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Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

Recently a Knight living in a communist country sent me the following information: "My pregnant wife got very sick. After the examinations all doctors urged her to abort the child, if not, both child and mother would most probably die! Terrified about this news all our relatives (mostly pagans) insisted that we should comply with the doctors' advice and had already arranged for the operation. My generous wife said 'No' and asked me to pray 1000 rosaries with her to obtain the miracle of a happy birth. The furious doctors refused any further medical care, all relatives accused us of being religious fanatics and became very hostile to us. It was a terrible time. And the miracle happened: our child was born without any defect, mother and child were in full health. You can hardly imagine the stupefaction of the doctors. Thanks to this miracle some of our relatives converted! Praise to the Immaculata!"

Another Knight told me personally: "I led a very sinful life, never prayed and ridiculed the religion. Suddenly my Grandmother died. As my parents are divorced and not interested in me, Grandmother was the only person in the world I loved and visited often. She was always very kind to me. On hearing about her death I was devastated and began to drink. One week after the burial, my father gave me an envelope, which contained a letter written to me by Grandmother, together with her Rosary. It said: 'For many years I prayed with this Rosary, these beads are my only treasure. It's for you, my grandson. Holding it in your hands, please remember me and my love for you!' ... I was so shocked about this message that I could not sleep any more. I went to Grandmother's grave and weeping I promised her to keep the Rosary with me all my life. At

this moment I felt forced to begin to pray. This was my first *Hail Mary* after many years. Two months afterwards I went to confession, and on the anniversary of her death somebody sent me a flyer about the Rosary — published by the Militia Immaculatæ. Now I am HER thankful Knight! Thank you, dearest Grandma!"

From all over the world we receive similar messages about the efficacy of the Most Holy Rosary. And we should not be astonished at that: Our Lady herself promised incredible graces to all those who pray the Rosary with devotion. Therefore it is of the utmost importance to know this great means of salvation, its significance, its effects and victories, but especially its universal power to bestow all kind of graces on those who pray it: beginning with the desperate sighs of lost sinners and ending with the most heroic actions of a saint.

A striking fact: wherever the Knights of the Immaculata pray the Rosary regularly, and invite others to pray it, Our Lady blesses them abundantly. For example, consider a chapel with 20 faithful having Holy Mass only once a month. After entering the M.I. they prayed the Rosary together, distributed Rosaries and the flyers, because the people didn't know anymore how to pray it. After 5 months they are already 60 strong and full of zeal to win many souls for the Immaculata. Before, they never even thought about the importance of doing something to save souls. You see, thanks to the Rosary, the love of God and our neighbour increases — and from indifferent lukewarm Catholics they change into fervent soldiers of Our Lady's army.

Therefore, please remember the resolution for this jubilee year — 20 years of the M.I. of Traditional Observance: not only to pray the Rosary with devotion, but to make it known and loved.

Fr. Karl Stehlin

Gdynia, on the 21st of December 2019



St. Maximilian on the Holy Rosary

Originally the Rosary was called the *Psalter of Mary* because, just as the Psalter of David consists of 150 psalms, so also in the Rosary there are 150 *Hail Marys*. Legend has it that one fact led to the changing of its name. A devout young man is said to have been in the habit of quite frequently adorning pictures of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary with roses. Later, this young man entered the religious life. However, inside the friary, this pious man could no longer bring flowers to the Immaculate Virgin Mary and that made him very sad. While thus afflicted, he was visited by the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, who told him: "Recite my *Psalter* devoutly and you shall adorn me with the most beautiful of flowers." The man therefore began to recite the Rosary and immediately saw that, for every *Hail Mary*, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary took out of his mouth a beautiful rose and wove a beautiful lily. Hence the denomination "Rosary."

Besides the recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the *Ave Maria* (Angelic Salutation), an essential part of the Rosary is also the meditation on the mysteries of the life of Christ and of the Holy Mother of God.

The origin of the Rosary is known to all. In a certain town St. Dominic could not convert some heretics, so he turned to the

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, to whom he had been very devoted since childhood, asking for help. The Queen of Heaven showed him the Rosary and instructed him to spread it. Saint Dominic set to work with zeal and from then on, he was able to save easily a large number of misguided souls, so many that they numbered over 100,000 people, in a short period of time. The whole Catholic world received the Holy Rosary with enthusiasm, while countless graces and miracles of conversion attested to its supernatural origin.

The Popes have recommended it highly. Thus, for instance, Adrian VI stated that "the Rosary vanquishes Satan"; Paul III said: "Through the Rosary St. Dominic held the wrath of God away from France and Italy"; Julius III declared: "The Rosary is the ornament of the Roman Church"; Gregory XIV: "The Rosary is eradication of sin, recovery of grace, growth of the glory of God"; Paul V: "The Rosary is a treasure trove of graces"; Urban VIII: "Through the Rosary the number of most fervent Christians increases"; Pius IX: "If you want peace to reign in your hearts and in your families, gather every evening to pray the Rosary"; and Leo XIII in one of his encyclicals on the Rosary said: "We urge all the faithful most strongly to pray the Rosary publicly in churches or in private homes and in families. As far as they can, may they never leave that holy practice behind."

Also, the Popes have enriched the Holy Rosary with many indulgences. One can obtain 100 days of indulgence for every *Our Father* and each *Hail Mary*, as long as at least a third part of the Rosary is recited. Anyone may profit from that indulgence in public prayers, under the privilege granted by Pius IX (the 22nd of January 1858), provided that at least one of the people there uses the Rosary beads.

15 Promises for praying the Holy Rosary given to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive significant graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its Sacred Mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death. If he be just, he shall remain in the grace of God and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful in reciting the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces. At the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in Paradise.
9. I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire Celestial Court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only Son, Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.



The Holy Rosary — the sword of each Knight

“Scapular, Rosary and Miraculous Medal — here are three things that the Immaculata herself has deigned to offer for the salvation of mankind.” — said St. Maximilian in July 1925.

This issue of the *Knight of the Immaculata* is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, according to the suggestion of the Father Director of the M.I. in his Letter No. 14.

"A prayer both simple and sublime that the Immaculata herself indicated when she appeared in Lourdes is the Holy Rosary. May it become the **sword of each Knight** of the Immaculata, just as the Miraculous Medal is the bullet that strikes down evil!" — wrote St. Maximilian in 1925.

To honour the Rosary is to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the Rosary is simply a meditation on Our Lady's life, accompanied

by the devout recitation of the *Hail Mary*.

The Rosary, if recited well, is both prayer and instruction.

"The Rosary is an easy prayer, since it is far from difficult to repeat the prayers (*Our Father* and *Hail Mary*). It is also a very sublime prayer, though, because by reciting it we reflect on the mysteries of faith. Moreover, the more one is keen and competent in matters of faith, the deeper one can reflect on these mysteries and be led to discover in them an ever-growing number of practical tips for life." — wrote St. Maximilian in 1933.

The mysteries of the Rosary tell us that in Mary's life everything is judged in relation to God.

Her joy and consolation are found in all that gives pleasure to God; her sorrows are, so to speak, the very sorrows of God, who be-



ing made Man, willed to suffer for the sins of mankind. **Mary's unique joy is Jesus:** to be His Mother, to clasp Him in her arms, to offer Him for the adoration of the world, to contemplate Him in the glory of His Resurrection, to be united to Him in Heaven. **Mary's unique sorrow is the Passion of Jesus;** to see Him betrayed, scourged, crowned with thorns, and crucified by our sins.

This, then, is the **first fruit** which we must gather from the recitation of the Rosary: **to judge all the events of our life according to their relationship to God,** to rejoice in what gives Him pleasure, in what unites us to Him, to suffer for sin which separates us from Him and is the cause of the Passion and Death of Jesus.

The **second fruit** that we should derive from the daily recitation of the Rosary is a **penetration into Christ's mysteries; by Mary and with Mary,** who opens the door to them for us, the Rosary



helps us to penetrate the ineffable grandeurs of the Incarnation, Passion and Glory of Jesus.

Who is there who has understood and lived these mysteries as Our Lady did? And who better than she can make us understand them?

If during the recitation of the Rosary, we really know how to put ourselves in spiritual contact with Mary and to accompany her in the various stages of her life, we shall be able to perceive something of the sentiments of her Heart concerning these great mysteries which she witnessed, and in which she played such an impor-



tant part; this, in turn, will serve wonderfully to nourish our souls.

Thus, our Rosary will be transformed into a quarter of an hour's meditation — we might almost say contemplation — under Mary's guidance. This is what Mary desires, rather than many Rosaries recited with the lips, while the mind wanders in a thousand directions!

The *Hail Mary*, continuously repeated, should express the attitude of a soul who is striving

to approach the Blessed Virgin, hastening toward her in order to be captivated by Her and given insight into the divine mysteries. *Ave Maria!* The lips say, and the heart murmurs: *Teach me, O Mary, to know and love Jesus as you knew and loved Him.*

If we recite the Rosary with a real spirit of devotion, the Rosary becomes an effective means of cultivating devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and of bringing us into intimacy with Our Lady and her Divine Son.

"In fact, the Immaculata herself, appearing at Lourdes in the year 1858, showed herself with a rosary in hand, urging people to recite it, by her own example. Hence, when we pray the Rosary, we certainly give great pleasure to the Divine Mother, and draw great blessings from God upon ourselves and our families" — concluded St. Maximilian. **M**

Knights of the Immaculata and all of you who read these words try, in as much as you are able, to participate in communal recitation of the Rosary, either in churches, or on the sidewalks on the streets, or in front of the paintings and statues of the Divine Mother. Those who cannot leave their home can recite at home the third part of the Rosary every day.

And why?

Because the Immaculata herself wanted to exhort us to pray the Holy Rosary, appearing to Blessed Bernadette with the rosary in her hand.

And for whose benefit?

For the benefit of those who need it most, namely in favour of these poor wretches, our brother Freemasons, made the unhappier by the fact that they do not notice their journey to perdition. Notwithstanding, they are brothers, since Jesus excluded nobody from participating in the merits of His Passion.

And for what intention?

Do you not think, dear readers, that the best intention is that they convert as soon as possible, and even enrol in the Militia of the Immaculata and, with a desire to repair for the harm already done, will carry on with greater fervour — following the example of St. Paul after his conversion — the work of salvation of souls?...

St. Maximilian (October 1926)

Rosaries March in Warsaw (Poland)

Cloudy skies and chilly winds did not stop the faithful from participating in the Rosaries March on the 5th of October 2019 (First Saturday) in the Warsaw Old Town District in Poland. Participants of this large-scale public procession hailed from our SSPX chapel in Warsaw, and the Indult Traditionalist group as well as from some of the diocesan churches in Poland's capital. Together, these Marian devotees formed a long processional chain that can be likened to the chain that links together the beads of the *Ave Maria* prayers in the Most Holy Rosary.

The purpose of this procession was to make reparation for the various forces of liberalism and demon-

strations that have plagued Poland (along with other nations) as well as to reinforce the Blessed Virgin Mary's important role as Queen of Poland. Our Society priests led the prayers of the Most Holy Rosary, together with the prayer of the Militia Immaculatæ — "O Mary conceived without sin..."

With loudspeakers echoing the most beautiful words of the *Ave Maria* in the Polish language as well as the long line of participants whose hymns of praise and prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary rose to the heavens, it was no wonder that this Marian spectacle aroused the interest of many a passer-by. Some of our M.I. knights in Poland took this opportunity to distribute Mi-



raculous Medals and M.I. flyers to curious bystanders. Included among those pedestrians who received Our Lady's Miraculous Medal were first-time foreign tourists to Warsaw from countries as diverse as Japan, South Korea, Thailand and the Netherlands.

Deo Gratias et Ave Maria for the opportunity to do a public street apostolate in downtown Warsaw!

Our Lady Queen of Poland and Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us!



M.I.'s Retreat Days in Poland

Knights in Poland had Retreat days in two places. One Retreat day took place in Poznań and the other in Łódź. The conferences during the Retreat day in Poznań were preached by Fr. Karl Stehlin; in Łódź by Fr. Dawid Wierzycki, the National Moderator in Poland.

Both of the preachers gave conferences about the concept of the M.I. and the tasks of Knights according to St. Maximilian. The goal of the M.I. is to convert sinners, so in addition to prayer, it is important to make sacrifices with this intention in mind. They emphasized that giving up one's own will is a huge renunciation. The

tasks of Knights are to distribute Miraculous Medals, flyers and other publications.



M.I.'s Retreat days in Poznań

The 2019 Fatima Conference in Warsaw

The 2019 Fatima Conference organized by the Fatima Centre took place in the Polish capital of Warsaw on the weekend (11–13th of October) of the 102nd anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's famous "Miracle of the Sun". The venue for the Fatima Conference this year has been especially significant because Catholic Poland, that has been blessed with the heritage of the One True Faith for over a thousand years, is currently under attack from the same enemies that have led the Western world into moral and spiritual decay, namely, Freemasonry, liberalism and communism. Without urgent action to seek recourse to the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Immaculate Heart

by prayer, fasting and sacrifice, faithful Catholics in and beyond Poland fear that this country will follow the immoral and godless ways of its Western counterparts.

Despite the previous week being all rainy and wintry, Warsaw welcomed Our Lady of Fatima's messengers with warm weather and clear skies lasting the duration of the conference. Moreover, people from different nationalities (Polish, Canadian, American, *etc.*) also turned up for the conference in the capital's downtown, further encouraged by the pleasant weather as well as by well-meaning family and friends.

Notable Fatima speakers included Fr. Karl Stehlin, Father Isaac Mary Relyea, Father Michael Rodriguez, Christopher Ferrara, Brendan Young as well as Polish speakers like Paweł Lisicki, Anna Mandrela and Wojciech Golonka. These well-researched speakers spoke in great detail about topics including the True Message of Our Lady of Fatima, the current crisis and apostasy in the Vatican as well



as the Spirituality of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Founder of the Militia Immaculatæ. Members of the audience, some of whom have not been attending the Traditional Latin Mass on a regular basis, found these conferences eye-opening and returned to their homes with actionable insights and increased zeal to spread Our Lady of Fatima's message. Edified by the true account of the lives of the three children of Fatima as well as the great Polish St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe's heroic charity and zeal for souls, these audience members were very keen to find out more about Our Lady of Fatima as well as the Militia Immaculatæ founded by St. Maximilian himself. Thus many bought several copies of Militia Immaculatæ publications and testified that Poland needed more Knights of the Immaculata to combat the forces of Freemasonry and liberalism with even greater efficacy.

In spite of the numerous tribulations that lie ahead (both from within and beyond Traditional Catholic circles) for the Militia Immaculatæ and the Fatima Centre in helping Our Lady save more souls for God's glory, we trust that the Immaculate Virgin Mary will take care of everything because

these apostolate efforts belong to her and to God alone.

The well-known prayer of the Legion of Mary that extols the Immaculata in the words, "Who is she that comes forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in battle array", certainly held true as the Fatima conference came to an end under the watchful gaze of a beautiful full moon in the October night sky.



M.I. Bookstore during Conference

The Power and Fruits of the Most Holy Rosary

Since September 2018, members of the Warsaw Youth Circle of the M.I. have been gathering every second and fourth Sunday of the month in front of two hospitals in Warsaw (that have performed the highest number of abortions) to pray for the intentions of unborn babies who risk being aborted. Polish law enables abortions for sick foetuses in their mothers' wombs and the two hospitals where the M.I. faithful gather have performed the highest number of abortions in the city thus far.

The priests and brothers of the Society of St. Pius X. usually lead the Rosary and prayers to the Mother of God to make reparation for the sins of abortion as well as to pray for the conversion of those guilty of participating in abortions in any way, through graces dispensed by the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Meditation and hymns preceded each individual mystery of the Rosary.

One of the two hospitals unfortunately has performed the highest number of abortions in Poland. 131 conceived children were mur-



dered here in 2017 alone and 135 children in 2018. The murdered foetuses were at risk of having disabilities (including Down's syndrome).

According to the data from the second hospital, 88 abortions were performed in 2017 and 29 in the following year. However, in the year of 2019, no unborn child has

been killed thus far. In order to thank the Immaculate Virgin Mary for this grace and to beg her to stop hospital staff from killing unborn children as well as to persevere in not carrying out murderous abortions, a rosary of thanks was recited in front of the hospital on the second Sunday of June 2019.

M.I. Corner at St. Thomas of Aquinas School

An M.I. Corner has been established in the Primary and Secondary School of St. Thomas of Aquinas in Józefów (Poland).

Its creation on the 16th of October 2019 coincided with the 102nd anniversary of the founding of the M.I. This new centre of the Knights' apostolate is located right next to the entrance to the school chapel. There are flyers, pictures, as well as Miraculous Medals and magazines *Triumph of the Immaculata* and *Little Knight* for the children.

All those who visit the school daily or even just pupils on their own in the school can use these materials, but especially larger groups of Knight students with a teacher. Through the Corner, can easily gain access to weapons to spread the work of the M.I. apostolate.



Visit of Fr. Director and new Knights in England

Towards the end of October 2019, the Director of the M.I., Fr. Karl Stehlin visited England. The purpose of the visit was to give two conferences and to meet the priests of District GB & Scandinavia. The visit was very fruitful.

Father Stehlin gave two presentations: one in the London chapel and the other at St. Michael's School in Burghclere. Both conferences touched on the tasks of the Knights. The burden on us as Knights is not heavy, but we must act as follows:

1. pray at least once a day, say the Knight's extended ejaculation prayer: "O Mary conceived without sin...";
2. offer our sufferings in penance for the souls of sinners;
3. distribute the Miraculous

Medal through which there are many conversions;

4. distribute good Marian literature available from the M.I. corners.

Father Stehlin urged us all to step up our involvement in this particular action. Do not say: "Oh somebody might tell me where to go" or "I am too shy to approach a stranger" or "I'll think about it." Just do it, and the more you do it, the easier it becomes. It is through these sacramentals that the Immaculata channels her graces into the souls of all who accept them, and we as Knights are the instruments through which these opportunities come to pass.

After each of the conferences was the enrolment ceremony. In London the M.I. was enriched with 20 new Knights and in Burghclere, 13.

Father Director met with all the District priests at the end of his visit. This meeting was organized by Fr. Robert Brucciani — the District Superior for GB & Scandinavia. The meeting took place



Conference in St. Michael's School

in the Retreat House in Bristol.

Father Stehlin underlined the importance of the M.I. mission for the faithful in each chapel and church. He also mentioned the numbers of *Novus Ordo* Catholics who have decided to embrace Tradition after having encountered M.I. literature and/or Miraculous Medals. Father Stehlin spoke about the part that could be played by the priests of the District in propagating the M.I. Apostolate



Priests of District GB & Scandinavia with the Director of the M.I.

in its overarching role as the Immaculata's Army for the saving of souls for her Son.

New Knights in Ireland

Father Patrick Kimball enrolled 8 new Knights in the Militia Immaculatae on the 19th of Septem-

ber (the Feast of Our Lady of La Salette) at Corpus Christi Church in Athlone (Ireland).



Renewal act of consecration in Germany

In September 2019, Fulda, a town in the heart of Germany, was host to the solemn renewal of the consecration of Germany to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary.

There was a procession through the centre of the town, where Knights of the Immaculata distributed hundreds of Miraculous Medals to the people standing at the sides of the streets. Knights also carried 7 banners of the Militia Immaculatæ.

The central theme of the lecture and of the two sermons was the Holy Mass and how we should

take part in this holy happening and sacrifice and connect ourselves with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. If we actively participate in this sacrifice, our lives will be pervaded by the graces of the Holy Mass and this will change us in the course of time.

During the two days there was an M.I. table with medals, flyers and CDs, whence everyone could take home our M.I. articles.

At the end, everybody was glad and thankful for the immense gift of being a child of our beloved Holy Church.

Member of the M.I. Munich (Germany)



Visit to Niepokalanów

On the 21st of November 2019, a group of faithful from the M.I. 3 in Warsaw, Poland visited Niepokalanów, the City of the Immaculata. The date of the visit was not chosen accidentally because it marked the 92nd Anniversary of the founding of Niepokalanów.

The City of the Immaculata was established by St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe who also founded the Militia Immaculatæ in 1917 to fight the anti-Catholic forces of liberalism that were then plaguing (and are still plaguing) the world and the Catholic Church.

By the grace of God through the Immaculata, Niepokalanów developed rapidly and up to the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939 it had a seminary, a large printing operation that published a daily Catholic newspaper, and even a radio station, to help spread knowledge and love of the Immaculate Mother of God to as many people as possible.

The visitors learned more in detail about the life of St. Maximilian by having a look at some of the actual writings, conferences, spiritual retreats (in print) that the Saint personally wrote.

The group of the M.I. 3 first visited the old chapel which was built by St. Maximilian and his friars. The members of the group prayed for the development of the M.I. in the world.

One of the friars was kind enough to show the visitors around the premises, by giving a tour of the museum of St. Maximilian as well as providing access to the actual study and bedrooms of the Saint for a quick look. Moreover, the visitors had the blessing of being able to kiss the relics of the Saint, learn about how Niepokalanów had to deal with the Communist oppression, as well as spend time in recollection at the very humble chapel where St. Kolbe himself had celebrated the Holy Mass.



New Knights in South America

The Director of the Militia Immaculæ, Fr. Karl Stehlin, visited five countries in South America, where he preached conferences on the Militia Immaculæ and the Spirituality of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe, founder of the M.I.

Father Stehlin established the Militia Immaculæ in Chile, Peru and Uruguay and enrolled 286 new Knights into the Militia Immaculæ. The demographics of the new Knights of the Immaculata have been broken down as follows:

follows:

- 94 Knights in Santiago de Chile;
- 36 Knights in Viña del Mar (Chile);
- 9 in Uruguay;
- 40 in Lima (Peru);
- 80 in Medellin (Columbia); next 40 Knights were enrolled by the priest on the 8th of December;
- 27 Knights in Bogota (Colombia).

Deo per Immaculatam gratias!

Report from Lima (Peru)

As part of the apostolic visitation of the Father Director of the Militia Immaculæ, Fr. Karl Stehlin, to Latin America, forty faithful and assistants of Chapel of the Child Jesus of Prague in Lima (Peru) consecrated



Enrolment in Medellin chapel (80 Knights)



Enrolment in Lima (40 Knights)

themselves to Our Lady according to the original devotion of the founder of the M.I., St. Maximilian Kolbe.

The day began with an explanatory talk on the history and vocation of the organization, followed by a Mass celebrated by Fr. Stehlin. Finally, young people and adults consecrated themselves to this particular service "for the conversion and sanctification of men", strengthened by the promises of the Immaculate Conception.



Enrolment in Viña del Mar (36 Knights)



New 9 Knights in Uruguay

Spanish publications for order:

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A pilgrimage in honour of the Nativity of the Immaculata

In Canada, the Pilgrimage in honour of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was held on the 1st of September 2019. It started out from the church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ethelbert, MB some 4 hours northwest of the city of Winnipeg.

Faithful from Dryden, ON and Welwyn, SK came together to continue the tradition, begun at least 12 years ago by Fr. Rusak, of an annual pilgrimage which is usually held over 2 days near the Welwyn, SK chapel of Our Lady of Fatima.

This year we were limited to just one day of walking in prayer, hymns and litanies, with meditations on the Nativity of Mary. The youngest participant was only 6 months

and the oldest — 85 years old. The terminus of the day was the Retreat centre located on a faithful's property, a short distance of 15 km.

Some 60 plus faithful joined in the day of prayer and reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The brand new and beautiful flags of the Militia Immaculatæ flew high and strong to lead the way for a pilgrimage of the SSPX faithful of western Canada. Parishioners from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and our good friends from western Ontario (we consider them part of our prairie family!) converged at the foot of Duck Mountain (...no, the Canadian prairies are not all just one big flat pancake) to pray and make a one-day pilgrimage



Pilgrims with flags of the Militia Immaculatæ



in honour of Our Lady's Nativity. These foothills are the backdrop to the SSPX's newest retreat centre, so generously offered by Mrs. Coffey and her family. In support of her efforts (and to showcase the beautiful venue) it was decided to move our well-trodden pilgrimage route through the scenic Qu'Appelle Valley to the provincial border. The day was wonderfully successful as all present spoke of being both edi-

fied and sanctified by that sense of a good spirit which permeates all good works (for which it is always the Holy Ghost who leads the way). Our portable and travelling 'M.I. supply corner' was also present and well stocked with much information, and many Miraculous Medals and Brown Scapulars were shared out. The day closed with an evening BBQ, campfire singsong and Father's final blessing.

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Director's visit in Canada

From the 20th of November to the 30th of November 2019, the Father Director of M.I. visited the Knights of the Immaculate in several Canadian cities: Toronto, Winnipeg, Welwyn, Dryden, Nanaimo and Vancouver.

The purpose of the visit was not only to encourage the Knights to be more zealous, to remind them of the ideal of the M.I. and to indicate the means for its implementation, but also to welcome new Knights.

Here is a general list of the new 110 Knights in Canada:

— 59 Polish Knights in Toronto (for the English-speaking Knights the adoption took place on the 6th of December),

— 13 Polish Knights and 24 English-speaking Knights in Vancouver,

— 14 Knights in Nanaimo.

During his visit, Fr. Karl Stehlin delivered several conferences on the spirituality of St. Maximilian and the ideal of the M.I. In many places, meetings with the local Polish community took place and Fr. Stehlin gave lectures in Polish and the reception of the new Knights took place in Polish.

In the chapel of Christ the King in Langley, Vancouver, Fr. Stehlin

gave 6 conferences in 3 days. More than 100 people attended the conferences. At the end of the retreat, 13 Polish Knights and 24 English-speaking Knights attended the Knights' retreat, including the Prior. This number can be said to be a "good result" because there are not many faithful in the chapel.

During all the conferences, M.I. publications were available in Polish and English. There were many people willing to buy them.



Sermon by Fr. Stehlin in the church of the Transfiguration

In Toronto's SSPX church of the Transfiguration, a three-day retreat took place under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Karl Stehlin. The main topic was: "Mary our Last Hope". The retreat gathered about 150 Polish speaking people and an extra 50 English speak-

ers, not counting those present at Sunday's High Mass. The number of those present over the course of the three-day retreat varied daily as not everybody could stay for the full three days due to work or transportation issues. At the end, following a Sunday Mass celebrated with a Polish language sermon and Polish language hymns, about 60 people joined the Militia Immaculatæ the majority of whom were not from the Toronto parish.

The retreat covered the major subjects: "Mary's role in our spiritual life", "We can only love God and our neighbours with Mary at our side", "Mary — the Last Salvation for the Church, our Families, our Nations and our World". Three conferences were conducted in Polish, while the fourth conference in



English-speaking Knights with Fr. Stehlin in Toronto

the English language featured as the homilies for the Saturday and Sunday High Masses.

Father Stehlin, with his beautiful "Marian language" full of zeal, power and joy, showed us who really Mary is for us in this world of virtual and Masonic reality, so easily pulling us away from eternal life. We are so used to thinking highly of ourselves, so ego-centric, so full of ourselves that we fear almost nobody. We are bombarded with unrealistic visions of a world and without pain, sacrifice or prayer; a world without hell and the devil. Satisfying the requirement for "love our neighbour" by only sharing food during Christmas food-drives or by collecting money for shelters or clothes for the needy, we completely forget what we are really



Fr. Stehlin with Polish Knights in Langley

here for. God will judge us as to how we loved our neighbour. Did we want the best for them: their life in heaven? Sharing money or clothes or food is noble but we have to have a greater good in mind throughout our lives. In Fatima, Mary gave us many suggestions as to how to do our job on earth in the best way possible if we really want to "love our neighbour".

The Message from Fatima calls us to pray the Rosary every day. The three parts of the Rosary connect the lives of Mary and Jesus with our lives in the best possible way. They show us that, while on Earth, we must expect constant challenges, pains, sacrifices; and that our desires will never be satisfied. Our goal is to be worthy of Heaven and in this we must follow Jesus and His Blessed Mother. Mary knows, and she showed it in

Fatima, how difficult our life as Catholics will be. Here on Earth we no longer have anything strong enough to count on, or rely on, as all authority is gone, or almost gone.

Mary knew this, and St. Maximilian Kolbe foresaw it, which is why we have the Militia Immaculate to gather all those who want to fight under Mary's banner, who want to help save the souls of our neighbours: whether they be politicians, priests, family members, our enemies, or our loved ones.

Mary as the "Woman clothed in Sun" is our General. With short prayers (ejaculation prayers like: "O Mary conceived without sin...") we can offer each and every person to Mary, so that she can bring this person back to God. God, through Mary, needs our cooperation in saving souls. This is our main purpose in life and what better way to fulfil it than through the Militia Immaculatæ.

It does not require much time or effort, it is not even obligatory under pain of sin — it is of our own



M.I. Corner in Welwyn (Canada)

free will. But remember that once you start working with Mary, she will change not only the people around you, but also your family and most of all you, your faith, and your life.

"The concrete words will certainly be erased by time, but I trust that the enlarged ranks of the Knights of Mary, supported by her graces, will imprint in our hearts a lasting mark of her apostolate. The determination with which Fr. Stehlin passed on to us the seriousness of Mary's mission in these final times will be the guiding force of the apostles who have just been called upon and

who are already active in various corners of the world." — said one of the retreat participants at Langley.

"The participants of the conference felt the grandeur and dignity of the Immaculate Conception, and because we Poles felt especially called by the Mother of God, who has been anxious about the fate of her children for a long time, we could not help but respond to her call. May this knightly apostle spirit, which Fr. Stehlin instilled in us, with the help of the Immaculate Conception, win and not weaken in us in our everyday lives." — the retreat participants continued.

Renewal ceremonies in the Philippines

During November, Fr. Tim Pfeiffer performed two renewal ceremonies.

1) Police Station No. 5 consecrated itself to Our Lady in May of 2017. Recently, on the 18th of November 2019, Major Roy Mateo the Police Superintendent of Police Station No. 5 (located 2 km from the Priory of St. Joseph), renewed this consecration with the assistance of nearly 100 Police and Police auxiliaries.

The procession began the ceremony by reciting the consecration in front of the Statue. After this act of consecration, 80 Officers and auxiliaries, including Major Roy Mateo, were enrolled in the Confraternity of the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



Renewal ceremony in Police Station

2) In 2018, the Barangay of Barpa — with a history of murders, drugs and a noted hide-out for Communists — was visited by Our Lady's statue. At that first visit, some 500 people received the Scapular while another 70 enrolled in the M.I.

On the 25th of November 2019, a renewal Mission took place. Results, understandably, were meager, because first-time joys in poor areas always far out-do the lasting fruits of a deeper apostolic effort. Nevertheless, 9 Knights renewed their commitment to Our Lady, while another 18 enrolled in her army.

A renewal ceremony of this sort in such a place features an evening Rosary procession, followed by an M.I. Conference, followed by participants separating into two groups, one being the veteran M.I.s and the other being the new candidates. After 30–45 minutes of instruction the renewal ceremony begins. After this ceremony, which includes the enrolment of new Knights, Scapulars are distributed and some confessions are heard. Then, the next morning, at 4:30 am, Mass is held. Such an early

Mass offers everyone the opportunity to receive the Holy Sacrament, and still go to school or work afterwards.

In the case of this recent renewal, 80 people attended the evening Conference while 27 attended the 4:30 am Mass, with 18 communions.



Renewal ceremony in the Barangay of Barpa and publications for Knights who made renewal act.



New Knights in Asia

During his visit in a few countries in Asia, Fr. Karl Stehlin, Director of the M.I. enrolled 79 new Knights into the Militia Immaculatæ:

- 60 in Manila (the Philippines),
- 15 in Singapore,
- 4 in Saigon (Vietnam).

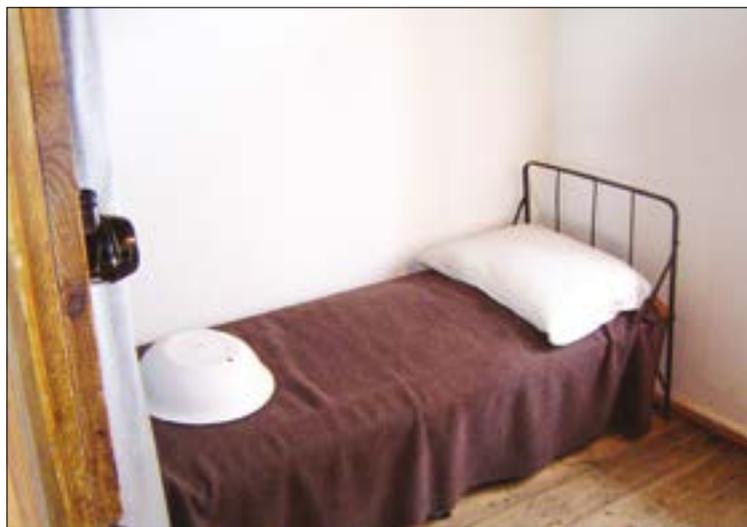


Places associated with St. Maximilian



Entrance to the room where St. Maximilian worked and slept before going to the Far East (1927–1930)

Desk in St. Maximilian's room in Niepokalanów. St. Maximilian worked in this room from 1927 to 1930



Bed in St. Maximilian's room

The Militia Immaculatæ is an army of Knights of Mary Immaculate which works for the conversion of all men to God, be they Protestants, Jews, Muslims, and in particular the Freemasons, so 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 has also been 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.

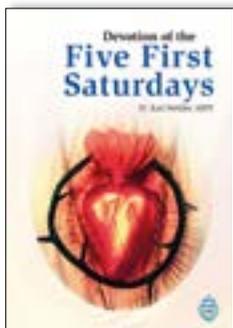
III. Duties of Membership:

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.

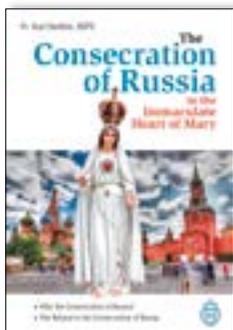
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Devotion of the Five First Saturdays

On the 13th of June 1917 Our Lady appeared for the second 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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