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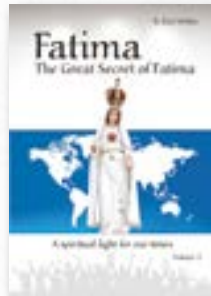
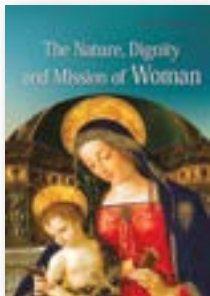


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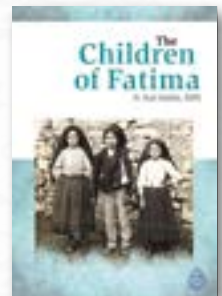
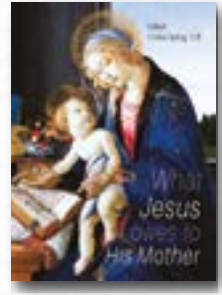
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Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

Already more than 100 years ago Saint Pius X, observing the progress of Freemasonry and Modernism, asked himself whether the Antichrist had perhaps already come. However, he had not seen the devastation of the Second Vatican Council and its reforms. Moreover he certainly could not imagine that one day the Pachamama would be honoured inside the Vatican, and sins crying for vengeance to Heaven (LGBT *etc.*) would become the norm in the world.

Divine Providence has chosen us to be witness of all these "abominations of desolation" — and during the past 6 months we can ask with even more reason the same question as did Saint Pius X. However, it doesn't make much sense to examine over and over again the reasons and the consequences of the devil's attacks nowadays.

More importantly, we need to ask ourselves from whence we can receive efficacious help and assistance.

Certainly it is the Holy Mass of all times, the Sacraments, the unique Catholic Truth, the teaching of all saints, which are the means established by Our Lord himself for all members of His Mystical Body in all times.

However, we are witnessing a horrendous spectacle: in many countries in the world the churches have already been closed for half a year with no sign of change in sight. Other countries are about to close them again. It seems that it will become more and more difficult to attend Holy Mass and receive the Sacraments regularly, at least every Sunday.

Please remember, that many Knights of the Immaculata are living in these countries. They write to us often in despair: "I have not been to confession and Holy Communion for 5 months" — "I feel completely abandoned" *etc.*

Faced with such a situation, is it not a special grace of Divine Providence to allow the MILITIA IMMACULATÆ to be revived in its traditional observance — entirely faithful to the spirit of the holy Founder? From the year of its foundation until the Second Vatican Council the M.I. has brought so many spiritual fruits (graces of conversion of a multitude of people and sanctification of even more souls)! Yes, we must

thank the Immaculata for so many graces and spiritual fruits we receive right now!
And what precisely are these graces?

Namely, that in the middle of this isolation of many, in the middle of being forbidden to worship together the True God and to unite in processions and pilgrimages to honour Our Heavenly Mother, the M.I. makes us understand that in HER HEART we are mostly together: more exactly, with HER we find ourselves beneath the Crucified Lord.

We are ONE family, ONE army — and everybody has a task to accomplish. Those Knights who find it possible to attend Holy Mass physically, must offer on the Paten ALL the other Knights deprived from these graces.

Those Knights who have the joy to receive Holy Communion will ask Our Lord to pass the graces they receive to all those who can only make spiritual communion. Those Knights who have the privilege to go to confession need to regret their sins with extraordinary fervour and perfection, asking Our Lady to give the grace of perfect contrition (and heavenly pardon) to all those longing after the blood of Our Lord to purify their souls.

Another danger of these terrible times is that we get afraid, discouraged: the psychosis of the so-called pandemic enters our hearts and paralyses them. Being faithful to our commitment as Knights, Our Lady gives us all the grace to make a very strong *AGERE CONTRA!* Every day we need to guard ourselves against all forms of pusillanimity and to remind all Knights, that SHE really uses us as her instruments: all over the world people in distress turn to God, asking for spiritual help.

In Poland we have the joy that within 6 months, 4 priests and 3 religious sisters joined the Catholic Tradition. Suddenly we again have young people who want to consecrate their lives entirely to God through Mary. These are the fruits of the wonderful work of the Mediatrix of all graces — because she has found instruments to bring these graces to souls for their conversion and sanctification.

Therefore, in the Immaculata, dear Knights, lift up your hearts, and trust HER more than ever before and respond generously to HER requests.

Fr. Karl Stehlin

Warsaw, on the Feast of Our Lady of Ransom, on the 24th of September 2020

Divine Providence and the Immaculata

Very often, we do not realize the presence of Divine Providence at our side until after having received the gift it had prepared for us. We lose hope easily, we are on the edge of the abyss, so to speak... But, yet, Divine Providence, has not forgotten us.

Therefore, we will consider how the Immaculate lived and behaved when she was in the expectation of a future event.

In Mary, the virtues and graces are always harmonized. The same abandonment which allows the soul to let itself be guided by the Holy Ghost and the prudence which foresees it, are not incompatible in her. Even more, her acts, for example during the Visitation, are the perfect illustration of the harmonious action of Providence in her. In fact, just after the angel's announcement, Mary could have considered her new state of Mother of God with perfect prudence and stayed at home. Or, she could have also said to herself that "Providence would provide for the needs of her cousin." In both cases, holy abandonment or prudence would have been neglected, to be replaced by an absence of good. So Mary did not linger at home, but she left in great haste to visit her cousin Elisabeth.

Before concluding this first point, let us observe that even in her thoughts, Mary feels neither anxiety nor sterile fear of having left her house. And how does she keep this harmony? By living and considering the present moment. The Immaculate has her eyes fixed on God. Her soul is in the present.



What the wisest and most prudent Virgin knew was that she was going to serve her cousin who was expecting a child in her old age. She knew that she would have to wash, polish, tidy up, take care of the house and its guests. But what she did not know was that her act of abandonment and prudence inspired by Charity, would become, for us, a great and precious lesson: every act of Divine Providence passes through the hands of Mary...

Even more than this, Mary Immaculate herself, is the created, visible expression of this Divine Providence.

The Triumph of Divine Providence
(Pietro da Cortona, 1633–1639)



Indeed, what is Providence, if not that which provides for the most crucial needs? And what does Mary provide for her cousin, her future nephews and all of us? Jesus Christ, the Redeemer. This unexpected help, that which the prophets and the kings awaited, is there, like the happy news of deliverance. Thus, Mary is the instrument par excellence of Providence to give us the Saviour. God uses his Blessed Mother to show people His daily presence by our side.

If Our Lady had not let herself be guided by the grace of Holy Abandonment to perfection, if her prudence had failed, we would never have known that behind this mysterious name of Providence, was hidden the Immaculate. And if Mary had not manifested her presence of charity towards her neighbour, Saint John the Baptist would not have been purified in his mother's womb.

However, if the Blessed Virgin is the manifestation for us of Providence and the hand that comes to us "to help us in due time", who will provide for the Virgin? Who will care for her needs? Who

will ensure the existence of this perfect creature? There is another aspect of Providence, a unique and singular aspect which concerns only her. It is the divine hand itself, it is this merciful Heart, it is these entrails of mercy, it is this God made a little child in her womb. Jesus, God made man, is the Providence of this Divine Provider of grace.

But if we do not know what triggers Providence to act towards us, neither do we know what moves God to lean towards her, she whom He created Immaculate. In this mystery of the Visitation we can, however, find some light which we will see concretely put into practice for us in the next article.

The two levers which open the hands of Providence are self-forgetfulness and Charity towards neighbours. In fact, we see Our Lady considering nothing other than this God living in her and following His desire. She doesn't linger. She looks, understands and acts according to this Divine Child enclosed in her womb. *Jacta cogitatum tuum in Domino*. She casts her worries, her concerns before Him, she does not let her imagination wander into possible danger during her journey. These questions that torment us "How to do?" "What to do?" "What to think?" "What to say?..." are of no consideration for her. She does not come



out of her inner cell, out of her divine contemplation, she does not look at herself; instead she contemplates the Ineffable and she follows Him. She does not precede the divine hand, neither in its actions, nor in its thoughts. She lets Him work in her.

Thus, Mary uses this lever of forgetting herself to invite God to open the granaries of His Providence. This self-forgetfulness is so great and so profound that Mary never knew herself apart from God.

By this forgetfulness of herself, Mary Immaculate forced, as it were, God to look at His handmaid who spoke to Him with a perfect spirit of dependence. However, it was necessary to add love, in order to induce the Most High to act, so that He invests and works to provide for the need of His Immaculate Creature. That is why Our Lady, being totally possessed by the Holy Ghost who is the total union of the Love of the Father and the Son, came to help her cousin Elisabeth.

By providing her help, her presence, her discreet support in such a perfect way, Mary diffused this love with which she was full, and at the same time activated the second lever of Divine Providence. This gift of oneself to one's neighbour is the concrete means of showing God the desire to imitate Him, to let oneself be possessed by Him and a real state of dependence.

The Immaculate, made herself a perfect and docile instrument of Divine Providence for her cousin. God, who is never restrained in His mercy, gave her an additional grace which made her an instrument of Providence for all mankind.



Let us be guided
by
Divine Providence

“O God, whose providence faileth not in its designs,
we humbly entreat Thee: to put away from us all hurtful
things, and to give us all things which are profitable for us.”
— Collect from the 7th Sunday after Pentecost.

Divine Wisdom, says Holy Scripture, "reacheth ... from end to end mightily and ordereth all things sweetly" (Wis 8:1). Divine Wisdom is thus identified with Divine Providence, which orders, disposes, and directs everything to the attainment of a well-defined end: the ultimate and supreme end which is the glory of God, and the proximate and secondary end which is the good and happiness of creatures.



Nothing exists without a reason, nothing in the world happens by chance; everything, everything without the least exception, is part of the magnificent plan of Divine Providence.

In this plan every creature, even the lowest, has its definite place, its end, and its value; every event, even the most insignificant, has been foreseen from all eternity and regulated even to its slightest detail. In this plan, as vast as it is wonderful, all creatures, from the most sublime — such as the angels — to the humblest — like the dewdrops and the blades of grass — are called upon to contribute to the harmony and good of the whole.

If certain situations seem to us incomprehensible, if we cannot see the reason why



particular circumstances and creatures make us suffer, it is because we do not see the place they occupy in the plan of Divine Providence in which everything is ordered for our ultimate good.

Yes, even suffering itself is ordered for our good, and God, who is infinite goodness, neither wills nor permits it except for this purpose.

“We leave everything to the providence of God, in whose hands lie the whole world and all its events. God, through the Immaculata, disposes as He prefers; this will also be the best thing for us.” — St. Maximilian wrote to his mother in 1919.

We believe all this in theory but we easily forget it in practice, so much so, that when we find ourselves in obscure, painful situations which up-

set or interfere with our plans and wishes, we are disturbed and our lips formulate the anguished question: "Why does God permit this?" However, the answer, as universal and infallible as Divine Providence itself, is always the same: God permits it solely for our good. We need to be firmly convinced of this so that we may not be scandalized by the trials of life. "All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth, to them



*"God has always helped me..."
— St. Therese of the Child
Jesus said, "I count on His
aid. My sufferings may reach
even greater heights, but I am
sure He will not abandon me".*

that seek after His covenant and His testimonies" (Ps 24:10); we can mistrust ourselves, our goodness and our faithfulness, but we cannot mistrust God who is infinite goodness and faithfulness.

In 1939 (before the Second World War) St. Maximilian wrote: "Let us be led by Divine Providence that excellently guides the steps of each. "And in 1940 he added: "For now we await from day to day what Divine Providence will send us, but it must be acknowledged that the Immaculata is leading her Niepokalanów with a strong and loving hand."

Having created us, God has not left us to care for ourselves but, like a tender mother, He continues to help us and provide for all our needs. "Can a woman forget her infant? ... and if she should forget, yet



will not I forget thee" (Is 49:15). "Divine Providence already gives to me everything I need and more." — St. Maximilian wrote to his mother in 1919.

Each soul can, in all truth, consider these words as addressed to itself for, in actual fact, God's Providence is so immense and powerful that, while it embraces the whole universe, it simultaneously takes care of each individual creature, even the least. Jesus showed

us the Providence of our heavenly Father when He said, "Not one [sparrow] shall fall to the ground without the permission of your Father ... Fear not, therefore: better are you than many sparrows" (Mt 10:29–31).

Since God does not create us en masse, but creates individually the soul of every man that comes into the world, so too, His Divine Providence is not limited to aiding us as

a totality, but it assists each one of us, knowing well our needs, our difficulties, and even our desires; it is fully cognizant of what is most suitable for our ultimate good.

The most attentive mother may be unaware of some need of her child, she may forget or make a mistake in providing for it, or she may find it impossible to help the child at all. But this can never happen with God, whose Providence knows, sees, and can do all things. Not even the tiniest bird is forgotten, nor is the humblest flower of the field neglected.

"Consider the lilies of the field," Jesus said, " ... they labour not, neither do they spin, yet I say to you, not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these. And if the grass of the field, which is today, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, God doth so clothe, how much

more you, O ye of little faith?" (Mt 6:28–30).

God's Providence surrounds us completely; in it we live and move and have our being. Nevertheless, how slow we are to believe in it, how distrustful we are! What need we have to open our hearts to a greater, unlimited confidence, for Divine Providence has no limits!

In 1938 St. Maximilian wrote to the brothers in Rome: "Try to do everything you can for the cause of the Immaculata wherever Providence will place you." He further wrote: "That is exactly what happens: the more we surrender to Divine Providence through the Immaculata, the better things go. Obviously, we need to work hard, commit ourselves, but let us leave implementation to her alone. She is also capable



of performing miracles, if they become necessary."

"The special providence of God even in material matters surrounds those souls who love God and practise holy poverty faithfully." — he very often said.

Saint Maximilian knew well and often emphasized this, that the creation and existence of the "Knight of the Immaculata", Niepokalanów and the whole publishing house, in difficult times, is only due to God's Providence through Mary Immaculate. And let us rely on

the Providence that loves us through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

"Are we not supposed, after all, to rely solely on Divine Providence through the Immaculata? (...) It is Divine Providence who guides us! (...) Let us trust, therefore, in Divine Providence, in the Will of the Immaculata, and remain confident that God allows all things in view of a greater good. (...) Let Divine Providence act." — concluded St. Maximilian.

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Be an instrument of Divine Providence for Mary

For the mission of the Militia Immaculatæ to reach a destination is not always easy in the Philippines. Once we were travelling in a truck meant only for cows or big animals, but on that day, it was us who were to be cows and pigs.

Suddenly, when we reached the bridge to cross a river, the truck stopped, and the driver said in his dialect: you have to walk. What? You have to walk, he said, bowing his head. So we climbed down and surely dulled by the heat and lack of water, we did not ask the reason... we did not grumble against Providence, nor did we have even the energy to just ask ourselves what would be next... we just started to walk... and we crossed the bridge. One of us tried to find another transportation. However, Divine Providence was smiling on us because the

same driver with the same truck stopped and asked us to join him. Incredible! Providence works in this simple manner because by way of thanks the driver was given a Miraculous Medal and prayers for his needs...

Divine Providence is extremely easy to find for the Knights. Look! Is it not a considerable grace that you were received by the Queen of all Heaven and earth into her army, into her cohort? In this army you have munitions for war, like the Rosary, the Miraculous Medal. In this army you have, as your own property, all merits, and virtues of the Queen. In this army, you have the right to believe that the Immaculata is especially your Mother. Today, if you have all these tremendous treasures, it is only because Mary Immaculate, being the most perfect instru-

ment of the Divine Providence of God, has sent you a good priest, a friend, a relative... someone to instruct you about the Militia Immaculatae.

However, a point that should never be forgotten is that as Our Lady is the instrument of Divine Providence for me, I should also be an instrument of Providence for others. How many souls will not be saved because, by negligence or laziness, I did not give the medal to my fellows? How many souls will claim at the Last Judgment that Providence did not reach them because of me?

How many souls will simply not know Mary Immaculate because I neglected to be an instrument of the Divine Providence, an instru-

ment of Mary? Instead, I could easily drop another treasure into the lap of my Queen because she said: "who enlightens me, shall have eternal life." So, in being an instrument of Divine Providence for my friend I will:

1. enable my friend to be saved more easily,
2. have eternal life,
3. become in my turn the "little instrument of Providence" for Mary.

Yes, because in sharing the treasure of the Militia Immaculatae, I give to Mary the capacity, the opportunity to convert and to save the soul. In a way, without her poor Knights, the Immaculata would need more time to triumph over her enemy.



Video "Personal Consecration"

We would like to share with you a video about personal consecration to Our Lady, presented by Fr. Karl Stehlin, Director of the M.I. on the M.I. Youtube Channel.

(part I): www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnflhwIRzJw&t=811s

(part II): www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCQrJah7auU



14 new Knights in Japan

At the end of the pilgrimage to Akita (Japan) Fr. Thomas Onoda enrolled 14 new Knights into the Militia Immaculatæ, including several foreigners from outside Japan.

Exceptionally, the pilgrimage took place this year in August. The date of the pilgrimage

was scheduled, as always, for the month of May, but could not take place because of the "lockclose spacedown". However, all was not lost by the change. The date was moved to August, which, by way of compensation, is also the month dedicated to the Immaculate.



A new group of the M.I. 2 in Poland

A new group of the M.I. 2 have been formed recently in Poland: in the chapel in Chorzów.

The activity of Chorzów's group consists in regular meetings under the auspices of the Priest and apostolic works (dissemination of M.I. books, lectures, pilgrimages,

etc.). Regular spiritual preparation is made with the daily Rosary, prayer to the Immaculata and spiritual readings (e.g. *Regulamentum vitæ*). Daily participation in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass — whenever possible — should be of great help to all Knights.



Missions in Southern Poland — 171 new Knights

From the 29th of June to the 5th of July, Fr. Karl Stehlin, Director of the M.I., led a series of lectures and retreats in the southernmost parts of Poland. Their main topic — the immense desolation of the Catholic Church, caused by *Vaticanium II*, which uncritically opened the Church to mundane influences and — worst of all — to false alien

religions. *Aggiornamento* redefined the notions of ecumenism, and love of neighbour and destroyed the respect for Christ hidden in the consecrated Host. Nowadays there is a common conviction — among the religious and lay people alike — that every religion leads to God, that salvation is brought by the rules and precepts of all religions; that



Enrolment into the M.I. in Jastrzębie Zdrój

it is enough to be "a good man" in order to be saved.

The spirit of the Church Militant has evaporated. Every now and then there is a tacit or even open acceptance of sin (sin which has been normalized — as a part of ordinary daily life). Why lend support to sinful divorces, new relationships or life without the Sacraments if those living in such states are "good" and "happy" and "love" each other? True Christianitas as a state of mind has disappeared completely. Prot-



Enrolment into the M.I. in Wrocław

estantism has infected the Church as well as an inordinate love of temporal goods. The present COVID "pandemic" has revealed it fully. The Church hierarchy — instead of defending the faithful and their right to Mass — fully supported all restrictions up to the point of wilful extension "for the good and well-being of the people". Fear of bodily death proved to be more powerful than hope for Heaven... Is this not proof of faithlessness? Up to now the Church has always accompanied the faithful during times of trial — during plague, pandemic, war and danger. Now churches are closed. Now there is no protection against the tyranny of earthly powers, there is no counter-balance for unjust rulers, there is no-one to care about spiritual good and the salvation of souls...

Father Stehlin said that only under the cloak of Mary are we and will we be truly safe these days. He encouraged the audience to sacrifice themselves to "her, who alone trampled over all heresies in the whole world," especially nowadays when the pandemic of fear and sin corrupts the true worship of God and destroys-social life.

During his lectures, Father Stehlin stressed the utmost impor-

tance of the Militia Immaculatae during these troubled times. "The M.I. is our help — because it shows us what we have lost — the meaning of the Church Militant.

The prayer is our weapon — ejaculatory prayers are our bullets, which we shouldn't hoard, which serve for Our Lady's purpose of converting souls" — these are the concluding words of Father Stehlin. This is our humble

part in the great work of the salvation of souls.

In all, Father Karl Stehlin enrolled the following numbers of new Knights into the M.I.:

- from Miłówka — 22
 - from Jastrzębie-Zdrój — 19
 - from Chorzów — 15
 - from Wrocław — 37
 - from Kraków — 34
 - from Nowy Sącz — 44
- In total: 171 souls.

The Apostle of Mary and her new Knights

"Archbishop Lefebvre — the Apostle of Mary" — that was the title of the retreat days led by Father Karl Stehlin, Director of the Militia Immaculatae, on the 24th – 27th of June in Warsaw as a part of a greater cycle of "Lefebvrian" recollections. The audience consisted of Knights of the Immaculata and the occasion was the 50th anniversary of the official founding of the Society of St. Pius X. It guards the immaculate Catholic tradition and lawful Catholic Sacraments as they were performed by our forefathers in the Faith.

During the lectures, Father Stehlin explained the

role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life and service of Monseigneur Lefebvre. His personal spirituality should become the spirituality of his children-in-Faith also.

The beginnings of the Society are closely connected with the Immaculata. She is a Patroness in Fri-





bourg's and Econe's Sanctuaries where the first Brothers of the Society gathered together.

The most important Feast for the Society is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the 8th of December). On that day the FSSPX Priests vow their oblations. Tonsure is given to the clerics on the 2nd of February.

Not everybody knows that the Society possesses another internal name — given to it by Monseigneur Lefebvre himself. It explains the heart of the Society. It describes the deepest and the most important source of its existence — The Society of the Apostles of Jesus and Mary.

The FSSPX Statutes specify that the Society is under the protection

of Mary, the Mother of the Eternal Priest (*par excellence*); through Him — she is the Mother of all priests, in whom she forms her own Divine Son. It is Mary who shows the deepest motives for celibacy, *conditio sine qua non* of truly Catholic priesthood.

The Founder of the Society of Saint Pius X died on the 25th of March 1991 — on the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady. Father Le Rohellec said that the Annunciation is the very moment of consecrating Christ for the Priesthood — in the womb of Mary; in that Feast all the future consecrations are included seminally.

At the end of the retreat Fr. Stehlin enrolled two Knights to the M.I. The following month, July 2020, at the end of the Montfortian retreat days five more Knights became part of the Militia Immaculatæ.



Materials for new Knights

In Poland, each of the newly accepted Knights receives a special publication package. The package includes two issues of the "Triumph of the Immaculate", a booklet "Consecration to the Immaculata", the most important flyers, and an enrolment form and certificate.

The new Knights are pleased to receive such a gift because it gives them their first "weapon" to convert souls.



XXVIth Traditional Catholic Pilgrimage to Jasna Góra



The tower of the monastery of Jasna Góra and our brothers and clerics

As happens every year, the Catholic Tradition's Pilgrimage set off on the 4th of August 2020 in order to reach its destination — the famous Marian Shrine of Częstochowa on the 14th of August, the Vigil of the Assumption of Our Lady.

Despite all the restrictions arising from the "pandemic" require-

ments, the Pilgrimage was a success. There were many people from other countries, e.g. the United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Latvia and numerous faithful and new-comers never before acquainted with the Tradition. For some, the experience was unique — a Pilgrimage of true penance, without guitars and pop-'Catholic' songs. One of the oldest and biggest Pilgrimages — the Varsovian Pilgrimage — had been practically cancelled (only 50 people allowed) and, paradoxically, that worked well for the cause of the Catholic Tradition.

Also, a large group composed of people who could not physically take part in the pilgrimage was formed, creating a spiritual companionship and praying for the intention of pilgrims.

On the way, we sang for hours to the Blessed Virgin Mary every day, and recited the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other traditional prayers and songs. But the main element of the pilgrimage of the Catholic Tradition was the daily conferences.

The principal topic of this annual Pilgrimage was: Virtuous life



Pilgrims in the way and enrolment into the M.I.



as a way to Heaven. Father Lucas Szydłowski was our spiritual guide, supported by Father David Wierzycki (National Moderator of the M.I. in Poland).

The conferences were focused upon a whole spectrum of themes: from the Theological Virtues (faith, hope, charity), through the Cardinal Virtues (prudence, justice, tem-

perance and fortitude) to special virtues and individual cases (e.g. humility, and practical issues and circumstances).

Because of the 'pandemic', not many M.I. publications were distributed on the way to Jasna Góra. Practically the only package given to people met on the way was The Miraculous Medal which contains a chapter on protection against the contagion; there were also three Medals attached to each flyer.

During the Pilgrimage, 19 new Knights were enrolled into the ranks of the M.I. including one cleric from the Zaitzkofen Seminary, and people from the UK.

On entering the Jasna Góra Monastery, one could feel the atmosphere of the sacredness of that place. Kneeling in front of the Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Częstochowa, we offered her all the intentions of the Pilgrimage.



Pilgrims in the chapel in Jasna Góra

The M.I. Scapular Mission in the Philippines

The Knight will often ask himself: "How do I fulfill the two-fold aim of the M.I., which is to convert all men to Christ and to sanctify them through Mary?". The M.I. answers, try a "Scapular Mission!"

Unfortunately, the privileged means of salvation and sanctification that is the Holy Scapular is neither understood nor worn through "Devotion", and its significance is forgotten.

For this reason, the "Scapular Mission" effectively faces a world that has become oblivious to Divine Truths, completely sunk in mundane concerns and pushed to the brink of despair by the chaos of conflicting religious opinions rampant in every layer of society.

In a "Scapular Mission" the Knight, with or without an accompanying Priest, takes the Scapular as his starting point. He explains its significance beginning with the great truth of the Incarnation, and then explains adopted Sonship, the spiritual Motherhood of Mary and the concrete morals this entails. This method cuts through the confusion, goes to the heart of Christianity and elevates morals through Marian Devotion. We



can assure you, this method really works where so many others fail.

For information and a "Scapular Mission" packet, contact Domus Mariæ Philippines at:

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Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer

News from District GB & Scandinavia

In August 2020 Fr. Robert Brucciani and Fr. John Brucciani enrolled 25 new Knights. Fr. John Brucciani (Headmaster of St. Michael's School, the District's only Traditional Catholic School) enrolled 12 new Knights in the Chapel of St. Anne's in Leicester, and his brother Fr. Robert Brucciani (District Superior) enrolled 13 new Knights. Of these, 8 were enrolled at the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus in Gateshead, and the other 5 at the Church of the Holy Cross in Woking, all 25 during the same weekend.

The newly-installed M.I. Corner at St. Michael's School is an impressive sight, and progress is



The M.I. Corner in St. Michael's School



The M.I. Corner in the chapel in Edinburgh

being made by the new M.I. local co-ordinator on an enhanced M.I. Corner at the Church of Saints Margaret and Leonard in Edinburgh. Meanwhile, the custodian of the M.I. Corner at the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus in Gateshead continues to uphold the benchmark that all others might aim for, with assistance from the Immaculata.

There is a glimmer of light from Scandinavia, where one of the Knights requested and received some flyers to distribute at a house Mass, so now we must wait to see when the Immaculata will fan this spark into a bright flame that will spread to other souls in the countries of Scandinavia.

Howard Toon

Booklet "Silence — the Gate of Holiness"

The Militia Immaculatæ has published a very interesting booklet, "Silence — the Gate to Heaven". One of a large number of publications by the M.I. in many languages., this booklet is in English and Polish.

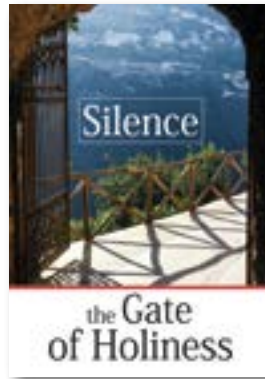
This short booklet is a guide for those who want to progress in this virtue and also for those who are just embarking on this journey. It is filled with examples of observing silence: firstly by Our Lady, and also by the saints. We can see clearly that without silence - both external and internal — we can't really hear the voice of God. Our Lady is a perfect example of silence — which means speaking only when necessary and in the service of God.

Many saints saw silence as a way of progressing in their spiritual life, bringing them closer to God, hence we have many quotes about the significance of silence. "A perfect mortification is to avoid speaking without having to, for this is a great fault in the Christian soul. We must fear, we must avoid useless conversations because of the sins we commit during them and of the time we waste during them" — said St. Teresa of Avila. This quote resembles what St. Maximilian Kolbe,

founder of the M.I. said to his brothers: "Silence is necessary and even indispensable. Indeed, when silence is lacking, God's graces dry up (...) Silence does not mean saying nothing, but speaking only to the extent that the Immaculate wishes it; as much as, no more than."

Nowadays, particularly, when we are constantly bombarded by noise from outside, we need to take control over our own speech and what we choose to listen to. Only then can we open ourselves to the voice of God, and this little booklet could be a great resource for meditation on the value of silence.

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You can order:

www.militia-immacolatae.org

A new issue of the "Triumph of the Immaculata"

"Triumf Niepokalanej" ("Triumph of the Immaculata") is a Polish magazine for Knights of the Immaculate.

The latest edition (October-December 2020) is dedicated mostly to Charity: Love your neighbour as He loved us.

In this issue there are practical examples of how to practise charity in the

article under the same title: "Love your neighbour as He loved us", and also in "I gave you a new commandment".

Of course, there are also articles about the Immaculate — she is our safeguard in the battle against temptations and obstacles.

For many Poles, August is the time of Pilgrimage, and not just any pilgrimage, but to the Queen of Poland — Our Lady of Częstochowa. A short account of this pilgrimage can be found inside.

I especially enjoy the "Stories written by the Immaculatae" as I call them — for she is their true author stories of conversions through her intercession.

And there are "The little sparks from the M.I. Worldwide", usually news from countries around the world.

But the most precious to me are always the original texts of the Founder of the Militia Immaculatae — St. Maximilian Kolbe. They are always relevant, even a hundred years later.



Knights are packing the "Triumph of the Immaculate" and booklet "Silence — the Gate of Holiness" in Polish to Knights all over Poland

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The M.I. apostolate in Central America

Father Miguel Boniface is continuing enrolments into the M.I. and distributing Miraculous Medals in Central America.

He explains what the Militia Immaculatae and Miraculous Medal are, why St. Maximilian created the M.I. as a unifying organisation for Knights and why the Miraculous Medal is the Knight's instrument. Father Boniface gives the Miraculous Medal and various informative flyers to people.



In the picture: Fr. Boniface with new Knights of the Immaculata in Nicaragua (diocese Esteli).



Meeting in the Franciscan convent in the diocese in Guatemala

Spanish publications for order:

www.militia-immacolatae.org/espanol

New Knights in Nigeria

On the last Sunday of August, Father Peter Scott enrolled 15 new Knights at the Sacred Heart Chapel in Abuja in Nigeria.

Please, pray for new and all Knights in Nigeria. They are having a very difficult time now.



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.

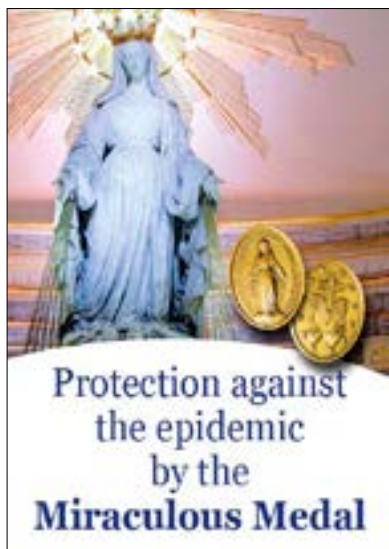
III. Duties of Membership:

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.

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