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A Booklet about the Consecration of Russia

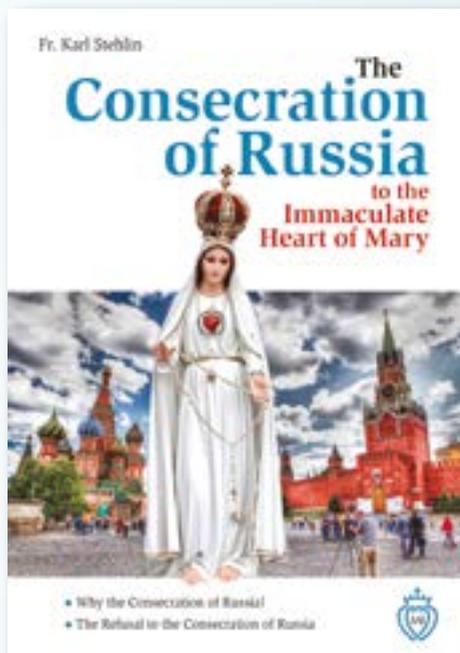
*In Tuy (on the 13th of June 1929)
Our Lady told Sr. Lucia:*

*'The moment has come when
God asks the Holy Father to make,
in union with all the bishops of the
world, the consecration of Russia to
my Immaculate Heart, promising to
save it by this means.*

*So numerous are the souls which
the justice of God condemns for sins
committed against me, that I come
to ask for reparation. Sacrifice
yourself for this intention and pray.'*

The booklet contains these themes:

- Consecration — Keyword of Fatima
- Why the Consecration of Russia?
- The Pope in Union with All the Bishops
- Marvellous Promises
- The Tragedy Foretold at Fatima
- The Refusal to the Consecration of Russia
- Establishment of M.I. 2 — Mission for Russia



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Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

The topic of this issue of "Knight of the Immaculata" is the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

At Fatima Our Lady revealed to the world her Immaculate Heart and presented the devotion to her Immaculate Heart as the remedy for all evils in our times. She also revealed what this devotion mainly consists of and announced that she would come again to give detailed precisions of her request: "I will come and ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted".

We see that both requests are closely linked: through the devotion of the First Saturdays we obtain the conversion of many people, whilst the consecration of Russia will turn the hearts of this people towards the Immaculate Heart to receive the light of the truth and the graces of Our Lord.

On the 13th of June 1929, in Tuy, Our Lady gave 4 conditions for the consecration of Russia. She requires the Pope:

1. to unite "with all the bishops of the world"
2. to make the consecration
3. of Russia
4. to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

On the 13th of May 1930, Sister Lucia explained further the will of Heaven and added 2 conditions:

5. "a solemn act of reparation and the consecration of Russia to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary"
6. "the promise that upon the ending of this persecution [the persecution of the Church by those following the errors of Russia] he will approve and recommend the practice of the reparatory devotion already described."

From the time that Sr. Lucia made the Second Secret known in 1942, with its request for the consecration of Russia, various Popes have performed consecrations vaguely similar to the one requested by Our Lady, while still failing to follow her precise wishes.

Unfortunately, the most important points of the message of Fatima were entirely disregarded in the discussions of the Second Vatican Council. At every opportunity, the Council took a diametrically opposite position to that of Fatima. The unequivocal request of the Blessed Virgin to consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart was altogether brushed aside by the Council despite the petition of many Council Fathers, because the religious consecration of a nation stood in direct opposition to conciliar themes of religious liberty, secularism, and ecumenism.

After the Second Vatican Council Pope John-Paul II repeatedly accomplished consecrations to Our Lady, however none of them fulfilled even half of the conditions asked for by Our Lady. An exact fulfilment has still not yet been made. Sister Lucia herself affirmed up to 1989 that the consecrations made until then did not correspond to Our Lady's requests. Indeed, thirty-five years after the last consecration by Pope John-Paul II in 1984, the conversion of Russia promised by the Holy Virgin has still not happened.

Therefore we can state clearly that in spite of all efforts from Rome the last word about Fatima has not yet been said. As long as the consecration of Russia is not yet made according to the requests of Our Lady, the "errors of Russia" will continue to do their work of destruction in the world and in the Church.

Dear Knights, let us do everything that our little and weak hands can do to make Our Lady "known and loved" and to fulfill her dearest wishes. Only then will we be privileged to participate in the joy, when "at the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph".

Fr. Karl Stehlin

Warsaw, on the 12th of April 2019

(the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady)



The Blessed Virgin Mary places **Russia** at the centre of world events in our time

*Here we publish an excerpt from a speech given by
Christopher Ferrara during a Conference in Moscow.*

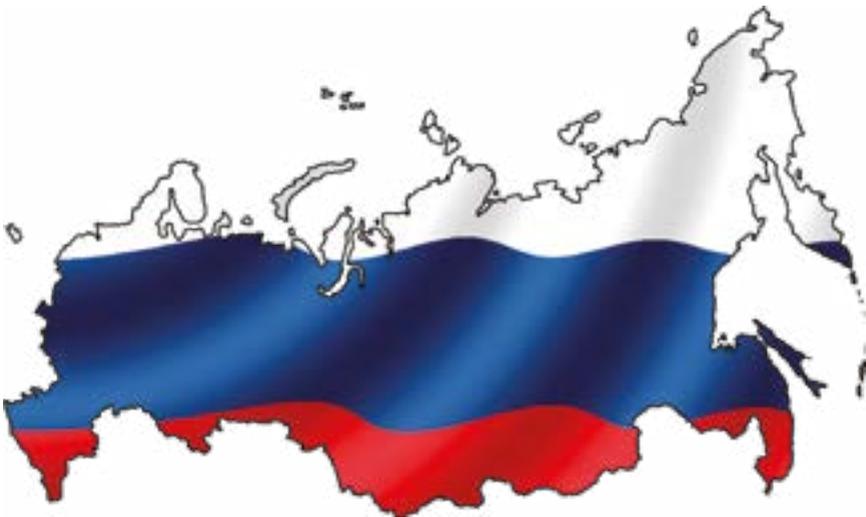
The particular focus of the Message of Fatima is the great nation of Russia... The Message of Fatima is a prophetic revelation in which Russia plays a central role. In this prophecy Russia is, as it were, a vessel of divine election, a country chosen by God to bring about a transformation of the so-called contemporary world...

In this Message, the Blessed Virgin Mary places Russia at the centre of world events in our time, beginning, of course, in the fateful year of 1917. But in the Message, the Blessed Virgin also places Russia at the centre of salvation history as well... The last of the six apparitions of the Virgin occurred on the 13th of October 1917, only a few weeks before the commencement of the October Revolution...

The request for the Consecration of Russia is no insult to Russia but is the greatest honour that Heaven can bestow on this nation, because at Fatima, the Mother of God revealed that Russia, as I suggested earlier, is a vessel, an instrument of divine election for the reign of peace in the world that will follow what she called the triumph of her Immaculate Heart. And the great people of Russia will be the instruments for the beginning of a miraculous conversion of the Western world, a world that is in rebellion against God and His Law...

When the Consecration of Russia to the Mother of God, for whom the Russian people have such a deep devotion, is finally performed, your great nation will be instrumental in bringing about the glorious fulfilment the Mother of God has promised us. May the Lord grant that it will happen soon!

*Taken from "The Fatima Crusader"
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Conversation of St. Maximilian with the Orthodox

— I am Orthodox — said a lady.

— All men are brothers, and besides, Orthodox worship the same Christ the Lord whom we worship. However, it would not be possible to say that the Orthodox religion is also a religion founded by Christ — said St. Maximilian.

— And why? — she asked.

— In fact, there is only one truth: 'yes' or 'no' cannot be true simultaneously. Well, we affirm that the Holy Father is the visible head of the Church of Christ, while the Orthodox deny this. It is not possible that both propositions are true — he answered.

— That's right — she confirmed.

— Well, Christ knew that various schisms would take place and gave us a clear rule, according to which we can recognize his Church. Turning to St. Peter He said, 'Thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church' [cf. Mt 16:18]. His Church, therefore is one that has its foundation on that rock, and the successors of St. Peter are not the Czars of Russia, but the Popes — concluded St. Maximilian.



St. Maximilian and Russia

"The entire life of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe was influenced by Russia" — said Fr. Jean-François de Louvencourt.

St. Maximilian was born in the part of Poland which was occupied by the Russians at that time (1894); his birth certificate was written in both languages.

Once the M.I. was founded, his main dream was to introduce it in Russia which was sovietic at the time.

But Father Kolbe was not a "dreamer" and he took action very quickly. To his brother Alphonse, a Franciscan like himself, he wrote in 1926: "Dearest brother, it would be

good to print in Russian the enrolment documents of the M.I. Father Albert knows Russian and Mr Redzidi can lend the letterpress". But at this moment, Providence wanted him somewhere else. He created Niepokalanów in 1927 and left for Japan in February 1930 to found a second City of the Immaculate.

As he was obliged to come back to Poland in August that same year, he asked his superior: "Would it be appropriate that I stop in Moscow if possible? Obviously if this were to be granted to me (as we were





at the heights of the Stalinian repression then), I could analyze the religious situation of the place and the possibility to start the publication of a *Knight* bulletin in Russian".

On his way to Niepokalanów through Siberia, he stopped 4 days in Moscow and went secretly into the huge Red Square, in front of the Kremlin.

Like Saint Peter arriving in Rome, capital of ancient pa-

ganism, he stood there in his weakness and his poverty, in the midst of the global diffusion of the intrinsically perverse communism. But he was certain of the victory of his Lady who would overthrow again the throne of Satan, just as the Throne of Peter established itself where the devil was reigning supreme.

In 1931 St. Maximilian wrote: „I believe that her banner will be hoisted up even over the Kremlin, and so on. In a word, she shall be truly

Queen of every heart and in every heart will introduce divine love, the love of the Heart of Jesus. Then the purpose of the Militia Immaculatæ will have been achieved."

Here is what he said in February 1937 in Rome, during the 20th anniversary of the Militia Immaculatae:

"We do not believe this glorious day is far, or only a dream, when the statue of the Immaculate will preside over the very heart of Moscow, thanks to her missionaries".

He repeated several times this prediction, especially to Fr. Pignalberi:

"**H**e assured me that in the centre of Moscow the statue of the Immaculate would be erected, but beforehand a trial of blood would be necessary. (...) He repeated this hint at a trial of blood several days later. (...) I remained distressed at such a distinct declaration but he insisted, saying it was better this way and even necessary."



Despite the fact that during his lifetime he hadn't been able to bring about the publication of the *Knight* bulletin in Russian as well as its diffusion in the Soviet Union, he was not missing any opportunity to communicate with the Russians.

In 1921, he met some prisoners of the Red Army; he managed to have books in Russian sent and lent to them and offered them Miraculous Medals.



They said, thanking him: "When we look at this medal, we will remember that a priest gave it to us." While traveling to Japan in 1930, he had a heated discussion on the boat with a Russian man who was a staunch defender of Darwin.

St. Maximilian and Fatima

It was not until the 1940s that the message of Fatima crossed

the boundaries of Portugal and hence St. Maximilian didn't know about it. But what a convergence with the works of the humble Franciscan.

In Fatima, Our Lady came to establish in the world a devotion to her Immaculate Heart (13th of June 1917) and to announce her triumph (13th of July 1917). However St. Maximilian worked for the



exact same goals all through his life. Mgr Palatucci said during the beatification trial:

"I think that the works of the M.I. were inspired on purpose by God to His great servant, Father Maximilian, to contribute to the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to the conversion of Russia and to peace in the world according to the message of the 13th of July 1917 in Fatima".

One can only admire the hand of Providence, which led

Saint Maximilian to realise His divine plans.

There is convergence in dates as well: the M.I. was created on the 16th of October 1917, three days after the great miracle of the sun in Fatima and 10 days before the October Revolution.

The fight for the faith

The crisis we are now experiencing has its roots in ecumenism and cross-religious dialogue, in order to establish the unity of Humanity without Our Lord Jesus Christ.

However in the promise of conversion of schismatic Russia subject to its consecration, Our Lady affirms implicitly its current wandering.

The consecration of this country by the Holy Father implies that the Church is the only mean of salvation and that the schismatics won't be part of it until they give up their errors.

This act of consecration is also an affirmation of the Primacy of Peter and his ruling over the world, even over the lost ones.

On his side, St. Maximilian founded the whole of his apostolate on the one who "destroyed all heresies in the world."

He vigorously condemned the oriental schism and the Protestant heresy, not hesitating to name the latter as the

vanguard of the army of Satan of which Freemasonry is the kingpin.

How about us?

Let's live in the deepest intimacy with Our Lady by consecrating ourselves to the Immaculate Heart.

We become her instruments by consecration. When will we destroy evil in this world most expeditely and in its entirety? It is the most important and unique aspect to focus on.

Everyone of us must only focus on harmonizing, tuning himself, totally merging, so to speak, his own will with the will of the Immaculate, as St. Maximilian said: "the same way as her will is completely united to the will of God, her Heart to the Heart of her Son Jesus." M



Interview with the Rev.

Father Karl Stehlin

Director of the M.I.
and Superior of the Autonomous
House of Eastern Europe
(including Russia)

When and why was the apostolate of the Society of Saint Pius X created in Russia?

The apostolate in Russia had already started early in the 1990s. For many years we celebrated the Holy Mass more or less once a month in private places for a very small group of faithful. For the past 2 years we have celebrated the Holy Mass in a church twice a month.

In Russia as in other places, the SSPX answers to the legitimate requests of the faithful to receive the true doctrine and authentic means of salvation (Holy Mass of all time, traditional sacraments).

Is it reasonable to say that the apostolate of the SSPX in Russia is more important than in other countries?

Our apostolate is equally important across the whole world, because the souls to be saved are equally important. It is more important, if there is a bigger number and higher quality of the souls. So one can say, to serve a parish with 1000 faithful is more important than to serve a chapel with 50. From this point of view the apostolate in Russia is less important than e.g. in Poland. But there is another aspect to observe: if Our Lady gives a special importance to a region

or a country, then the apostolate in that country represents the fulfilment of Our Lady's will, and is therefore particularly important. In Fatima Our Lady gave to Russia a particular place: She wants its consecration and promises its conversion. It is therefore of the utmost importance for us to be instruments of Our Lady for this fulgurant conversion.

Are the words of the Immaculata about the need to convert Russia still valid? Russia's errors have already spread all over the world in fact, and at the same time there is no official communism in the countries under the former protectorate of Russia.

Our Lady promises the conversion of Russia, and the conversion means first of all a religious event: it is the return of schismatic orthodox Russia to the Catholic Church, and this has not at all been fulfilled. In a wider sense one could include the overcoming of communism as a part of this conversion. Far from being overthrown, the principles of communism remain all the same, even if the strategy and the means employed have changed.

Did Our Lady ever talk about specific countries during her apparitions, especially about countries other than those in which she appeared?

Quite often Our Lady mentions the countries where she appears, during the apparitions. But only in Fatima does she mention another country — Russia, which has a providential role in the disposition of Divine Providence, which can be summoned up as “the worst — the best”, depending on the attitude of the Church to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and her requests.

Could it be said that the revelation in Fatima is an anti-Russian revelation because it calls for the need to convert Russia, and maintains that its errors will spread all over the world?

On the contrary, Fatima reveals Our Lady's particular love and care for Russia. We can easily estimate the love of a mother for her child from her attitude at seeing the child very sick or even in danger of death. The more she loves the child, the more she tries to do everything



Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in Moscow

to save the child from the danger. The love of Our Lady for her child Russia must be immense, if we consider the special care she employs for its conversion.

The society of Russia is very diversified. Is it possible to reach all social groups? How can Russian hearts be reached?

Certainly we would like to reach all hearts, all Russian people. But we have to be instruments in her immaculate hands and nothing else. She gives the graces, when, where, to whom and how she wants.

A heart can be reached, if it opens itself to God's light and graces. We can only try to moti-

vate or prepare the heart's good will. There may be something like a "Russian soul" which is almost naturally linked with Our Lady. Anyway, we can do no better than to respond to Our Lady's requests in Fatima: "God wants to use you to make me known and loved!" It concerns particularly Russia.

When was the M.I. founded in Russia?

Since the year 2000 some Russians have participated in the pilgrimage to Czestochowa and were then enrolled in the M.I. However, the priest responsible only officially established the M.I. in Russia in 2017.

How is the M.I. developing in Russia?

Our Lady knows the hearts. From outside we can only see the results: Knights translate the flyers and booklets into Russian. Other Knights distribute them. Hopefully the M.I. will grow in the near future.

How can Knights help in expanding the apostolate of the M.I. in Russia?

The best way is to join the M.I. 2 — Mission for Russia.

Every Knight of M.I. can belong to M.I. 2 under the following condition: to pray every day for the intention of the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: *'Oh Immaculata, I ask you that, in union with all the bishops of the world, the Holy Father will consecrate Russia to your Immaculate Heart'*.

If you want to join M.I. 2 — Mission for Russia, please write a letter (e-mail) to:

info@militia-immaculatae.org containing: full name, country of residence, e-mail address, declaration of the wish to join with the promise to pray every day for the

intention of the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

All Knights are encouraged to offer also their sacrifices and sufferings for those intentions. Information about the activities of the M.I. 2 — Mission for Russia are available at:

www.consecrationrussia.org



Our Lady of Fatima Chapel in St. Petersburg



Interview with the Rev. **Father Shane Pezzutti**

the prior in Kaunas (Lithuania)

The priests from this priory are tasked with regularly travelling to Russia in order to maintain and develop the apostolate in Russia, Belarus, and Estonia.

For how many years have you been working in Eastern Europe and Russia?

I have been working as an SSPX priest in Eastern Europe for about 8 years now. I have worked primarily in Lithuania, Russia, and Estonia, but I have also done some apostolic work in Latvia and Belarus. I have been regularly working in Russia for about 6 years, although it has been quite sporadic. When I was first asked to help in Russia I visited Moscow and St. Petersburg quite rarely, maybe 4 or 5 times a year. However for the last several years we have been able to increase the apostolate, which

has necessitated visiting there more often.

What are the characteristics of the apostolate in Russia?

As his Excellency Bishop Fellay once said to us: Our apostolic work in Russia is really "pioneer" work. A "pioneer" is one who goes into unknown lands and undiscovered places and begins to map out totally new terrain. What he meant was that to establish and maintain Traditional Catholic chapels in Russia is quite a challenging thing for our Congregation. This is "Orthodox" Russia. This is the formerly Communist Russia.

Less than 1% of the population in Russia is Catholic. In Russia, although it is still considered Europe, we really are working in a totally non-Catholic society with such a different mentality and religious perspective. The apostolate is really challenging in many ways. And so, it really is "pioneer" work.

Would you say that the Russians are religious?

In general, I guess you could say that many people in Russia do have a certain religious "sense". We can't forget that Russia was a very religious nation for centuries. Of course, Russia was schis-

matic and rabidly anti-Catholic, but their culture and civilization was still permeated by Christianity and a love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. Even after 100 years of Communism, and more recently, the liberal bombardment of Russia by western consumerism there still is a religious "sense" in the people. However, that religious "sense" can be quite warped, superstitious and even dangerous. Also, a large part of the population grew up in families which were totally indoctrinated by atheistic Communism, and so religion in general for these people is something very strange to them. Religious people, in Soviet



Fatima Conference in Moscow

Russia, were usually considered as mentally ill. So, there are religious people and very irreligious people. It really depends on the person.

Do you know how many Russian people are interested in religious life?

We do in fact see a growing interest in younger people in religion, philosophy and theology. The Russians are serious intellectuals and many of them are turning their intellectual gifts toward a serious analysis of religion and higher level questions. But, Catholic vocations from Russia, especially Traditionalist vocations, are quite a rarity. If we were to humanly consider all of the obstacles that young people in Russia have in order to enter a religious life we would see no possibility for vocations. However supernatural grace can overcome any of these petty obstacles.

What is the most difficult aspect of Russia's apostolate?

For us, that is from the SSPX's perspective, the most difficult thing is to stabilize the apostolate there. What I mean is that, according to my opinion we

do not have enough priests to develop the apostolate. Also, travelling back and forth from Lithuania to Russia can be pretty tough on the priests. We are only able to visit Russia 2 times a month because of these difficulties. There is just not enough time and energy to really work with the people and develop the apostolate. If we want to do more in Russia, then we have to pray that God blesses Russia one day with a priory in which there would be 2 or 3 priests dedicated only to the apostolate in Russia. The priests are now occupied with 5 countries, so you can see that it is not so easy.

What was the most beautiful moment in the apostolate...?

The most beautiful moment for us was probably the First Mass in Moscow of the first Russian SSPX priest Fr. Victor Pasichnik. He was ordained in Germany in 2018, and we organized a beautiful first Mass in Moscow. Our faithful and seminarians came from all over Europe for the special occasion. It was really beautiful. Also, I can't forget to mention the Fatima Center Conference in Moscow for the 100th anniversary

of the Fatima Apparitions in 2017. That was also really remarkable and even historical. Even his Excellency Bishop Fellay came to Russia in order to give a lecture for that Conference. That occasion also enabled him to make his first official visit to our Russian chapels. The faithful in Russia were very pleased to meet him.



Fr. Victor Pasichnik's 1st Holy Mass in Moscow

What are the Russian people like?

Russian people are very intelligent, sensitive and, until you get to know them, quite reserved. But they can also be extremely warm. However, as with all nations, there are many different types of people in Russia.

What does the apostolate in Russia need from Knights in other countries?

Our apostolate must be supernatural. It is NOT a human effort. It must be the work of Our Lord Jesus Christ and His

Immaculate Mother. It can only be supernatural grace that can really change souls and convert them to the truth. That is why we need the Knights to pray, pray, pray for our SSPX apostolate in Russia. Pray for sinners, as our Lady of Fatima asked us to. Obey the message of Fatima in order to bring Russian souls to the true Church. That means prayers, sacrifices, and spreading the word about our work in Russia. Our Lady is begging her Knights to get serious about helping her in Russia. Let us not become cold to the message of Fatima and our Lady's promise of the conversion of Russia!

Girls' summer camp about St. Maximilian

Girls from St. Dominic's College in New Zealand learned about St. Maximilian and Poland while at summer camp.

If all the tales of valiant Poland were put into a story book, it would probably outsell the current bestsellers in a matter of hours. The girls of St. Dominic's College, Wanganui, spent their school camp this past summer learning more about St Maximilian Kolbe's country, Poland, and his primary devotion — the Immaculata.

The camp was held in Pahiatua, an out-of-the-way New Zealand town which was once a refugee site for 734 children from the Soviet-occupied areas of Poland. Thus, the camp activities were planned to introduce the girls to Polish history and culture, as well as deepen their spiritual life and devotion to the Immaculata. Students and staff were privileged to meet with one of the original orphans — a lovely and deeply Catholic lady, who spoke to the



Campers in front of the monument to the Polish children who found refuge in New Zealand after having been taken to Siberian prison camps by the Communists



The campers with Ludmiła, a Polish lady who had been one of the children in the camp

girls about her experiences in the Siberian labour camps and eventual release and transport to New Zealand.

Besides this, the girls learned and competed against one another in Polish dances, Christmas carols and crafts. They also learned about and dramatized the lives of the great Polish heroes after whom their camp teams were named — Kings and Queens such as Jan III Sobieski, Jadwiga and Bł. Kinga; Abbot Kordecki, the valiant defender of Częstochowa; and Sts Hyacinth and Maximilian Kolbe.

The children depicted the drama about the successful defence of Vienna by Polish Husars against the Muslim army.

The campers also visited a replica of the famous icon of Our Lady of Częstochowa, and ate Polish-style food. Each day began with morning prayers and the singing of Saint Maximilian Kolbe's hymn 'We bear her standard', and each day the girls were encouraged to prac-



A hike in the New Zealand bush



Learning a Polish folk dance — the Krakowiak

tise in particular one of the virtues suited to a Knight of the Immaculata. It was heart-warming to see so many girls entering into the theme of the camp by their fortitude, kindness and spirit of service, a spirit which,

we hope, will make Camp Immaculata 2018 worthy of inclusion at least as a footnote in the "Tales of Poland — the Tales of the Triumphs of Our Lady".

*Mother Mary Madeleine O.P.,
New Zealand*

18 new Knights in Australia

On the 2nd of February 2019 in the Rockdale Chapel, Father Benja-

min Campbell enrolled 18 Knights into the Militia Immaculatæ.



New Knights in East Europe and in South Africa

We are pleased to announce that Father Shane Pezzutti enrolled three new Knights into the Militia Immaculatæ in Lithuania.

Father Karl Stehlin enrolled 14 Knights in Belarus.

In South Africa Father John Jenkins enrolled one young lady into the M.I. We pray for the new Knights and the Militia Immaculatæ around the world.



Fr. Pezzutti with two new Knights in Lithuania

New Knights in Ireland

On Sunday (the 31st of March, 2019) in Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Cork (Ireland) Father Patrick Kimball enrolled 16 new

members into the Militia Immaculatæ. The picture also includes those who renewed their enrolments.



Establishment of the M.I. in Honduras

We are pleased to announce that Father Miquel Boniface, National Moderator of the

M.I. for the countries of Central America, has established the Militia Immaculatæ among

the young people in Honduras. The first Knights in Honduras are 5 young ladies and 4 young men.

Father Boniface lives in the priory in Guatemala, but he expands the apostolate in many countries: Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and now: Honduras.



New Knights in Japan

We are happy to announce some new Knights in Japan. The Director of the M.I., Fr. Karl Stehlin, was visiting Japan. He enrolled 15 new Knights in Tokyo, including a 6-person family from the U.S. living in Tokyo.

May the Militia Immaculatæ grow in Japan, a country of many Christian martyrs and the country where St. Maximilian stayed for 6 years, established the City of the Immaculata and published

copies of the *Knight of the Immaculata* in Japanese.

In the picture: the family with Fr. Thomas Onoda, National Moderator of the M.I. for Japan and South Korea.



Penitential Walk in Chennai (India)

The 3rd Annual Penitential Walk in Reparation for the sacrileges against the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

On the 23rd of March 2019, we the Knights of the Militia Immaculatae in Chennai demonstrated our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament by a penitential walk from Royapettah to St. Thomas Mount (the Place where St. Thomas was martyred). All through the 13 km walk we prayed the Rosary, Litanies and sang hymns.

It was a heartening sight to see people reverence the Holy Cross that we were carrying. While some blessed themselves with the sign of the Cross and stood up, and some walked up to touch

the Crucifix, others just paved the way for us to pass through. The walk culminated with the "Way of the Cross" from the foot of St. Thomas Mount to the church atop the hill.

This was also a humbling experience for us Knights as we walked through the busy roads of Chennai bearing witness to our crucified Lord.



Mary Victorious in all our battles

The Director of the Militia Immaculatæ, Fr. Karl Stehlin visited Asia. To begin with, he visited 3 cities in South India on 3 consecutive days to preach conferences on the necessity of the Blessed Mother in our life and how to live as her children, letting her take control and fight our battles.

Father Stehlin preached a recollection at the Priory of the Most Sacred Heart in Palayamkottai. He held a conference about the



M.I. for the faithful. Quite a lot of people showed up (5 priests and 13 religious sisters). He had a meeting with the priests to explain to them the detailed strategy of the follow-up and perseverance of the Knights.

The Knights of Chennai were all geared up to receive Fr. Karl Stehlin. The Fatima Convent in Kodambakkam was all set for a day of traditional recollection, though the organiser faced a few obstacles, but true to the title "Mary: Victorious in all our battles" Our Lady emerged victorious. 150 people attended, of which 80 were invested with the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and 35 were enrolled as Knights in the M.I.

For many newcomers that day, it was a foretaste of Heaven when they attended the Tridentine Latin Mass for the first time. Many of those who attended a traditional recollection for the first time surrounded Father after the recollection for personal advice.

Worthy of note were four young men who saw the poster on Facebook and travelled all the way from Kerala, the neighbour-



ing state, to attend this recollection. They were so greatly moved that they stayed on to attend our Traditional Holy Mass on Sunday.

Father Stehlin also preached a recollection in Trichy, and 50 of our faithful attended. The Knights of Trichy welcomed Father with a song entitled "Auf die Erde" and presented him with a report on the activities of the M.I. for 2017–18. The recollection was a source of great inspiration for the young Knights, and the day ended as it began, with a song of farewell to Father, and a prayer raised in song "The Lord bless you and keep you".

All Knights thank you Father Stehlin, for making this arduous journey for love of the Immaculata and her Knights. We pray that Our Lady will continue to

give him all the graces for zealous work in bringing many souls to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through her Immaculate Heart.

My heartfelt gratitude for the immense love, prayers and support of our National Coordinator Rev. Fr. Therasian Babu, truly a man who works tirelessly in the background.

*Neville Philip,
National Coordinator M.I. India*



M.I. 2 for men and Schola in Trichy

The Arch-confraternity of St. Stephen was created in Trichy (India). This is the M.I. 2 for men. The beginning was in 2016. The first thing to do was to learn "to be Christ's page at the altar, to serve Him freely there, where even the angels falter, bowed low in reverent prayer."

To this end, the Seat of Wisdom would kindle in the hearts of her newly professed Knights a great desire to learn, and an equally great generosity, that led the boys to travel miles to get to the Chapel, to skip their meals to attend classes to learn the Mass responses, spend hours in practice, and then undertake

an hour-long arduous journey to return home, week after week, month after month, without fail, for a good two years, while being constantly sustained, encouraged and guided by the most kind priests.

More preparation classes were followed by more practise sessions, written assessments, oral assessments and practical assessments.

In February there was the second ceremony of enrolment and promotions of the Arch-confraternity of St. Stephen at Trichy Chapel.

The time was ripe to start meeting for the Schola! If "The



Schola" was an ambitious title to be given to the assembly of three little girls, who started off just by singing a hymn at the Offertory of Sunday Masses, much more ambitious was the massive 3-year project they were commissioned to undertake: that of learning the Mass Propers!

God so blessed this endeavour too, to add to the beauty of the Liturgy. And after an intensive practice, the Schola was also able to perform their first Christmas Carols in 2018!

By January 2019, the M.I. at Trichy had a lot to thank God for — all the blessings received during the last two years. It was also



fitting to host a small "reward day", to honour the dedicated and sustained efforts of all the M.I. members throughout this time — hence the visit to a Science Centre, a Planetarium, and a dinner!

Amalan Joseph Antony

The meeting in Sri Lanka

During a visit of Father Director to Asia (February 2019), he had a meeting with priests and faithful in Sri Lanka. It was an informatory meeting on the purpose of the Militia Immaculatæ.

Forty people attended this meeting, some of whom are very much involved in apostolic activities in their own parishes. It was held at the priory in Sri Lanka.



Pilgrimage to Quito 2019

The Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Buen Suceso of the Purification was organized by the SSPX USA under the direction of Fr. Adam Purdy. We recommend most highly this pilgrimage to the Knights of the Immaculata.

Some Knights of the Immaculata participated in the pilgrimage and helped to distribute over a hundred Miraculous Medals and leaflets to the Ecuadorian people, who received them with great joy and thankfulness. In future, when Knights of the Immaculata come to Quito, they should bring hundreds of Miraculous Medals with Spanish leaflets, to strengthen these people who are hungry for God and have many sufferings.

About two hundred people mainly from the USA and Canada and a few from Australia, Mexico, Trinidad and Switzerland, participated in the Novena to Our Lady of Buen Suceso of the Purification from the 24th of January until the 2nd of February 2019. Father Adam Purdy gave us a conference on the meaning of the apparitions and messages of Our Lady of Buen Suceso of the Purification



and on the life of the Abbess of the Conceptionist Monastery, Mariana de Jesús Torres, to whom Our Lady of Buen Suceso appeared from 1594 until her death in 1635. Our Lady warned about a crisis of world proportion that would afflict the Holy Catholic Church in the 20th century. She told her that the light of faith would be nearly extinguished, heresies would abound, and impurity and sensuality would inundate the world and the Church. Priests would neglect their sacred duty becoming fond of money and losing their spirit, and so placing themselves in great danger. Mother Mariana offered her life as a pleasing sacrifice for the Church of the 20th century.

Yvonne Edwards

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

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



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

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

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

(from the Roman Breviary)

I. Goal of Membership:

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

II. Conditions of Membership:

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

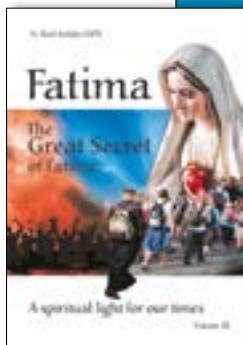
III. Duties of Membership:

1. If possible, to pray the following ejaculatory prayer at least once a day: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee, and for all those who do not have recourse to thee, especially for the Freemasons and for those who are commended to thy care."
2. To use all other valid and legitimate means for the conversion and sanctification of men, according to one's means, in the different states and conditions of life, as the occasions present themselves; this is entrusted to the zeal and prudence of each one. Particularly recommended, however, is spreading the Miraculous Medal.

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

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