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of the Traditional Observance

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Interview with the Rev.

Father Karl Stehlin

the Director of the
Militia Immaculatæ
Traditional Observance

Father, on the 6th of May 2000, 20 years ago, the Militia Immaculatæ was re-founded in Poland. Can you tell us how it came about?

I myself never thought of such a thing. Although I knew of St. Maximilian, I had never been deeply involved with the Militia Immaculatæ that he founded.

It was various believers, mostly students, who explained to me the importance and great apostolic power of this Army of Mary and asked me to save the M.I. for tradition, since the modern M.I. has completely departed from the ideal of the founder.

So I asked the Superior General, who allowed me to found it for Poland.

How exactly did the foundation take place, was there a solemn act?

It was on the First Saturday, the 6th of May 2000, I think, during the adoration of atonement. We took the consecration ceremony which St. Maximilian had already used and which was obligatory for admission until 1974.

Every beginning is hard. How did the M.I. develop in the first years?

Only very slowly. In Poland there was certainly a lot of interest at the beginning, but after about a year, the M.I. limited itself to the admission ceremonies at the end of the annual pilgrimage to Czestochowa. Since many foreign believers took part in this pilgrimage, the M.I. became known especially in France, Switzerland and the USA.

Since 2002 the Capuchins of Morgon have been interested in the M.I. and received permission to found it in France. In the following years they admitted over 2000 knights. In 2004 I preached retreats about the M.I. in the USA, and so the foundation stone was

laid there too, but only to 3–4 eager Marian priests. Through the book *The Immaculata — Our Ideal* the traditional M.I. became better and better known. In 2007 it was founded in Switzerland.

In 2007, when many new believers came to Mass in Poland through the *Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum*, the M.I. finally woke up in its home country: the number of Knights quadrupled within a year.

At the same time the Superior General wrote to the Superiors of the Priestly Fraternity inviting them to get to know this important apostolic means. Thus the interest in the M.I. grew more and more.



Knights of the Immaculata in Fatima (2017)



Knights in Vanuatu (the island in the Pacific Ocean) organized pilgrimage after enrolment into the M.I.

Besides the Franciscans, the Dominicans and contemplative Dominicans were interested in the Militia Immaculatæ.

From when did the great diffusion of the M.I. begin and what external factors played a role in it?

A first wave was certainly around the year 2011–2012, when more and more priests reported about the apostolic fruitfulness of M.I. Then in 2014 the M.I. was founded in Germany and various countries in Asia. In 2016, when the number of Knights exceeded 10,000, the Superior General ap-

pointed me as international moderator, i.e. Director of the M.I.

Certainly the Mary Mission Tour (Pilgrimage of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima) was an extraordinary event throughout the Philippines with about 50,000 admissions to the M.I., but certainly also the structuring of the M.I., and the provision of ever more numerous materials (wonderful medals, leaflets, brochures, books, etc.).

In 2018, the Superior General wrote a preface to the *Handbook of the M.I. for priests and coordinators*, whereby the M.I. was welcomed by the Superiors almost everywhere and it is now spread in 62 countries.

When you look back on the 20 years of the M.I., what do you consider to be its greatest fruits?

The fruits of the M.I. are invisible for the most part: it is the work of the Immaculata, which gives it Knights in bulk, as they want to be instruments to help her save souls.

Various faithful report that through membership in the M.I. their families have been saved because it has been understood that Mary uses the spouses as instruments to infuse her graces of

conversion and sanctification into the hearts of the children and the other spouse. Older people found through the M.I. a great motivation to offer the infirmities of old age as sacrifices for the salvation of souls and thus to be the most important and successful Knights in their old age.

Are there special miracles of grace that the Immaculata has worked through the M.I.?

Surely it is the priestly and religious vocations that have been and will be awakened by membership in the M.I. In addition, the M.I. magazines report again and again about wonderful conversions, but also about wonderful salvation from great danger and deepest need.

The opponent of the Immaculata must hate the M.I., because his defeat by the snake trampler is even mentioned in the statutes. Have you experienced this specifically?

Probably the worst thing for the Devil is that you diminish his 'army' by snatching souls from his fetters. That is why he does everything to make sure that the Knights merely fall asleep and

think as little as possible about being "instruments of the Immaculata". And unfortunately he succeeds in this very often.

In concrete terms, we have seen his revenge in the Philippines, where we have seen a great number of the Knights who were admitted to the Philippines being taken away by their modernist priests: sometimes they were asked to throw away their medals because they had been imposed by 'false priests'.

Can it be said that the M.I. is even more necessary today than it was when St. Maximilian Kolbe founded it, and if so, why?

God has determined that He usually only gives His graces to people when He has instruments that help Him. In this way, Christ,



Knights in Mackay (Australia)



In 2016 Knights in the Philippines organized Mary Mission Tour — the pilgrimage through whole Philippines. The pilgrimage finished in 2017

the Redeemer and eternal High Priest will continue his work of salvation in space and time only with the help of the priests. Thus Mary, the Mediatrix of all graces, will also only give her graces of conversion and sanctification when she has instruments, channels, as it were, through which the living waters of divine life pass from her heart to the hearts of her often completely lost children.

In the time of St. Maximilian, people still understood this, so there were many priestly vocations, but also many Catholic laity who fought for the Kings in

the Marian Movements. Through modernism the sense for the work of salvation has been completely lost. Mary has almost lost her army because most people either no longer believe or understand the words "salvation from the danger of hell", liberation from the scourge of a heresy or the misery of sin.

The M.I. is therefore the school that brings these fundamental truths back to the people. And since the M.I. is addressed to all Catholics (not only to an elite), it is almost the only means that gives Mary today the so necessary tools to transmit her graces to souls.

Why should I as a Catholic join the M.I.?

Because every Catholic, according to his Confirmation, should be a "soldier and witness of Christ" for the spreading of the Kingdom of Christ. But now it is only Mary who reminds us of the graces and obligations of Confirmation: one can only be a soldier of Christ if one is a Knight, a soldier, a crusader, a legionary, *etc.* of Mary.

Moreover, every Catholic has the grave obligation to love his

neighbour, that is, to do everything possible to snatch his neighbour's soul away from sin and error and to bring him closer to God. But now only Mary is the most gracious. She alone crushes the devil's head and overcomes all the heresies on the whole earth. Only when I am Mary's instrument, can I give my neighbour what serves to heal him: the grace of conversion and sanctification.

What is your work as Director of M.I.?

In the past 4 years I have travelled the world to promote the M.I. and prepare the foundation, which has already happened apart from 2 districts. In the next few years the seeds must be sown, the M.I. must be well structured everywhere, so that the knights increase in zeal and number.

The headquarters of the M.I. offer in more and more languages of the world the "arsenal", with which the Knights can lead their fight for the souls. The Director (or his assistants) should visit once a year all the places where the M.I. exists to motivate the Moderators and Knights, to give advice and if necessary solve problems.

What is your biggest motivation for your work and the further spreading of the M.I. all over the world?

The deepest conviction that if Mary gets even one more instrument through which she can give her graces to people, then more and more people will be saved.

In what way is St. Maximilian Kolbe an example for you?

Through his absolute trust in the Immaculata, the victors in all God's battles; through his burning love for souls: "I exist for the salvation of souls — that is my mission"; through his clear anti-liberalism and anti-ecumenism,



Blessing of the M.I. Banner in Switzerland

whereby he can be called a fore-runner of the work of Tradition and a spiritual brother of Archbishop Lefebvre.

How do you hope to see the M.I. in 10–20 years?

Just as the Immaculata wants, that is, that the Knights become more and more aware of their great life's mission to be instruments of Mary, in order to pay even more honour to her and to save many more souls.

Would you like to conclude with a personal word to the Knights of M.I.?

We have no idea of the unspeakable force of even the small-

est thrusting prayer. We have no idea how much Mary loves us and wants to help us at every moment to fulfil God's will.

May she herself give us greater and greater "inkling" of this. May the example of St. Maximilian and of many of his Knights inspire us to the realisation that great and "only important" things are more and more before our eyes: the love for God and for souls through the Immaculata!

Dear Father, thank you very much for the interview and God's blessing for your work!

Since 2016, Fr. Stehlin has visited more than 30 countries where he has preached conferences presenting the idea of the M.I. and the spirituality of St. Maximilian.

In many of them, he initiated the Knighthood of the Immaculate, e.g. in the Philippines, India, China, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, and recently in the Philippines, Peru, Colombia, Argentina, Paraguay, Chile, Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Gabon and Nigeria. Currently M.I. traditional observance exists and operates on all continents.

Why was the Militia Immaculatæ Traditional Observance created?

On the eve of the Second Vatican Council, the Militia Immaculatæ had four million members in Poland and worldwide. In 1997 the new statutes of the M.I. were published and these were very different from those laid down by Fr. Maximilian Kolbe. One of the bestsellers of the time was a book by the General Moderator of the Militia, Fr. Simbula, who strongly criticized the holy founder for his narrowness and 'being stuck in the opinions of his times'.

The M.I. after the Council

The revolution brought about by the Second Vatican Council did not spare the M.I. either:



New Knights in Lithuania



Temporary bookstore after the Pilgrimage in Czestochowa

1. The name: they began by changing the supposedly all-too-militant name of Militia (Knighthood) Immaculatæ to "Mission of the Immaculata", so as to correspond better with the principles of religious freedom and conciliar pacifism. Soon afterward, the Statutes were adapted to the spirit of the Council. The quotations in the new Statutes are taken exclusively from conciliar texts and the writings of Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II, along with a few quotations from St. Maximilian.

2. The objectives: these revised Statutes present completely new objectives of the M.I. There is no longer any mention of the conversion of Freemasons, heretics, etc. Even the ejaculatory prayer of the M.I., "O Mary, conceived without sin, ..." was deprived of its final clause, which the founder had added, i.e., "and for all those who do not have recourse to Thee, especially for the Freemasons and for all who have been commended to Thee". The conversion of souls, the battle against error, and efforts to bring lapsed Catholics back into the bosom of Holy Mother Church are likewise no longer to be found in the Statutes. There is not a word about Satan, the arch-enemy of the Immaculata and of souls, and therefore, logically, no mention either of the salvation of souls, which must be snatched from the jaws of Hell at any cost.

3. The essence: as for the essence of the M.I., there is still talk about total consecration to the Immaculata, but what this consecration involves concretely has been radically changed. Not a word about obedience to the will of the Immaculata; instead of the apostolate of spreading the true faith, the focus now is on activities designed to promote the dignity of the human person and to protect human life.

4. The Mother of God: Mary is presented merely as an example and a model to be imitated. Otherwise, the new Statutes are

silent about what St. Maximilian calls "the practical application of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception", namely, her active role as Mediatrix of all graces (a truth which, since Vatican II, has been made out to be a debatable opinion), especially of the graces of conversion and sanctification. In this manner, what the founder regarded as the foundation of his entire project is being denied. "All of the work of the M.I. is based on the truth that Mary is the Mediatrix of all graces. If this were not the case, then our work and our efforts would be meaningless." (Conference, 6th of June 1933).

In November 2018, the present Superior General, Fr. Davide Pagliarani, allowed the establishment of the Headquarters of the M.I. in Warsaw.

You are encouraged to familiarize yourself with the activities of the M.I. in other countries whose representatives have prepared short presentations included in this issue of Knight bulletin #20.

International Headquarters of the Militia Immaculatæ



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 — the homeland of St. Maximilian).

The tasks of the International Headquarters of the Militia Immaculatæ are as follows:

1. Spreading the idea of the M.I. and support for priests and faithful in establishing the M.I. in all countries of the world.
2. Contact, support and help for M.I. coordinators and moderators in all countries in which the M.I. has been introduced.
3. Administrating and updating the websites of the M.I. in several languages.
4. Preparation and printing of publications (books, booklets, flyers) in several languages.

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The outcome of spreading the apostolate and an idea of the M.I. and providing support by the Father Director of the M.I., Fr. Karl Stehlin (who visits many countries), is:

- ▶ the existence of the M.I. in 48 countries;
- ▶ over 120,000 Knights around the world.

Amongst Knights are clerics and seminarians in seminaries: in Australia, Argentina, France (Flavigny) and in Zaitzkofen (Germany).

This last point is very important because, as with St. Maximilian, the local apostolate largely depends on them.



Enrolment into the M.I. in Seminary in Flavigny (France)



Enrolment into the M.I. in Seminary in La Reja (Argentina)

Preparation and printing of publications (books, booklets, flyers) in several languages.

The M.I. Magazine is published in **five languages**:

- ▶ English *Knight of the Immaculata* published quarterly;
- ▶ Polish *Triumph of the Immaculata* and for children the *Little Knight*; both publications issued quarterly;
- ▶ French *Le Chevalier de l'Immaculee* published once a year;
- ▶ Spanish *Caballero de la Inmaculada* published once every six months;
- ▶ Russian *Рыцарь Непорочной* published occasionally.



In the photo: stockroom of flyers in many languages

M.I. Flyers are prepared in **twelve languages**:

- ▶ 50 flyers in English;
- ▶ 36 flyers in French;
- ▶ 40 flyers in Spanish;
- ▶ 16 flyers in Russian;
- ▶ 2 flyers in Italian;
- ▶ one in Portuguese, Dutch, as well Chinese and Korean;
- ▶ 3 flyers in Japanese;
- ▶ 13 flyers in Vietnamese;
- ▶ 14 flyers in Polish.



M.I. Books are published in **seven languages**:

- ▶ 27 books in English;
- ▶ 9 books in French;
- ▶ 4 books in Spanish;
- ▶ 1 book in Indonesian;
- ▶ 1 book in Lithuanian;
- ▶ 2 books in Russian;
- ▶ 3 books in Polish and more in preparation.



In the photo: stockroom of main publications in seven languages (English, French, Spanish, German, Russian, Dutch and Polish)

Some of these items can be downloaded as pdf files. Many of the published books, booklets and flyers can be ordered either from the Headquarters of the M.I. (Warsaw, Poland) or Kolbe Publications in Singapore.



The Militia Immaculatæ has over 120,000 members in 62 countries over the world.

North America:

- ▶ Canada
- ▶ USA

Central America:

- ▶ Mexico
- ▶ Guatemala
- ▶ Nicaragua
- ▶ Honduras
- ▶ Costa Rica

South America:

- ▶ Colombia
- ▶ Brazil
- ▶ Peru
- ▶ Paraguay
- ▶ Chile
- ▶ Uruguay
- ▶ Argentina

Europe:

- ▶ Poland
- ▶ France
- ▶ Germany
- ▶ Belgium
- ▶ Netherlands
- ▶ Spain
- ▶ United Kingdom
- ▶ Ireland
- ▶ Norway
- ▶ Sweden
- ▶ Denmark
- ▶ Czech Republic
- ▶ Slovakia
- ▶ Hungary
- ▶ Austria
- ▶ Switzerland
- ▶ Croatia
- ▶ Italy

Africa:

- ▶ Lithuania
- ▶ Latvia
- ▶ Estonia
- ▶ Belarus
- ▶ Ukraine
- ▶ Russia
- ▶ Nigeria
- ▶ Ghana
- ▶ Gabon
- ▶ Kenya
- ▶ RPA

Asia:

- ▶ China
- ▶ India
- ▶ Sri Lanka
- ▶ Thailand

Oceania:

- ▶ Vietnam
- ▶ Malaysia
- ▶ Indonesia
- ▶ Singapore
- ▶ Japan
- ▶ South Korea
- ▶ Philippines
- ▶ UAE
- ▶ Lebanon
- ▶ Kuwait
- ▶ Australia
- ▶ New Zealand
- ▶ Vanuatu
- ▶ Fiji
- ▶ New Caledonia

The presentation of the M.I. Poland

Date of the establishment of the M.I.: **6th of May 2000**

Number of Knights (as of January 2020): **2050**

Number of the M.I. Corners: **14**

The most important events and activities:

1. Pilgrimage to Gietrzwałd (since 2015).
2. Pilgrimage to Matemblewo (since 2016).
3. Marian Retreat (since 2010).
4. Translation of books (*Fatima — A spiritual light for our times* tomes 1–3; *The true story of Fatima*, booklets (*Consecration to the Immaculata*, *Apologetic series*) and flyers.
5. Publishing 3 books, 6 booklets and 14 flyers.
6. Lectures by the M.I. Director Fr. Stehlin in different places (Kraków, Poznan, Gniezno, Katowice) which are available to download (M.I. Channel in YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/SekretariatMI).
7. Eucharistic Crusade for children and publishing the bulletin for young Knights *Rycerzyk* (since 2016)
8. The quarterly *Triumph of the Immaculata* (since 2007, but in a new edition since 2019).
9. The public Rosary of the Unborn in Warsaw Poznan, Gniezno (since 2018).
10. Establishing of some groups of M.I. 2.
11. M.I. National Meetings for Knights in Warsaw (2016, 2017, 2018).



The presentation of the M.I. Philippines

Date of the establishment of the M.I.: **April 2015**

Number of Knights (as of January 2020): **52,000**

Number of the M.I. Corners: **15**



The most important events and activities:

1. Start of M.I. at Bohol Pilgrimage 2015 with 492 enrolments.
2. Mary's Mission tour of 1100 KM all walking Pilgrimage in which over 98,000 Scapulars were distributed and approximately 49,000 Knights enrolled.
3. Over 50 major cities and government agencies consecrated to Our Lady.
4. Two Renewals of the Consecration of Davao City to Our Lady.
5. Renewal of the Consecration of General Santos to Our Lady.
6. Initiation of the M.I. Brotherhood and the M.I. Catholic Charity Conference.
7. Establishment of Domus Mariæ of M.I. 3 of Consecrated Apostolate in June 2018.



The presentation of the M.I. Switzerland

Date of the establishment of the M.I.: **2014**

Number of Knights (as of January 2020): **456**

Number of the M.I. Corners: **4**

The most important events and activities:

1. 2005 — Foundation of a M.I. group in Wil.
2. 2014 — Foundation of the "M.I.-Switzerland" association.
3. 2015 — Celebration of "10 years M.I. Group in Wil" with Bishop B. Fellay.
4. Publishing of various literature: *Fatima* tomes 1–3; *The Immaculata, our ideal*; *Prayer booklet of the Immaculata*; *Consecration to the Immaculata*; *Let yourself be led by the Immaculata*; magazine *Knights of the Immaculata*.
5. Co-organisation of four M.I. retreats, publication of four audio CDs of M.I. retreats.
6. Development of the international website of the M.I. with shop, development of a YouTube channel.
7. 2017 National M.I.-weekend with Fr. Karl Stehlin in Wil.
8. Carrying out apostolate actions in various Swiss cities.
9. 2019 — Foundation of M.I. 2 in Basel.
10. Establishment of the worldwide apostolate for medals, rosaries, etc.: 1,5 million Miraculous Medals distributed in 55 countries.



The presentation of the M.I. Belgium (Flanders)

Date of the establishment of the M.I.: **25th of March 2017**

Number of Knights (as of January 2020): **22**

Number of the M.I. Corners: **3**



The most important events and activities:

1. Monthly meetings for 3 M.I. groups
2. Publishing M.I. books and spiritual classics.
3. One local pilgrimage to the 'Black God' cross in Hoboken.
4. Two local pilgrimages to a memorial stone of Walter van Bierbeek (mentioned by St. Montfort as one of the earliest Knights of Our Lady).
5. Three one-day M.I. retreats.

The presentation of the M.I. Belgium (Wallonie)

Date of the establishment of the M.I.: **29th of January 2017**

Number of Knights (as of January 2020): **131**

Number of the M.I. Corners: **4**

The most important events and activities:

1. The M.I. 2 group that meets every second Saturday of the month. Various apostolates, including visiting the sick.
2. On the 8th of December, Knights renew their Marian consecration of St. Louis Grignion de Montfort according to a long established custom.

The presentation of the M.I. Germany

Date of the establishment of the M.I.: **8th of December 2014**

Number of Knights (as of January 2020): **1393**

Number of the M.I. Corners: **30**

8 M.I. 2-groups (1 M.I. for men, 2 for women, 5 for men and women)

The most important events and activities:

1. Praying the rosary for 1 year: a mosque was not built! (Munich); currently 2 mosques — prayers in process (Munich and Regensburg), this time we add many sacrifices.
2. Pilgrimages of several M.I. groups.
3. Prayers all through the night (seminary Zaitzkofen), 2 times.
4. About 10 recruitment drives.
5. Translation of the *Fatima* book; translation of flyers.
6. Medal Actions on Christmas Markets, special Christmas Flyers, last 3 years.
7. Booth with medals and flyers in the centre of towns, Munich 4 times per year, Regensburg 2 times per year.
8. Processions by several M.I. groups throughout the year (7 banners in Germany).
9. Many M.I. groups pray every week at a special time, many other prayer times occasions and meetings.
10. Many internal presentations, lectures, and visits of our director Fr. Stehlin.



The presentation of the M.I. Great Britain

Date of the establishment of the M.I.: **19th of June 2016**

Number of Knights (as of January 2020): **686**

Number of the M.I. Corners: **17**



The most important events and activities:

- 1.** Annual Pilgrimages to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in England on 5 occasions.
- 2.** One 5 mile March of Reparation through Central London in 2019 stopping at 2 Abortion clinics.
- 3.** Launching of an online M.I. bookshop in District GB to promote knowledge of the Immaculata and her Apostolate.
- 4.** Launching of the M.I. Apostolate in the Republic of Ireland in 2018.
- 5.** Motivational visit by Fr. Stehlin to District GB in October 2019.
- 6.** Redaction of countless flyers, books and booklets, *Knight* Bulletins and Newsletters for consumption by English-speaking Knights worldwide.
- 7.** Ongoing encouragement to local coordinators to establish and take responsibility for M.I. Corners in GB & Scandinavia.

The presentation of the M.I. Ireland

Date of the establishment of the M.I.: **2016**

Number of Knights (as of January 2020): **215**

Number of the M.I. Corners: **3**

The most important events and activities:

1. First Saturday Devotion.
2. Miraculous Medal Novena every Thursday.
3. Conferences in Athlone organised by Father Partick Kimball.
4. Redistribution of Miraculous Medals and flyers.



The presentation of the Eastern Europe

Date of the establishment of the M.I.: **Estonia — 2008; Lithuania — 2011; Russia — 2018**

Number of Knights (as of January 2020): **Estonia — 20; Lithuania — 25; Russia — 15**

Number of the M.I. Corners: **Estonia — 1; Lithuania — 3; Russia — 1**

The most important events and activities:

1. Common Meetings together in order to review our rule and discuss the apostolate strategy.
2. Common prayer crusades for various intentions, especially for the conversion of sinners.
3. Publishing many books, flyers in our countries about Our Lady and the M.I.
4. Visits of Father Stehlin.



The presentation of the M.I. Australia

Date of the establishment of the M.I.: **2015**

Number of Knights (as of January 2020): **730**

Number of the M.I. Corners: **8**



The most important events and activities:

1. Recruitment drives every 6 months.
2. Annual renewal of consecration of member.
3. Promotion of M.I. at our schools.

The presentation of the M.I. Sri Lanka

Date of the establishment of the M.I.: **2015**

Number of Knights (as of January 2020): **65**

Number of the M.I. Corners: **1**

The most important events and activities:

1. Translate books, booklets and flyers into Sinhala.



The presentation of the M.I. Singapore

Date of the establishment of the M.I.: **December 2014**

Number of Knights (as of January 2020): **116**

Number of the M.I. Corners: **1**

The most important events and activities:

1. Establishment of Kolbe Publications.
2. Establishment of world-wide publishing and distribution centre for M.I. publications.
3. Establishment of online shop for Kolbe Publications.
4. Establishment of online giftshop of Kolbe Publications.
5. Conferences/Recollections by International Director of the M.I.
6. Establishment of M.I. corner.
7. Marian Fairs.
8. Celebrations on the 13th of May.
9. Public Presentation of Miraculous Medal by individual Knights.



The presentation of the M.I. Colombia



Date of the establishment of the M.I.:
November 2018

Number of Knights
(as of January 2020): **306**

Number of the M.I. Corners: **3**

The most important events and activities:

1. Establishment the M.I. in Bogotá, Bucaramanga and Medellín.

The presentation of the M.I. Peru



Date of the establishment of the M.I.:
October 2019

Number of Knights
(as of January 2020): **40**

Number of the M.I. Corners: **1**

The most important events and activities:

1. Renewal act of Consecration.
2. Public prayer of the Rosary.

Assistance for Fr. Karl Stehlin – the Director of the M.I.

Father Davide Pagliarani, Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X, who is also the Superior of the Militia Immaculatae of Traditional Observance, has appointed Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer as Assistant to the Director of the M.I. Father Pfeiffer is the Prior of St. Joseph's Priory in Davao (Philippines) and is National Moderator of the M.I. in the Philippines.

His main tasks as Assistant are to help the Director in visiting countries and districts where the M.I. is already established to check



progress, help solve difficulties, give advice to propagate the M.I., maintain the zeal of the Knights, preach M.I. recollections, and reinforce the link between moderators and the headquarters *etc.*

New Knights in France

On the 8th of December 2019, in the church of Saint-Jean-des-Cordeliers, the M.I. District Moderator enrolled 7 new knights, who committed themselves to become instruments in the hands of the Immaculata. Then there was a Marian homage on Place Pélissière in Bergerac where about 50 faithful sang hymns in honour of Our Lady and recited Hail Marys. Among the Knights of Bergerac, some began an active apostolate in M.I. 2.

A renewal of the act of consecration to the Immaculata for all Knights was made during the Sung

Mass in Notre-Dame du Sacré-Coeur Priory in Beaumont-Pied-de-Boeuf and in chapels in Laval, Alençon and Le Mans.

In Marie-Reine Priory in Mulhouse, 12 new Knights joined the M.I.



Nine days on the Nigerian roads and 868 Knights

Father Karl Stehlin's coming to Nigeria seemed like a distant impossible dream for the Knights who had acquainted themselves with Father's books in order to better understand the spirituality behind the M.I. and to know the personality behind the writing.

When it finally became clear that our dreams of Father's visit were becoming reality, our Prior genuinely worried about the inconvenience which Fr. Stehlin would undergo to find his way to all the chapels in Nigeria, but thanks to Divine Providence, and Father's zeal, he was enabled to go everywhere, by all legitimate means.

Coordinators of the SSPX chapels were busy preparing their potential Knights. Of the preparatory booklets that were sent, some had to be photocopied (after permission

was granted) because there were not enough to go round.

The M.I. Corners were redecorated or cleaned and rearranged, and there was some healthy competition going on for the best M.I. Corner and the best organized welcome.

Lagos

Lagos Chapel was the first to receive Father. He gave an initial conference before Mass and a sermon during Mass. After Father's Conference, people got up with great enthusiasm to be enrolled.

Father's conference on that day was said to be like that of a commander giving his troops a motivational speech before going into battle. Lagos enrolled **73** new Knights.

Abuja

Abuja welcomed Father Stehlin with the same joyful eagerness. **38** Knights were enrolled. Father barely had time to get ready for the journey to Makurdi.

Makurdi

In Makurdi, the chaplain of the Oratory of St. Patrick extremely busy with the faithful, trying to raise the M.I. banner in a strategic place in the chapel, and making sure everything was ready for the enrolments,



Knights in Makurdi

as well as receiving the faithful. As was expected, in just over an hour there was standing room only.

During the enrolment ceremony, as the lines kept moving forward, more enrolment forms had to be printed to keep pace with the crowd which was estimated to be over 400, and eventually Father had to stop because the Miraculous Medals allotted for that day had run out. A supplementary day of enrolment had to be set up to handle all those still waiting to be enrolled. Fr. Stehlin enrolled a total of **433** Knights in Makurdi.

Secondary Girls' School

The next day, Father Patrick kindly drove Fr. Stehlin to another part of Benue to the Immaculate Conception Secondary Girls' School where Father enrolled **59** young Knights between the ages of 11–17 years.

Oju and Enugu

Then a 30 minute drive on another rough road was made to a Church in Oju where Fr. Stehlin enrolled **175** Knights.

The drive to Enugu was adventurous. Bad roads. On arriving in Enugu, Father's cassock and bags were bathed in so much dust that no-one could say that his apostolate was not noteworthy. Father Stehlin gave 2 conferences and a sermon. He enrolled **24** Knights.



Young Knight in the school

As is always the case, there was satisfaction showing on the faces of the new Knights.

Onitsha and Port Harcourt

Students from the Federal University of Technology of Owerri embarked on a journey to the chapel in Onitsha. There Fr. Stehlin enrolled **44** Knights.



University students with Fr. Stehlin in Onitsha

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in Port Harcourt Father enrolled **22** new Knights. It was the end of the visit by Fr. Stehlin to Nigeria, but a great enhancement of the M.I. apostolate in that country.

*Maria Dolores,
Co-ordinator for the M.I. in Nigeria*

Knights in a school in Gabon

The Juvenate of the Sacred Heart (Boys' High School in Gabon) had the joy of a visit from the Director of the Militia Immaculatæ, who came to Gabon to present this Marian movement. In three days, he prepared the students who wished to enter into the Militia Immaculatæ.



On the 31st of January 2020, the first day was a very busy one for Father Karl Stehlin, as he had to pass through each of the high school classes to give this presentation of the M.I. at each stage, about 45 minutes of preaching.

On the 3rd of February, the Director of the M.I. was back at the school for another 30 minutes preaching session to try to convince

the students of the advantages of joining the Militia Immaculatæ.

In the afternoon, he gave to another address, but this time only to those who wished to join. The first surprise for all: out of 130 students, 98 showed up.

The next day was the Commitment Day. At the end of classes, the pupils were expected in the chapel. And there, the second surprise: while we thought we would have had at most 25, nevertheless 78 returned — plus the four Fathers of the School — to consecrate themselves, full of fervour, to the Immaculata and thus commit themselves to pray and do penance for the salvation of souls.

Once again, it was verified that the Blessed Virgin has an irresistible attraction for souls. So many



commitments in so few days! May she now lead her new Knights to persevere in their resolution to serve her.

The teachers thank Father Karl Stehlin for his visit and for the foundation of the M.I. in the School. May the Immaculata watch over the School and make students her property, where she will be honoured, and served fervently, with extraordinary respect.



160 new Knights in Long Prairie (USA)

"I put on Mary's lips the words of Our Lord: 'He who is not with me is against me. He who does not gather with me, scatters.' We, the Knights of the Immaculata, have made our decision!" — St. Maximilian Kolbe,

It was with these stirring words that Fr. Trummer concluded his sermon on the occasion of the first ever enrolments into the M.I. at St. John Vianney Parish in Long Prairie, MN, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the 8th of December 2019. The parishioners did not disappoint; in answer to the Immaculata's call, around 160 members, young and old, placed themselves entirely at her disposal, committing themselves to strive for their own salvation and the salvation of others, always and only in

and by her — to be willing and humble instruments in the hands of our powerful Queen and General of God's Army.

Father had prepared us in the weeks preceding this day, especially by explaining the role of the Immaculata in the life of St. Maximilian, placing his heroic life before us as a model of simple and complete confidence in the powerful intercession of Our Lady. Just as our founder would be satisfied with nothing less than the conversion of the entire world, we too must commit to a life long battle and take an offensive position whenever possible, not fearing our own weakness and inadequacy but rather, humbly and fervently trusting in Mary, who wields the omnipotence of God.



Father compared Our Lady to a great magnet that encompasses the entire globe. The world, with its vice, false freedoms, impurity and tepidity in the face of sacrifice, is a cesspool, whose filth no one can entirely escape from on his own. However, our devout wearing of the Miraculous Medal, together with our efforts to please Mary, enable us to be

drawn up and out of the corruption and become attached to her, as iron is to a magnet. Thus, with complete trust in her, we must spread the Miraculous Medal far and wide, knowing that it is her mission to implore the grace of conversion and sanctification wherever she enters, for she alone has "vanquished all the heresies throughout the world."

M.I. Growth in District GB & Scandinavia

Since the visit on 26–27th of October 2019 by Fr. Stehlin to our District, there have been a further 60 enrolments into the M.I. Furthermore we are pleased to welcome 16 previously unknown Knights living in the Scandinavia region who had been enrolled by Fr. Stehlin in 2013 prior to the launch of the M.I. in Great Britain.

Only 24 Knights have been traced in that region but it is hoped, when the time is judged right, that M.I. Corners will be established in the parishes there and with the availability of Miraculous Med-

als and flyers and other literature, channels will open up for the flow of the Immaculata's graces into the souls of the faithful and that there will be a surge in enrolments to the Militia, and more instruments for her to work through.

As we approach the 20th Anniversary in March of the rejuvenation of the M.I. by Fr. Stehlin under the original statutes of St. Maximilian Kolbe, we now number over 700 Knights in the District since its launch in June of 2016.

*Howard Toon, Co-ordinator for the M.I.
in District GB & Scandinavia*

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:

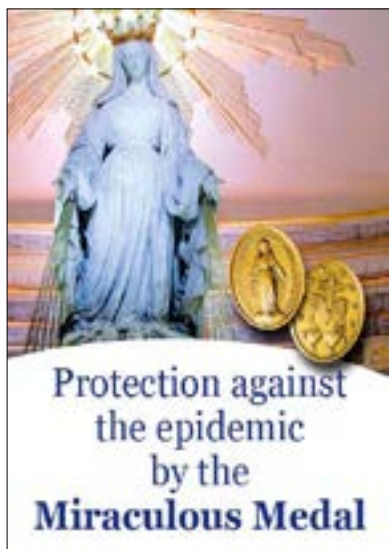
1. If possible, to pray the following ejaculatory prayer at least once a day: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee, and for all those who do not have recourse to thee, especially for the Freemasons and for those who are commended to thy care."

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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