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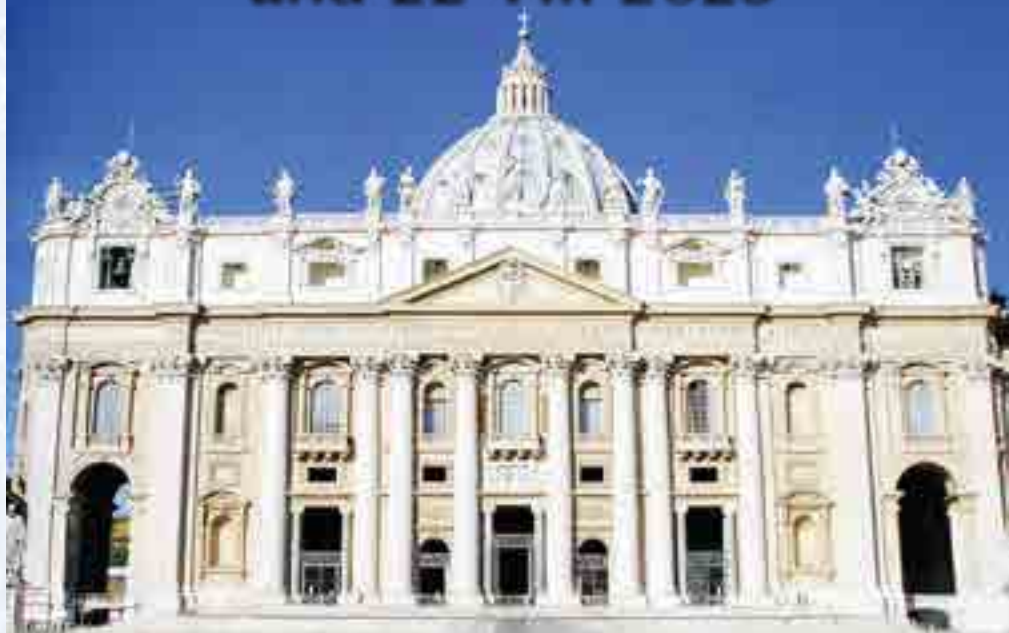
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Meeting of Knights of the Militia Immaculatae (M.I.)
on the Occasion of the 25th Anniversary
of the Renewal of the M.I. in its Traditional Form
after the ending of the
International Pilgrimage of the Society of St. Pius X



Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

During my first year in the seminary (1981), I came to know the Knight-hood of the Immaculata when the traditional German Katholische Jugendbewegung (a young Catholic's movement) published a bulletin dedicated to the life and apostolic work of St. Maximilian Kolbe. We, the seminarians, were fascinated by the discovery of this saint who was traditional in his deep faith and apostolic zeal, and at the same time benefited from modern technological achievements. A saint who fascinated young people also in our time.

The question of the conversion of young people returned in 1986, when I was assigned to work in Africa. Father Loic Duverger, inspired by the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima (three volumes by Br. Michael of the Holy Trinity) and the biography of St. Maximilian Kolbe, entitled *Le Fou de Notre-Dame. Le père Maximilien Kolbe* (written by Maria Winiewska), founded in 1988 an organization for girls called Compagnie de L'Immaculata.

The most miraculous fruit was the inner transformation of many young girls who lived a deep inner life and often defended the faith with heroic courage in pagan environments, and sometimes even in their families. Some of them led to the conversion of their parents, brothers, and sisters. Among the girls who died prematurely from various tropical diseases, we observed a rarely encountered degree of virtue and even holiness. These incredible events confirmed our conviction of the power of the Immaculata in our times, of the enormous significance of Fatima and the necessity of our apostolic work with her and through her. However, it was not until 1994, when I was called to begin the work of Catholic Tradition in Poland, that I discovered who St. Maximilian Kolbe and his Militia really were. As I read his letters and conferences in his native language, I discovered a universal genius, both contemplative and very active, a theologian of the deepest mysteries of Mary and a master of organization. A theologian who additionally used modern means of technology to make Our Queen known and loved by millions of people.

This terminally ill monk founded one of the most important Marian movements in the world, the third after the Legion of Mary and the Blue Army of

Our Lady of Fatima. He opened without any material resources a monastery called Niepokalanów (in Poland), which within 15 years became the largest monastery in the world since the Middle Ages, with almost a thousand inhabitants. Not content with kindling the flame of love for the Immaculata only in his own homeland, he set out on a mission to Asia with the desire to bring "billions of souls" to her. Ultimately, his fearless life ended with a heroic death in a starvation bunker in the German Auschwitz camp, where he gave his life for the life of a fellow prisoner.

When the priory in Warsaw was established in 1998, it was obvious that I would often visit the nearby Niepokalanów. It was as if the saint himself were meeting with us, when we were reflecting upon the remains of a gigantic apostolate (the museum; the original chapel and rooms where the saint lived; the cemetery where his heroic companions were buried, etc.). Long conversations with older brothers who remembered him were an extraordinary experience.

At that time, a group of young believers asked if we could reactivate the Knighthood of the Immaculata exactly according to the principles of St. Maximilian, as Catholic Poland had remained under the powerful influence of the M.I. since the 1920^s, and also to restore its original spirit given by the holy Founder... This request required an analysis of whether this idea made sense, because there were other Marian movements in the Catholic Tradition. Creating a new movement could cause a split in the number and strength of those already existing. We therefore organized a small rosary crusade, so that the Immaculate would reveal her will to us.

Then we acquired a deeper understanding of the essence of the Militia and its Founder and realised that this movement is the only one of its kind in the world and perfectly suited to our times.

The then Superior General allowed the establishment of the M.I. of the Traditional Observance in Poland. He did this in accordance with the principles of substitute jurisdiction. On the 6th of May 2000, about 50 Catholics became the first Knights of the Immaculate. They received a Diploma with a copy of St. Maximilian's signature. The fruit was immediate: an increase in generosity among the Knights, a regular life of prayer and an apostolic spirit expressed especially in the intensive growth of publications of the Catholic Tradition in Poland (magazines, books, booklets, flyers).

Fr. Karl Stehlin

Warsaw, on the 19th of March 2025

Feast of St. Joseph



St. Maximilian on the tasks of the Knights

"Our task is to transform the world, people, souls in the Immaculata.

Our lives, or those of our successors, will probably not be enough to accomplish this, but centuries will contribute to it. We must be involved in this in the present time, others will contribute later in another time. A hundred years in the context of history is a small period of time, and very tiny by Our

Lord, because God is eternal." These words, spoken by St. Maximilian in Niepokalanów (Poland) on the 7th of April 1940, can be considered his spiritual testament. A testament addressed not only to his brothers who were his direct listeners, but to all members of the Knights of the Immaculata. The founder of this movement was aware of the problem that has always troubled all fervent Catholics in the history of the Church:

on the one hand, the desire to convert as many souls as possible, who otherwise face eternal damnation, and on the other, the limited possibilities of action of each of us, both in time and space. This applies not only to individuals, but also to entire groups of Catholics: orders, communities, religious movements. We all live "here and now", so our ambitions — even the most lofty ones — must be tailored to human measure. "Transforming the world in the Immaculata" is a wonderful dream and the most beautiful goal to which one can devote oneself, but at the same time something that no one has yet achieved.

Therefore, St. Maximilian gives very practical advice to the Knights of the

Immaculata: "We must contribute in the present time, others will then make their contribution at another time." This obvious but not always acknowledged truth allows us to strengthen ourselves in the humility that we so often lack: I am neither the first nor the last, nor the most important; I am just one of countless links in a long chain of people who have decided to serve the Lord Jesus and His Mother since the beginning of the Church. There were many before me,



and there will probably be many after me. Such awareness is an excellent vaccine against pride to which none of us, even the most pious and zealous, is immune.

But at the same time, such a sense of being a humble link in a long chain can and should be a reason for authentic pride combined with boundless joy. For here I am, belonging to the Church, which for two thousand years has set itself the goal of "transforming the world in the Immaculate". Can there be a greater dignity in this world? What are the honours of monarchs and other rulers of states, what are the brilliant victories of leaders and generals, what are the brilliant achievements of artists, writers, musicians, scientists and inventors, and finally what are the great fortunes of this world compared to the ministry to the Saviour and

His Mother, whose desire is to lead all souls to heaven?

And what does it matter if our contribution seems insignificant in human eyes, because it is barely noticeable to others? "The transformation of the world in the Immaculata" is a task that we undertake for the glory of God, not our own, and in God's eyes, not human eyes, we are to deserve the reward. Realizing this truth will help each of us practise humility, but at the same time it will strengthen our joy, which a Knight should never lack. A Knight, and certainly a Knight of the Most Magnificent Lady, cannot be a sad, bitter, disappointed person who easily falls into depression that is so "fashionable" today. For what is a greater reason to rejoice than fighting under the banner of the Mother of God, this Queen, at whose side ministry can but be victorious?



God's manifest assistance

Every sincere Catholic desires to grow in their faith and develop a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We have of course no greater model in that than the Blessed Mother herself. It was the Blessed Mother that inspired Brother Kolbe when he was a student in Rome, especially when he witnessed terrible blasphemies intended to humiliate the Church and spread hatred of God.

Faced with the terrible impiety of men, Br. Kolbe meditated on the one weapon the Lord had left the Church, His Mother and ours. After discussing the matter with his superiors Br. Kolbe received permission to found a new organization on the 16th of October 1917, only three days after the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima. This



The first task of the apostolate of the Knights – helpers of the Lord God and the Immaculata – is to distribute Miraculous Medals

new organization became known as the Militia Immaculatæ (M.I.).

The Militia Immaculatæ Traditional Observance was created with the aim of preserving and promoting the traditional Catholic faith and practices in response to the modern challenges faced by the Church. The upheavals in the Church which started in the second half of the Twentieth Century did not spare the M.I.

The character of the original organization changed to meet the spirit of the times and show greater concern for religious freedom and avoided any mention of the enemies of Christ's Church, e.g., the Freemasons. The character of the movement changed from one that was outward and dedicated to evangelization to one that showed more concern about personal sanctification but in a vague way, quite unlike to what Brother Kolbe envisaged.

The role of the Blessed Mother in our salvation was likewise



The Knights help the Immaculata by creating publications that spread her honour

whitewashed and down-played in the new Militia Immaculatæ.

The decades after the Second Vatican Council were tumultuous and the story of how the priesthood and the Mass were preserved by the efforts of Msgr Lefebvre and his Priestly Society is known to some degree by most of us. The sanctification of many Catholic faithful is in the hands of these priests. The M.I. Traditional Observance was revived in 2000 by Fr. Karl Stehlin as superior of the SSPX

in Poland, and realised with the permission and blessing of the then SSPX superior, Bishop Fellay. Since then it has been promoted and encouraged wherever priests of the SSPX are found. They offer spiritual assistance to all Knights of the Militia.

In common with other organizations the Militia Immaculatæ exists to help souls draw closer to God through devotion to His Mother. It means devoting ourselves in a profound way to the Mother of God and so by exten-



The printed publications have to be sent out; every month the M.I. Headquarters in Poland sends about 300 kg of publications to chapels and individuals

sion becoming totally His. All Catholics, with the help of the Sacraments, can draw close to God but some who desire an even closer and more intimate relationship can find in the M.I. a system that will help them. After all, we are deeply affected by the world and by all it offers us to deprive us of Grace, so anything that will draw people closer to the Father is of benefit. The M.I.

in particular draws us to the traditional Mass. In addition to our own sanctification, the member of the M.I. strives, with the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin, for the conversion of sinners, heretics, schismatics, and all enemies of the Church, especially Freemasons. This is just as true today as in Br. Kolbe's time, when unbelief and false religion is becoming more and more common

especially in the traditional catholic heartland of Europe. Fr. Kolbe encouraged this firstly by the individual member consecrating himself to the Immaculate. The M.I. also has a special love for the Miraculous Medal. Some members of the Militia will dedicate themselves to promoting the M.I. and assisting the priests who care for its members.

Leading the apostolate of Militia Immaculatæ Traditional Observance requires faith, vir-

tue and a strong commitment to the principles of the organization. Obedience to the clergy who care for members is crucial. The Knight must embrace the purposes and aims of the M.I., possess a profound devotion to the Immaculate Conception and desire to spread devotion to the Blessed Mother. To lead effectively, it is essential to encourage Knights towards regular prayer and assistance at Mass, and to promote the values of purity



Another important element is the preparation of packages containing the miraculous medals, a folder about the medal and a picture of the Immaculata; the packages are distributed during pilgrimages



One form of apostolate is the making of rosaries

and holiness. A healthy parish is one that has several knights and hopefully a stand promoting the Militia Immaculatæ. This should include literature that will help people grow in devotion, as well as Miraculous Medals and prayer cards. Every Catholic, not just Militia members, will benefit from keeping the Miraculous Medal and wearing the Brown Scapular and praying the Rosary. For those who do not have regular access to Mass this may be all they have.

The Blessed Mother will never abandon those who, through no fault of their own, live too far from a chapel with regular Mass or who are unable to see a traditional priest on a regular basis.

For more information seek out the Militia Immaculatæ corner at your local SSPX chapel. If you do not see one ask a priest for information and if possible, a local coordinator.

Liam Foley

A solemn milestone

A quarter of a century — so much time has passed since the Militia Immaculate renewal on the 6th of May 2000. Two and a half decades of heavenly grace and help from our Mother. Twenty-five years of victorious struggle against sin and the world, a quarter-century of spreading the Name of Marie all over the world. It is impossible to cover all this in just one article. Nevertheless, here is a small tribute.

A mission to rebuild

On the 6th of May 2000 the M.I. renewal came into being. After receiving approval from his Superior General, Father Karl Stehlin with God's help, began his humble to renew what the Queen of Heaven

and Earth, through the hands of St. Maximilian, had accomplished. It was, and still is, a tremendous task. Before the Second Vatican Council, the work of Mary was enormous. Over 3 million members, 500 houses on 5 continents, countless souls sanctified and saved, a vast number of heresies and Satan's attacks stormed by the Knights, and many more fruits and victories.

Unfortunately, the destructive power of the Second Vatican Council did not leave the Militia safe and sound. It was a complete change, and a change for the worse. It was a rupture from the sanctified mission to convert the souls of Freemasons, Jews, heretics and schismatics. From



In each chapel, the Knights take care of the M.I. corners, which contain M.I. publications

then on, even the ejaculatory prayer itself was reformed. No more mention of the Freemasons, just a lukewarm "Church's enemies". Even Mary herself was not spared the Church's changes, badly influenced from heresies. From that point in time, Mary's titles: Mediatrix of all graces and Coredemptrix were strongly attacked from within. Though never dogmas, they were a widely accepted truth and a logical conclusion, if only of Mary's giv-

ing birth to Our Lord. Moreover, St. Maximilian lived and worked thanks to this truth.

Our Queen did not leave us alone

"Because no word shall be impossible with God." (Luke 1:37). The graces going out from the countless truly catholic traditional Masses have obtained a special mercy. A mercy to rebuild what had been torn down. The renewal followed enormous work and zeal

from both clergy and lay people. What came after were beautiful fruits: growing generosity of the faithful, a regular prayer life, an apostolic spirit, countless publications concerning faith and tradition. Only 25 years have past and the M.I. has managed to multiply and grow like the seed that fell upon the good ground. It has spread all over the world, reaching over 66 countries. From Poland to the Philippines, from Europe to South America. More than 165,000 Knights are involved in this fight at this point in time.

An irreplaceable Apostle of Mary

All this success would not have been possible without our International Moderator and guardian — Father Karl Stehlin. Since 2016, when the M.I. was entrusted to him, he has led it according to St. Maximilian's guideline. Father, with God's help, has visited over 30 countries in which he has dispensed Sacraments, preached, led conferences, explained the way of the M.I. and encouraged thousands to join the army of our Holy Mother.



A video and audio recording studio has been set up at the M.I. headquarters in Warsaw; the recorded content is presented on Youtube and Spotify (a channel called Triumph of the Immaculate in Polish and in English: Militia Immaculatæ)



Centenary of the foundation of the M.I. by St. Maximilian; celebration in 2017 at Fatima during the International pilgrimage of the Society of St. Pius X; the celebration is presided over by the then Superior the Society, Bishop Bernard Fellay

It was he who initiated the Militia Immaculate in the Philippines, India, China, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Mexico, Gabon, Nigeria and many more places throughout the world.

A call to stand up and fight

"The life of man upon earth is a warfare, and his days are like the days of a hireling." (Job 7:1).

The Militia needs more soldiers to fight off today's dangers of Satan and the world. We have to stand firm by our faith and spread it to those sitting in darkness, so that all under Heaven may see that there is no salvation but in the name of Domini Nostri Iesu Christi. Joining the M.I. does not mean an enormous amount of duties. In reality there are only

a few simple conditions and each Catholic can manage them: to wear the Miraculous Medal, say the special ejaculatory prayer one time once a day, be a member and consecrate oneself to Mary. Everything else is voluntary, while the duties do not oblige under the pain of even a venial sin.

Gratitude – guarantee of future graciousness

There is no adequate way to show gratitude for the Opus Mariae, a work which not only saves countless souls from eternal

damnation, sanctifies its members and allows us to glorify God through the Immaculata, but also keeps us all firmly together as the Army of the Queen of Heaven and Earth. We show gratitude to Thee, Maria! We show it also to the Superior General of the SSPX (the highest earthly power of the M.I.), to Fr. Karl Stehlin – the International Moderator and guardian, to every clergyman involved, and all the faithful working by the sweat of their brow. And we dare to beg for more.

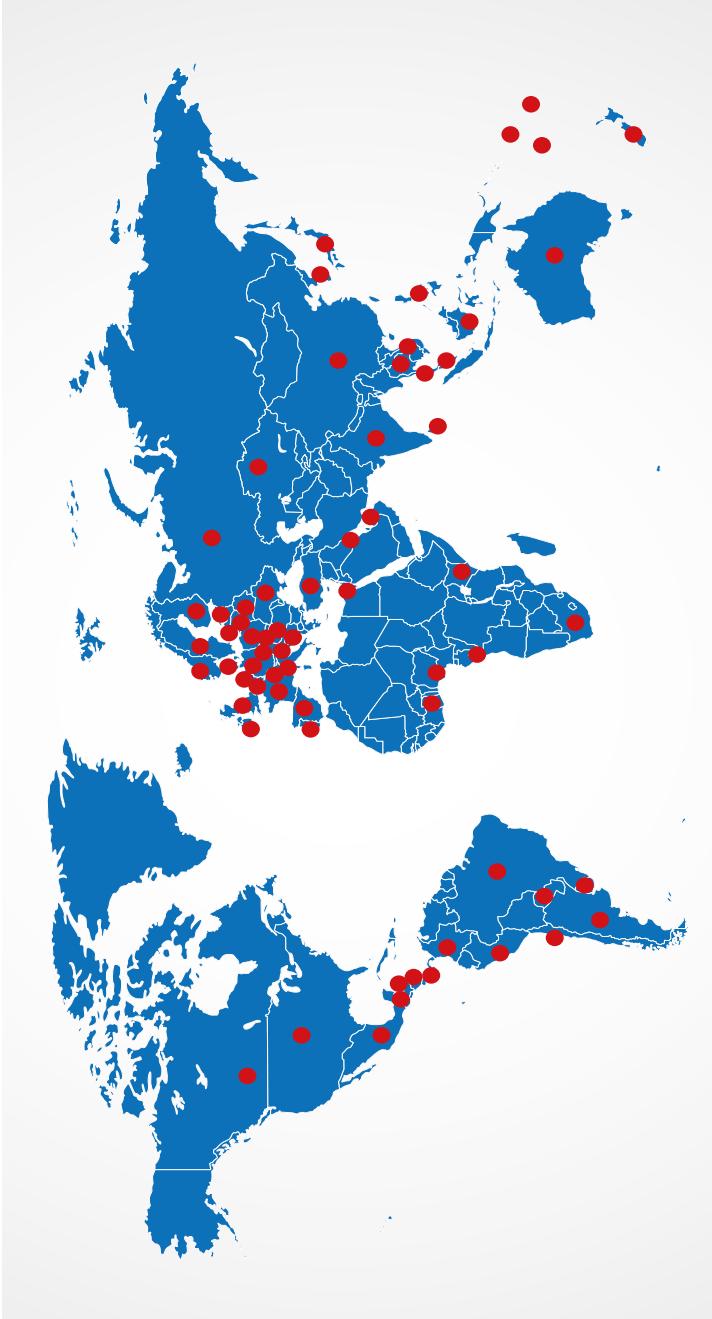
Ad maiorem Dei gloriam!



The building housing the M.I. Headquarters at the Warsaw Priory

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**The Militia Immaculatæ Traditional Observance
has over 165,000 members in 66 countries over the world.**





The Miraculous Medal always on hand

Among the means of fulfilling the apostolate of the Knights of the Immaculate is the distribution of Miraculous Medals. We often hear that this is the most difficult condition. Why?

The daily recitation of the ejaculatory prayer "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee..." seems quite simple. It can be said even several times a day and does not require much preparation from us. We

can recite it mentally, at any time and in any circumstances, not only during prayer. The case is different with the distribution of medals. It typically requires a certain kind of courage, especially to give it to a person who does not know the Knighthood, maybe even an unbeliever. For others, it is more troublesome to distribute them among family and friends, so as not to be ridiculed. A person is a being who cares

about his good name, about other people's regard, about not being considered a lunatic or a prude. It is safer to remain in the "normal" circle. However, what does it mean to be normal in today's world? Is a Knight of the Immaculate an ordinary, normal person, like everyone else today? No, he is not. He is a tool in the hands of his beloved Mother, and we must remember this every day.

As St. Maximilian used to say, the Miraculous Medals is a "bullet", the ammunition of a Knight of the Mother of God. Can we imagine a soldier who may have a weapon, but has no ammunition? In that case, what good is even the best, most modern rifle? How will he defend himself then? How will he hit the target? Medals are precisely the bullets of love that the Knight is to shoot.

At whom? She will be the one to decide upon that.

In order to be effective in his actions, a soldier must have a strategy. So let us prepare for battle. Let us always have miraculous medals with us. Not only the one around our neck, which is our shield, but also those that we can give away. For example, when going on a trip,

for a walk, to work or to a shop. If we are only instruments of the Immaculate, let us give ourselves to her completely, let us not look with our eyes, but with hers. She will lead us to the people she has chosen. So we do not know when we can expect the need to "use" our ammunition. Sometimes we can talk to a random person on the bus or at the bus stop, and it will turn out that we can give them a medal as a farewell gift. It can also be attached to a Christmas present, a birthday, or name day gift. It is probably unlikely that someone will refuse a gift, and there, apart from the gift... the most beautiful thing we can give.





It would be good if it was beautifully wrapped, as it deserves. Furthermore, it is best to tie it with a ribbon and attach a selected folder about the medal, which is located in every M.I corner.

We must be open to inspiration. Often, during a conversation, we can already sense whether this is the person to whom we should give our "bullet of love".

You can always have a few medals or a medal with an infor-

mation folder with you. We must remember that we may meet people who have never had anything to do with it before or even non-believers. So it is good for such a person to learn more about it or to obtain detailed information.

You can also expect ridicule, rejection, or even aggression. Let's offer it to the Immaculate. We must be prepared also for this, and then we should counter even more with ejaculatory prayers.

However, we must remember that just as the distribution of medals is very noble, prayer for the person receiving the gift is also important. Especially if this is a non-believer or someone who needs support in matters of faith, someone we want to attract to the Immaculate. We always give prayer as a gift together with the medal. Now the person endowed with the gift is already in the best hands, in her hands.

We can go even further and for people who, for example, have already received the Miraculous Medal from us, at the next opportunity we can give the *Knight of the Immaculata* magazine. We

have many tools. Publications in the M.I. corners are for the taking. It is enough to know them and distribute them depending on the situation and the person.

Let us pray fervently to our Queen, to the Immaculata, that every day we may fulfil with all the zeal the task entrusted to us as Knights, that we may proudly wear her Miraculous Medal, that we may bring "such glory as no one has ever brought her". Then we will best fulfil the purpose of the Knighthood of the Immaculata and soul by soul, one by one, we will conquer the whole world for her and through her for her Son.





With a medal in one's pocket

Being a Knight is an extraordinary mission – to be a channel through which the Immaculata as the Mediatrix of All Graces wishes to pass on these graces to lost and needy souls, leading them to salvation. Awareness that we can cooperate with her in this work fills our hearts with joy and a sense of fulfilment. This help to the Most Holy Mother is not difficult – one should simply pray for the conversion of sinners. However, this is only the beginning. Equally important is the testimony of life, full of trust and entrustment to

the Immaculate, as well as active apostolic activity, i.e. distributing Miraculous Medals, brochures and folders published by the M.I. Each of these gestures will be like a small seed thrown into the soil of the human soul – it can sprout at the least expected moment.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe called the medal a "small rifle bullet" in spiritual combat. Passing it on to others does not require long speeches or theological arguments. Sometimes, all it takes is one warm look, a quiet gesture, a reminder that the Immacu-

late cares for each of us. Adding a medal to this folder explaining the meaning of the medal can become a valuable clue for a lost soul, or even the beginning of a deeper interest. The richness of M.I. publications allows you to adapt the message to the circumstances: in November, you can give out folders about souls in purgatory, in June — materials about the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, and on the first Saturdays — flyers explaining this beautiful devotion. All this constitutes a coherent, well-thought-out strategy of the apostolate, which is not only a passive transmission of content, but above all a call to

conversion and immersion in the grace of the Immaculata. So who should we give medals and publications to?

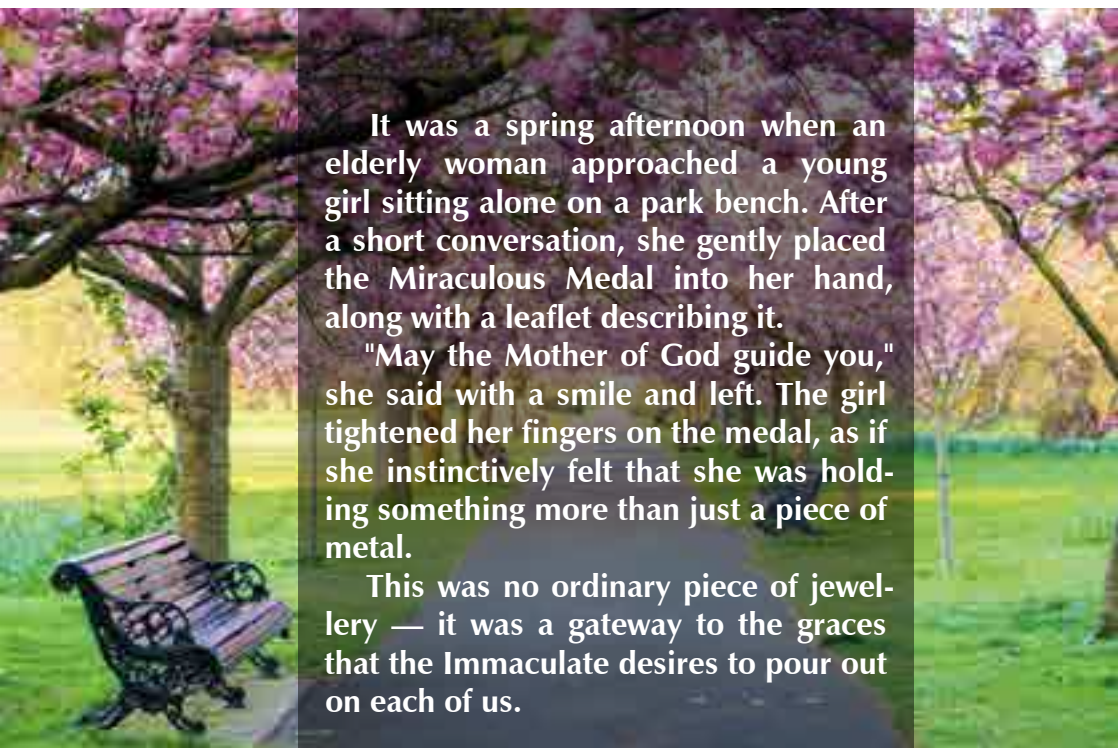
There is no place where Mary does not want to act. City streets, schools, hospitals, prisons, nursing homes, workplaces — everywhere there are souls thirsting for God's love, although they often do not know it. Handing someone a Miraculous Medal and an M.I. publication in these places can become a spark leading to conversion. It is to remember that the blessed medal should be treated with due respect. Therefore, it is best to give it in person and with the consent of the re-



ipient, to be sure that it will not be neglected. Despite this, there is no shortage of everyday circumstances: giving it to a cashier in a store, giving it to someone you meet while travelling or adding it to a gift. This shows how worthy it is to carry the medal with a booklet with you at all times, to be ready to meet a soul to whom the Immaculata wants to offer her grace at that very moment. Then we are like true Knights who never move without the right weapons! Let us remember that we are only tools in her hands. Before we pass on a medal or a publication, let us ask in fervent prayer that the

Immaculate would be pleased to surround those who receive these gifts with her grace. Sometimes a deep sigh or an act of effusion is enough, but always keeping in mind the thought that it is all for her, through her and in her.

The apostolate of the Miraculous Medal and M.I. leaflets is a real calling and field of action for us — the Knights of the Immaculata! While trusting in the Mother of God, who promised St. Catherine Labouré: "All who wear it will receive great graces!", let us try to constantly expand the circle of those who can experience this invaluable help.

A photograph of a park bench under a large tree with pink blossoms. The bench is made of dark wood and metal. The tree is in full bloom, with many pink flowers. The background is a soft-focus green field and sky.

It was a spring afternoon when an elderly woman approached a young girl sitting alone on a park bench. After a short conversation, she gently placed the Miraculous Medal into her hand, along with a leaflet describing it.

"May the Mother of God guide you," she said with a smile and left. The girl tightened her fingers on the medal, as if she instinctively felt that she was holding something more than just a piece of metal.

This was no ordinary piece of jewelry — it was a gateway to the graces that the Immaculate desires to pour out on each of us.

Knights' campaign

I do not deserve to have the privilege of serving Our Lady, nor do I accept that I have served her well. Further, I do not own any of the successes outlined below. They are all Our Lady's, but I fear that I may steal them and claim them as my own.

I truly look forward to the day of the general judgment when all (especially myself) will see how unfaithful they have been, how little they have done and how wasteful they have been with their time, denying Our Lady opportunities to accomplish her work for the salvation of souls. At that moment I will have a true understanding of her great involvement in the battles detailed in this article.

I only write this article because I have been asked to do so.

One hot December day in 2022 I sat in a little chapel in Brisbane, Australia with my wife and children. In this mostly empty church, Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer stationed in the Philippines explained the work of the Militia Immaculatæ. Following that talk I consecrated myself to Our Lady as a member of the M.I.

In our times which can seem so full of despair, I was drawn to the M.I. after reading about the moment that led St. Maximilian Kolbe to start this work. In 1917 he witnessed a shocking event: a Freemasonic demonstration in Rome which involved a declaration that Satan would enslave the Pope and rule from the Vatican. A banner depicting Satan crushing St. Michael was flown in the streets.

Our days may be dark, yet I have never seen such an evil and brazen display in public.

Knowing that St. Maximilian had witnessed this blasphemy and engaged in such a great work as a result filled me with hope. Whatever the problems we face, previous generations have also confronted similar and worse. In all cases, God's order has been restored through the works, great and small, of those who dare to serve Him. This is the work of the M.I.: to do something for God by serving His Mother.

As was explained to us in that little chapel, not much is required to engage in the work of the M.I.:

a small prayer to Our Lady and a little work of our choosing for her each day.

Shortly before I sat in that chapel, I had become aware of pornographic books within the public library system.

Pornography is a great evil of our time. It profits from the misery of women and enslaves men. In its disordered and depraved pursuit of pleasure, it divorces the greatest creative act a human can engage in from the very force of creative power: love. It leaves only selfishness. And as the creative act was devoid of love, all too often the consequences that flow from that act are also dealt with in a manner wholly devoid of love. Destruction of dignity, of marriage and even death is the result.

Pornography's child is misery.

Scientific study after scientific study has proven what conscience already teaches. Pornography is linked to violence, broken families and disease. It even breaks down the brain in those addicted to it.

It destroys families and in doing so weakens society. Our collective temporal and eternal happiness is linked to efforts to defeat pornography.

During that conference I was inspired to dare for God. My work for Our Lady would be to do all that I could to remove pornographic books from Australia's public library networks.

In many ways, these books are only a minor problem in the great battle against pornography.

However, in other ways they represent a truly serious obstacle to defeating this insidious evil.

Public art is an eye into the soul of a society. And the soul of our society is very sick.

These are books purchased, stored in a building, and logged in a computer system, all of which is paid for by public money. And without wishing to cast a blanket over all librarians (I have spoken to numerous librarians who are very unhappy with this situation and who do take efforts to ensure that the collections they manage are sound), it must also be noted that the professional library associations defend these pornographic books, and the salaries of those who loan them to adults and children alike are also paid for by public money.

We will never be able to address the problem of pornography in our

wider society if it is not first removed from our public institutions.

The first effort was to lobby our local council to remove pornographic comics from the shelves. This involved a public protest, interviews with the local media and attempts to speak with council staff and elected councillors.

Much of this effort came to naught and the Logan City Council still denies that any of its books were pornographic, even though some books it made available for minors to borrow are even illegal to sell in Queensland now. However, after about 8 months almost all the pornographic books identified had been removed (and the last one was removed later).

Lessons were learnt from this battle which were adapted for a state-wide campaign in Queensland. From late 2023 until the end of 2024, 14 councils removed pornographic books from their collections. Only two of those councils admitted that the books identified were not appropriate; the remainder initially refused and then decided to re-

move them on the basis that they were too old for their collection!

During this period, over \$100,000 was raised to challenge a decision to classify a paedophile fantasy comic as suitable for children. In October last year, the Federal Court of Australia ruled that the Classification Review Board's decision was not lawful and the book was sent back to be reclassified according to Australian law. As at the time of writing, this new decision is pending. Please pray for a successful outcome.

In addition, efforts forced government authorities to classify numerous other publications which had been on library shelves for up to two decades. It was determined that these books were pornographic and they were legally



restricted. They have now mostly been removed from libraries across the country and are even illegal to sell in some states.

Work is now underway on various local and national campaigns targeting specific pornographic books from seven different authors. It is hoped that this campaign will expand further to capture pornographic books that are also text-based.

I do not claim that this campaign has removed every morally problematic book in our libraries. I do not even claim that all pornographic books have been removed from the libraries that we have successfully targeted. But I do know that books have been pulled from the shelves, despite the opposition of senior politicians, bureaucrats, the professional library networks and mainstream media.

I am also not aware of any previous campaign having any success in removing a single book from a library, despite long held and widespread concern across society about inappropriate books, especially for children.

I can only put this success down to the work of Our Lady. She is the secret weapon in this fight.

I certainly acted far beyond my capacity when commencing this campaign. It does seem a bold, daring and even foolish endeavour to commit to in a small and hot little chapel just over two years ago. However, since its inception I have offered the efforts to Our Lady and put my trust in her, filled with hope and confidence that she would work wonders.

And she has.

I enter 2025 full of hope that this campaign can be extended further for Our Lady's honour, in order to prevent further offences against her Son and to help others avoid a path that will cause them only pain.

Please keep me and my family in your prayers. It is impossible to engage in this fight without seeking out the enemy on his own battlefield. I am exposed to content that normally should always be avoided. I have learnt to place myself behind the protective fortress of Our Lady and St. Michael. I would appreciate your intercession to keep me there.

If you would like to receive updates about this campaign please sign up for the newsletter at bernardgaynor.com.au

The M.I. Corner in a tearoom

In the French speaking part of Switzerland, in the town of Corsier-sur-Vevey, a Polish M.I. member, Ms. Monika, initiated the M.I. corner in her tearoom.

Since the town is visited by people of various nationalities, the corner was equipped with folders not only in French and Polish, but at Ms. Monika's request, the M.I. Headquarters in Warsaw additionally sent folders in the following languages: English, Spanish, Swedish, Estonian, Russian, Ukrainian and Vietnamese.



Helpful little hands of small Knights

At the beginning of Advent, several little Knights from Bukowiec (Poland), with the help of their mothers, prepared gift packages for the faithful attending Bukowiec's chapel. What else could be in such a package, if not a Miraculous Medal! The Knights prepared 100 small and 80 large sets, which the faithful could take and give to their loved ones and friends before Christmas. Each contained a Miraculous Medal tied to a white or blue ribbon and a small information flyer about this sacramental, as well as additional larger leaflets: Miraculous Medal and Militia Immaculatae – about the Knighthood of the Immaculate Traditional Observance.

Marta



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 so that all become saints, under the patronage and through the mediation of the Immaculate Virgin.

The Militia Immaculatæ was founded by St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe on the 16th of October 1917. Since 1937, Militia Immaculatæ 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 a 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.

April — June 2025

We are pleased to announce that priests will offer in the year 2025 Holy Masses for the sanctification of the Knights of the Militia Immaculatæ.

- April 5th** – First Saturday of the Month
(Fr. Lucas Weber, Fr. Raymond Lillis,
Fr. Andreas Jeindl)
- April 11th** – Our Lady of Compassion
(Fr. Dennis McDonald)
- April 26th** – Our Lady of Good Counsel
(Fr. Dennis McDonald)
- May 3th** – First Saturday of the Month
(Fr. Lucas Weber, Fr. Raymond Lillis,
Fr. Andreas Jeindl, Fr. Stefan Frey)
- May 6th** – Revival of the M.I.
(Fr. Karl Stehlin)
- May 13th** – 1st Apparition in Fatima
(Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer)
- May 31st** – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Fr. Dennis McDonald, Fr. Andrew Cranshaw)
- June 7th** – First Saturday of the Month
(Fr. Lucas Weber, Fr. Helmet Trutt,
Fr. Andreas Jeindl)



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