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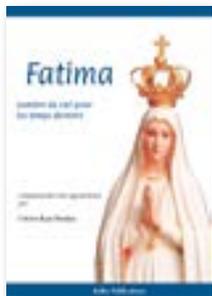
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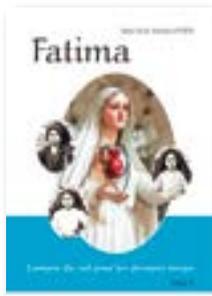
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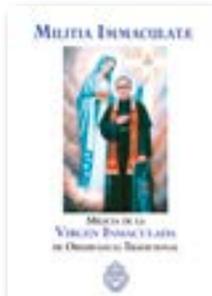


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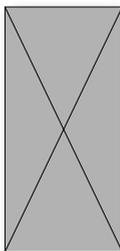
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## Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of November the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of Our Lady in the Temple, where she remained from the age of three until she was fifteen.

This means that at the tender age of three she left her beloved parents, Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, to deliver herself to the service of God in the sanctuary. Tradition tells us that at this moment she uttered a vow of virginity because she wanted to be HIS, entirely and forever. We, her knights, should not only admire her total consecration to God, but also strive to imitate her as far as this is possible.

St. Bonaventure says that Mary used to pray seven times a day with the following intentions:

1. to love Him with the whole of her heart;
2. to love her neighbour in God and for God;
3. to have an implacable hatred for all sin, for every imperfection;
4. to beg profound humility, together with all other virtues, especially immaculate purity;
5. to receive the grace of knowing the promised Messiah;
6. to be obedient to the priests of the Temple as the representatives of God, and to let herself be led by them in order always to do the holy will of God;
7. that God should as soon as possible send a Redeemer for the salvation of the world.

Besides an intensive prayer life there was a lot of work to accomplish in the Temple, especially to keep clean the places and objects used for the divine service. It is not difficult to imagine with what immense fervour and love Our Lady being yet a little child accomplished her daily duties.

The Temple — the house of God, the tabernacle, the altar, should also be the central place in our life. Our Lord once cast out from the temple those who were profaning it. Let Our Lady be our perfect model when we enter the house of God: may her reverence and attention penetrate us when speaking with Him.

The Temple, where above all God wishes to dwell, is also the temple of our hearts. Here we receive him in Holy Communion. Here the Most Holy Trinity lives spiritually when we are in the state of sanctifying grace. Let Our Lady do in us the same work she did when serving in the Temple: to clean us from all dirt of sin, to sing in us her ineffable praises, adoration and thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity, to keep out of us all indifference, negligence and forgetfulness.

On this feast of the 21<sup>st</sup> of November in the year 1904 Sister Elisabeth of the Holy Trinity composed her wonderful hymn in which we find the following deep invocations, which should become like a constant ejaculatory prayer of our souls, a far echo of that which was the constant life of the soul of the Immaculata:

*"Give peace to my soul; make it your heaven, your cherished dwelling-place and the place of your repose. Let me never leave you there alone, but keep me there, wholly attentive, wholly alert in my faith, wholly adoring and fully given up to your creative action. ... O Eternal Word, utterance of my God, I want to spend my life listening to you, to become totally teachable so that I might learn all from you. Through all darkness, all emptiness, all powerlessness, I want to keep my eyes fixed on you and to remain under your great light. O my Beloved Star, so fascinate me that I may never be able to leave your radiance."*

*Fr. Karl Stehlin*  
Singapore, 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2017

## The Apparition of the Miraculous Medal



27<sup>th</sup>  
November

The history of the Miraculous Medal began in 1830 at 140 Rue de Bac in Paris in the chapel of the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Sr. Catherine Labouré three times. During the second apparition, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 1830 in Paris, the Immaculata instructed Sr. Catherine to mint and distribute the Miraculous Medal in accordance with the pattern revealed. **Read more:** <http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Paris113.php>

## The Feast of Immaculate Conception



8<sup>th</sup>  
December

"I will put enmities between thee and the woman" — in these words the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary was announced to our first parents. Mary was never to be under the power of the devil; the enmity between them was to admit of no possible exception. This involved the grace of being conceived immaculate. Mary's Immaculate Conception was the foundation of all her graces. **Read more:** <http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Prade20.php>

## The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ



25<sup>th</sup>  
December

Jesus was born, and behold, the heavens rang out in hymns of joy as the Angels sang the canticle of triumph, Glory to God in the highest! and the canticle of peace, Peace on earth to men of good will! Jesus was born, and at once the poor shepherds, informed by the Angels, came to adore the Redeemer of Israel in that little Infant.

**Read more:** <http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Prade479.php>



# St. Maximilian and the Miraculous Medal

Why did Saint Maximilian choose the Miraculous Medal for the Militia Immaculata? The second condition for belonging to the M.I. is very clear:

**”To wear the Miraculous Medal”.**

What's more, the M.I.'s first required intention is "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.'" So, we

have the expanded prayer from the Miraculous Medal. Why? The answer can be found in the story of the medal, told many times by Saint Maximilian:

"The so-called Miraculous Medal is universally known. Its origin dates back to the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 1830, and the fortunate soul to whom the Most Blessed Immaculate Virgin Mary showed it was Catherine Labouré, at that time a novice of the Sisters of Mercy, in Rue du Bac, Paris. (...)

Amazing miracles of conversion started to occur immediately, and demand for the medal became so high that as many as 80 million of them were struck in the first ten years. Is it not fitting, therefore, that as we consecrate ourselves to the Immaculata without reservation, we should grace our breast with the Miraculous



Medal? This medal, then, is the external sign of consecration to the Immaculata: it is the second condition."

St. Maximilian Kolbe therefore, as he explains in his letter to Brother Paolo Moaratti dated the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 1926, was conscious that the inner devotion to the Immaculata is crucial if one wants to belong to the M.I. and that the Miraculous Medal is its important external expression:

"Strictly speaking, the essence of the M.I. is consecration, even by an internal act, to the Immaculata; a consecration that makes us her unconditional and total instruments in life, death, and eternity; a consecration that makes us her property. Her medal is the external sign of one's consecration and the source of the many graces that she promises.



It is therefore an integral, yet not essential, part. So, if there are no medals, we can do without them, without immediately diminishing the M.I."

**I**t is indeed the grace of Ratisbonne's conversion that contributed to the inception of the M.I.:

"Ratisbonne, an intelligent and wealthy young Jew from Strasbourg, had been raised away from religion. 'I did not even believe in God,' he writes of himself. 'I had never opened a book about religion.'

With obvious reluctance, he accepted the Miraculous Medal from Baron de Bussières.

Shortly afterward, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1842, Monsieur de Bussières came with him into the church of Sant' Andrea

delle Fratte, to the sacristy, to deal with the matters of the service in the memory of the late Monsieur Laferronnays, whose body had been already laid on the catafalque. Here the Immaculata appears to him and converts him in an instant."

On the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ratisbonne's conversion, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1917, during his morning meditation, Saint Maximilian received an inspiration to establish the Militia Immaculata.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe was convinced that the Immaculata desired to make use of the Miraculous Medal.

"The means are those that she herself desires. During the apparition of the Miraculous Medal, she dictated an ejaculatory prayer. That is our prayer; in it we include all men.





She gave us the Miraculous Medal, to be the bullet [we need] to strike hearts."

The battle with Satan is very difficult; therefore we need help from the Immaculata and her medal:

"We wear the Miraculous Medal, because the Immaculata told us to do so and she promised her protection to those who wear it. We sorely need such

protection. Experience shows that when the devil wants to lead someone astray, the first thing he does is to make one find some pretext to lay aside one's Miraculous Medal. How powerful is the Immaculata's protection!"

St. Maximilian Kolbe encourages everybody to spread the medal, widely and prudently: "Distribute her medal wherever possible, even to children,

so that they may always wear it round their necks, to the elderly and young people in particular, that under her protection they may have sufficient strength to reject the countless temptations and pitfalls that beset them in our times. Even to those who never come to church, who are afraid to go to Confession, who make a mockery of religious practices, who laugh at the truths of faith, who have immersed themselves in the mud of immorality, or who live in heresy outside the



Church. Oh! To these it is absolutely essential to offer the medal of the Immaculata and make them want to wear it, and at the same time, pray fervently to the Immaculata for their conversion. Some manage to give a medal even when someone does not want to accept it in any way. They sew one right into the person's clothing, hiding it well, then they pray, and the Immaculata, sooner or later, will show what she is capable of doing. The Miraculous Medal, then, is the bullet of the Militia Immaculatae."

**T**hus, St. Maximilian Kolbe had chosen Miraculous Medal for the effective realisation of the main goal of the Militia Immaculata:

"To work for the conversion to God of all men, be they sinners, heretics, schismatics, Jews, Moslems *etc.*, in par-

ticular the Freemasons; and that all become saints, under the patronage and through the mediation of the Immaculate Virgin."

**I**n 1939 St. Maximilian wrote:

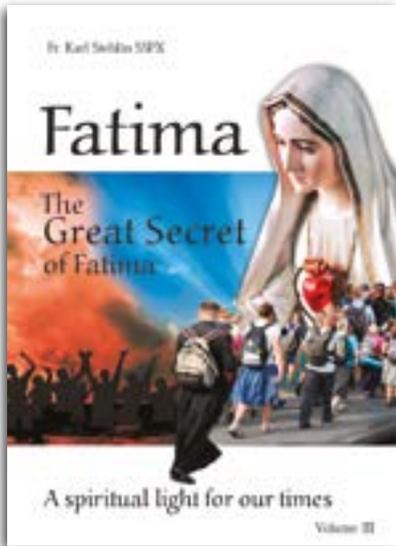
"In 1920, in the Zakopane hospital, where for a time I lived as a patient and chaplain, a woman was breathing her last. She was already preparing to die, yet she spoke with great sorrow of her husband, whose conversion at this late stage she could no longer hope for. Then he came to the hospital. I tried to suggest appropriate reading to him, conversing with him on religious subjects, but his only response to me was: 'I need clearer evidence.' Yet he took no pains at all to read more serious books. When he came to salute me at the time of departure, I made



one last attempt. I handed him the Miraculous Medal, and he accepted it. After that I asked him to go to confession: 'I am unprepared, no! Absolutely not!' was his answer, yet... he seemed compelled to kneel down and made his confession in tears." **M**

## Book review of "Fatima — A spiritual light for our times" vol. III

As if to enable us to reflect on the richness of Fatima throughout the entire centenary year of the apparitions, Fr. Karl Stehlin has provided us with a series of



books, appearing with perfect timing to sustain our reflections. The first volume of "Fatima — a spiritual light for our times" arrived in the second half of 2016, the second volume in the first half of 2017, and now the third volume has been released in this second half of 2017.

### **The Great Secret of Fatima**

This last volume considers the Third Secret of Fatima, but it

does not consider that Secret in the same way as so many Fatima books, which focus almost exclusively on the controversy as to whether the real secret was actually released by the Vatican in 2000.

### **M.I. in harmony with Fatima**

The seventh and final chapter emphasizes the apostolic aspect of Our Lady's Fatima requests. We are to be instruments for the triumph of her Immaculate Heart — certainly by our Communion, prayers, and sacrifices — but also by our apostolic labours. It is wonderful that Our Lady seemed to raise up St. Maximilian Kolbe, practically at the same time that she was working her wonders in Fatima, in order to provide us an easy means to perform Fatima missionary work.

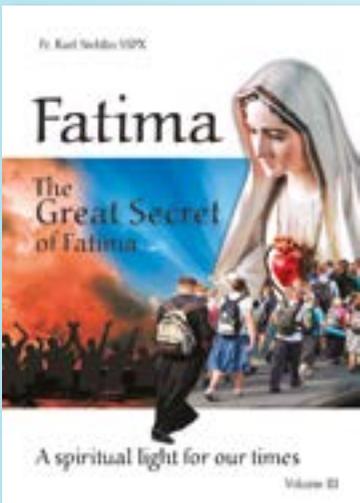
The Militia Immaculatae (M.I.) of St. Maximilian is in close harmony with the Fatima spirit and fulfils Our Lady's requests to the letter. Fr. Stehlin explains the structure of the M.I. and the means by which it forms Apostles of Fatima in the army of Our Lady. As an added bonus, the book

includes an appendix written by Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer which provides an analysis, in admirable detail, of the extraordinary Marian apostolate that has been taking place this past year in the Philippines through Mary's Mission Tour. This Tour revived the travels of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue that were so fruitful from the 1920s to the 1960s; it proved that SHE is just as powerful today in producing amazing spiritual blessings in a short time as she was then. Fr. Pfeiffer, using his valuable experience from this tour, provides a template for statue tours, which can be adapted according

to the concrete circumstances of countries around the world.

"Fatima — a spiritual light for our times" (vol. III) is a must-read for everyone who has a desire to understand the Fatima message and put it into practice, as THE means provided by God for the salvation of souls in our times. Fr. Stehlin has made sure that no one can have an excuse for not having access to this work — it is available for free online; it is available from Kolbe Publications; it is available at M.I. Corners in SSPX chapels around the world. Find a copy, take it up, and read, for Our Lady's honour!

*Fr. Paul Robinson*



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## Mary's Mission Tour – a Spiritual Crown

As birthdays provoke imaginative gifts, in like manner Centenaries call for something extraordinary. In the early part of 2016, Mary's Mission Tour was conceived as a large and worthy offering to Mary for the centenary of Fatima. It was deemed that 2100 km of Pilgrimage and Apostolate along the highways of the

Philippines, connecting the chapels of the Society of St. Pius X in a physical bond of prayer, preaching and the distribution of sacraments, would be the best thing the clergy could offer to Mary. It was to be a combination of obedience and oblation: obedience to the requests of Fatima, oblation of many souls to Mary in the M.I.



**Mary's Mission Tour** ended on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 in Our Lady of Victories Church in Manila.

The **Mary's Mission Tour** started on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2016. This is a pilgrimage of 2,000 km (1,200 miles) with a statue of Our Lady of Fatima throughout the Philippines.

How a few scorned Priests and an undaunted crew of dedicated Legionaries and catechists could take on a nation-wide task that faced continual contradiction — and see it to a successful conclusion — is a true tale of the power of Mary's Maternal love.

The physical components of a statue of Our Lady, about 40 inches tall, and mounted on a suitable mobile carriage, powered by PVCs (Pilgrim Virgin Carriers) and accompanied by PVWs (Pilgrim Virgin Walkers) and supported by Catechists, moving



through the highways in rain or shine, up-hill and down, is easy enough to conceive.

The logistics of contacting innumerable Barangay captains, Police chiefs, Army staff, Mayors and Provincial Governors, contradictory Bishops and clergy, and weaving these contacts into an unbroken chain of visitations of hundreds of official institutions, sleep-overs, apostolic venues and nature breaks, is a story too long to tell.

Keeping the support vehicles moving forward in contradiction of the second Law of Thermodynamics is unnecessary to depict.

But every Priest and Catechist who put their feet to the Mission trail, and laboured there to some small extent, will tell you that the overall results far transcend the daily grind, so often humiliating, sometimes simply over-tiring, sometimes amazingly fruitful, and other times just barren.

The Mission trail, so often witness to small & humble acts of simple apostolate, at other times brought forth events that remind one of the stories of the old missionaries and preachers who would move crowds.

Our Lady received and even protected the gift of her children.

<b>Activites</b>	<b>Total</b>
Conference attendees	57,406
<b>New Knights of the M.I.</b>	<b>48,104</b>
Imposition of Brown Scapulars	97,633
<b>Consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:</b>	<b>251</b>
● Districts	35
● Government offices	55
● Municipalities	36
● Provinces	9
● Cities	22
● Business	34
● Churches	7
● Schools	53



Mary's Mission Tour gave a real impetus to apostolic action in places hitherto completely closed to the apostolic Faith bequeathed to us by Catholic Tradition.

Mary's Mission Trail ended on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2017, but Mary's Mission continues. The Mother who blessed the Tour, will bless even more her continuing Mission. May the Queen of the Mission animate her new Knights to become more fruitful instruments for spreading the reign of her Immaculate Heart throughout the world.

*Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer*

## M.I. Recollection day in Davao City

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October in Davao City, Father Karl Stehlin preached two conferences for Knights of the Immaculata.

After a beautiful and hopefully fruitful Marian retreat at Alvarez Farm in Calinan, Reverend Father Stehlin took time to give a recollection day in Davao for the 42 Knights of the Immaculata, enrolled under the banner of the Blessed Mother.

The first conference reminded us the different prayers of the Angel of Fatima in order to help us to fix our regard not on our own needs but on the needs of the Immaculata. What does she want? What does she desire? As Mediatrix of all graces she will provide for our temporal and spiritual well-being in the measure that we care for her desires.

The second conference enkindled our Faith in the True Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, telling us how this burning fire of love of Jesus is real, true, infinite and far from all visions, all feelings and all extraordinary sensations!

And after these inspiring talks, 14 people became Knights of the



Immaculata and 44 elder Knights renewed with fervour their unconditional consecration to the Queen of Heaven and earth. Of the Knights attending the recollection, 28 were perfect in their obligations of wearing the medal and saying the prayer daily, while 11 others were saying the prayer but had lost the medal, and 6 others were wearing the medal but neglecting the prayer.

May the Blessed Virgin help us all to persevere.

## New Knight in Russia

In Moscow (Russia) Fr. Shane Pezzutti enrolled a new Knight into the Militia Immaculatae. We can honestly say that Our Lady has

been strongly encouraging us to vivify her Militia Immaculatae in Russia.

Please pray for them!



## “Consecration to the Immaculata” in Russian

The Militia Immaculatae offer a new book in Russian “Consecration

to the Immaculata”. This book will be a useful help for the apostolate in Russia. Thanks to the cooperation of the Knights from Russia and Poland, they managed to translate and print the book “Consecration to the Immaculata”.

This book is a preparation for enrolment into the Militia Immaculatae with an introduction and 13-day preparation according to St. Maximilian Kolbe.

This book is available for download in M.I. Library:

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## Mini-Marian Fair in Singapore

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of August, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the kidnapping of the children of Fatima, a mini-Marian fair took place in Singapore.

August being the month of the Immaculate Heart, a mini-Marian fair was held in the Singapore chapel to promote our new publications, in particular, "The Immaculate Heart of Mary". We had flyers, bookmarks and Holy cards on the same theme.

The picture shows Our Lady's helpers in their beautiful blue "Marian" veils.



## Letter from China

We received a letter from China, from which we publish this fragment:

"I have finally found the M.I. Chinese website, and have learnt much more about the M.I. from there. I would very much like to be part of the M.I. and to pray with others who have consecrated themselves to the Immaculata all over the world. But I'm still confused. Is it that if I provide my information by this email, it would mean that I could register myself? Or is it that I need to get into contact with local M.I. or

SSPX priest to enrol and then be registered by him? Please advise! I'd like to offer some registration fee, please advise how to make the payment.

I have also shown the website to a devout friend, and she would like to enrol soon. There are few in the mainland of China who know about the M.I. I think if more devout souls knew of it, they would enrol too.

I hope that there will be more M.I. Knights to assist Our Lady in the battle!

*Maria"*

## Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima by the M.I. in Australia

In Perth, Western Australia at the 'Our Lady Help of Christians,



Star of the Sea Church' parish, the Knights of the Immaculatae gathered after the 7:30am and 10:30am Masses on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August.

Prior Father Johnson offered a minor benediction and the Knights of the M.I. renewed the "Act of Consecration to the Immaculata", joining Knights from all around the world in glorifying and thanking the Immaculata.

## The badge of the M.I. in our New Zealand schools

In New Zealand, Knights have made up an insignia lapel pin for members of the Militia Immaculatae.

The pins are worn by all the pupils of the high schools (boys and girls) who have joined the Militia. The few children in primary school who have joined the Militia also wear the insignia pins. Each school is broken down into different houses, so the children have a similar pin with their house name on it. Captains and Vice-captains of the houses also have medal bars designating their rank. The M.I. pins therefore match the



style of these others and both boys and girls are proud to wear them.

These insignia pins were made available to all Knights of the parish and are worn by many of the faithful.

## Militia Immaculatae in France

The Militia Immaculatae (Traditional Observance) was introduced in France by the Capuchine Fathers of Morgon in 2002.

During 14 years they enrolled around 3000 knights, mostly amongst the members of the Third Order of Saint Francis. They also published 3 times per year a little bulletin called the "Knight of the Immaculate Heart of Mary". But this was the only link they had with the knights. Because their immense apostolate, lack of manpower and also because they have not the modern means of communication (telephone, fax, internet etc.), their apostolic field was very limited, and most of the faithful in France did not even know about the existence of the M.I.

Therefore, the General Superior decided to transfer the direction of the M.I. in France to the SSPX. The district superior appointed Fr. Guy Castelain as national moderator and decided that little by little in all priories, schools and chapels the M.I. should be introduced. He also invited the Director of the M.I., Fr. Stehlin, to help with the beginnings. Therefore he was assigned to visit the priory of



Nantes from the 29<sup>th</sup> of September to the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. He first presented the essentials of the MI to the priests of the priory. All conferences and sermons during his stay were consecrated to inform the faithful about Fr. Maximilian Kolbe's army. On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of October, solemnity of Our Lady of Rosary, 242 faithful were enrolled as Knights, amongst them the national moderator himself, the prior of the priory and another priest.

The next steps will be the publication of the French bulletin "Knight of the Immaculata" once every 2 months, a conference of Fr. Stehlin to all priors of the district of France in November and the first enrolments in the priories of BEAUMONT-PIED-DE-BOEUF, VANNES, and VERSAILLES.

## Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham (UK)

The annual pilgrimage of the GB and Scandinavia District took place on September 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017. Appeals had been made for a good level of support in this, the centenary year of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, particularly from those of the faithful who had been unable to undertake the Society's pilgrimage to Fatima. The aim was to have at least 100 pilgrims — one for each year of the centenary.

It is a measure of the District's love for Our Lady that 154 pilgrims took part, from babes-in-arms to octogenarians.

The procession began with the pilgrims filing through the Slip-



*Ready for the Consecration at the site of the Holy House of Nazareth*

per Chapel to start on the holy mile to the Abbey ruins and the site of the replica of the Holy House of Nazareth. During the procession, hymns were sung, interspersed with decades of the Holy Rosary.

At the site of the Holy House, Fr. Brucciani dedicated the Society and England to the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary after which Mass was offered in the village hall followed by Benediction, and then a hot meal.

May this pilgrimage increase our devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and attract more new Knights.

*Howard Toon*



*Preparing to set off along the Holy Mile*

## Pilgrimage to Our Lady in Gietrzwałd (Poland)

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2017, members of the Society of Saint Pius X set out on a pilgrimage from Olsztyn to the shrine of Our Lady in Gietrzwałd. While singing religious songs and saying prayers, the participants began the penitential march and prayed for the Church in general.

On the way, the faithful prayed the rosary. Fr. Krzysztof Gołębiowski introduced every mystery with deliberations that helped people to understand the substance of biblical events.

Fr. Edward Wesołek delivered a lecture about the Virgin Mary as the Queen. He drew attention especially to the dignity of the Mother of God that can be seen

in the Bible and in the teaching of the Church. In his second conference, he discussed the issue of “the Virgin Mary as the Queen of Poland”.

The solemn Mass was celebrated by Fr. Dawid Wierzycki in the nearby local community centre.



*Above:  
Pilgrims going  
through scenic  
areas, prayed the  
rosary*



*On the left side:  
Books & t-shirts  
about apparitions  
of Our Lady  
in Fatima and  
Gietrzwałd*

## 25 new Knights following the pilgrimage to Częstochowa (Poland)

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, at the end of the XXIII International Pilgrimage of Catholic Tradition from Warsaw to the shrine of Our lady in Częstochowa, Fr. Łukasz Szydłowski enrolled 25 new Knights into the M.I.

The pilgrimage starts every year on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August and ends on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August. Pilgrims came from Poland, the Czech Republic, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Russia, Belarus and Switzerland.

Each day started with Holy Mass, usually celebrated outdoors. Then the group set off singing the Little Office in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

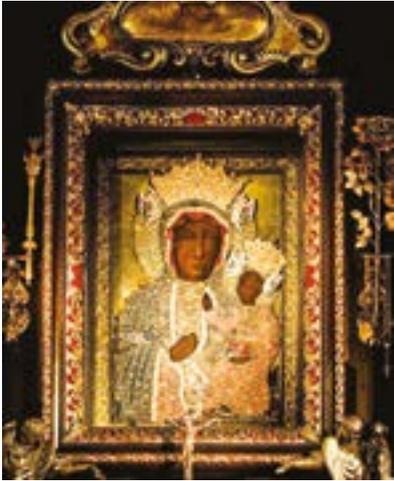
On the way the pilgrims sang the rosary and numerous Marian songs. While walking, the participants also heard lectures delivered by priests. The main topic of the lectures was the Fatima revelations. Apart from singing and listening to the lectures, there was also time for meditation — 15 minutes of silence.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of August pilgrims went into the chapel of the Miraculous Image, and on bended knees the pilgrims sang the oldest Polish song "*Bogurodzica*" (Mother of God) and "*Salve Regina*". After they had been presenting their thanks and intentions to the Immaculata in silence for

a couple of minutes, they received the blessing from Fr. Lukas Weber. Next, in the chapel of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fr. Łukasz Szydłowski intoned the prayers of the Fatima Angel.

Then, walking forward, still saying the rosary, the pil-





*Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Częstochowa*

girms went to the place of their overnight stay.

At 11:30 am Holy Mass was celebrated. Already before the Mass there had been many pilgrims who assembled around the M.I. Corner — a table with new flyers, miraculous medals and the new issue of "The Triumph of the Immaculata".

With this newfound zeal and love for Our Lady many pilgrims expressed their interest in the Militiae Immaculatae. Some of them wanted to enrol in the M.I.; others had already been Knights and wanted to share their experiences or just to talk about the activities of the Knights.

*Maciej Tobiasz*



*Pilgrims on the way*



*Avenue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Częstochowa*



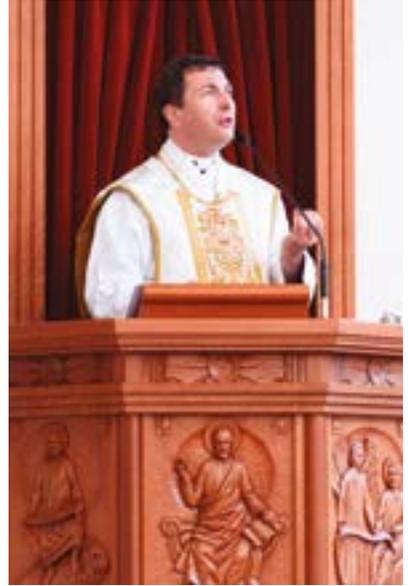
*Some materials of the Militia Immaculatae*

## Marian Mission in Wil (Switzerland)

A Marian Week organized by the M.I. was held in Wil (Switzerland) from the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of September. Fr. Karl Stehlin arrived on Friday and celebrated the evening Mass, including a passionate sermon.

On Saturday, 160 attendees from Switzerland, Germany, Austria, and even Poland were given 4 conferences.

The high point was a solemn procession from the city of Wil to the pilgrimage chapel of Dreibrunnen. The procession was accompanied by a brass band,



delegations from 4 M.I. groups, and 200 faithful in total. The five M.I. banners looked very impressive. Interested spectators were offered Miraculous Medals.

Sunday, following the High Mass, Fr. Stehlin enrolled 20 new Knights. The closing of the Mission consisted of a final conference concerning the Third Secret of Fatima.

The Mission brought many graces to our priory and to all

participants and brought us deeper into the understanding of the greatness of the Immaculata and the importance of the Immaculate Heart for our times.

On the occasion of the centennial of the M.I., 5000 audio CDs with the conferences from the Mission were produced.

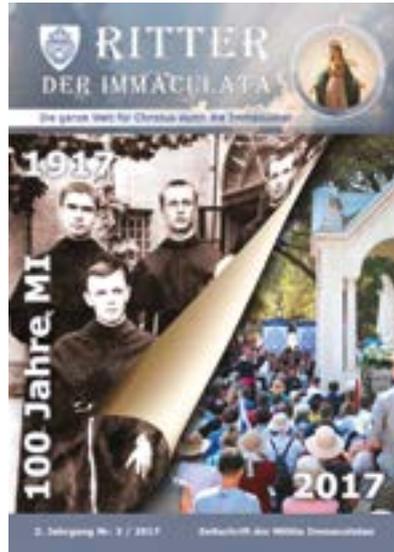
Glory to the Immaculata!

*Benjamin Aeppli*

### "Knight of the Immaculata" in German

The sixth issue of the "Ritter der Immaculata" (German: "Knight of the Immaculata") is dedicated completely to the theme of the M.I. centennial. Throughout various articles written by Knights, the following topics were touched on:

100 Years of the M.I.: History and Reawakening of the M.I.; An M.I. with Vision and Fire: What are the Goals of the M.I. and How Can They be Zealously Implemented?; 100 Year Revolution Against the Supernatural: Concerning Freemasonry as the Direct Cause of the Foundation of the M.I.; Reason and Purpose of a Jubilee in the Bible and in the Liturgy; The White Crown, Hard-Fought: The Virtue of Purity; Re-



port on the Centennial Celebration in Fatima.

The German magazine can be read online or the printed version can be ordered.

## Places associated with St. Maximilian



The Franciscan church of St. Mary of the Angels in Hrodna. St. Maximilian stayed from 1922 until November 1927. He published issues of the magazine "Knight of the Immaculata".



**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 the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 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 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:**

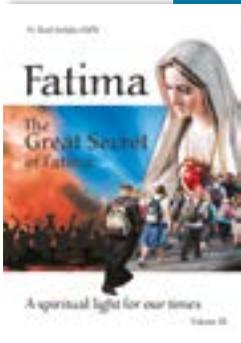
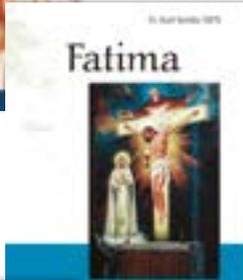
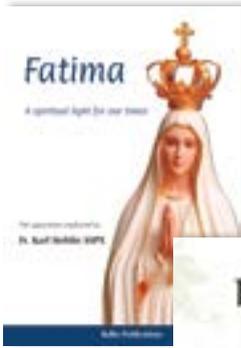
1. If possible, to pray the following ejaculatory prayer at least once a day: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee, and for all those who do not have recourse to thee, especially for the Freemasons and for those who are commended to thy care."

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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and tell us which country you are from.

# Books about Fatima



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