possible would certainly produce similar results.

Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer



The M.I. in Butuan Central Elementary School



People receiving scapulars after the consecration in Cagayan de Oro

The Knights in Chennai (India)

The Knights of Chennai celebrated the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle with Fr. Karl Stehlin on the 21st of December.

We made a pilgrimage to St. Thomas Mount, the place where St. Thomas was martyred and we spent time there praying the Rosary. Later that evening we had the Tridentine Latin Mass in our Chapel and Fr. Stehlin distributed Christmas Ham-

pers to poor Catholic Families. Each hamper contained: 5 Kilos of Rice; 1 Kilo of Pulses; 1 Litre of Oil; A Plum Cake; and Rupees 2000 in cash.

This was how the Knights of Chennai celebrated the Christmas season and we were fortunate to have our Spiritual Father with us.

St. Thomas the Apostle is the second patron Saint of Fr. Stehlin.

Neville Philip



Fr. Stehlin in front of the relic of St. Thomas

New Vanuatuan Knights

On Vanuatu, a beautiful island quite some distance from Australia, Fr. Louis Bochkoltz accepted a few new Knights of the Immaculata. Rev. Fr. Louis Bochkoltz wrote: "Last Saturday (January 8th), I came back

from our very fruitful mission on Vanuatu. We had a few new Knights of Our Lady, thanks be to God. We also made a shrine to Our Lady out of bamboo that we blessed the day before the 6 baptisms and 1 marriage."



New Knights in GB District

On Sunday 22nd January 2017, Fr. Robert Brucciani, District Superior of GB and Scandinavia, visited Edinburgh, the Capital City of Scotland, where

he enrolled a further 34 Knights to the Militia Immaculatae. The District now has more than 500 Knights, and there are more Chapels yet to be visited.

Visit of the M.I. Director in Belgium

On January 25th, Fr. Stehlin gave a presentation on "1917–2017: Fr. Kolbe and 100 years of the Militia Immaculatae" in Bierbeek near Leuven, in Flanders (Belgium). The place itself has some significance.

In his book on the "True devotion to Mary", St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, one of the great inspirations for Fr. Kolbe, mentions a certain famous knight and monk as one of the first to have practised the total consecration to Mary: "Vautier de Birback, a close relative of the Dukes of Leuven (Louvain), who about the year 1300 consecrated himself to the Blessed Virgin."

('Motives Which Recommend This Devotion' §159) In fact, this 'Vautier de Birback' is 'Walter van Bierbeek', a knight in the noble family who owned Bierbeek, the village in which Fr. Stehlin gave a lecture on the Militia Immaculatae, 100 years after its founding by Fr. Kolbe! This knight, Walter van Bierbeek, fought in the third Crusade, and later became a Cistercian monk with a great devotion to Our Lady. How fitting that this warrior spirit has returned to this place so many centuries later!

For more than a year, two small groups, one of men and one of women, had been gathering here separately in the spirit

of the Militia Immaculatae for monthly meetings. These meetings started each time with a Holy Mass, after which the priest presented some chapters from 'The practice of Christian perfection' by Alphonsus Rodriguez. This book is no longer available in



Dutch so one of our first publishing efforts was to make this available again as a demanding but reliable guide to becoming a saint.

For Fr. Stehlin's visit, well over 30 people attended, welcoming the leader of the worldwide Militia Immaculatae who several days later officially established the M.I. in Belgium with the approval of the District Superior. These people, who had been preparing all this time, would finally be able to become official members of the M.I. Fr. Stehlin gave a stirring exposition on Fr. Kolbe and especially his life's work, the Militia Immaculatae — how it was a powerful, reliable but easy and concrete way of being a member of the Church Militant. The graces of the Militia Immaculatae will be needed in Flanders (Belgium). Of this once entirely catholic country, only one out of 20 people still attend Mass, and of those who do attend Mass, 3 out of 4 are older than 65,



and only 1 out of 50 is younger than 35. Interestingly, of those who were present for Fr. Stehlin's lecture, 9 out of 10 were younger than 35. The road for the M.I. will be narrow and steep, but with the Immaculata, there is always the hope of victory!

Michaël Bauwens

The day of recollection in Gdynia (Poland)

On the 28th of January, a day of recollection for the members of the M.I. of North Poland was held in the church of The Immaculate Heart of Mary, in Gdynia. It was attended by about 30 of the faithful from Pomerania and Warmia. Lectures were conducted by a priest of the M.I. of Poland, Fr. Christopher Gołębiewski SSPX.

The day of recollection started with a High Mass. After the Mass with a sermon, Father gave two lectures. He stressed that the foundation of



each apostolate must be an inner life and prayer, and all external actions such as the organization of lectures, conferences, publishing magazines, writing articles or talking with other people must flow from the interior and a strong spiritual foundation.

The day of recollection ended with a ceremony of enrollment of a new Knight and those who already belonged to the M.I. renewed their act of devotion to the Immaculata in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Second journal entry: 21st January 2017 (Australia)

Six months have passed since the first enrolments of Knights of the Immaculatae at the Church of 'Our Lady Help of Christians, Star of the Sea' in Perth (Australia). It has been a wonderful experience for all involved, and it has enhanced our devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Since the initial enrolees last August

we have added another 6 Knights from our sister parish in Bunbury. Sadly however, we lost one of Knights to illness. Joyce Gomes was a very devout parishioner who fell asleep in the Lord on the Feast of the Epiphany. Eternal rest grant unto Joyce, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. *Requiescat in pace.*

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



Original Statutes of the Militia Immaculatae (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 Masons; 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.

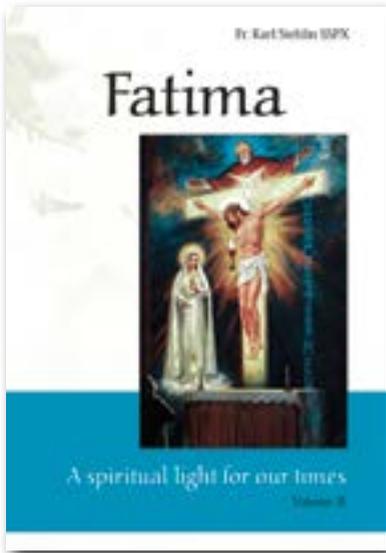
III. Duties of Membership:

1. If possible, to pray the following ejaculation 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 Masons and for all those who are commended to Thee."

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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