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Our Lady of Lourdes



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*Dear Knight of the Immaculata,
We wish you a happy and holy Christmas.
May the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ renew
your zeal for the Immaculata
and the apostolate in the year ahead.*



Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

Lourdes — Revelation of Heaven

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. Indeed, all human life is determined by the goal that man sets for himself. The goal and the means to achieve it, as presented by the present liberal and materialistic mentality, is not only a cruel lie and deception and thus a waste of human life, but it diverts us more and more from the real purpose for which we are created. The final drifting apart from this goal at the moment of death results in eternal damnation.

This threat is so menacing for so many souls that God in His mercy reaches for special means to save them from the worst catastrophe: He sends the Immaculata to this world, who, as the most loving mother, does everything for her lost children. At Lourdes, she especially reminds us of the purpose for which we were created. Lourdes is the revelation of the mystery of Heaven.

Our Lady explains the existence, essence and greatness of Heaven in two ways:

Firstly, through her own words about eternity and also by the reaction of the visionary of St. Bernadette: "I promise to make you happy, however not in this life, but in the next!" Bernadette held onto this promise of eternal happiness her entire life, especially during the most painful hours. In the tortures of her last illness one could hear from her lips: "Heaven! Heaven! It is said that there are saints who did not go straight to Heaven because they did not have enough thirst for Him. It does not concern me." She wrote in her diary: "I will do everything for Heaven... there I will find my Mother again in all her glory and happiness".

Secondly, by revealing herself in heavenly beauty and glory. H. Laserre, who was the first to describe the events of Lourdes with the approval of the authorities of the Church, wrote: "Bernadette was not able to compare the brightness around her with any known light. It was a brightness stronger than the sun. And yet this powerful light did not hurt her eyes. On the contrary: it was as if it caressed the eyes, it was soothing and an attraction in itself, spreading around a blissful, sweet peace. It differed from ordinary human figures, in that this light broke from her and she was beautiful... so extraordinarily, so wonderfully, so differently beautiful, that even if Bernadette were a perfect painter and she could paint her features with the utmost accurately, she would not be able to paint this beauty with any brush. Bernadette saw a slender figure of average height. She seemed to be a completely young, perhaps twenty-year-old woman. But like her beauty, so too was her youth something extraordinary. It seemed to be such a youth that does not pass and cannot pass — eternal youth. And there was something else in her youth that could not be expressed in words. It was a combination of the almost child-like grace of the purest virgin with the serious, infinitely understanding, boundless goodness of the mother and the overwhelming majesty of the queen."

This great heavenly happiness which emanates from the Immaculate revelation is illustrated in the miraculous conversion of Count de Bruisard when he met Bernadette several months after the apparition. At the end of the conversation he asked: "How did this beautiful lady smile?" — "Oh Sir, you have to be from Heaven to repeat such a smile". "Could you not show me how she smiled? I am an unbeliever and I do not believe in revelation." — "Do you think I am a liar?" — He already wanted to apologize to her as she continued: "Because you are a sinner, I will repeat the smile of the Mother of God." And the Count continued: "The child stood up slowly, folded her hands and smiled as wonderfully as I had never seen on human lips. Then her eyes turned to Heaven. I stood motionless

in front of her, convinced that I had seen the smile of the Blessed Virgin on the visionary's face. From then on, I carry this divine souvenir in my heart. I lost my wife and my two children, but I'm no longer alone in the world. I live with the smile of the Blessed Virgin."

In her, the dogma of Heaven becomes visible: Heaven is immaculate without stain. Only that soul which is completely cleansed of all dirt and darkness, entirely pure and immaculate, enters Heaven. Her face turned to Heaven, her delight and happiness show us that the essential happiness in Heaven is to see God face to face, and thus we love Him with His own unlimited Love. Happiness in Heaven is participation in the infinite happiness of God Himself.

We say in the Credo: *ET ITERUM VENTURUS EST CUM GLORIA JUDICARE VIVOS ET MORTUOS*. We believe in the Lord's final triumphant return at the end of human history. However, there are no analogies that can be used to help explain or even imagine this great event. That is why it is almost unrealistic and abstract for us. One historical event alone gives us an idea of the greatness of this great day: the Ascension of Christ! The angels explain this to the apostles: *sic veniet* — He will come again exactly as you saw Him go. However, there is a picture of this coming in triumph that will gather the whole world at His feet: this is the revelation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mysterious coming of Heaven to us, the first rays of eternal bliss in our darkness: the announcement of the Glorious Return of Christ and preparing us for this Day. Was his first coming not through her? So the second shall be!

She appears on earth only to prepare His coming. As the best Mother she prepares our hearts, she puts into us the best dispositions but also makes us understand who HE really is, who will come to judge the living and the dead. Christ in His glory, Christ glorious in His members by glorifying their souls and raising their bodies. This glory of Christ, as we see Him at the moment of the Transfiguration, Resurrection, and

Ascension, already now becomes somehow visible on earth, when in her apparitions she reveals something of her glory and heavenly beauty.

As HE will come in His glory, she already now reveals in herself this glory.

As HE will reveal Himself with the fruits of the work of salvation, the triumphant Church, she already now gathers the members of the Militant Church and gives them a foretaste of Heaven.

As He will complete the work of sanctifying every soul to holiness, she already now bestows graces of conversion and sanctification to her beloved children and leads them on the path to holiness.

As HE will raise the bodies of the deceased to the glory of Heaven, she already now relieves those who are sick in body and soul. How does she do it? Through her triumph over the darkness, over Satan and sin. In the world where sin reigns, her IMMACULATE CONCEPTION provides us with the triumph of grace over sin and the power to regain its original innocence. In a world where death prevails, her heavenly and immortal body assures us that Christ's life and love are stronger than death.

The morning star, the star of the sea, receives all its light from the shining sun. Mary receives all her light from Christ. But this star shines in the night and dispels the darkness of despair and doubt. In a world that is looking for human happiness only in man himself and his power to transform the world into an earthly paradise, she reveals the splendour of true happiness and the heavenly paradise in Christ. In her, we contemplate all the goods we can expect: she raises our faith, strengthens our hope, sustains us at each step of our journey to the Divine Spouse who will "come soon". She renews in our hearts the desire for Heaven, the desire for Christ and His victory."

Fr. Karl Stehlin

Manila, on the 8th of December 2017,

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Epiphany of Our Lord



The word Epiphany means manifestation, and it has passed into general acceptance throughout the universal Church. It comes from the fact that Jesus Christ manifested, before the eyes of all men, His divine mission on this day, when firstly a miraculous star revealed His birth to the kings of the East, the prophecy that a star would arise from Jacob was fulfilled.

Read more: <http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Prade57.php>

6th
January

The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The law of God, given by Moses to the Jews, ordained that after childbirth a woman should continue for a certain time in a state which that law calls unclean, during which time she was not to appear in public. This term was of forty days following the birth of a son. When the term expired, the mother was to bring to the Temple a lamb and, a young pigeon, or turtle-dove to the temple, as an offering to God. **Read more:** <http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Prade93.php>

2nd
February

The Flight into Egypt



The Flight into Egypt is the second sorrow of Our Lady. After the Epiphany, the Holy Family leaves their own people to take refuge in a heathen land. Our Lord consecrates, by His presence, that very land which had been the great historical enemy of the chosen people, and which was, hence, the expression of all heathen darkness.

Read more: <http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Prade136.php>

17th
February



St. Maximilian and Our Lady of Lourdes

Saint Maximilian venerated Our Lady with the name she herself proclaimed in Lourdes:

"I am the Immaculate Conception".

The life and works of Saint Maximilian were inseparable from the Immaculata and her name.

160 years ago, in the grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes, Our Lady appeared to a 14-year old girl, Bernardette. Our Lady appeared eighteen times, from the 11th of February to the 16th of July 1858.

You can find more information about these apparitions here: <http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Apparitions.php>



The 11th of February, which is the annual memorial of the apparitions of the Mother of God in Lourdes, was celebrated by Saint Maximilian with great devotion. Before this feast the Saint, together with his brothers, were in the habit of saying a novena. The octave (the 7 days following the feast) was also the time of bestowing wonderful graces by the Immaculata, as well as a time of special commitment to the fight for the Kingdom of God.

Often on that feast the Immaculata would bestow special temporal (for example important matters of the apostolate) and spiritual graces on Saint Maximilian.

The whole of February, the month that commemorates Our Lady's apparitions in Lourdes, was always regarded as a blessed month by Saint Maximilian:

"The blessed month of February has come again. I say blessed, because every year on the 11th of February we celebrate the memory of the apparition of the Immaculate Virgin at Lourdes."

For Knights of the Immaculata, the 11th of February is always a very special day. Saint Maximilian encouraged all Knights of the Militia Immaculata to celebrate this feast worthily, by receiving Holy Communion and giving themselves more wholeheartedly to the Immaculata, mainly through the battle with evil, limitless trust in God and Mary, as well as meditating on her and reciting the rosary.

On the 12th of January 1933, a month before the feast, he encouraged everyone to make proper preparations for the celebration of the 75th commemoration of the apparitions



Sanctuary of Our Lady at Lourdes

of the Immaculata in Lourdes: "It is almost a whole month to the feast of the apparition of the Immaculata in Lourdes on 11th February. It is necessary to prepare oneself, to receive as many graces as possible.

How to prepare? By becoming more and more her property; firstly until the feast of the apparition of the Immaculata in Lourdes, and then throughout the whole year, working on belonging to her more and more, because she has prepared special graces."

This sentence contains two very important elements:

In the first element, St. Maximilian calls for good preparations for the coming of the jubilee.

This preparation should most of all consist of experiencing and putting into practice our total abandonment to the Immaculata, while striving

for even greater perfection in our daily lives.

The second element is the clear anticipation of the special graces (or one great grace), that Mary can obtain for her Knights during this jubilee year.

On the jubilee day, namely the 11th of February 1933, Saint Maximilian wrote two letters to Niepokalanów (the City of the Immaculata). In those letters he gave testimony to the saving of a young Japanese girl from suicide, as well as a few conversions of Japanese people who received the sacrament of baptism.



St. Bernadette Soubirous

He wholeheartedly appealed for the reception of the words of the Immaculata from Lourdes, the development of the Militia Immaculata movement and taking the Immaculata as the model of life for every Knight.

Writing about the apparitions in Lourdes, the then Father Kolbe stressed the role and mission of Saint Bernadette Soubirous. Saint Maximilian gave her as an example of somebody completely devoted to Mary and capable of suffering enormously for God and our Heavenly Mother. Saint Maximilian upheld Saint Bernadette as an exemplar for the Knights of the Immaculata.

In 1914, as a clerical student Saint Maximilian was miraculously cured by means of water from Lourdes. To have lost his right thumb could have prevented him from receiving priestly orders. His miraculous cure was a visible sign of Mary's care of his priestly vocation.

During his life Saint Maximilian Kolbe visited Lourdes only once.



Grotto of Massiebelle at Lourdes

It was on the 30th of January 1930, before undertaking his mission to the Far East. In Lourdes Saint Maximilian celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Basilica, he prayed the rosary in the Grotto, he drank the miraculous water and he sank his finger in the water, he kissed the rock in the Grotto and he commended his prayers to Mary. Summarising his visit to Lourdes, he stressed the experience of a great love of His "Mamusia (Mammy)", as he fondly called the Immaculata.

The apparitions in Lourdes had a special place in the Marian treaty, commenced by Father Maximilian (which he never completed).

The Saint gave a description of the apparitions. However, most of all, St. Maximilian discussed the meaning of the name 'Immaculate Conception'.

"'Immaculate Conception' — these words came out of the

mouth of the Immaculata herself. Therefore, they must indicate accurately and in the most essential manner who she is.

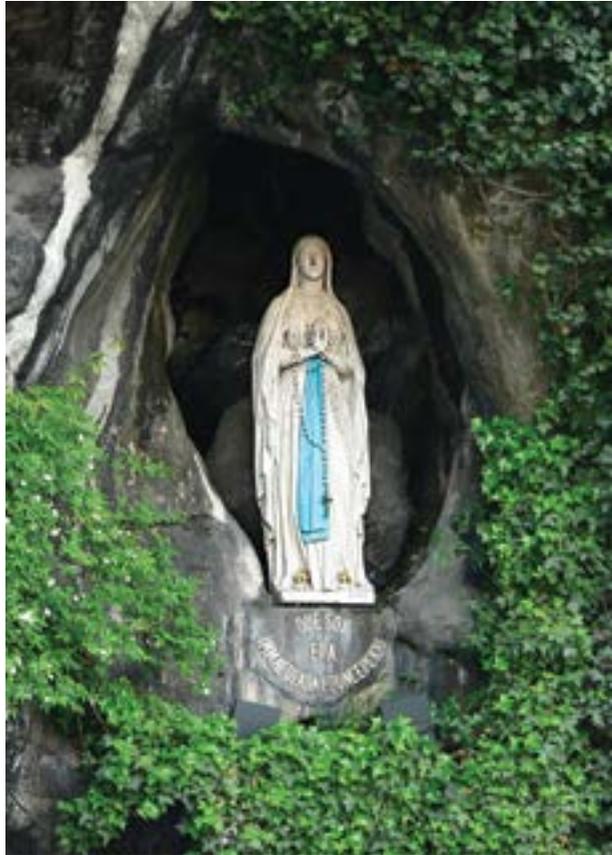
Who are you, O Immaculate Conception? Not God, for He has no beginning; not an angel, created directly out of nothing; not Adam, formed with the mud of the earth; not Eve, taken from Adam; and not even the Incarnate Word, who existed from eternity and is 'conceived' rather than a 'conception'. Prior to conception, the children of Eve did not exist, so they may be better called "conception". Yet you differ from them also, for they are conceptions contaminated by original sin, while you are the only Immaculate Conception."

Also, in Lourdes, the Immaculata did not define herself as: "Conceived without sin", but, as St. Bernadette herself recounts: "At that moment the Lady was standing



above the wild rose bush in the same way in which she is depicted on the Miraculous Medal. Upon my third question her face took on an expression of gravity and at the same time of profound humility... Joining the palms of her hands as if in prayer, she lifted them up to her chest... turned her gaze toward Heaven... then, slowly opening her hands and bowing to me, she said in a voice in which you could notice a slight tremor: 'Que soy era Immaculada Councepsiou!' (I am the Immaculate Conception!)"

The whole meaning of the life, sufferings and death of Saint Maximilian was to underline the answer given by the Most Holy Virgin Mary to Bernadette, when she asked the Lady to reveal her name. Saint Maximilian had a desire to live by that answer as well as to feed others with it.



Countless times and without rest Saint Maximilian repeated: "The Most Holy Mother, asked by Bernadette what was her name, replied: 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. This is a definition of the Immaculata." **M**

Fatima Conference in Moscow

On the 4th and 5th of November in Moscow (Russia), Fr. Shane Pezzutti and faithful of the SSPX in Russia co-operating with the Fatima Centre, organized a Conference about Fatima in Moscow.

Divine Providence recently blessed the SSPX mission in Russia with a tremendous visit from H.E. Bishop Bernard Fellay.

Firstly, H.E. Bishop Fellay visited our small chapel in St. Petersburg and offered Mass on the 2nd

of November. It was the Superior General's first official visit to the SSPX mission in St. Petersburg and the faithful were very thankful for his visit. Afterwards he was able to meet with them and speak about the crisis in the church and further apostolic work in St. Petersburg.

Then he travelled to Moscow where he participated in a 2 day Conference organized by the late Fr. Gruner's FATIMA CENTRE on the 4th and 5th of November and made a short visit to our small SSPX Chapel. It was also his first official visit to our mission in Moscow. The Conference was purposefully organized for the 100th anniversary of the apparitions in Fatima. The Conference was a big success. There were 3 lectures on Saturday and 3 lectures on Sunday.

H.E. Bishop Fellay spoke on Saturday night about the Fatima message and the current state of the Church. Other speakers included: Christopher Ferrara; Mrs. Elena Chudinova; Fr. Isaac Relyea; Mr Stanislav Protosenko; and Mr. Michael Semin. All the lectures were translated into Rus-



Holy Mass in St. Petersburg

sian or English by our SSPX faithful and will be available on the Fatima Centre's webpage later. Also, the Fatima Centre and the SSPX in Russia diligently worked together to translate many leaflets and booklets about Fatima, the First Saturdays, the Scapular *etc.* We distributed hundreds of these at the Conference.

This Conference and visit by H.E. Bishop Fellay was truly a beautiful grace from the hands of the Immaculata. Truly Russia holds a special place in her Immaculate Heart and therefore, while Providence gives us this opportunity to work in Russia we must tirelessly continue to bring the true Catholic Faith and the true message of Fatima into this spiritually ravaged land. Russia and the Russian people have been almost totally



cut off from the Catholic Church for hundreds and hundreds of years. Now the door is more open for the Church, but the modernists and ecumenists are filling the minds of Catholics with a modernism. That is why our little missions and these Conferences are so important. Through these we have the chance to bring the true Catholic Faith of our fathers to souls. We beg for your prayers and your support.



First enrolment into the M.I. in the Seminary in Argentina

On the feast of the Miraculous Medal (the emblem of the Militia Immaculatae), the 27th of November, a ceremony took place in the Seminary of Our Lady Corede-mptrix in La Reja (Argentina). This was for the enrolment of Seminarians and Brothers into the Militia Immaculatae, who wish to serve Mary as her instruments for the salvation of souls. In total there were 20 new Knights of the Immaculata, among them two deacons who are shortly to be ordained priests and thus about to start their apostolate under the directives of the Immaculata.

The ceremony was held in the church of the Seminary dedicated to the Immaculate Concep-

tion; so the date and the Patroness of the church enhanced the significance of the ceremony.

The enrolment ritual of the Militia Immaculatae was conducted in the presence of Reverend Fr. José María Mestre Roc who addressed the new Knights indicating why the date of the 27th of November was chosen to launch the Militia Immaculatae in the Seminary, and the meaning of offering oneself to Mary as an instrument, now in the Seminary and tomorrow in the apostolate. He indicated particularly, referring to the apparition of Our Lady to Saint Catherine Labouré, that the new Knights are called to be those hands of the Immacu-



late from which all graces proceed, and which, by their fidelity, should be the hands distributing the luminous rays, that is, the dispensed graces.

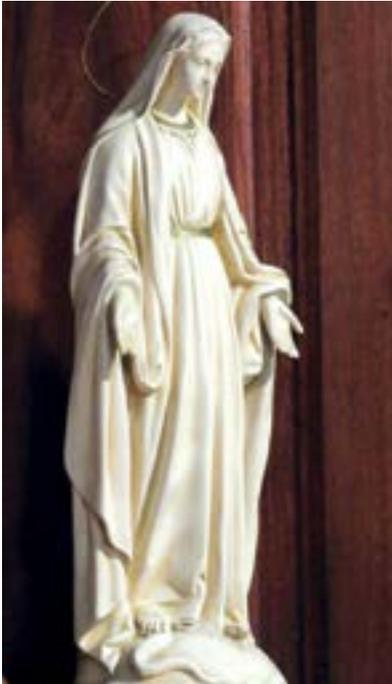
They should not be hands with turn off rays, hands that due to their guilt hinder the passage of the graces Our Lady wishes to grant to souls.

With all fervour the new Knights pronounced their Consecration to the Immaculate, offering themselves "completely and totally" to Mary as her goods and property, in "life, death and eter-

nity", to be "a faithful instrument in her immaculate hands".

Let us ask the Lord and His Most Holy Mother that this consecration will really mean to each one of the new members of the Militia a victory of the Immaculate over the serpent, camouflaged in the world.

These Knights are the first in Argentina. We pray for the Knights and the Militia Immaculatae in Argentina. Let the zealous Knights spread the spirit of St. Maximilian and the Militia Immaculatae.



*Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata
Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos*

M.I. in the Police Station (Philippines)

On the 23rd of October 2017, Father John Timothy Pfeiffer, staff from ACIM-Asia and Legionaries of Mary from Polomolok, General Santos and Koronadal, South Cotabato introduced the Militia Immaculatae in the Municipal Police Station of Polomolok, a request made by Police Officer Marie Liza Pulido.

Two weeks before the M.I. ceremony, I had a conversation with some of the Police Officers who said that they were receiving death threats from people who were involved in their drug bust operation or "Operation Tokhang". Some of them told me that they are ready to die but were worried for their families' safety.

I made a suggestion that they always pray and invoke Our Lady for protection and that it would be beneficial if they wore a scapular which would also protect them. They became very interested and asked me if it would be possible for a priest to visit them and have the scapular imposed upon them. We agreed that they (the Police Officers) would ask their head and I would ask Fr. Pfeiffer if it would be possible. The Police Officers told me that they wanted it as soon as possible.

Two days after my conversation with the Police Officers, they said that they had approval from their Commanding Officer. I immediately asked Fr. Tim if it would



be possible and he said that it is would be but with conditions. I informed my friend immediately but since she also needed to relay the conditions to her superior we had to wait for the answers. I was on my way to retreat at that time so when I got back I was bombarded with messages from my police officer friend. She had made the necessary preparations but was worried when she didn't receive any reply from me, although I gave her a heads-up that I would be out for a week and unable to communicate.

On the day of the M.I. ceremony, we started with a procession just around the police station which was followed by a lecture/catechism for almost an hour. The police station was then consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by PCINSP ALEX JOE ORCAJADA, Officer-In-Charge. Guests were also invited from the Local Government Unit of Polomolok.

After the consecration, Father Pfeiffer invited them to join and be a part of M.I. He explained what the M.I. is and what it entails for those who wanted to serve Our Lady. For those who cannot or would not, they could instead



The Police Officers who enrolled in the M.I.

choose to receive a miraculous medal and scapular.

A total of 31 (Police Officers and Municipal Councilors) enrolled in the M.I. and 62 scapulars were imposed on the police officers, municipal councillors and employees; another 30 scapulars were imposed on the prisoners inside the Municipal Police Station. Miraculous medals were also given to the police officers who requested them for their loved ones who were not present during the ceremony.

The purpose of this activity is to ask guidance, protection and blessings from our Almighty God and to highlight the PNP Core Values "MakaDiyos". By this act, PNP personnel will transform from within with sound moral and spiritual values which is a requisite for the PNP to realize genuine transformation — Police Officer Liza Pulido.

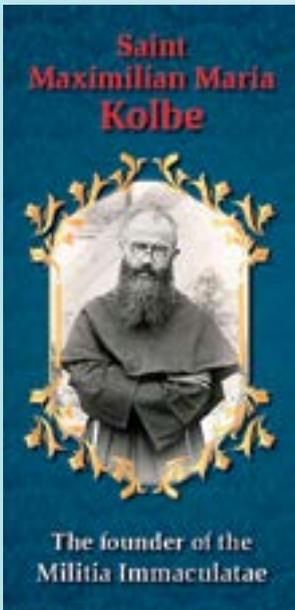
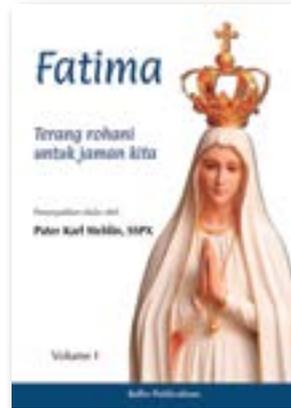
Fatima book in Indonesian

We offer part I of the book “Fatima — a spiritual light for our times” in Indonesian.

This was made possible through the work of the translator and benefactor. May the Immaculata reward them.

Book for download in M.I. Library:

<https://knightlibrary.wordpress.com/indonesian/>



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the founder of the
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First enrolment into the M.I. in Spain

On the 7th of November during his visit to Madrid (Spain), Father Karl Stehlin enrolled 18 Knights into the Militia Immaculatae. These Knights are the first in Spain.

We pray for the Knights and the Militia Immaculatae in Spain. Let the zealous Knights spread the spirit of St. Maximilian and the Militia Immaculatae.



“Knight of the Immaculata” in French, No. 1

The Militia Immaculatae in France has published the first issue of the “Knight of the Immaculata” in French.

There are 4 pages: one for the National Moderator's Message, a second for its founder, Father Kolbe (written by the Capuchin Fathers of Morgon), a third for the doctrinal formation, and a fourth, written by the Director of the M.I. which provides news of the work spread around the world.

In this centenary of the founding of the M.I. we must all remain united around the Immaculata, "terrible as an army arrayed in battle".

Download in M.I. Library:

<https://mi-library.org/francais/>



Rallies of the young Knights in Poland

In Poland young Knights organize their cyclical rallies. There are separate rallies for girls and boys.

On the 27th — 29th of October, the rally of the Militia Immaculatae for boys took place in Cracow (Poland). On Friday evening, the 27th of October, the boys listened to a short conference about the origins of the Militia Immaculatae delivered by Br. Maximilian.

He reminded his listeners that the M.I. was created by St. Maximilian in response to Masonic manifestations. The speaker pointed out that the essence of the M.I. consists in devotion to Our Lady and he raised the issue that is essential to one's spir-

itual development, namely that of recognizing one's main personal vice and the constant fight against it.

The next day started with Holy Mass. Then, Fr. Łukasz Szydłowski then presented a lecture on the Militant Church. The priest made the boys aware of our vocation to fight. It should originate in ourselves, we should fight against our own vices first. Afterwards, the participants visited the salt mine of Wieliczka and explored the Old Town in Cracow.

The last day included Holy Mass and a return journey to Warsaw.

Young Knights from Warsaw



Young Knights in the salt mine of Wieliczka

M.I. Apostolate in Australia

Since having the great pleasure of the Reverend Father Karl Stehlin's visit to Australia in 2016, the membership for the Militia Immaculatae introduced in this district has grown close to 700 members.

In Tynong, two M.I. corners have been set up to display and distribute the much needed materials for a greater devotion to Our Lady and the advancement and guidance of the spiritual life provided by Kolbe Publications. One corner has been set up at Saint Thomas Aquinas College and the other is set up at Corpus Christi Church.

On the Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint Thomas Aquinas College had the pleasure of a visit from Father Nely for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the College. We renewed the consecration of the College to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Leading up to the 13th of October the district of Australia did a rosary novena and in the evening of the 100th anniversary of the final apparition of Fatima over 500 parishioners at Corpus Christi Church came to a can-

delit procession to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Thanks to the efforts of Father Paul Robinson and Father Benjamin Campbell the spread of the M.I. has reached the mission chapels of Mackay and Toowoomba during the course of 2017. We have had a number of new enrolments which is a great blessing and wonderful to see.

Tynong has recently been donated a substantial number of



M.I. Corner in St. Thomas Aquinas College

scapulars, Benedictine medals, and Miraculous Medals by the Legion of Mary in Queensland to use in the M.I. Apostolate.

On the Feast of Christ the King, the Corpus Christi Parish cel-

ebrated its 10th anniversary since the building of the new church, thanking Our Lord and Our Lady for the many graces over those very blessed 10 years.

Sascha Rayner

The M.I. in the South Pacific

The SSPX priests based in New Zealand have now enrolled nearly 350 members in the Militiae Immaculatae from all over the South Pacific: Vanuatu, New Caledonia and New Zealand.

The most recently enrolled New Zealand member was Michael Peyroux, a 13 year old boy who was blessed to make his enrolment at the very spot of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima in 1917. More extraordinary was the fact that he made his consecration and was enrolled in the M.I. on a feast most dear to Our

Blessed Mother, the feast of her Immaculate Heart, on the 22nd of August. Michael was inspired to join the M.I. and consecrate himself to Our Lady on this day and in this place after having listened to the talks delivered by Fr. Karl Stehlin in the Sanctuary of Fatima a few days earlier at the time of the SSPX International Pilgrimage to Fatima last August.

Conferences of Fr. Stehlin in Fatima are on the M.I. Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI_FWDrpCKd-Pq2-bRKhXbDgaDUwZo-2j_



Pilgrims from New Zealand in Fatima

Recollection Marian Day in Chennai

Father Stehlin preached a "Marian day of Recollection" entitled "Heaven, Purgatory and hell — a Catechism on Fatima" on the 4th of November at the Shrine of Our Lady of Light, in Luz Chennai; India. He enrolled 48 new Knights.

The 4th of November 2017 marked the second time this year that we had the privilege of a recollection led by Fr. Karl Stehlin, the District Superior of Asia for the SSPX and the Father Director of the Militia Immaculatae.

The theme he chose was "Heaven, Purgatory and hell", a Catechism from the Blessed Mother herself to the three shepherd children of Fatima. Preparations were underway at the Shrine of our Lady of Light for a day of prayer and recollection...

Chennai was lashed with incessant rainfall on the 3rd of November. Amidst fear of floods and power cuts the organizing team was contemplating whether to reschedule or cancel the day of recollection. Panic stricken that we may not be able to come to the Church the following day,

we turned to Fr. Stehlin for advice. "Let's not cancel", he said, "Our Lady will send her faithful". With that assurance we resumed preparations and sent out messages to everyone that the recollection was on as scheduled.

On the 4th of November at 8:30 am, the rain seemed relentless. The day of recollection



Shrine of Our Lady of Light in Luz Chennai; we see altar with a beautiful statue of Our Lady with Child of Jesus



Shrine of Our Lady of Light in Luz Chennai



Enrolment of new Knights

began with the Rosary. There were only 4 ladies seated in the Church when Father Stehlin walked in with a broad smile, full of confidence: "I will begin my first conference at 9:15" he said. The fact that there were but 4 people did not seem to worry him, he was basking in the splendour of this 500 year old shrine dedicated to the Blessed Mother enshrined here as Our Lady of Light.

As the choir started chanting the Litany of Our Lady in Latin, the crowd slowly trickled in. It was not long before there were close to 100 people seated in the Church before the first conference began. They came despite the rain, braving the storm to hear the Catechism of Our Blessed Mother through one of her ardent sons.

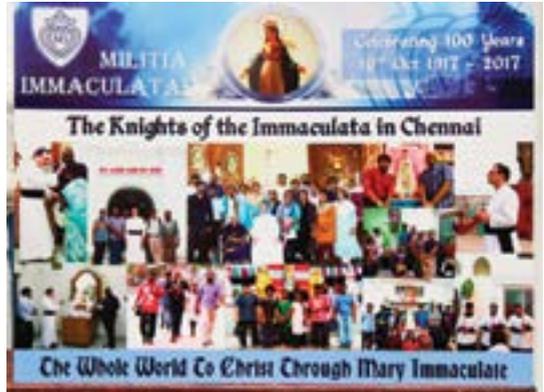
We live in a time and age when Catholics are accustomed to hearing sermons about death in terms of "He's in a better place" or "She's cradling in the arms of Jesus", so it was a shock when Father taught them the reality of Purgatory and hell as told by our Blessed Mother to the shepherd children of Fatima. The look on everyone's faces

said it all. Just before we broke for lunch Father cheered them up by saying "... and after lunch I'll tell you something nice and soothing, we are going to talk about Heaven".

More than 150 people attended the Tridentine Latin Mass was offered that afternoon. The church felt heavenly with the incense and Gregorian chants, it was mesmerizing for those who attended for the first time, the Holy Sacrifice of Mass as it ought to be. 120 people were invested with the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and 48 came forward to be enrolled as Knights of the Militia Immaculatae.

As one gentleman said "Thank you for organizing this day of recollection, I now know I have to strive to save my soul. If the saints feared for the loss of their soul, then how much more should I?"

Words would fail to express our love and gratitude to Father Karl Stehlin who took time off from his very busy schedule to be with us and preach this much needed conference. He also taught us by his good example to trust in Divine Providence



Poster: The Knights of the Immaculata in Chennai



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and the unfailing protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Peter Thumma, the Parish Priest of the Shrine of our Lady of Light and the Judicial Vicar of the Arch Diocese of Madras-Mylapore, for his constant support and blessings in all our endeavours.

Neville Philip

Places associated with St. Maximilian



On the 21st of November 1927, St. Maximilian moved from Grodno to Teresin with a few Franciscan brothers and founded Niepokalanów (the City of the Immaculata).

Above: The consecration of the statue of the Immaculata (6th of July 1927) on the parcel of land donated by Count Drucki-Lubecki, upon which now stands Niepokalanów, the City of the Immaculata.

Below: the same statue of the Immaculata today; it stands in front of the entrance to the chapel which was built by St. Maximilian and the brothers in 1927.



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 16th 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:

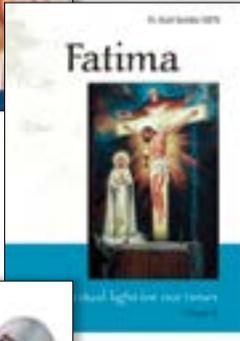
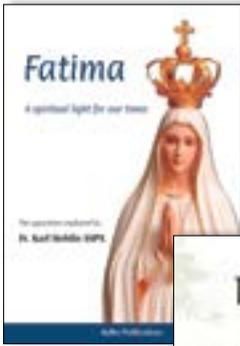
1. If possible, to pray the following ejaculatory prayer at least once a day: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee, and for all those who do not have recourse to thee, especially for the Freemasons and for those who are commended to thy care."

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.

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