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In November 2018 the Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X gave approval to and blessed the establishment of the International Headquarters of the M.I. in Warsaw, Poland — home country of St. Maximilian. The tasks of the International Headquarters of the Militia Immaculatæ are as follows:

— The support of priests and faithful in various countries in establishing the M.I.;
— The publication of books and flyers in the native languages of the Knights;
— The coordination of Knights’ activities.

At the time of writing, the International Headquarters has printed basic publications (books, booklets and flyers) in 16 languages, as well as the following:

— 36 types of French flyers (total weight of the flyers is 1 tonne), 8 French-language M.I. books and "Knight" bulletins ("Le Chevalier de l'Immaculée") for the apostolate of the M.I. in France.

— 3 Spanish books, 4 flyers and the second issue of the "Knight" bulletin ("Caballero de la Inmaculada") for the establishment the M.I. in several countries in South America (Fr. Stehlin visited the Seminary in Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Peru and Colombia).

— 12 types of Russian flyers, 1 book and issue of the "Knight" bulletin ("Рыцарь Непорочной").

We calculate that we produce hard copies of only 1/4 of all the items available in the electronic version on the M.I. Library website: www.militia-immaculatae.org

Knights at the Headquarters are working in the spirit of M.I. 3.
More information about M.I. 3 on pages: 20–24
Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

Saint Maximilian Kolbe conceived the Militia of the Immaculate on three levels: First, the M.I. 1 — the individual apostolate of each Knight, helped by the local and national Moderator and receiving the "bullets" of his apostolic action through the M.I. Corners which are in all chapels where the M.I. exists. More than 120,000 Knights are registered at this level throughout the world. In the last few weeks, the M.I. has been established in three countries: Chile, Uruguay and Peru. Thus the presence of the Immaculata's army currently covers 47 countries. It is also remarkable that the M.I. Library on the website (www.militia-immaculatae.org) was visited in August by 18,500 people from 85 countries around the world, including a good number of Muslim countries (for comparison: in January 2019 only 1,100 visits were noted).

The M.I. 2 is the formation of a circle or group of knights that achieve the goals of the M.I. in common action. For this purpose a small structure and statutes are necessary to define the exact aims, means, and functions of the group. Recently two new M.I. 2 circles have been formed in the Philippines: M.I. 2 for men engaged in civil, economic and political life: the aim is to forge the responsibilities of the adult man willing to defend the social kingdom of Christ by consecrating himself to the Immaculata and fighting in her army as a Knight. The other circle is the M.I. 2 "charity conference" providing care for the sick, infirm and poor, but only for the purpose of their conversion and sanctification by the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Finally, the M.I. 3 is the total gift of self to the Immaculate in order to live her consecration "heroically" and to give all one's time and strength to the Immaculata: it is the ideal of the "City of the Immaculate" where
the members live only for the ideal of the M.I., its spiritual centre and at the same time a centre of action in order to provide the knights in the world with a full arsenal of means for their apostolate: reviews, brochures, leaflets, books, devotional articles, medals etc. M.I. 3, is in a way, the heart and lungs of the entire M.I.

On the 22\textsuperscript{nd} of June 2019, the Superior General approved the first female M.I. 3 cell in the Philippines, where several knights live in community in the "Domus Mariæ" and who take care of the secretariat of the M.I.--Philippines, striving to ensure the perseverance of the Knights in this country: they do this by printing leaflets, literature, pious images, but also by electronic means, but especially by missionary trips to personally contact the Knights, encouraging them to remain true to their promises and recruit other Knights. Thanks to this small and heroic troop, the number of Knights in the Philippines has grown enormously during the last 2 years. In the meantime in Poland, several people pursuing the same desire are also starting to gather around the M.I. headquarters. God willing, another "House of the Immaculata" will soon be created.

As you see, the Immaculata does not cease to bless her small army. Therefore we ask you to continue your generous "prayers and sacrifices" which bring so much spiritual fruit and convert so many souls. You should consider the M.I. as a family, and yourself as a member of this family. In this family we are brothers and sisters, each one working differently for Our Mother and Queen and through HER for Our Lord and King! In this family we feel also responsible for one another: therefore have your co-Knights in your daily prayers, especially those who suffer and undergo hardships and trial, and finally those whom SHE wants you to lead in this warfare for the greater glory of God, the greatest possible honour of the Immaculata and the salvation of many souls!

\textit{Fr. Karl Stehlin}

Vienna, on the 12\textsuperscript{th} of September 2019
My journey to Catholicism was truly thanks to Divine Providence, by which God showed me His true Church through the Blessed Mother.

I was a Presbyterian who had been told all my life that salvation is attainable by faith as well as scripture alone. Such a teaching has been left unquestioned by many Protestants. Ask any Protestant about this teaching and you will most probably get a resounding “yes” to this Protestant belief.

However, I was somewhat drawn to the liturgical vestments used during church services, and most of all, to the Blessed Mother Mary. Yes, it is a big taboo for a Protestant to even give any consideration to Mother Mary and it is considered idolatrous to do that. Friends, pastors of the church are likely to tell one that Mother Mary is not to be given any attention and the Catholics are wrong to “worship” her. Nevertheless, these two attractions led me to consider attending an Anglican service at St. Andrew’s Cathedral in 2012 with traditional Protestant prayer services. I was pretty comfortable when I attended the traditional services but I sensed that something was still missing in the church. “Where is Mary?”, “Is it really wrong to pray to her?” These and many more questions rang in my head. That same year, I also started to visit the famous Church of St Alphonsus, commonly known as the Novena Church, and
was totally comfortable with the Novena and loved the famous icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. I did not share these actions with my Protestant friends and pastors for fear that they would start to reprimand me.

Moreover, I began to research more deeply into our Blessed Mother and also prayed that God would reveal to me should I ever be wrong to even seek her intercession. During my research, I came across various devotions to Mary Immaculate and even the sacramentals related to her such as the miraculous medals, rosaries, scapulars, etc. I could not help but decide to get them, and I fell in love with these sacramentals and devotions. I was also excited to discover that the honour we ascribe to the Blessed Mother is by no means detestable to God because Mary herself in the Scriptures says, “All generations shall called me blessed”. I began to understand that Protestants view prayer and worship as synonymous, believing that these forms of honour are to be directed to God alone. On the contrary, the Catholic Church instituted by Our Lord
Jesus Christ views worship/honour in 3 degrees — *Latria, hyperdulia* and *dulia*. Adoration (*latria*) belongs to God alone and venerations (*hyperdulia* and *dulia*) to Mary and the Saints.

As I learned more about Marian theology, I became more convinced that the Catholic Church is the true Church instituted by Christ — one and only. Consequently, I read up intensively on Catholic apologetics, the Catechism of the Catholic Church as well as various books by renowned Catholic scholar Scott Hann (who was a Presbyterian, like myself). After some time, I soon discovered that the Protestant teaching of *sola fide*, *sola scriptura* and other Protestant beliefs are not even from the bible! So much about *sola scriptura*!

What I found even more amazing is the reality that Our Lord Jesus Christ is indeed present physically at every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! Who can fathom receiving Jesus Himself, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity even in our contemporary times?

Therefore, I attended Mass (albeit secretly for fear of "persecutions" by Protestant friends) and consecrated myself to the Blessed Mother Mary on the 8th of December 2015, after reading about Marian Consecration and the Militia Immaculata.

My love for the Catholic faith deepened as I began to see the many misconceptions that non-Catholics had and still have about the one true Church. The Catholic Church that I discovered and understood has never been the Catholic Church the Protestants and pagans have construed it to be.

Eventually, I was determined to join the Catholic Church after close to five years in search of God's True Church with extensive studies about Catholicism. However, there were two things that disheartened me. Firstly, it was the stain of Pentecostalism I saw in the local parishes
of the conciliar Catholic Church. I see many anomalies in the local parishes and they do not seem to be ‘Catholic’ as I know it to be. I was a little disturbed by the watered-down Catechism and even those instructions from the homilies delivered by the priests. Secondly, there seemed to be a lack of reverence for the Eucharist and a very Pentecostal-tainted view of matters of the faith. Catholics I see in the parishes seem to look forward to “Praise and Worship”, and such attitudes were even encouraged by some of the priests! Upon seeing such things, I asked myself whether I had left one Protestant Church for another “Protestant” version in the Conciliar Church.

That being said, our Blessed Mother Mary soon enlightened me in my confusion at the Protestantized New Mass in the Conciliar Church. Three years ago, I was on my way to a parish in Upper Thomson road in Singapore when I passed by a private house with icons and images of Mary. At one glance, it looked like the home of a devout Catholic, and it caught my attention. I googled the address and found that it was the Society of Saint Pius X. I must admit that I was hesitant as there were many articles about the Society’s canonical status with Rome. Yet I began to study more about the Tridentine Mass and the Novus Ordo Mass, and the frequent mentioning of the Society by Pope Francis especially during the Year of Mercy has greatly urged me to consider joining the Catholic Church through the Society (SSPX). I should say that one of the most attrac-
tive attributes of the SSPX is its fidelity to the Tridentine Mass and its stance against modernism.

After much prayer and discernment, I decided to approach the Society about my intention to convert to Catholicism by sending an email requesting to join the Church. One father responded to my email and we agreed to meet up on the 13th of July 2019 for further discussion. On that very same day, the first thing that caught my eye in the SSPX Chapel in Singapore was that of the Militia Immaculatæ Corner (M.I. Corner)! My heart was full of joy as I had been trying unsuccessfully to locate a local contact of the M.I. I believe that the M.I. Corner that first caught my attention once I set foot in the SSPX Chapel in Singapore was indeed a welcome from our Blessed Mother Mary into the Church of her Divine Son, through the SSPX and Catholic Tradition.

To Jesus through Mary.

Praise Be to Jesus Christ, now and forever.

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“In our life we are pilgrims on this earth” — said St. Maximilian to his friars many times.
Our life is pilgrimage into Heaven

The earth is not our eternal home, but merely the place for our pilgrimage to Heaven. Jesus has said so: “A little while, and now you shall not see Me; and again a little while, and you shall see Me…” Our Lord Jesus Christ’s words are clear to us: “a little while” — that is our short lifetime, and very soon we too must leave this earth and follow Jesus to Heaven where we shall see Him in His glory. Then, as Our Lord said, “your heart shall rejoice; and your joy no man shall take from you.” However, before reaching this happy state, we have to endure the difficulties, struggles, and sufferings of life on earth.

"The happiness of this world is limited since it is too little, or else because its duration is too short, or else because other factors prevent the total enjoyment of pure happiness: perfect happiness is truly unattainable in this world. In other words, the desire that man has of perfect happiness can never be satisfied by terrestrial happiness.

Thus, if we cannot attain perfect happiness here, we are left only with the prospect of perfect happiness in our next life. God has expressly promised to give us eternal and perfect happiness.

Consequently, on the basis of His promise, we should achieve this perfect happiness in the future life.” — wrote St. Maximilian in 1934.

The people of this world rejoice and want to rejoice at any cost, because they are immersed in the pleasures of this life, with no thought of what awaits them beyond. If they cannot escape the inevitable sufferings of life, they try to stifle its sorrow in pleasure, by contriving to extract from every
“Life on this earth is not long. It is only a matter of preparing well for eternity. Even this speck of dust in the middle of the universe, which is called the earth, will come to its end together with all its problems, including the most important ones.” — wrote St. Maximilian in 1941, one month before he was arrested.

Therefore, the Catholic who is God’s pilgrim cannot allow himself or herself to be detained by the things of earth; he or she can use them and even enjoy earthly goods, if Providence puts them in his way, but only fleeting moment all the enjoyment.

A Catholic does not do this; he imposes on himself a life of sacrifice and renunciation, in view of heavenly happiness as by the words of Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, “You shall be made sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.” We have to live on earth with our eyes turned toward Heaven. The pilgrim cannot afford to enjoy the pleasures of this life without any thought of Heaven, for he or she endangers his or her eternal salvation.
with a detached heart which immediately leaves these goods behind in his or her quest for Heaven. Nothing can delay the good Catholic pilgrim, for he or she is in a hurry to reach the goal of Heaven.

The life of a Catholic can be compared to that of a traveller in a foreign land; the traveller who never delays because he or she is anxious to get back to his own country.

“May these mysteries, O Lord, quench the ardour of our earthly desires, and teach us to love only the things of Heaven!” We need this prayer very much, for the lure of worldly satisfactions is so insidious as to capture our senses and heart, even to the point of detaining us in our progress toward Heaven. May this prayer and the thought of Heaven as our goal help us realize the emptiness of all earthly things.

Another characteristic of the pilgrim is that he is never satisfied until he reaches his native land; this unrest throws a veil of sadness over his life. Thus, the Catholic, God’s pilgrim, can never be wholly content until he reaches Heaven and possesses God; until he works for the Immaculata and the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the salvation of souls.

“Imagine how we will be happy on our deathbed, when we can say with all sincerity: “Oh Immaculata, for your mercy I consecrated all my life to you, I worked for you, for you I suffered, and now I die for you. I am yours!!!...” What peace, what serene joy will fill our heart in the hope of seeing her soon. And how will meeting her in Paradise be...?” — wrote St. Maximilian in 1927 to the newly invested Brothers.
The Catholic, sighing, runs toward Him; he or she quickens his step, sustained by the hope of meeting Him “face to face” some day. His or her hope, however, is accompanied by a feeling of sadness, because he or she hopes for what is not yet possessed. Such sadness is the holy sadness of those who are seeking God. Let us thank God if He has made us experience this; it is a good sign, it is a sign that our heart has been captivated by His love, and that earthly things can no longer satisfy it.

Finally, let us take seriously the words of the founder of Militia Immaculatæ addressed in 1931 both to the Japanese missionaries and to all the Knights of the Immaculata in the world: “We feel very happy that the Immaculate Mother gave us such a grace that we can work for her. We can get tired sometimes, but we help to save the poor pagans. There are times that the soul will miss our Polish Niepokalanów (our fatherland), but these are only moments. For when we realize that we will meet in Heaven, only joyful enthusiasm and the desire to excel for God fill our hearts.”
Establishment of the M.I. at the Seminary in France

On the 15th of June, 2019 (Pentecost Saturday), 13 members of the community of the Seminary of Saint Jean Vianney the Curé d’Ars de Flavigny (France), seminarians and brothers, joined the Militia of the Immaculate. They pronounced their consecration under the gaze of the twelve apostles and their Queen, whose statues adorn the sanctuary of the seminary church above the altar.

A few days earlier, on the great feast of the Queenship of Mary, members of the community consecrated themselves to Our Lady according to the formula of the holy slavery of Saint Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort. By the total consecration to Jesus through Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of Graces, these members wished to dedicate their entire lives as baptized persons to the Blessed Virgin, and through her to her divine Son. By their commitment to the Militia Immaculatæ, the seminarians and brothers of the Fraternity wanted to consecrate all their apostolate to Mary, on this last day of the Pentecostal octave and on the eve of the summer holidays; for many of them will direct souls towards the Immaculata by
distributing miraculous medals, according to whomsoever they may meet.

This M.I. admission ceremony marked the founding of the Militia of the Immaculate at the Seminary of St. Jean Vianney the Curé d’Ars. May Our Lady bless her children and help them to be apostles according to her Heart!

French publications for order:

https://militia-immaculatae.org/francais
One million Miraculous Medals

Since the 8th of December 2014, the M.I. in Switzerland has distributed one million of the Miraculous Medals worldwide. This statistic was announced at today's general meeting of the association. These Miraculous Medals of Our Blessed Mother Mary are just like so many seeds which, through the Immaculate, can inflame hearts with love for God; or, in the language of St. Maximilian Kolbe, one million cannon-balls which, by grace, strike the hearts and thus conquer the people for Jesus and Mary — win them to heaven.

For such conversions to happen, it is necessary that the distribution of these medals be accompanied by the prayers and sacrifices of the Knights of the Immaculate.

To all benefactors of the M.I., who with their donations enable this important apostolate of the worldwide distribution of the Miraculous Medal: "May God and the Immaculate Virgin Mary bless you abundantly." If you would like to continue to support this apostolate, you can do so here.

Miraculous medals
for order:

https://militia-immaculatae.info/en/Produktkategorie/miraculous-medals/
The M.I.’s banners during Ordinations in Zaitzkofen

Many of the Knights of the Immaculata from different countries were present at the latest ordinations in Zaitzkofen, Germany (on the 29th of June 2019), with the Knights from German-speaking countries carrying the M.I.’s banners.

This ordination, on the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, was a great occasion for all the faithful in the Tradition. The Society of St. Pius X now has one more new Polish priest and another new German priest. The new Polish priest, Bartosz Tokarski has been a Knight of the Immaculata since 2012.

Previously, on the 28th of June 2019, 6 priests were ordained on the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at the Seminary in Econe (Switzerland). Moreover, 5 priests in our seminary in Virginia, US, were conferred with the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

As at the present moment of writing, the Society of St. Pius X has 658 priests.

Dear Knights, please pray for these new priests for their perseverance in their priestly vocation for God through the Immaculata. May there be many more priestly and religious vocations to come!
The spirit of the M.I. 3 in the Tradition

The initial inspiration that made St. Maximilian Kolbe see the concrete need for the Militia Immaculatæ as an army to fight against the forces of evil was the great gathering of the Freemasons in Rome in 1917. His burning zeal desired the conversion of the Freemasons, the strongest enemies of Christ. Realizing that Our Lady alone would crush the head of the serpent, he knew by Divine instinct that the Immaculata required suitable instruments. The Militia Immaculatæ was born.

St. Maximilian Kolbe organized Mary’s army to be deployed at 3 levels:

— **level one**, that of individual consecration and works;

— **level two**, as a higher degree of generosity and efficiency (Knights create groups in which they make the apostolate together). At this level, the M.I. united Knights in social action with specific statutes for specific ends, adaptable to the circumstances of different places.

— and finally, **as the highest level**, St. Maximilian established M.I. 3.

This is to be the service of Mary that aims at heroism, complete and perfect service without limits, perfect fulfilment of the M.I. consecration. This M.I. 3 is the spiritual cen-
tre of the M.I., composed of those souls who belong more fully to the Immaculata, and who thus constitute the inner force of the whole M.I., namely in the form of consecrated life within a religious community in which everything serves this great purpose.

In his day, this elite team and inner force was the group of monks he gathered in various Niepokalanów, “cities of the Immaculata”. St. Maximilian animated them and they animated the whole M.I. throughout the world.

Today, in the very foundation of the M.I. of the Traditional Observance the Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X, recognizing the power and force of the M.I., and desiring its effective expansion throughout the world, approved the Statutes of the *Domus Mariae* for the Philippines on the 22nd of June 2019. It’s a continuation of the M.I. 3 according to the spirit and idea of St. Maximilian. The members of the M.I. 3, united in a canonical *Pia Unio*, live a community life of “consecrated apostolate”.

You can read about *Domus Mariae* in the next pages.
Domus Mariae — the M.I. 3 in Action

Domus Mariae is defined as a house in which Servants of Mary live. It is the kind of community life one can see practiced in the Priories of the SSPX, or convents of the SSPX Sisters or even the Oblate Sisters. They differ from these latter however, in that the M.I. chaplain Priest is their Superior, and that they may go out of the Domus Mariae with a greater frequency in order to exercise the active apostolate to which they are consecrated.

They are trained for their task by courses in spirituality, catechism and apologetics, along with personal study, courses which are given at a lesser intensity than will be found in the Novitiates of other congregations. In contrast with these other congregations, more of their training is in the practicum, much like the Legion of Mary trains its soldiers by the substantial works of the apostolate.

Their highest and greatest means of sanctification leave nothing behind in contrast to the other congregations because abnegation and the spirit of obedience are the only possible things by which those who wish to consecrate themselves heroically to the Immaculate One live.

While the Servant of Mary is the heart and soul of Domus Mariae, she does not wear a religious habit, but a uniform — and she incarnates her complete oblation to Mary in the private vow of Chastity. At the same time Domus Mariae can receive others who also live the M.I. 3 ideal, but without the vow of chastity. These Marian

Knights in Domus Mariae are preparing flyers and other things for the mission
workers are precious helpers with the apostolic works and maintenance of Domus Mariæ and in the Domus they find a great means of sanctification, even if they are impeded in some way from being a Servant of Mary.

The Domus Mariæ Davao, as a Community of the M.I. 3, has grouped together between 3 and 6 Marian workers or Servants of Mary over the past two years. In that time, they have gone up and down the M.I. trail, trekking through rain and mud, pillion-riding motorcycles and generally trying to find Knights wherever they live. It can be a fast process of finding the first one who knows who the next 10 are and where they live, or it can be the painful process of finding the right government official to point them in the right direction very far away.

After 2 or 3 days of tracking down the Knights in one given area, the Domus Mariæ team will move on to the next area and repeat the process. A maximum Mission Trail tour will go for 8 days... beyond that, the Servants of Mary are too worn out. Sleeping on the ground, on the floor, in a park and in a bus can take its toll on you, especially if you spend all day walking in the sun and talking to people. However, the Servants of Mary, ever animated by perfection, and the spirit of the next best thing, are probing souls and testing the ground to see if it will be at all possible to perform a renewal of Mary’s Mission and a renewal of their personal consecration to Mary, at some future date.
Since the end of Mary’s Mission Tour in 2017, the Domus Mariæ Davao has prepared about 7 Renewal Missions over the course of the past 30 months, wherein 419 Knights were rounded up and assembled again in front of Our Lady for renewal and another 964 were consecrated to her and added to her army. Meanwhile, in that same time around 900 were visited in their homes and the Grace of the Miraculous Medal was renewed by the visit of a Servant of Mary.

Besides this physical work based on travel, there is the maintenance of Marynet, which is an attempt to establish a text-message network throughout the M.I. network. This work is a real work in progress since the lines of text must go through certain individuals termed “Marymen” but it is not always clear if they receive these texts, and even less clear if they pass on these texts to others. Nevertheless, Servants of Mary have sent out some 9,000 texts to some 132 Marymen in an attempt to reach approximately 700 Knights.

In reality, Domus Mariæ, in the Philippines and elsewhere, is as flexible as the Marian apostolate itself, and can devote itself to works in depth, as well as to works of expansion requiring physical stamina. But in them all, the Servant of Mary lives out her consecration without restrictions and without complaint. Through them all, the Priesthood has a powerful weapon to implement the message and apostolic strategy clearly indicated by Our Lady at Fatima. May the Lord of the Harvest send us many more servants! Ave Maria!

Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer
New young Knights in Poland

On the 13th of July 2019 (the anniversary of the 3rd Apparition of Our Lady in Fatima), Father Karl Stehlin enrolled 11 young Knights into the Militia Immaculatæ.

The ceremony took place during a Scout Camp in Bludzie Małe (near Suwałki in the northeast of Poland). Before the ceremony, Father Stehlin held a conference about the M.I. and St. Maximilian that captivated the interest of the young scouts and girl-guides present. The audience was especially interested in how the Knights of the Immaculata came into being.

The tasks required of these scouts and girl-guides who have become Knights of the Immaculata are not rocket science; for already as scouts and girl-guides, they are required to do good deeds in the service of others. After the enrolment in the M.I., these scouts and girl-guides have an added new responsibility: to do good deeds for Our Lady for the salvation of souls.

May the young scouts, girl-guides and new Knights do many good deeds for many people around them, for God’s glory and the salvation of souls — through the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God.
The 25th Pilgrimage to Częstochowa

On the 14th of August 2019, approximately 500 faithful paid homage at the Chapel of the Miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Częstochowa in Jasna Góra, marking the end of the 25th Traditional International Pilgrimage to Częstochowa. Faithful from Poland, Germany, France, Great Britain, Austria, the Czech Republic, Ukraine, Belarus and Estonia were part of this pilgrimage. The pilgrims set off from Warsaw on the 4th of August 2019 and following the yearly tradition of the pilgrimage, journeyed to Częstochowa on foot for 11 days.

This year, the theme of the pilgrimage was “Our Lady and The Secret of Vocations”. Father Stehlin preached a few conferences about the Immaculata’s role in vocations, which can be summarized as follows: In creating mankind, God has called each man or woman to live according to his or her vocation: women are called for spiritual or physical motherhood and men for spiritual or physical fatherhood. Through baptism, we Catholics are called to live according to Catholic rules and through the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation, we Catholics are called to be soldiers of Christ.

Moreover, Our Lady calls all Catholics to be her Knights. Therefore, if you answer the Immaculata’s calling, you have to be an instrument in her Immaculate hands with perfect child-like obedience and trust in her.
What are the tasks of the Knights of the Immaculata?

**Firstly** — Knights should say daily the easy prayer, “O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us...”. **Secondly** — Knights are to use all other valid and legitimate means for the conversion and sanctification of men, according to their means, in the different states and conditions of their lives based on circumstances and on the discretion and prudence of each Knight. That being said, Knights are highly recommended to distribute the Miraculous Medal to everyone and anyone possible.

25 people answered the Immaculata’s invitation to join her army of the Militia Immaculatæ at the end of the pilgrimage. This number coincides with the number of times this annual walking pilgrimage to Częstochowa was made — 25. Among the newly instituted Knights were two Germans and one British.

During the pilgrimage the pilgrims distributed over 10,000 flyers and almost 3,000 Miraculous Medals.

The 14th of August 2019 was the Vigil of the great Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. All faithful and Knights attended the Mass at the Chapel of the Miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Częstochowa official-ly ending this pilgrimage. The day after, on the Feast of Assumption of Our Lady, High Mass was offered in the morning before the pilgrims returned home.

In the vestibule some Knights made a small temporary M.I. Corner with books and flyers in the Polish, English, French, Spanish and Russian languages. Many people were interested in these books and flyers.
The M.I. Apostolate in Russia

The M.I. Apostolate in Russia has grown since the previous report on the apostolate. We have a new place in Russia for the celebration of the Traditional Mass, for many new faithful have been very zealous in embracing the SSPX and propagating Catholic Tradition as well as the M.I.

During the visit of Father Stehlin to Russia (3rd-6th of May 2019) 19 new Knights were enrolled into the Militia Immaculatae (see in previous issue of "Knight").

As a result of having more Russian-speaking Knights, there is a greater possibility of translating more M.I. publications prepared and printed by the International Headquarters of the M.I. into the Russian language. All translated publications are then sent to our faithful in Russia who can spread the M.I. apostolate.

Russian-language materials in our M.I. Library at present include the booklet: “Consecration of the Immaculata”, 16 flyers as well as 3 issues of the "Knight of the Immaculata" bulletin. All is available in M.I. Library:

www.militia-immaculatae.org/русский/

We Knights are very happy that the Apostolate in Russia is growing. We trust that the growth of the apostolate in Russia has been the result of all the prayers of the Knights who are giving their support to the M.I. 2 — Mission for Russia apostolate.

If you want to join the M.I. apostolate in Russia, please read this information:

www.consecrationrussia.org/about/
A Rosary Walk of Reparation in London

On the 20th of July 2019, our faithful in London participated in a Rosary Walk of Reparation for 5 miles in London with Fr. Robert Brucciani. The walk began at the SSPX Chapel of St. Joseph & St. Padarn and ended at Tyburn Convent. During the walk, participants stopped at 2 abortion clinics to sing the Holy Rosary, while handing out leaflets and Miraculous Medals.

New Knights and new co-ordinators in Great Britain

On Sunday the 11th of August 2019, Fr. Robert Brucciani enrolled a further 12 Knights into the Militia Immaculatae at the parish of St. Anne in Leicester. Of the 12, one was Polish, one French, one from the Philippines and the remainder were families who travel long distances to attend Mass at the Chapel.

New and very zealous local co-ordinators have been appointed in the parishes of Saints Margaret and Leonard (Edinburgh) and St. Pius V (Groombridge). New local co-ordinators are required at St. Michael’s School (Burghclere) and St. George’s (Wimbledon) due to relocation and illness respectively.

Plans are afoot to launch the M.I. in the parish of Taunton in the South-West of the District where a local co-ordinator will also be required.

May the Immaculata continue to help her Militia to expand in the District and throughout the world.
Catholic Kerala is a place that has an immediate effect upon a priest making a visit. One feels as soon as one enters Kerala how the true religion is to be found here as it is nowhere else in India. Even Goans, as far as I can remember, are not so permeated by Catholic life as these Keralites who try to live the Faith even after 50 years of Vatican II. One does not see vitality in the streets of Goa. On the contrary, the Hindu Fundamentalists are making a beachhead there.

But in Kerala, things are different. One sometimes gets the feeling that somehow the crisis never touched the ‘grass roots’ here. It is not just the scapular around the neck or the picture of the Sacred Heart in every home or the brand new, well-designed churches being erected as we speak, but the whole attitude and bearing; that inward look of Christian modesty, that difference which the Incarnation has made in even the most uncultured hearts.

The faith has been long here longer than even in some parts of Europe. It dates back to St. Thomas the Apostle: and it has become part of the landscape, with many churches and chapels, its landside and waterside crosses, pieta statues and monuments. In Kerala, one sees clear traces of vitality especially in the Syrian dioceses. I am referring to the faithful.

Amongst the clergy, there is continual daily decline. But amongst the faithful, one still sees the evidence of zeal for the Faith. As Fr. Stehlin loves to point out, it is here St. Maximilian Kolbe wanted to establish the ‘City of the Immaculata!’. Dr. Seby of Angamaly and a few devout Catholics invited us to introduce the SSPX in Kerala.

Twenty-five people presented themselves for Holy Mass and for most — it is the first time. Dr. Seby had arranged a nice altar for the occasion. I preached on the nature of the Mass and why we must reject the *Novus Ordo* in which the very concept of ‘sacrifice’ is missing. There were twenty-two communicants on that day. After Mass, I heard people greeting one another with *Laudetur Jesus Christus* (Praised be Jesus Christ) in Malayalam. I was told this is a custom from time immemorial. A fascinating custom indeed! I imposed scapulars on almost all of them.
and spoke to them about the Militia Immaculatæ.

As I mentioned earlier, it was in Ernakulam where St. Maximilian Kolbe envisioned opening his third “Niepokalanów”. And so it was to the same place we were invited. Dr. Martin, a layman who holds a licentiate in theology (!) from Louvain University, is an ardent devotee of Our Lady of Fatima. He, in his old age, decided to dedicate his time to spreading the message of Fatima. After a small conference, we were treated to a sumptuous meal. I offered morning Mass there as well. I must mention that a few of the attendees had travelled from afar.

The Syrian Catholics of Kerala are an interesting group of people. They have big families, home schooling programs, and a no-TV at home policy.

And obviously, lots of vocations. It is not a rare sight to encounter nuns or clergy in their habits on almost every corner! As I prepared to leave for the priory, they insisted I go north to visit a shrine in Palayioor. It is where St. Thomas the Apostle landed and built his first Church. Cardinal Tissierant (the learned authority on it) brought a big piece of the relic of St. Thomas from Ortana and donated here.

Coming back to our interested people, what could be done? Obviously, they would love to have a ‘residential priest’ and ‘a proper school’. This we cannot provide at this time as we are already spread far too thin. Clearly, finding more vocations is the solution. How to press ahead with the work of feeding the flock when we are lacking shepherds? An occasional visit may have a part to play in keeping the flames lit, but this occasional effort, however welcome and efficacious it may prove, cannot answer the acute problem of providing a permanent solution.

O Lord, grant us many holy priests.

Fr. Therasian Babu
Our Lady of Fatima in Ramabanta

At the foot of the highest mountains in Lesotho (a country now surrounded by South Africa) lies the national sanctuary in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, namely, that of Our Lady of Fatima in Ramabanta.

Our Lady had protected this region that her missionaries had dedicated to her in 1865 and 1868 with the consent of King Moshoeshoe. However, the Blessed Virgin Mary also wanted this country to be completely consecrated to her and not just by an act of ecclesiastical authority. This consecration at the request of our Blessed Mother took place on the 18th of October 1943. The renewal of the National Consecration took place on the 18th of August 1946. From then on, the Blessed Virgin Mary has the new title of “Queen of Lesotho”! The people of Lesotho were blessed in Heaven with an all-powerful protector who would never abandon them!

To commemorate this national act, a shrine dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (as at Fatima in Portugal) was needed. Ramabanta was chosen to be Lesotho’s Sanctuary. It was to this place that the Virgin came and worked the miraculous conversion of Maria Fatima Makopoi, the local “chieftainess” who was a Calvinist of the old stock. Makopoi’s conversion contributed immensely to the growth of the Catholic faith in her land.

On the 15th of June 1949, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima began its grand tour around the thirty-five missions of the Plain of Lesotho. Having set out from the large church in Rome, the Blessed Virgin Mary became a “pilgrim” in this African land. Thus, more than 100,000 people had the privilege of greeting and praying to the great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy, in the missions or on the road. This “Great Return” of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Africa ended in the new National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima at Ramabanta on the 13th of October 1949, in the presence of 10,000 people. The Virgin of Fatima set out again to tour the region called the “Mountain” the following year, from mid-September to the end of November 1950.

On the 11th of October 1952, in the presence of thousands of faithful, Mgr. Des Rosiers, Bishop of Maseru, solemnly consecrated the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima at Ramabanta.

Every year on the 13th of October, the inhabitants of Lesotho come in
their thousands for their national pilgrimage of Fatima. Most of them come on foot despite the heat of the sun and they brave hills and valleys just for this pilgrimage that can last for as long as one entire week for many pilgrims. The long lines of pilgrims who go through the villages singing hymns and quietly reciting Hail Marys arouse the admiration of non-Catholics, pagans or Protestants, who have to admit “Truly it is only the Catholic Church which can give rise to such religious fervour and inspire so many sacrifices from the people of Lesotho.”

Among the richest traditions of in Lesotho, one notable and wonderful custom of the Catholics in that region is the exchange of greetings to each other. One may greet anybody with the greeting, “Ho rorisoe Jesu Kriste” [“Praised be Jesus Christ’”] and another can reply, “Le Maria ea se nangsekoli” [“Praise be to Mary Immaculate”]. The catechumens say “Maria a nthapelle” [“May Mary, pray for me”], and the Catholic replies: “Jesu a u bontše” [“And may Jesus be your light!”].

Moreover, the numerous Marian publications of the Catholic Centre of Mazenod in Lesotho have been assiduous in spreading the devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, therefore countering the many wicked insinuations of the Calvinists against the most holy Virgin Mother of God. Such is the degree of Marian devotion entrenched in the devout hearts of the Lesotho Catholics that they take it as a personal insult should anyone attack the honour of their Heavenly Mother.
New Knights in Nicaragua

We are pleased to announce that Father Miquel Boniface has enrolled eight young people into the Militia Immaculatæ. These young people consecrated themselves to the Immaculata during a mini-vocational retreat. They are the candidates from the Diocesan Seminary in Esteli, Nicaragua.

The Miraculous Medals in Costa Rica

Father Miquel Boniface has already begun distributing the Miraculous Medals in Costa Rica.

He has explained what the Miraculous Medal is about and has given the Miraculous Medal and some informational flyers to various people.

In the picture: Fr. Boniface with two policemen after distributing the Miraculous Medals in the police station.
The Militia Immaculatae is an army of Knights of Mary Immaculate which works for the conversion of all men to God, be they 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 Immaculatæ 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.

If you want to join us, please email: info@militia-immaculatae.org and tell us which country you are from.
Devotion of the Five First Saturdays

On the 13th of June 1917 Our Lady appeared a second time in Fatima. She showed them her Heart. Sister Lucia wrote: “In front of the palm of Our Lady's right hand was a HEART encircled by thorns which pierced it. We understood that this was the IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, outraged by the sins of humanity and seeking reparation.”

The Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

In Tuy (on the 13th of June 1929) Our Lady told Sr. Lucia: “The moment has come when God asks the Holy Father to consecrate Russia in union with all the bishops of the world to my Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means.”

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