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— the garment of Our Lady



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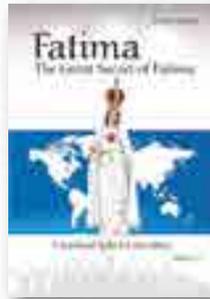
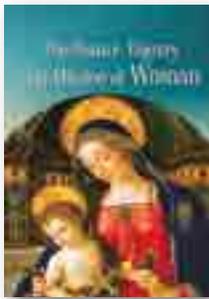
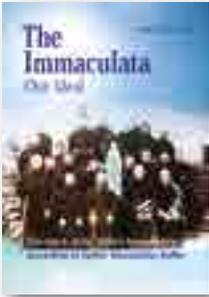


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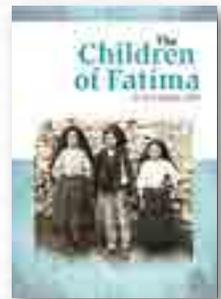
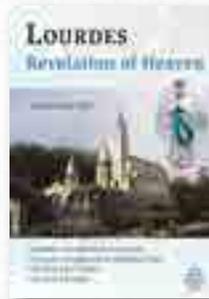
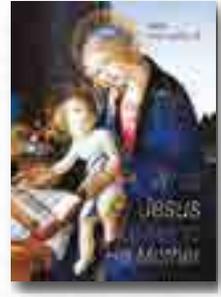
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Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

Those who wear the Scapular have a special right to Our Lady's assistance in life, at the moment of death and after death. Whoever wears the Carmelite Scapular is promised that their soul will be freed from Purgatory shortly after death. Provided, of course, that one not only wears the scapular, but that one wears it in the right spirit, in a truly Christian disposition, which manifests itself in a life according to the commandments of God. You can read about the conditions of wearing the scapular in our flyer:

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It is clear that a sacred garment intrinsically affecting a person, is much more adapted to designate the intimate character of Marian consecration, by which we, as children, offer ourselves to Mary entirely and forever, than a simple remembrance would be, like a statue, a medal or a distinctive secular livery which affect persons in a rather extrinsic manner. Moreover, the Scapular by reason of its history, which has made it for so long a universal means of intimate Marian devotion, is also a marvelous instrument of the Blessed Virgin's singular protection, and for this reason too it is a distinctive reminder of consecration to her.

From the foregoing comes the importance of the Scapular. Consecration does not consist solely in a formula, but in that intimate sense of permanently pertaining to Mary and totally depending upon her. This intimate sense is perfectly symbolized by the Scapular which, worn continually, is a figure of the sweet and light yoke of Christ, and is as a shield in all dangers, especially on the day of death. By recalling constantly the remembrance of Mary, the Scapular nourishes our sense of belonging to her; it makes us realize that our close alliance with her keeps us always under her protection.

The Scapular encourages Marian consecration so much more in that it shows to all most concretely and clearly, by means of Mary's great promises, the real devotion

to her. In fact these promises, doctrinally speaking, are only the practical application of those famous principles: that no one devoted to Mary shall be eternally lost, and that devotion to Mary is a sign of salvation. Certainly, by showing this value in a concrete manner, the Scapular develops in us the greatest confidence in Mary who takes such tender care of her devoted ones, and who is so powerful that those who rely on her patronage can have a firm and unlimited hope of obtaining eternal salvation. It is true that theological hope does not exclude the fear which arises from the weakness of human nature; nevertheless this fear is more than compensated for by consideration of the supernatural motive of the salvation, which, in this case, is the power and mercy and fidelity of the Blessed Virgin.

By means of the Scapular we become so intimately united to Mary that she becomes our only Patroness and Lady, our Mother and Queen.

When we are made part of Mary's family, placed under her protection, we should not worry about obtaining the various privileges made known by St. Simon Stock who invoked her as the Flower of Carmel; we should simply seek that we may constantly persevere in her service, clothed until death in her garment.

The promises of the Scapular, for the hour of death and for purgatory, are a splendid application of that universal mediation of Our Lady, and our faith in that mediation is greatly increased by our devotion. In reality, together with the Rosary, there is no other form of Marian devotion which has been found to be so perfect, as that of the Scapular. It is evident, therefore, that the Scapular can play an important part in restoring the Christian spirit.

The Scapular then seems to answer in a practical way the present day need of expressing with a definite, permanent sign the consecration of the human race and of each one of us to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that, this consecration being always present with us, the Blessed Virgin may be for us that Star of the Sea which, through the storms of this life, brings us happily to the port of eternal salvation towards which we tend.

I encourage you all to receive the scapular and wear it faithfully.

Fr. Karl Stehlin

Warsaw, on the 2nd of July, the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



St. Maximilian about the Carmelite Scapular

On the 16th of July is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Doubts are often voiced as to the purpose of the scapular, so it will not be out of place to say a few words on the subject.

First, where does the word “scapular” come from?

It is derived from the Latin word scapula, that is, shoulder, and refers to a type of religious garment that the Benedictines, Carmelites and Dominicans wear over their habits. It covers just the shoulders and hangs, more or less amply, down the chest and back.

What is the origin of the scapular?

The ideals that inspired the various religious Orders did not remain confined within convent walls, but also often

reached the faithful who lived in the midst of the world. These, too, as far as was possible, wanted to realize such ideals. Accordingly, there arose various congregations and confraternities, whose members could not wear proper religious habits but were at least allowed to wear something distinctive that would remind them of a habit. These robes were similar to the garment we mentioned, hanging from the shoulders, and could be quite different, especially in terms of colour.

How is a scapular made?

It consists of two pieces of woollen cloth joined by strings or ribbons. Does the scapular have to be made of wool? Yes, it does. It cannot be cotton, linen, silk or other material. Nor can it be knitted or embroidered. Otherwise, indulgences will not be gained.

Scapulars may, however, be adorned with images: woven, embroidered, or sewn on a cloth. These images may also be of some other material or of a different colour, but can never be too large, because the scapular should remain the most relevant part.

What is needed to gain indulgences and to qualify for the privileges of the scapular?

It is essential:

1. That each scapular be blessed by a priest entitled to do so and that a priest, also properly entitled, be in charge of laying it on;



2. That he who has received the scapular wear it so that a part hangs down his chest, while the other, joined to the first with cords or straps passing over the shoulders, hang between his shoulder blades.

What do you do when your scapular is lost or worn out?

You have to have another made right away. No second imposition or even blessing by a priest is needed, however (with the exception of the scapular of the Blessed Trinity).

Is it possible to wear several scapulars on a single pair of cords?

That is not forbidden, but if among other scapulars there is also one of the Lord's Passion, its cord cannot be the same as the others', but must be made of wool and be red.

What do you do with a worn-out scapular?

You must burn it.

If out of negligence or for any other reason, one does not wear the scapular for quite a long time, should one ask for a new enrobing?

There is no need, unless the scapular was discarded out of unbelief or contempt.

What are the most popular scapulars?

1. The scapular of the Most Blessed Trinity;
2. The scapular of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus;
3. The scapular of the Passion of the Lord;
4. The Carmelite scapular;
5. The scapular of the Seven Sorrows of the Mother of God;
6. The scapular of the Immaculate Conception.

What is the origin of the Carmelite scapular?

On the 16th of July 1251, Blessed Simon Stock, the sixth General of the Carmelites, was pleading to the Most Blessed Mother for protection of the Order, which at that time was facing difficulties. In a vision, he saw the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, who gave him a scapular, saying: "Accept, my son, this scapular for your Order as a mark of my confraternity. It will be a great privilege for you and all the children of Carmel, and those who die wearing this scapular will never suffer eternal fire. It is a mark of salvation, a shield in danger, and a token of the eternal covenant."

Subsequently, the Most Blessed Mother also appeared to Pope John XXII and promised she would release from purgatory on the first Saturday immediately following their death those souls who during their lifetime had worn this scapular with devotion. Although such appearances are not an article of faith, the number of conversions achieved through the scapular is telling proof of their authenticity.

About these apparitions, Pope Paul V says: "Christians may devoutly believe in what is said about the aid experienced by the souls of the members of the Confraternity of the Scapular, that is to say, that the Most Blessed Virgin would help the souls of the religious and of the members of the confraternity who died in the love of God, and who during their lifetime wore this holy garment; that she came to their aid with continual intercession in their favour, with pious prayers, with her merits and with her special protection after death, especially on Saturdays, dedicated by the Church to the Mother of God herself."

Oddly enough, those who have adopted the Carmelite scapular, if they actually wear it to the day of their death, die happy and serene; but if they do not intend to repent, they die without their scapulars.





Scapular — the garment of Our Lady

O Mary, Beauty of Carmel, make me worthy of your protection, clothe me with your scapular, and be the teacher of my interior life.

The Blessed Virgin is a Mother who clothes us with grace and takes our supernatural life under her protection, in order to bring it to its full flowering in eternal life. She, the Immaculata, full of grace from the first moment of her conception, takes our souls stained by sin, and with a maternal gesture, cleanses them in the Blood of Christ and clothes



them with grace, which, together with Him, she has merited for us. We can truly say that the garment of grace was woven by the blessed hands of Mary, who day by day, moment by moment, gave herself entirely, in union with her Son, for our salvation. Legend tells of the seamless robe which the Blessed Virgin wove for Jesus; but, for us — and in reality — she has done much more. She has cooperated in obtaining the garment of our eternal salvation, the wedding garment in which we shall enter the banquet hall of Heaven.

How she longs that this robe be imperishable! From the moment we received it, Mary has never ceased to follow us with her maternal gaze, to safeguard within us the life of grace.

Each time we are converted and return to God or rise again

after falling into sin — be it great or small — each time we increase in grace, all, everything, is effected through Mary's mediation.

The scapular, the little habit, that our Lady of Mount Carmel offers us, is only the external symbol of her unceasing, maternal care: the symbol, but also the sign, the pledge of eternal salvation.

"My beloved son," Mary said to St. Simon Stock, "take this scapular... whoever dies clothed in it will not suffer eternal fire." The Blessed Virgin gives the assurance of the supreme grace of final perseverance to all who wear worthily her little habit.

"Those who wear the scapular," said Pius XII, "profess to belong to Our Lady." Because we belong to Mary she takes special care of our souls. One who belongs to her cannot be



lost or be touched by eternal fire. Her powerful maternal intercession gives her the right to repeat, for her children, the words of Jesus: "Holy Father... those whom Thou gavest Me have I kept; and none of them is lost" (Jn 17:12).

Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel indicates a strong call to the interior life, which, in a very special way, is Mary's life.



The Blessed Virgin wants us to resemble her in heart and mind much more than in externals. If we penetrate into Mary's soul, we see that grace

produced in her a very rich interior life: a life of recollection, prayer, uninterrupted giving of herself to God, and of constant contact and intimate union with Him. Mary's soul is a sanctuary reserved for God alone where no creature has ever left an imprint; here reign love and zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of men.

Those who wish to live truly devoted to our Lady of Mount Carmel, must follow Mary into the depths of the interior life.

Carmel is the symbol of the contemplative life, of life wholly consecrated to seeking God and tending wholly toward divine intimacy; and she who best realises this very high ideal is Mary, Queen, Beauty of Carmel. "Judgment shall dwell in the wilderness and justice shall sit in Carmel. And the

work of justice shall be peace, and the service of justice quietness and security forever. And my people shall sit in the beauty of peace, and in the tabernacles of confidence." These verses, taken from Isaias (32:16–18) and repeated in the Office proper to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, delineate very well the contemplative spirit and, at the same time, they are a beautiful picture of Mary's soul which is a real "garden" (Carmel in

Hebrew signifies garden) of virtues, an oasis of silence and peace, where justice and equity reign; an oasis of security completely enveloped in the shadow of God, and filled with God. Every interior soul, even if living amid the tumult of the world, must strive to reach this peace, this interior silence, which alone makes continual contact with God possible. It is our passions and attachments that make noise within us, that



disturb our peace of mind and interrupt our intimate converse with God.

Only the soul that is wholly detached and in complete control of its passions can, like

Mary, be a solitary, silent “garden” where God will find His delights. This is the grace we ask of Our Lady today when we choose her to be the Queen and mistress of our interior life.



Miracles of the Brown Scapular

The devotion to the Brown Scapular was authorized by miracles. God uses miracles as a witness to the truth of His promises and those of His Mother. Miracles are used by God to confirm the solid foundation of the devotions that the Church proposes to the faithful. The greater the number of miracles obtained

by a particular devotion, the more it draws our attention to this devotion and authenticates the truth that the practice is pleasing to God. Of all the devotions adopted by the Church, none has been confirmed by more authenticated miracles than that of the Brown Scapular. What follows is a small sampling.

Miracles of Grace

A priest relates that one day in a town near Chicago he was called to the bedside of a man who had been away from the Sacraments for many years.

— *The man did not want to see me: he would not talk. Then I asked him to look at the little Scapular I was holding. «Will you wear this if I put it on you? I ask nothing more.» He agreed to wear it, and within the hour he wanted to go to Confession and make his peace with God. This did not surprise me, because for over 700 years Our Lady has been working in this way through her Scapular.*

Saved from the Mud

One day in 1944, a Carmelite missionary in the Holy Land was called to an internment camp to give the Last Rites. The Arab bus driver made the priest get off the bus four miles from the camp because the road was dangerously muddy. After two miles, the mis-



sionary found his feet sinking deeper and deeper into the mire. Trying to get solid footing, he slipped into a muddy pool. Sinking to his death in this desolate place, he thought of Our Lady and her Scapular. He kissed his great Scapular

— for he was wearing the full

habit — and looked toward the holy mountain of Carmel, the birthplace of devotion to God's Mother.

He cried out:

— *Holy Mother of Carmel! Help me! Save me!*

A moment later, he found himself on solid ground.

Later he said:

— *I know I was saved by the Blessed Virgin through her Brown Scapular. My shoes were lost in the mud, and I was covered with it, but I walked the remaining two miles praising Mary.*

Saved from the Sea

Another Scapular miracle took place in 1845. In the late summer of that year, the English ship, "King of the Ocean", on its way to Australia, not far from Cape Hope, found itself in the middle of a hurricane. As

wind and sea mercilessly lashed the ship, a Protestant minister, with his wife and children and other passengers, struggled to the deck to pray for mercy and forgiveness, as the end seemed at hand.

Among the crew was a young Irishman, John McAuliffe. On seeing the urgency of the situation, the youth opened his shirt, took off his Scapular, and, making the Sign of the Cross with it over the raging waves, tossed it into the ocean. At that very moment, the wind calmed.



Only one more wave washed the deck, bringing with it the Scapular which came to rest at the young man's feet. All the while the minister (Mr. Fisher) had been carefully observing McAuliffe's actions and the miraculous effect of those actions. Upon questioning the young man, he was told about the Holy Virgin and her Scapular. Mr. Fisher and his family became determined to enter the Catholic Church as soon as possible, and thereby enjoy the same protection of Our Lady's Scapular. This they did shortly after landing in Australia.

Saved from Fire

In May of 1957, a Carmelite priest in Germany published the unusual story of how the Scapular saved a home from fire. An entire row of homes had caught fire in Westboden, Germany. The pious inhabitants of a home in the middle of this row, seeing the fire, immediately fastened a Scapular to the main door of the house. Sparks flew over it and around it, but the house remained unharmed. Within 5 hours,



22 homes had been reduced to ashes. The one structure which stood undamaged amidst the destruction was that which had the Scapular attached to its door. The hundreds of people who came to see the place Our Lady had saved are eyewitness-

es to the power of the Scapular and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Saved from an Explosion

In 1955, a miracle occurred in the mid western part of the United



States. A 3rd-grader stopped in a gasoline station to put air in his bicycle tyres, and at that very moment an explosion occurred. The boy's clothing was burned off, but his Brown Scapular remained unaffected: a symbol of Mary's protection.

Today, although he still bears a few scars from the explosion, this man has special reason to remember the Blessed Mother's protection in time of danger.

Saved in a Plane Crash

A Jesuit missionary in Guatemala relayed the following incident of Our Lady's Scapular protection. In November of 1955 a plane car-

rying 27 passengers crashed. All died except one young lady. When this girl saw the plane was going down, she took hold of her Scapular, and called on Mary for help. She suffered burns, her clothing was reduced to ashes, but her Scapular was not touched by the flames.

Saved from Lightning

On the 27th of August 1602 Barthelemi Lopez, a Spanish soldier, on duty in the Castle of Saint Elmo in Naples.

He was saying prayers in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel whose Scapular he was wearing, when all of a sudden lightning and thunder exploded above his head. The lightning bolt hit his shoulder, and without making any sort of injury, left on his shoulder the print of a cross — as a sign of salvation



which demonstrates that it was to a special help from Heaven that he owed the favour of having been preserved from the terrible effects of the lightning.

Protection of Purity

One day a young woman, before entering the religious life, went to see the Cure of Ars, and during the conversation, he asked her:

— *Do you recall, my child, at the certain evening of dancing, where you were? There was a very young man, very pretty, unknown, distinguished, admired, and all the girls wanted to dance with him.*



— Yes, I recall when he never came to ask me, I was sad, yet all the other girls were privileged to dance with that young man.

— You would have liked to dance with him, wouldn't you?

— Yes.

— Do you recall, when that young man was leaving the

dance hall, you saw under his feet two flames? And you thought it was an illusion of your eyes? When you saw that young man leave the dance hall, you saw fire under his feet! It was not an illusion of your eyes, my daughter. That man was a demon. And if he did not come to you to ask you to dance, it's for one reason: you were wearing the vestment of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



The full promise of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to Saint Simon Stock on the 16th of July 1251



Accept this Scapular. It shall be a sign of salvation,
a protection in danger and a pledge of peace.
Whosoever dies clothed in this Scapular
shall not suffer eternal fire.

Testimony of a Knight



Rescued from rape

In 1958, I worked as a nurse in a hospital in the small town of Hochstadt (Bavaria). My duty hours often ended around 8 p.m. One evening in autumn I left work a few minutes later than usual and the train which I took home every day literally ran away from me. It was the last train that could take me that day to the town where I lived at the time.

I was thoroughly inconsolable, especially because that very evening the film about the apparitions at Lourdes was to be shown for the last time, and I really wanted to see it.

Without thinking much, I ran to the petrol station, which was right next to the station, hoping to pick up someone heading my way.

I took out a rosary from my coat pocket and began to pray. There was no car at the petrol station. In my recklessness, I stopped a car passing by and asked the driver if he was going where I was going.

— *Yes, get in!* — he replied.

At the crossroads, I noticed that the driver turned in the opposite direction. I asked him to stop, because I wanted to get out. He did not react to my request. He took a side road into the forest and threw himself on me.

In my great need, I called on the Mother of God for help and earnestly asked her to protect me. When the stranger put his hands on my neck and touched the Miraculous Medal, he received an electric shock and immediately withdrew his hands. Terrified, he asked me what I was wearing around my neck. He stepped away from me and I immediately ran away from the car.

Barbara



30 Knights – fruit of Marian retreats in Warsaw

In April, two courses of five-day Marian retreats according to the spirituality of St Louis Grignon de Montfort took place in Warsaw. These were closed retreats (similar to Ignatian retreats), during which there was strict silence. The retreat teachings were given by

Fr. Karl Stehlin. At the end of each course, ceremonies were held to admit new people into the Militia Immaculatæ. Thirty people joined the ranks of the M.I. We pray for the new Knights, that they may zealously work for the salvation of souls.



Białystok has 9 new Knights



Father Karol Stehlin accepted 9 people, including two children, into the Knighthood of Mary Immaculate in Białystok during Easter.

Let us pray for the new Knights in Podlasie, that they may faithfully fulfil the ideal of the M.I.

Easter Fair in Warsaw

The Knights of the Immaculata organised an Easter fair in Warsaw. As always, all M.I. publications, statues, and devotional items were available. The Carmelite Sisters prepared Easter wreaths, which were very popular among the faithful. Additional attractions were beautifully decorated boxes with Easter themes (also made by the sisters).



New Knights in Nowy Sącz

On the 12th of March Fr. Anzelm Ettelt enrolled 13 people into the Militia Immaculatæ in Nowy Sącz. The ceremony took place at the end of the Lenten retreat. The theme of the retreat was good prayer.

The Priest reminded the new Knights of their task: to attract souls to the Immaculata and thus to the Mass of All Time and Tradition. He also drew attention to the great effectiveness of the apostolate of the Miraculous Medal. At pre-

sent, there are about 100 Knights in Nowy Sącz, which certainly contributes to the constant increase of the number of faithful of the Society of Pius X in Nowy Sącz.



52 new Knights in Chorzów and Bielsko-Biała

On the first Saturday of April, Fr. Karl Stehlin gave a lecture in the Chorzów chapel entitled *The Love of the Sorrowful Mother*. He pointed out that the seven sorrows of Mary signify the fullness of suffering, for Mary suffered right from the Annunciation up until the death of her Son.

Father Stehlin emphasised that it is not anyone else, but we, who are responsible for Mother's pain. After all, we are the ones who have received the unique grace of knowing Mary and being able to respond to her call. This makes us responsible also for the souls of sinners, Freemasons, pagans, etc., who, through our prayers and sacrifices, can receive the grace of conversion and salvation for their souls! Yet so often we are indifferent, lazy, or preoc-

cupied with our own human affairs... Mary's sufferings must be atoned for. The devotion of the first five Saturdays is pleasing to the Blessed Mother, but more so, are our small sacrifices from the hardships of everyday life and the conscientious (sometimes arduous) performing of our duties of state.

After the lecture and the Mass, the ceremony of acceptance into the Militia of the Immaculata took place. The Immaculata gained 31 new Knights.

The next day, on the 3rd of April, Fr. Stehlin celebrated Holy Mass in Bielsko-Biała, where a chapel is being built. In Bielsko-Biała for the first time there was a ceremony of acceptance into the M.I. — 21 people decided to join the ranks of the Militia Immaculatæ.

First Knights in Opole

In Opole, Poland, the Marian month of May began very grandly with Holy Mass and the ceremony of receiving new Knights. The faithful described that day as unusual and full of graces. Father Karl Stehlin accepted 45 people into

the Knighthood of Mary Immaculate. The faithful from Opole and the surrounding area gathered in large numbers. First they listened to a fiery sermon by Fr. Stehlin, who pointed out the role of Mary Immaculate in the work of salvation

of souls, and the need to offer their lives to her. After the Holy Mass and the singing of the hymn to the



Holy Ghost, the rite of receiving the Knights of Opolo began. Father Stehlin in a short lecture presented the conditions, purpose and graces resulting from accepting the Miraculous Medal and being a Knight of the Immaculata.

After the blessing, the Knights solemnly sang the hymn of the Militia Immaculatæ. One could feel the moving atmosphere of joy at such a great event. Afterwards, there were a number of people wishing to join the M.I. The waiting list for acceptance into the ranks of the Knighthood is open.

Pilgrimage to Matemblewo

For nearly 250 years, pregnant women, large families, as well as married couples wishing to have children, have come here on pilgrimage so, at the end of the beautiful month of May, dedicated to the Most Holy Virgin Mary, some 80 Knights walked to the Matemblewo shrine in Poland, in the Gdańsk region, taking advantage on their 25 km journey to distribute one hundred Miraculous Medals with the leaflet. One of the purposes of this pilgrimage was also to make acts of reparation for the sins committed against the divine

Maternity of Mary as requested by Our Lady of Fatima.



M.I. Mission in Ireland

On the last weekend of May, the Director of the Militia of the Immaculatæ, Fr. Karl Stehlin visited the Irish chapels in Athlone, Dublin, Newry and Belfast. In each of these cities, after the Holy Mass, the faithful were able to listen to a conference on the M.I. Father Stehlin, as always, encouraged each listener to consecrate themselves to Mary Immaculate, and thus work on their own sanctification and on spreading the honour of Mary Immaculate, as well as working for the salvation of the souls of our neighbours.

The conferences and meetings were a good opportunity to purchase materials prepared and sent by the M.I. Poland: English and Polish books, booklets and flyers. The faithful eagerly obtained these publications to be able to zealously spread devotion to Mary Immaculate among the people they met, as



Conference in Athlone

well as among their acquaintances, friends, and family. Everyone had the opportunity to talk to Fr. Stehlin, and above all to ask questions after the conference.

In Newry, Fr. Stehlin visited the place called "Mass Rock", where Mass is celebrated every year on the 15th of August, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This place is very important in the history of Irish Catholics, because during the Protestant per-



Conference in Dublin

secutions, Mass was celebrated in such places (*on the photo beside*).

The Irish faithful hope that the visit of Fr. Stehlin and his conferences imbued with love for Mary Immaculate will result in a greater number of Knights — self-sacrificing souls who want to dedicate themselves to the service of Mary Immaculate.



M.I. Group in Lithuania

Our Lithuanian group of the Knights of the Immaculatæ consists of more than 20 members. As a group we are all united by common daily prayers. Personally we pray to be good tools and missionaries of the Immaculata. Then there are two group prayers: one for the conversion of souls and the other intention is changed every six months — we vote and select an intention that we will be praying for during half a year. For example, we have already prayed for the conversion of sinners and the restoration of Catholic Tradition in Lithuania, for the conversion of atheists, heretics, for the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the conversion of Russia, for the local government, and for the priests of Lithuania. One Knight is responsible for the motivation of the group.

Each week he sends an email to other Knights with an excerpt from St. Maximilian Kolbe's talks or from the works of various saints to nourish the souls of the Knights and to encourage a deeper devotion to being better tools for our Queen.

About six Knights work on translating valuable Catholic books and articles, a few of them are editors of a Catholic website (katalikutradicija.lt). The goal of the website is to spread and maintain Catholic Tradition in our country.

Every year several members participate in public events like the International Book Fair in Vilnius or the most known indulgence feasts in Lithuania, where thousands of people gather. During these events Knights sell Catholic books, distribute Miraculous Medals and booklets about the gifts of Our Lady:



Holy Rosary, green and brown scapulars, etc. Also, it is a chance to talk with visitors about God and Catholic Tradition. Every such interaction can be a necessary seed for one's conversion, especially if a person accepts the Miraculous Medal.

Even a small contribution from every Knight is a contribution to the glorious triumph of the Immaculata.

Fatima Tour in Switzerland

On the 8th of May 2022 numerous faithful in Switzerland prayed for and launched the National Pilgrim Tour of Our Lady of Fatima with the solemn blessing of three statues in the National Shrine of Our Lady in Einsiedeln by Bishop Vitus Huonder. About 300 people joined this event.

Henceforth the statues will visit the prayer groups (by now all of



the groups will want to welcome the statue) throughout the year until the 13th of May 2023.

New Knights in Glasgow

During Pentecost of 2021, the Coordinator for District GB & Scandinavia broadcast an appeal to all the Knights in the District to try to recruit enough new Knights to break through the one thousand barrier by Pentecost of 2022.

A good number of new Knights were recruited, but the target was not quite reached. However, the M.I.

Corner Owner in Glasgow (Scotland) made a huge effort just before the deadline, and on Sunday (29th of May) Fr. Reid Hennick enrolled 20 new Knights into the Militia Immaculatae with the result that there are now 905 Knights on the Register. A BBQ was organised for the new recruits after the Mass and the celebrations were well prolonged.

Marian recollection in Cebu

Father Timothy Pfeiffer visited St. Pius V Church for the Militia Immaculatae (M.I.) recollection and the enrolment and renewal of all aspiring and current M.I.s in Cebu.

The recollection was preceded by a procession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Two M.I. conferences

were held between confessions and the rosary.

We have 64 new Knights enrolled into the M.I.s and many others who renewed.



Annual conference in Akita

Every year, on the first weekend of May, the faithful from Japan, under the leadership of Fr. Thomas Onoda, organise a Marian conference and a pilgrimage to the place of Our Lady's visitation in Akita. As always, the perfectly prepared conference brings together people of many nationalities. Lectures on Our Lady are a good opportunity to encourage the faithful to zealously serve the Immaculata. Every year Fr. Tomasz Onoda explains to the faithful coming to Akita the idea and the aim of the Militia Immacu-

latæ, and on the last day of the pilgrimage he organises the ceremony of acceptance into the M.I.

This year the Militia Immaculatae was enriched by 7 Knights of different nationalities.



At the Annunciation, the new Knights of Sydney

On the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (on the 25th of March 2022), the new Knights of the Immaculate were received at the Chapel of the Child Jesus and St. Joseph in Sydney. Before the reception

of the Knights of the Immaculate, Fr. Mark Stafki gave a short conference on the essence and purpose of the M.I. With 47 new members, the number of Knights of the Immaculata in Australia grew to almost 1000.



The number of Knights is growing in Honduras



Father Miquel Boniface is a very zealous devotee and apostle of the Immaculata. He does not cease in his work of spreading devotion to Our Lady. He encourages the Latin American faithful to make personal consecration to the Immaculate Virgin and to join the ranks of the M.I.

On the 12th of March, Fr. Boniface received into the ranks of the Militia of the Immaculate 10 persons in Honduras.

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.

Masses for the M.I. in 2022

We are pleased to announce that Father Dennis McDonald, National Moderator of the M.I. in the U.S., will offer in the year 2021 Holy Masses for the sanctification of the Knights of the Militia Immaculatæ. Father will celebrate these Masses on the most important Feasts of Our Lady.

February 2nd – Purification/Presentation

March 25th – Annunciation

April 8th – Our Lady of Compassion

April 26th – Our Lady of Good Counsel

May 31st – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin

June 27th – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

July 2nd – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

August 2nd – Queen of Angels

September 12th – Holy Name of Mary

October 13th – Fatima apparition

November 27th – Miraculous Medal

December 10th – Our Lady of Loreto



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