

St. Maximilian Kolbe

- Founder of the Militia Immaculatæ – M.I., whose members wear the Miraculous Medal as the external sign of their consecration to Mary.



- He recommended the daily recitation of the ejaculation: *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.*

- He often declared: *Even if someone is the worst sinner, if he agrees to wear the Miraculous Medal, give it to him and pray for him; at the same time he emphasised that it is not the Medal itself, but it is the Immaculata who converts people.*



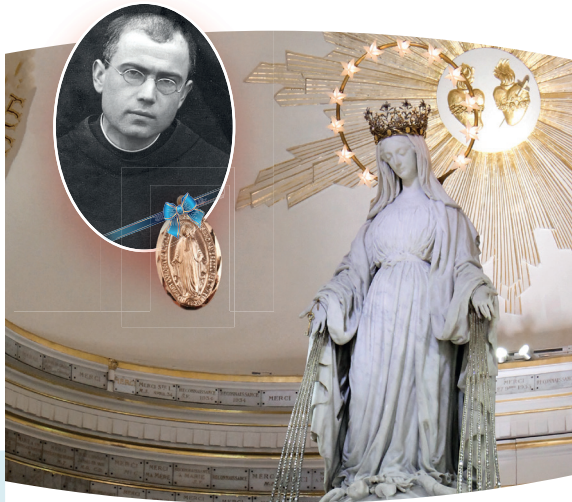
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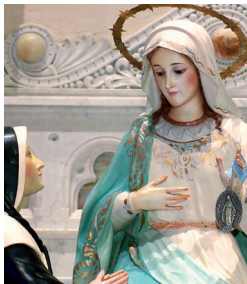
The Miraculous Medal



*Those who wear it shall
receive abundant graces.*

The Immaculata to St. Catherine Labouré
at the apparition on the 27th of November 1830

The history of the Miraculous Medal



- 27/11/1830 – The Immaculata ordered Catherine Labouré of the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul to make the Miraculous Medal widely known.
- Beginning of 1832 – the archbishop of Paris consented to the distribution of the Medal.

• The Miraculous Medal immediately gained popularity – within the first 10 years, tens of millions of Medals were given away; this was accompanied by many miraculous healings and spectacular conversions.

• The best known conversion was that of a Jew Alphonse Ratisbonne in 1842, who initially accepted the Medal out of courtesy towards his friend, and in 1847 was ordained a priest.



The design of the Miraculous Medal

- Around the figure of the Immaculate there is an inscription: O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.
- Rays coming from the hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary – these represent the streams of grace.



- The Most Holy Virgin standing on the globe crushing the head of the snake – satan;
- 12 stars relating to the Woman crowned with twelve stars (Revelation 12:1).



- On the back of the Medal – the letter “M” under the cross, and the Hearts of Jesus and Mary symbolising the role of Holy Mother of God in the mystery of Salvation.

This medal has been blessed by a priest: the blessing of God has been called down upon it. Therefore please take care to treat and wear this medal with reverence.