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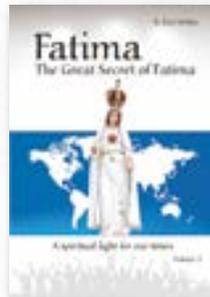
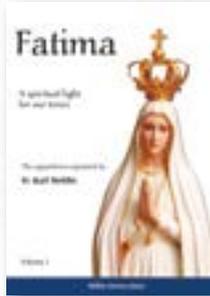
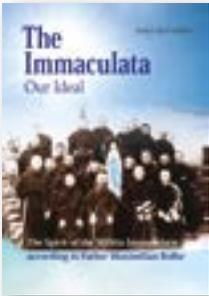


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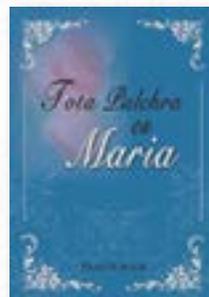
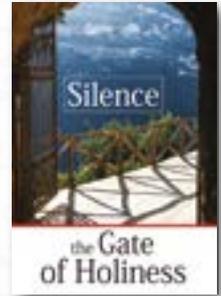
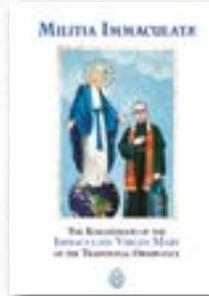
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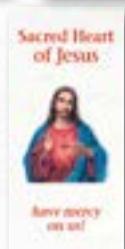
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Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

"Scapular, Rosary and Miraculous Medal — here are three things that the Immaculata herself has deigned to offer for the salvation of mankind." With these words St. Maximilian Kolbe gives the shortest possible summary of our heavenly Mother's immense love towards her children on earth. Because she wants the very best for us, she gives us the necessary means to obtain this "best". The more attacks there are from the enemy and the more oppression from his innumerable armies, the more she gives from the abundance of her Immaculate Heart all we need to vanquish them.

We have the privilege of living in times about which St. Therese of the Child Jesus only dreamt: we are stepping into the "great tribulation". During past years we have witnessed evils surpassing all that has ever been seen in the world of wickedness, evil, apostasy, blasphemy, terror etc.

Behind this apocalyptic scenery we need to re-read the above mentioned sentence of the holy founder of the M.I. Many Catholics have been and are still unjustly deprived of the possibility of receiving the Sacraments, attending Holy Mass or even visiting the church. However, Our Lady did not permit that we be totally abandoned, and even if her spiritual weapons are secondary (they are sacramentals) in comparison with the primary means (sacraments), we must thank her on our knees, that she at least left us these. Is this not the echo of what she said to Sr. Lucy, that now Our Lord gives the world the last means of salvation: the devotion to her Immaculate Heart and the Rosary?

If we consider the essence of the Brown Scapular and the Miraculous Medal, we easily recognise that both are a perfect expression not only of the Love of her Immaculate Heart but also of our Devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

Maybe we can go so far as to say: wherever people hold in true esteem the Brown Scapular, the Rosary and the Medal, they will be preserved from the worst, they will overcome temptation and not be lost in the devil's final battle.

But who will give them these means, if the churches and the priests are literally "locked down"?

Who will introduce them into the spirit and veritable devotion of Our Lady clothing her children (Scapular), bestowing them with innumerable graces (Medal), giving them the chain which anchors them securely to heaven (Rosary)? Who will teach them to use these weapons properly to wear Our Lady's uniform (Scapular), to attack with Our Lady's bullets, and to shoot with Our Lady's machine gun (Rosary)?

Here you have the reason for this issue of the "Knight"! Never before in the history of the apostolate of the Knights has it been so important for the salvation of souls. It is as if we were among the last to provide the soldiers in the battlefield with ammunition, and essential supplies, without which they would simply starve.

On the other hand, in times of trouble and emergency many hearts look for help. If all is suddenly shaken and insecure, and the "paradise on earth" is being crushed, then at least some finally send their sighs to Heaven. Blessed be them, if they find a Knight to feed them with flyers, booklets, little movies (our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/c/MilitiaImmaculataeTraditional), pictures and devotionals, but above all, with Medals and Rosaries!

Please be the instrument of Our Lady NOW! Even if you are also 'locked down', then at least send the links of our websites (www.militia-immaculatae.org; www.m-i.info), good articles and films etc. out into the whole world. Look, in Nigeria there is just ONE KNIGHT, who every day sends spiritual food, wonderful prayers etc. to thousands. Do the same in the name of Our Lady!

Then you will not only overcome these terrible trials, you will be amongst those whom Our Lady chooses to win in the devil's final battle!

Fr. Karl Stehlin

Warsaw, on the Feast of Saint Anthony, the 13th of June 2020

My journey to Catholicism through the Immaculata

The testimony of one woman from Turkey

It is over seven years ago. That cold Sunday morning on which I found myself on my way to church. It felt surreal. I, raised a Muslim, got up early in the morning to go to church. It felt wrong, but something inside me made me step into the building nonetheless. Nothing could have prepared me for what happened that day. For the first time in my life I heard the Gospel and had an encounter with God. This encounter shook me to the core, and changed me forever. I converted on the spot. I did not know anything about Christianity but this: I have found the true God.

How did this happen? Let me introduce myself. I am a 32 year old woman of Turkish descent. This means that I was raised Islamic. At a young age I started to doubt the truth of this religion and when I grew up I decided after much research that I could not believe in Islam. I did vaguely believe there had to be a God, Someone who took care of man, and I started researching many religions to find the truth. The only religion that I did not want to research was Christianity, because I believed that I certainly could not believe that God had become a man and paid for our sins, it seemed very illogical to me.

After several conversations on faith with my best friend I did decide to read about Christianity. I found that Christianity was not at all what I thought it was. It was not illogical, it was a well-thought-out and logical

system. However, this did not mean that I believed it to be true. Eventually, out of pure curiosity, I went to a (Protestant, evangelical) church for the first time, with this friend, and during that service God intervened in my life in such a way that I could no longer deny His existence and His truth.

Thanks to this experience, I understood not only with the mind but also with the heart that Christianity is the true religion. I studied the Bible every day and read many books to learn more about this God and I understood more and more that there was no other religion in which God has more compassion and love for man than in Christianity. I did not only learn this from books, but I experienced it strongly in my life. God's love carried me through the many difficult moments that followed my conversion.

Soon after my conversion I tried to study and understand the many differences between all the denominations. My knowledge of Christianity was so limited that I did not even know what evangelicalism was. I tried



The southwestern entrance mosaics in Hagia Sophia

to find my way through the many churches and denominations. I ended up in a strict Reformed (Calvinist) church because I thought that to be the most traditional church.

After about a year, I began to question certain doctrines of Calvinism. For example, the practice that anyone with a Bible in their hand could interpret the Word of God for themselves frustrated me. I believed that God is a God of order, clarity and truth, but this practice created chaos and ambiguity. How could anyone claim to be led by the Holy Spirit and adhere to such conflicting doctrines? God does not contradict himself! The divisions between the many denominations hurt me, especially because Jesus himself prayed for unity in His Church! I also found out that some Protestant practices were not biblical, while some biblical practices were not practised in Protestant churches. I started thinking about the first Christians, how did they live? What did they believe? What were their practices? Where can I find the truth among the ruins of 2000 years of Christian history?

After speaking to some Catholics online, I gradually discovered that Catholicism might have the answers to my questions. This was a big shock to me. I had always been taught that Catholicism was 'unbiblical', and I struggled with its teachings and doctrines. Especially the teachings concerning the Blessed Virgin Mary... But Our Lord and His Mother are patient. They granted me the time to discover that Catholic teaching was consistent with the Bible and the history of the Church, not Protestantism! Slowly Our Blessed Mother became present in my life. Ever so lovely, ever so gently, she showed that Our Lord had appointed her as a Mother to all believers. She guided me to her Son and His Church. I started praying the Rosary, especially after seeing a priest in a video online passionately explaining it is a spiritual Kalashnikov!

Even though at the time I did not see it, this spiritual Kalashnikov helped to guide me to the fullness of the Truth. I slowly discovered the truth of Catholicism, and that the Catholic Church was built on a foundation that could be traced back to Christ himself. I discovered councils, Church fathers, saints, who unanimously proclaimed Catholic teaching. Unity, order, clarity and truth could be found here! It was overwhelming, but I understood that I had finally



found the Truth my heart was yearning for, I had found the true Church. I had found the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church!

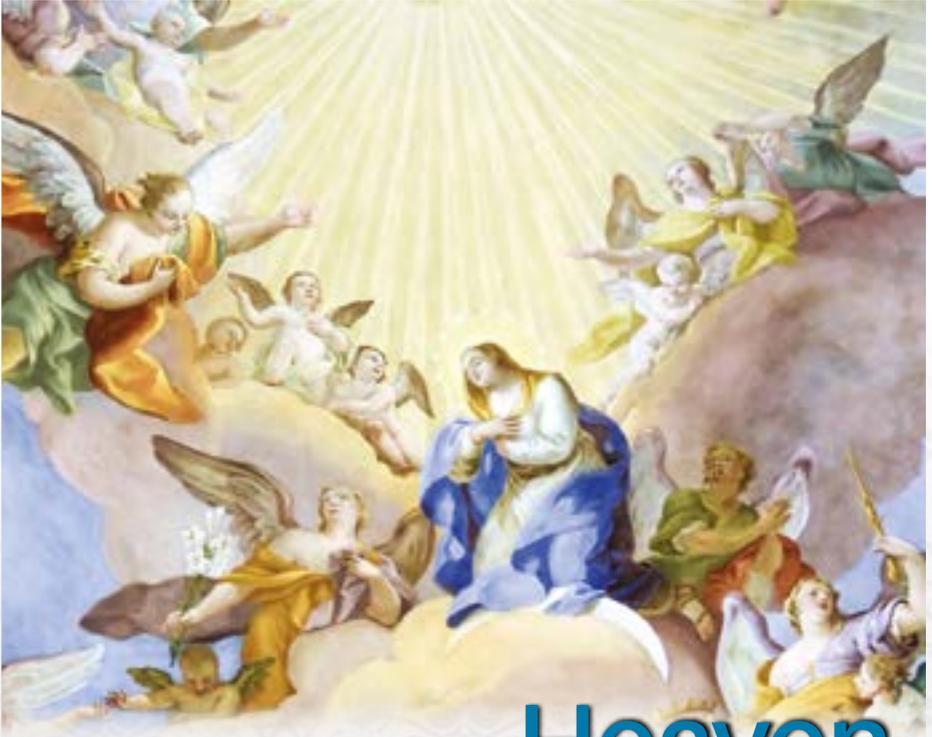
After being instructed in the faith by a priest for some time, I converted: **I was finally home!** And now, safe in Mother Church's arms, I could say: *For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor might, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate me from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Converting to the Catholic faith really felt like coming home to me. I stood in awe before the Church's wisdom, beauty, riches and tradition. In my mind I accepted all the teachings and dogmas of the Catholic faith, but although I knew that Our Lord had appointed the Blessed Virgin Mary as a Mother to all believers, in my heart I still struggled to accept her as my Mother. Any earthly Mother would have felt rejected and might have given up, but not Our Heavenly Mother. On the contrary...

she showered me with so many graces and so much love! She showed me time and time again that she wanted me to be her daughter.

This started on the very day I was accepted into the Catholic Church, while praying my rosary I felt so much supernatural love in my whole being, it was indescribable. She lovingly showed me that she only wanted to guide me closer to Jesus, not away from Him. To prove to her that I wanted to be her daughter, I decided to consecrate myself to Jesus through Mary, by the method of Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort. On the day of my consecration I went to Holy Mass, and after Holy Mass I knelt before my Mother and read my act of consecration to her in the presence of a Priest. I was very nervous, but when I spoke the first words I my heart was flooded with supernatural peace. This, and so many similar signs helped me to cultivate a greater love for and devotion to Our Heavenly Queen.

When I got the opportunity to go on a pilgrimage to Fatima, I couldn't have been happier. To walk on the ground where she had appeared! Her Presence was tangible everywhere in Fatima, and it was the softest and most motherly Presence imaginable. When walking in the candlelight procession I sang with my whole heart: *Ave! Ave! Ave Maria!* At that time I did not know what else she had planned for me... One day I was praying in front of a beautiful Marian altar, before my favourite statue in front of which I had prayed for years. I looked up to see a man, who within a couple months became my boyfriend. He later told me that this was the exact Marian altar at which his mother had left her wedding bouquet years prior! Together we joined the Militia Immaculatæ under her loving gaze on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. A couple of months later we attended our first gathering of the Militia Immaculatæ, and at that gathering, I finally got to meet the priest that once inspired me to pray the Rosary, by teaching me it is a spiritual Kalashnikov!



Heaven is my Homeland

Human beings are destined naturally for a supernatural end. For Adam and Eve, and their offspring, there was something greater to be attained even than Paradise itself, as Blessed John Duns Scotus OFM maintains: an extraordinary Union was decreed from the very inception of the Creation — the Union between God and man, in the person of Christ.

The state of human life in the Garden of Eden, and Heaven descending to Earth — both were to be joined in the Person of the Great King of Ages. The Immortal Son of the Father, out of His immense Love (and through that Love) planned to establish an Earthly Kingdom of Heaven.

Unfortunately, following the Fall, all of these were forfeited. Apparently. But the Will of God knows no obstacles. Another motif was added to the Plan of Divine Incarnation: "Out of Love in order to Save". God decided to bring Reconciliation through the Passion, Cross and glorious Resurrection of His Incarnated Son.

So, once again, we have hope. At the End of Times as the Book of Revelation promises us — when new Earth and new Heaven appear — Heavenly Jerusalem, where "God lives among human beings" (Ap 21:3)

will shelter those saved by Jesus Christ. Heavenly Jerusalem — this is our true homeland; it belongs to us — to the adopted Children of God; to those created in the Image of the Most High, whose nature is to follow the path to Heaven.

St. Maximilian wrote: "You have realized that, by setting your goal on earthly happiness, you have always met disappointment; you have come against the boundaries. And you would have wanted something more, something more durable. (...) and whatever limitation you still need to overcome, it will always be an obstacle to perfect happiness. That means that you desire happiness, but a happiness without limits: infinite, eternal".

Before the final days of bodily Resurrection all souls who die in a state of grace follow the



road to Heaven (or Purgatory, which sooner or later will turn into Heaven). This is an article of Faith¹, but there is a reason for the appropriateness of this “Heavenly state” — which in Sacred Theology is known as

¹ The Church teaches as a doctrine of Faith, defined by Pope Benedict XII: “The souls of all the Saints are in Heaven before the resurrection of the body and the general judgement. They see the Divine Essence by a vision which is intuitive and facial, without the intermediation of any creature in that view. By this vision they enjoy the Divine Essence, they are truly blessed, they have eternal life and repose.”

the “beatific vision”: there is in man a natural desire to know the cause when he sees the effect. From this natural desire arises wonderment, which lasts as long as the cause is not known. If therefore man’s intelligence cannot arrive at a knowledge of the first cause of all things, his natural desire will be in vain.

The same reasoning can be applied to human will: man longs for something constantly. His heart’s desire transcends

all created universe; it is by itself endless. There is an endless need to love Someone and to be loved by Someone. If nothing is created in vain, this longing should also be fulfilled. Moreover, love is not perfect unless one can enjoy the presence of the object (Person) loved — therefore there is a need for a place where the communion of love between a human being (which is and ought to be body and soul) and infinite Fulfilment (which is God) is consummated. We, as a race, are the result of that Eternal Love — we are created by a Father whose Son became one of us — forever.

By grace we are adopted as the heirs to the Kingdom. Only by grace are we participants of Heaven. But grace presupposes nature — and builds on it. An essential part of our nature is to long for Something which always transcends – for God.

In 1924 St. Maximilian wrote: “[...] the Holy Church... sings with exultation: ‘Mary is assumed into Heaven; the angels rejoice, praise and bless the Lord.’ [...] we naturally strive to picture the longed-for paradise in our imagination, but we are not satisfied, despite all our efforts. We tell ourselves that it must be different in some way up there from what we have been told or what we read in books. And rightly so. For in Heaven things will not be different ‘in some way’ but, it can be said in confidence, completely different in every way from what we could possibly imagine. [...] Anyway, we shall shortly know exactly what it will be like in Heaven.”

Heaven means especially the condition of supreme beatitude. Had God created no bodies but only pure spirits, Heaven would not need to be a place; it

would signify merely the state of the Angels who rejoice in the possession of God.

But in fact Heaven is also a place. There we find the humanity of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary — and maybe even that of Enoch and Elijah, and Joseph, who knows? — along with the Angels and the souls of the Saints. Though we cannot say with certitude where this place is to be found or what its relation is to the whole universe, Revelation does not allow us to doubt its existence.

In the New Testament we read many times about the Kingdom of Heaven, where those who have a pure heart will see God and will resemble Angels. The Heaven described by Evangelists consists in reigning with Jesus Christ and abiding in His Kingdom which is not of this world, but — nevertheless — will come into this world in glory. Actually, it has



come already — as the Holy Catholic Church.

St. Maximilian wrote:
"But this life shall pass
and then our true reward will
begin... [speaking about the
Knights of the Immaculate:]
We will never stop then to pay
homage to her [the Immaculate
Virgin's] goodness."

The Blessed Virgin Mary is
one of the rewards of Heaven,

especially to those who sacrificed their earthly life to her service and strived to make her name known wherever Christ's name was preached.

The Immaculate Mother is both an example and proof of our heavenly descent and heavenly destiny. Our spirit is the breath of God (Gen 2:7). A material body was given to man in order that he may become a custodian of Creation. Our Lady was born as Adam had been created — pure.

Through that purity — purity of heart — Mary was (and is!) able to see God most clearly and to see all things in God. The body of Our Immaculate



Lady just followed (by the power of God) her soul. The most Beautiful, the Noblest, the Queen of Heaven and Earth, full of Grace — she is the most perfect mirror of Divinity; in her Heaven shone — and shines still — clearly on Earth. Those who are privileged to see her see the summit of Creation.

Seventy years ago, Pope Pius XII in his Encyclical letter, *Munificentissimus Deus*, announced the Dogma of the Assumption. The fate of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, our Guide among the darkness of this world, fills human hearts with great joy and gives new strength to our hope — she is the Queen of Heaven, glorified in her virginal body, taken with body and soul to Heaven.

She is the proof that Jesus Christ is a Trustworthy Witness. She is our assurance that one day we will participate with her

in eternal happiness. What a joy it is to know that our Mother awaits us, having prepared the home in Paradise for our arrival! She is alive as we are alive! She is perfect as we will be perfect, if only we persevere on her path to holiness.

Many ideologies fight for a so called 'Heaven on Earth', falsely promising happiness here, in some quickly approaching epoch. Freemasons, Communists and others lie to the peoples of this world; those promises of earthly paradise will turn out to be realities of satanic tyranny, as the story of the Antichrist tells us.

There will be a day when the Truth Himself will appear in glory — King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ. Our journey as a pilgrim (and fighting) Church will end in true Heaven, where we shall rest in the re-created world, vested in innocence again.



In the narrow sense that Heaven is signified by Heavenly Jerusalem — where God is with us, it is a state of blessed souls, as previously mentioned — but it is a real, material place also. At the moment, it is being prepared, awaiting the Final Judgement and the End of the World; a real City, inhabited and — more importantly — embodied by Our Lady, who symbolizes the Church Triumphant, who is the Mother of the Church, “the Woman robed with the Sun” (Ap 12:1). She and the souls of the Saints are — somewhere...

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The M.I. in France

Since November 2017, around 10 new centres of the M.I. in France have started to do their beneficial works of salvation that Father Kolbe, its founder, had in mind.

Two years after the establishment of the M.I., what overview do we have?

We see that the M.I. has been established in 34 departments: Morbihan, Gironde, Haute-Garonne, Hérault, Alpes-Maritimes, Puy-de-Dôme, Côte d'Or, Haut-Rhin, Seine-Maritime, etc. The total of new Knights in these departments since the end of 2017 is 2,241 including 145 French people living in foreign coun-



The M.I. Corner in Moulin du Pin

tries. The total in France has now reached 4,856 Knights.

These foundations do not concern only lay people, but also religious communities which have joined the army of the Immaculata: since 2017, 32 priests and brothers, and 10 religious Contemplative Dominican nuns from Montagnac in the department of Dordogne.

Expectations

Two other priories are on the way to join the M.I. We expect to increase greatly the number of the Knights of the Immaculata, and soon.

M.I. Corners

- To help the Knights in their apostolate, two M.I. Corners



The enrolment of the Knights in Bergerac, on the 8th of December 2019

have been created with the encouragement of the international moderator. Working teams have been organized in order to prepare the M.I. Corners and also to register, order and record requests for materials like medals, flyers, books.

- Only the best is good enough for Mary, nothing less: flowers near the statues, light and lots of materials.

- The M.I. corners are in Moulin du Pin and in Mulhouse.

Activities

- On the 8th of December 2019: renewal of the Consecration ceremony and new enrolments in 5 different cities.

- Annual or monthly recollection in 3 cities.

- Two priories have new local moderators.

- There is a project to create a website or mailing list to communicate with all the Knights in France.



The M.I. Corner in Mulhouse

French publications

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The uninterrupted M.I. Apostolate in Poland

In Poland, the country of St. Maximilian, priests and Knights try to ensure that the apostolate of the M.I. is not interrupted.

The M.I. packages for new Knights contain the most important M.I. publications for the would-be Knights: "The Triumph of the Immaculate", the brochure "Consecration to the Immaculata", the M.I. Certificate, the Miraculous Medal, the enrolment form,

and all flyers available in Polish.

Since March, outside the church in Warsaw and the school chapel in Józefów, "M.I. Tables" are regularly organized. This action enables direct contact with the Knights who are encouraged to grow the apostolate of the Immaculate. Moreover, it is easier for everyone (not only for the Knights) to access the latest publications of the Militia Immaculatæ, several of which have been published recently. These include



The "M.I. Table" in Warsaw



a folder about the rosary, one brochure from the apologetic series of publications, and a brochure

about the Miraculous Medal. More new publications are coming soon.

New Knights in Poland

On the 10th of February 2020, at the end of the Montfort retreats taking place in Poland, Father Karl Stehlin enrolled 14 new Knights.

Deo per Immaculatam gratias!

We pray for new Knights in Poland and other countries.



The establishment of the M.I. 2 — *Mary's Kraków*

The first meeting of the newly established (M.I. 2) — *Mary's Kraków* took place on the first Saturday of February 2020.

The goal of the M.I. 2 is to give even more perfect devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, so that the Knights' weapons may become in her hands effective tools in conquering all the souls she wants. The Knights' weapons, and thus the means to achieve this goal, are: a daily fifteen-minute meditation ending with a spiritual Holy Communion, daily examination of conscience, daily rosary, participation in the meetings of the M.I. 2 and involvement in

the activities (organizing public prayers, lectures, distribution of M.I. publications, etc., as well as giving every assistance in the national apostolate of the M.I. and in the Cracow Priory).

The meetings of the M.I. 2 in Cracow take place on the first Saturday of the month in the Priory of St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr. During the meetings the Knights pray, share their ideas for a more effective realization of the goals of the M.I. 2 and listen to the conference of Fr. Hubert Kuszpa, President of the M.I. 2.

As the inner life is the basis of a fruitful apostolate, the lat-

ter concerns first of all the traditional ways to cling more closely to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and thus to be conformed to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Through our lectures, we explore the secrets of

inner prayer — Knights learn how to conduct reflection or examination of conscience in such a way that these practices permeate our everyday life, sanctifying us and our surroundings.

Work of the M.I. Headquarters

Work at the M.I. Headquarters is going ahead without any interruptions. Folders about the Miraculous Medal during the epidemic have been prepared in several languages (English, French, Spanish, German, Dutch, Polish, Lithuanian, Russian, Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Indonesian.

Soon there will be another issue of the M.I.'s Polish speaking bulletin "Triumph of the Immaculata".

The dispatch of foreign-language publications to various countries continues, but unfortunately in the current situation mainly only to European countries.



The M.I. Apostolate in Dublin

Despite no public Masses, our church of St. John the Evangelist is still open for private prayers every day of the week and a priest is there to make the sacraments available.

Our M.I. corner has been temporarily relocated to a place inside the church where we have M.I. flyers and books on display. Our Knights can take them for themselves or bring them home to pass on to the family or friends. The leaflets are very popular, especially the one with the prayer in time of epidemic. We are very grateful to M.I. HQ for keeping us well stocked by sending us more

flyers, as well other books and materials. *Deo gratias!*

Our parishioners in Ireland are very happy to see the leaflets about the apparition of Our Lady in Knock. We hope that our efforts will please the Immaculata and that she will use them to bring forth much fruit. We pray for our existing Knights and also that we will welcome many new ones in the future.

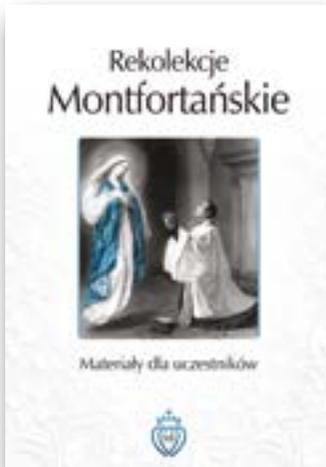
But above all, we should remember, especially in this time of trial that: "In the end Her Immaculate Heart will triumph".



New Polish publications

In Poland the Headquarters of the M.I. prepared and printed a few flyers and booklets in the Polish language.

1. The booklet on the Montfortian Retreat is intended to help participants in these retreats, which are conducted according to the spirituality of one of the greatest Marian saints: St. Louis Mary Grignion de Montfort.



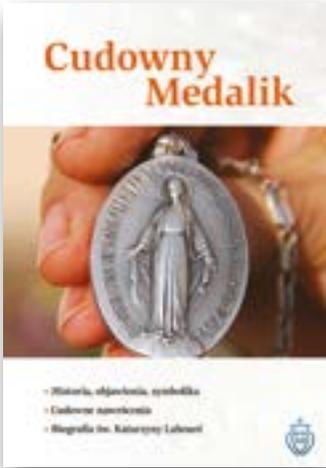
2. The apologetic booklet "Is there a real religion?" is a translation of the German brochure "Gibt es eine wahre Religion?",

This booklet contains not only a biography of St. Maximilian, but above all, texts from selected works of St. Louis that the priests recommend for reading during the retreat. This is an undoubted help for the retreat. The booklet closes with a chapter giving guidelines for the 33-day preparation for the act of consecration to Jesus through Mary according to St. Louis Grignion de Montfort.

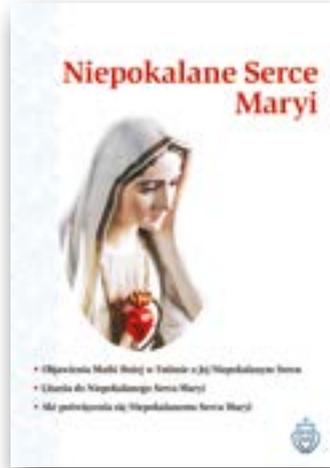


prepared by Fr. Andreas Steiner. It is one part of the six-volume apologetic series "For the love of truth".

3. The booklet on the Miraculous Medals contains the history, apparitions, symbolism; conversions through the Miraculous Medal and the biography of St. Catherine Labouré.



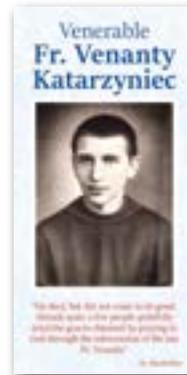
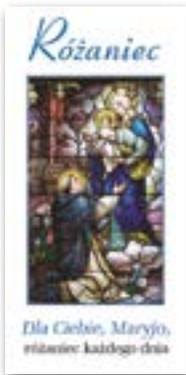
4. The booklet on the Immaculate Heart of Mary contains apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima about her Heart; the Litany to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; Act of Consecration.



The flyers: on the Scapular, on Fr. Venanty and two flyers on the Rosary.

Polish publications for order:

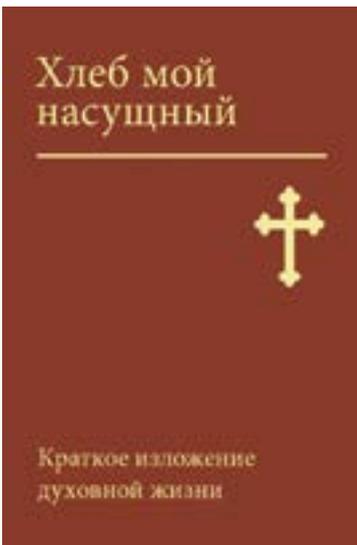
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Booklet “My Daily Bread” in Russian

Our Lady of Fatima never stops her pursuit of the conversion of Russia! Although she is still waiting for the Pope together with all of the bishops to consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart, she continues her work... For example, she has recently helped us to finally finish translating, editing, and publishing the spiritual classic: "My Daily Bread" into the Russian language!

We have worked for several years on this project. Firstly we translated this book into the Lithuanian language for our apostolate in Lithuania. Our Lithuanian faithful were so happy with it that



we decided to bring it to our Russian speakers as well. If you have never heard of this little book then you must immediately find it, buy it and start reading! It is an absolutely astounding book about the Catholic theology of spirituality arranged in a simple format for lay people.

There is a part of Catholic Theology called "ascetical and mystical" theology which treats the whole subject of holiness and the path to Christian perfection. Ascetical and Mystical Theology normally follows the classical "Three Ways" of Carmelite Spirituality, but these theological treatises can be rather difficult to read for persons lacking philosophical or theological training. "My Daily Bread" takes all of the amazing and important doctrine of this theology and turns it into a small "Imitation of Christ" like book which can be easily read each day by anyone. We hope and pray that Our Lady of Fatima will use this little book to help Russian Catholics begin to build a strong, stable and deep spiritual life.

We ask for your prayers for the success of this book in Russia!

Fr. Shane Pezzutti

Request to the Pope

Knights of the Immaculate from M.I. 2 — Mission for Russia have provided information about an effort underway for the fulfilment of the request of Our Lady of Fatima to consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart.

This effort originally began mid 2019 when Jim Brueggemann, a parishioner at Our Lady of Assumption Church (SSPX) in Walton (USA) had the idea of contacting President Trump and suggesting that he attempt to influence the Pope to perform the Consecration as Our Lady requested. Jim had developed a relationship with Matt Bevin (Governor of Kentucky) and so this seemed a logical place to start given Matt's known relationship with President Trump.

The solution would involve President Donald Trump contacting President Vladimir Putin and together publicly requesting that the Pope perform the consecration. With the entire world in a crisis, now may be the time for secular leaders to consider all potential solutions, thus possibly applying additional pressure on the Vatican to perform the consecration. Now the originators are working to pass on information and the request to President Trump.



The Knights are making great efforts to ensure that Russia is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. One of the Knights of Great Britain wrote this earlier plea to President Trump at the White House on 6th July 2017: "All that is required is for you, Mr. President, to persuade Pope Francis in union with the Catholic bishops of the world, to consecrate Russia specifically to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in a simple simultaneous ceremony. The consequences of not making the consecration were spelled out in 1917. The outcome of making the consecration, specifically as requested, is global peace. The future of us all lies in the hands of yourself, and Pope Francis, and his bishops, and a simple consecration ceremony. You have nothing to lose, and the gratitude of the world to gain."

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

The M.I. in GB&Scandinavia District

Following the invigorating visit by Fr. Stehlin to England in October 2019, there has been further modest growth in the number of Knights in the District. Contact was made with a number of Knights in Scandinavia who had been enrolled by Fr. Stehlin at a time before the M.I. was founded in District GB.

Unfortunately it has not yet been possible to contact all of them until the Immaculata's graces flow a little more strongly, but 23 have been accounted for and are now receiving copies of Fr. Stehlin's Newsletters and of the Knight Bulletin. It is hoped before long to see the establishment of M.I. Corners, and a reliable flow of literature into Scandinavia, by means of which the rate of recruitment of new Knights may increase. Meanwhile a further 20 Knights have been enrolled in England and Scotland of whom half owe their enrolment into the M.I. to a Knight and his wife who having been enrolled themselves wasted no time in encouraging their relatives and friends to follow in their footsteps. May the Immaculata shower that young couple with many additional graces in their lives for setting that great example.



The young couple who set that great example

The Covid-19 epidemic has wrought an unprecedented disruption to our spiritual lives, not to mention its effect on the economies of our countries, but brave priests have done everything they could to meet the needs of their parishioners without openly flouting the law. May the Immaculata continue to shield them until our Chapels and Mass Centres can return to their normal schedules.

In conclusion, let us Knights not forget that our priests still had to live despite the cutting off of the cash flow from the Sunday collections, and that we ought to make whatever effort we can to donate those missing week's collections when Masses are eventually restored. This point is being made here as many of those priests will be too embarrassed to mention it themselves.

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

A special present from the M.I. Headquarters

The faithful of the chapel in Medellin (Colombia) received two precious gifts from M.I. Headquarters: a beautiful chasuble and an altar missal.

The faithful, together with Fr. Juliano, thank the generous Knights for these precious gifts and promise their prayers for the

development of M.I. throughout the world.



Spanish publications

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Renewal act of Consecration in Davao

The M.I. Philippines in Davao made a one week 4 Barangay Mission tour. These 4 Barangays are just North-North-West to East-Southeast of St. Joseph's Priory. Members of 2 different Praesidia of the Legion of Mary cooperated in order to visit the Knights of these Barangays and encourage them to renew their Consecration to Mary and to rekindle their devotion to their basic M.I. duties.

It may be remarked that in a Catholic country like the Philippines, Catholics are easily inspired to move towards Mary

initially — it's instinctive — but perseverance, especially after the novelty wears off, is another, more laborious story.

Despite this fact of pulling down by human nature, Legionnaires, who are also, of course, Knights of the Immaculata, were able to consecrate two Barangays to Our Lady, renew the Consecration of one previously consecrated Barangay, regain 4 Knights who had joined the M.I. in past years, gather 99 new Knights to Our Lady's army and enrol 212 people in the Confraternity of the Holy Scapular.





Meanwhile, as Barangays represent the lowest level of government, and the one closest to the people, the Sanggunian is the governing body uniting the area's Councillors, who work towards legislation under the guidance and chairmanship of the City's Vice Mayor.

In 2016 Vice Mayor Paolo Duterte, son of the current President, presided over the Consecration of the City of Davao to Our Lady.

In 2018, this Consecration was renewed by the representative of the Vice Mayor, namely Attorney Avincula. This year, on the 21st of

January, the Vice Mayor is Sebastian Duterte, also a son of the President, but as he was replacing the Mayor in the City Hall, Legionaries of Mary were able to organize a renewal of the Consecration of the City by the good offices of Councilor Pilar Braga with the help of Quintain, the Speaker of the House.

At the end of the official session, Speaker Quintain invited Councillors to assist at the renewal of the Consecration of the City to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of Our Lady of Fatima.

Meanwhile, in Manila, the famous Sogje bill — aiming to promote more and more LGBT rights in society — had been tabled. However, the LGBT movement

will not take defeat likely, and so on the Philippine front it is all the more important to insert evermore, the gentle but powerful influence of the "Queen of Victories".

The M.I. apostolate in Central America

In Central American countries, as in the rest of the world, growing the M.I. apostolate is currently very difficult. However, recently, Fr. Miquel Boniface has conducted very intensive and

fruitful apostolic activities. He has welcomed many Knights into the Knights of the Immaculate.

Here are pictures from Costa Rica, Guatemala and Nigara-gua.



New Knights in the Franciscan convent in the diocese in Guatemala



Meeting of new Knights in Nicaragua



Knights in Costa Rica



Apostolate in the hospital in Nicaragua



Knights in Guatemala



The M.I. Apostolate in South America

Knights of the Immaculata of several South American countries (Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay) received publications from the M.I. Headquarters at a time when national borders were already closed because of Covid-19. The Knights in charge of the M.I. Corners in these countries were particularly pleased. Each of the parcels included booklets, flyers and the Miraculous Medals.

Quite a number of them wrote to the M.I. Headquarters that the M.I. publications had arrived at the ideal time when all the people were isolated and feeling intimidated. But the work of our priests and the possibility of conducting the apostolate of distributing leaflets about the miraculous medal and about the rosary or scapular gives all Knights hope. It also encourages us to conduct extensive apostolic activities for the salvation of souls.



- Countries:
1 — Chile
2 — Colombia
3 — Peru
4 — Uruguay



The parcel which received the M.I. Corner in Peru

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



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

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

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

(from the Roman Breviary)

I. Goal of Membership:

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

II. Conditions of Membership:

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

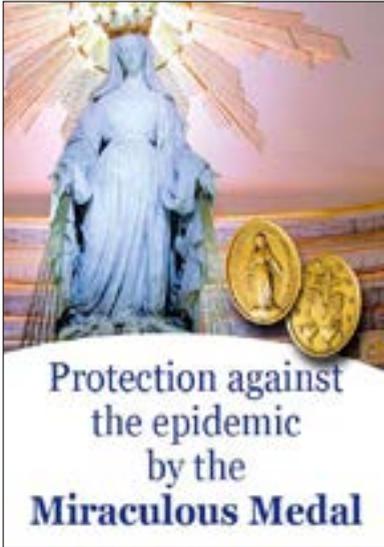
III. Duties of Membership:

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

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

If you want to join us, please email: info@militia-immaculatae.org
and tell us which country you are from.

Flyers for order



Wonderful protection in times of an epidemic

While in 1832 the first Miraculous Medals were being produced, Paris was hit by a terrible cholera epidemic that claimed more than 20,000 lives.

In June, the Daughters of Charity started to distribute the first 2,000 medals, especially to infected people who filled the hospitals.

The healings increased, also the special protection against the disease and the healing in emotional distress. It was overwhelming. The population of Paris began to call the medal „miraculous”.

Orders: www.militia-immaculatae.org/english

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