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ANNOUNCING THE MI NEW HOME

BY RONALD L. RODRIGUES, MI NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Maria! Dear Knights of the Immaculata, I want to take this opportunity to share some important news about the MI and to formally announce that the Militia of the Immaculata (MI) has found a new home. This unexpected turn of events happened when we were told we needed to vacate our current premises because the Diocese of Peoria was selling its rental properties.

I greatly appreciate the seven years spent in Peoria, where MI members and clergy offered their love and vital support, helping the organization thrive. While it is difficult for those who relied on the MI's presence there, I believe this change will foster the MI's future growth and success.

We begin a new chapter in our history, with a beautiful opportunity that will be cherished, hopefully, for many years to come: the **MI-USA has received the blessing to be united with the Ave Maria University (AMU) in Ave Maria, Florida. Our new MI National Center will be on the campus of AMU.** We have graciously been given an office within the Museum of St. Mother Teresa on the AMU campus.

Our support for all our MI members will not change. We will stay united in

prayer with all MI members and continue to share the love and inspiration of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

I am confident that this move will enhance our ability to effectively engage and reach the new future leaders of the Church, the young adults from all backgrounds and all walks of life scattered across our great country. If we can touch the hearts and souls of our young adults and plant that seed, the love of our Blessed Mother, imagine the impact that this could have on our country and our Catholic way of life.

We will announce the date of our inaugural celebration soon, but November 1st is the official date for our new home.

Daily Holy Mass

will be offered throughout 2025 for the MI-USA and all MI Members, living and deceased, at the City of the Immaculata established by St. Maximilian Kolbe near Warsaw, in Poland.



Send your prayer intentions to be placed in the MI Book of Intentions at the feet of Our Lady and St. Maximilian Kolbe's first class relic:
PrayerRequest@MissionImmaculata.com

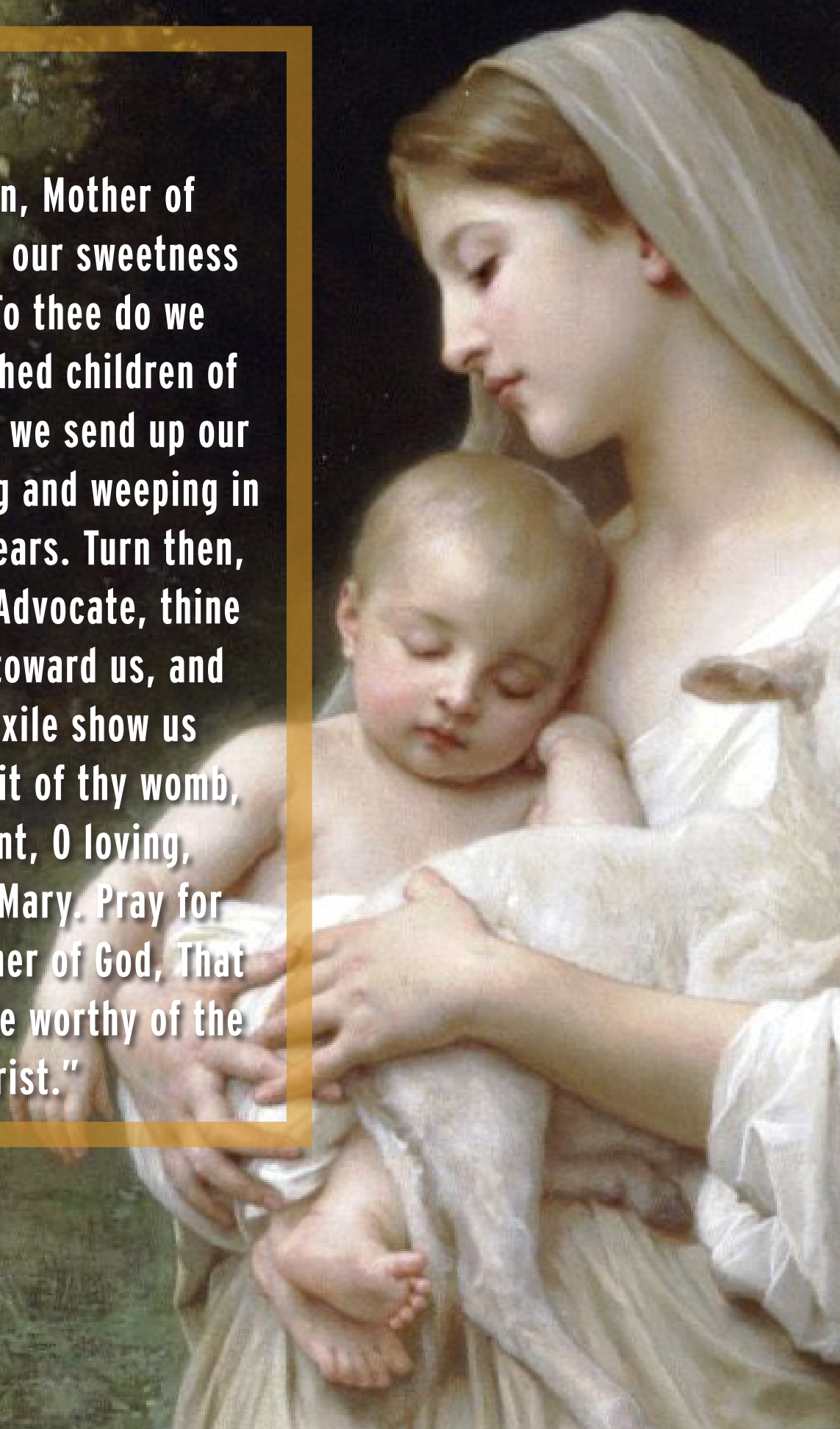
I pray that all our MI members will support us during this transition and realize the potential opportunities and benefits that our Blessed Mother has presented to us. I hope that all of you will eventually find time to visit us at our new National Center location. Mary, pray for us.

I would also like to inform you of two other important upcoming events that you may be interested in. The first is the **MI International Elective Assembly that will be held in Rome, November 27 - 30, 2025.** The countries that have an approved MI National Center will be sending representatives to vote for our International President, Vice President and Council. The International Center is our governing body, which operates according to the MI General Statutes and interfaces with the Holy See. The second upcoming event is the **U. S. National General Assembly to be tentatively held August 2026 on the Campus of AMU. This will be the Assembly to vote for our MI National President, Vice President and Council. If you are interested in attending, please email the National Center by March 31, 2026, as you will need to be registered to vote, either in person or online.** Only MI members will be allowed to vote.

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Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.”





THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, GATE OF HEAVEN

FROM THE COLLECTION OF MASSES IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This Mass celebrates the Mother of God as she lovingly accompanies God's people on their pilgrimage to their true home in heaven. The eschatological sense proper to the celebration of the Eucharist is central to this Mass: the assembly of the faithful contemplates the holy city, the new Jerusalem,... arrayed like a bride for her husband," and hears the voice of the Lord from the heavenly throne, saying: "Behold, I make all things new." (Rev 21:1-5a). This future state of the Church has already been realized in Our Lady, virgin and bride, in all her beauty, without stain or wrinkle (cf. Eph 5:27). The faithful joyfully go up "to the house of the Lord," where they will praise His Name for ever (Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 8-9). They are to stay watchful in order to go out to meet the Bridegroom with lighted lamps, so that when the door is opened they may be worthy of admission (Mt 25:1-13). This Mass primarily cele-

"Blessed are you, Virgin Mary, resplendent gate of light; through you there came to shine on us Christ, the light of the world."

brates Christ the Lord, whom His loving father has made "the gateway to salvation and life" (cf. Jn 10:7). The metaphors of "door" or "entrance" or "gate" or "threshold" have been applied from patristic times to Our Lady to express her function as the second Eve, her virginal motherhood, and her intercession. She is celebrated as *the sinless Eve*, who has overcome the pride of the first woman by humility (cf. Preface and Alleluia verse); *the Virgin Mother of Christ*,

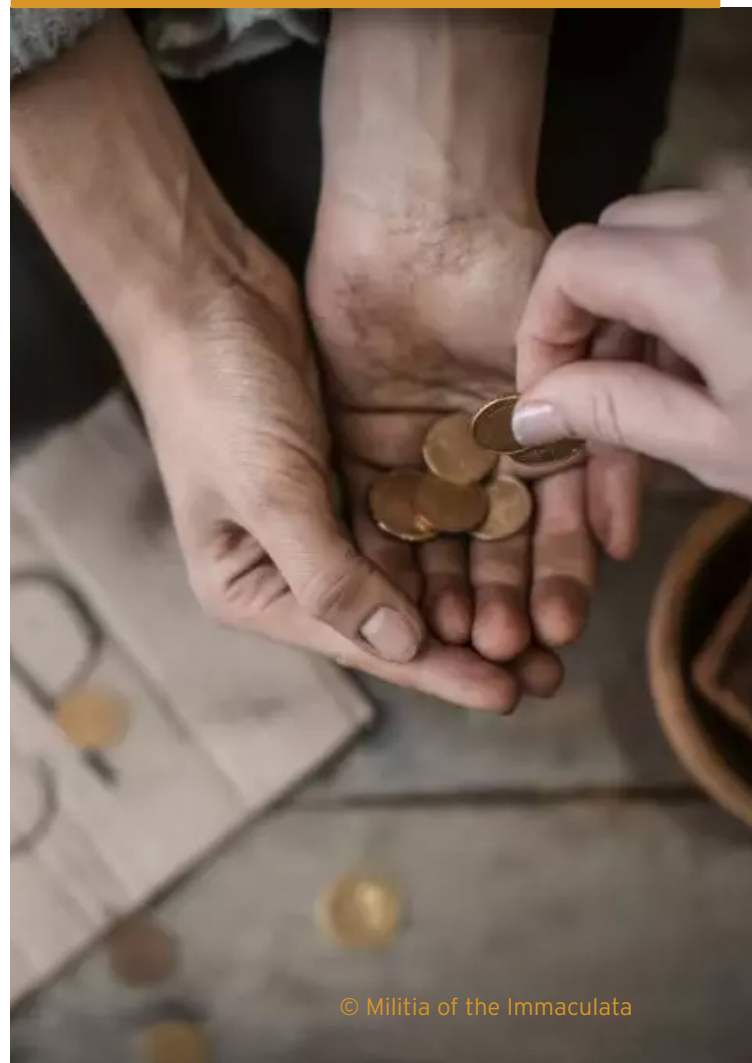
for through her motherhood Mary is "the very gate of life." From her "the Savior of the world came among us, Jesus Christ our Lord." She is the "Maiden-Mother, bearing the Word of God... the gate of paradise," who "in bringing God into the world has "unlocked for us the gate of heaven." Thanks to her *prayerful voice of intercession*, God's gifts of grace may come down on us and the gate of heaven may be opened to receive us into the joy of God's Kingdom.

JUBILEE OF THE POOR

POPE LEO XIV

On November 16, let all MI Knights celebrate with the universal Church the Jubilee of the Poor. Pope Leo offered a special message for this day. "You, O Lord, are my hope" (Ps 71:5). These words well up from a heart burdened by grave hardship: "You have made me see many troubles and calamities" (v. 20), the Psalmist exclaims. At the same time, his heart remains open and confident; steadfast in faith, he acknowledges the support of God, whom he calls "a rock of refuge, a strong fortress" (v. 3). Hence, his abiding trust that hope in God never disappoints: "In you, Lord, I take refuge; I shall never be put to shame" (v. 1). Amid life's trials, our hope is inspired by the firm and reassuring certainty of God's love, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. That hope does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5). Thus Saint Paul could write to Timothy: "To this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God" (1 Tim 4:10). The living God is in fact "the God of hope" (Rom 15:13), and Christ, by his death and resurrection, has himself become "our hope" (1 Tim 1:1). We must never forget that we were saved in this hope, and need to remain firmly rooted therein. The poor can be witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalization. They cannot rely on the security of power and possessions; on the contrary, they are at their mercy and often

victims of them. Their hope must necessarily be sought elsewhere. By recognizing that God is our first and only hope, we too pass from fleeting hopes to a lasting hope. Once we desire that God accompany us on the journey of life, material wealth becomes relativized, for we discover the real treasure that we need. The words that the Lord Jesus spoke to his disciples remain forceful and clear: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Mt 6:19-20). The gravest form of poverty is not to know God. As Pope Francis wrote in *Evangelii Gaudium*: "The worst discrimination which the poor suffer is the lack of spiritual care. The great majority of the poor have a special openness to



JUBILEE PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE MOTHER OF HOPE

Immaculate Mother of Hope, we turn to you during this Jubilee Year. Fill our hearts with renewed and revolutionary hope as we journey as pilgrims on this earth, fixing our eyes towards heaven. Accompany us now and always, as we entrust to you our cares and concerns, our sorrows and hopes, knowing that you will present them to your Divine Son on our behalf. We implore your tender help and protection, confident that everyone, especially the suffering and those most in need, will come to know your closeness, as the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children and who, for the holy people of God, is "a sign of certain hope and comfort." Amen.

(Inspired by the Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year 2025)

the faith; they need God and we must not fail to offer them his friendship, his blessing, his word, the celebration of the sacraments and a journey of growth and maturity in the faith" (No. 2000). Here we see a basic and essential awareness of how we can find our treasure in God. As the Apostle John insists: "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 Jn 4:20). This is a rule of faith and the secret of hope: all this earth's goods, material realities, worldly pleasures, economic prosperity, however important, cannot bring happiness to our hearts. Wealth often disappoints and can lead to tragic situations of poverty – above all the poverty born of the failure to recognize our need for God and of the attempt to live without him. A saying of Saint Augustine comes to mind:

"Let all your hope be in God: feel your need for him, and let him fill that

need. Without him, whatever you possess will only make you all the more empty" (Enarr. in Ps., 85:3). The word of God tells us that Christian hope is certainly at every step of life's journey, since it does not depend not on our human strength but upon the promise of God, who is always faithful. For this reason, from the beginning, Christians have identified hope with the symbol of the anchor, which provides stability and security. Christian hope is like an anchor that grounds our hearts in the promise of the Lord Jesus, who saved us by his death and resurrection and will come again among us. This hope continues to point us toward the "new heavens" and the "new earth" (2 Pet 3:13) as the true horizon of our existence, where every life will find its authentic meaning, for our real homeland is in heaven (cf. Phil 3:20). The city of God, therefore, impels us to improve the cities of men and women. Our own cities must begin to resemble his. Hope, sustained by God's love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5), turns human hearts into fertile soil where charity for the life of the world can blossom.

The Church's tradition has constantly insisted on the circular relationship between the three theological virtues of faith, hope and charity. Hope is born of faith, which nourishes and sustains it on the foundation of charity, the mother of all virtues. All of us need charity, here and now. Charity is not just a promise; it is a present reality to be embraced with joy and responsibility. Charity engages us and guides our decisions towards the common good. Conversely, those who lack charity not only lack faith and hope; they also rob their neighbors of hope. The biblical summons to hope thus entails the duty to shoulder our responsibilities in history, without hesitation. Charity, in fact, "is the greatest social commandment" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1889).

Poverty has structural causes that must be addressed and eliminated. In the meantime, each of us is called to offer new signs of hope that will bear witness to Christian charity, just as many saints have done over the centuries. Hospitals and schools, for instance, were institutions established to reach out to the most vulnerable and marginalized.

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GREAT NEWS FROM ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE VILLAGE, PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA

We had an amazing retreat preparing for Consecration on the weekend of August 22-24, with 42 attendees ranging in age from 17 yrs. to 96 yrs!

It was a very powerful weekend of great spiritual growth and for many, the beginning of a profound love and devotion to our Blessed Mother. There was great fellowship, and a deep sense of community which poured out on the day of our Consecration, which was Saturday, September 6th (First Friday and "early Birthday" for Our Mother), the Mass was packed and apart from the 42 retreat attendees consecrating, we had about 65 more parishioners renewing their Consecration.

After the Mass, we gathered in the Social Hall for a celebratory dinner and to officially launch our "St Maximilian Village of the Immaculata." Over 100 attended! That night (we took a computer), after dinner, we helped register many who wanted to join the Militia of the Immaculata. I think around 36... maybe more.

We are now hoping to have a parish-wide preparation for consecration to Mary throughout Advent and consecrating on January 1st on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

In January I will be starting a preparation for consecration with a group of about 10 children (my grandchildren and their friends) using the "Follow the Star" book. I will also encourage the parents to prepare for their own consecration! I would like to have them all do their consecration, on Corpus Christi, as a family. I will see how it goes, so I can elaborate a plan to consecrate all of our little ones (and their families) at St. Max!

We will be having a weekend preparation for Consecration Spanish Retreat on June 12, 13 & 14, 2026 and the English retreat will be on August 28, 29 & 30, 2026.

We have 250 + parishioners already Consecrated. Our goal is to have our whole parish Consecrate to Jesus through Mary and spread out to the whole world! As St. Maximilian wants... in the shortest time possible!

Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be on October 14th. We are planning to have a Holy Hour of Adoration and Prayer of the Rosary. Then fellowship and business.

That's about all that's been going on here at St. Maximilian Kolbe parish, in Pembroke Pines, FLorida!

In the Love of Jesus and Mary,
Susan Gonzalez-Llanos, MI Village Moderator



JUBILEE OF THE POOR

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These institutions should be a part of every country's public policy, yet wars and inequalities often prevent this from happening. Today, signs of hope are increasingly found in care homes, communities for minors, centers for listening and acceptance, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and low-income schools. How many of these quiet signs of hope often go unnoticed and yet are so important for setting aside our indifference and inspiring others to become involved in various forms of volunteer work! The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel. The celebration of the World Day of the Poor is meant to remind our communities that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity. This is true not only of the Church's charitable work, but also of the message that she celebrates and proclaims. God took on their poverty in order to enrich us through their voices, their stories and their faces. Every form of poverty, without exception, calls us to experience the Gospel concretely and to offer effective signs of hope. This, then, is the invitation extended to us by this Jubilee celebration. It is no coincidence that the World Day of the Poor is celebrated towards the end of this year of grace. Once the Holy Door is closed, we are to cherish and share with others the divine gifts granted us throughout this entire year of prayer, conversion and witness. The poor are not recipients of our pastoral care, but creative subjects who challenge us to find novel ways of living out the Gospel today. In the face of new forms of impoverishment, we can risk becoming hardened and resigned. Each day we encounter poor or impoverished people. We too may have less than before and are losing what once seemed se-



cure: a home, sufficient food for each day, access to healthcare and a good education, information, religious freedom and freedom of expression. In this promotion of the common good, our social responsibility is grounded in God's creative act, which gives everyone a share in the goods of the earth. Like those goods, the fruits of human labor should be equally accessible to all. Helping the poor is a matter of justice before a question of charity. As Saint Augustine observed: "You give bread to a hungry person; but it would be better if none were hungry, so that you would have no need to give it away. You clothe the naked, but would that all were clothed and that there be no need for supply this lack" (In I Ioan., 8:5). It is my hope, then, that this Jubilee Year will encourage the development of policies aimed at combating forms of poverty both old and new, as well as implementing new initiatives to support and assist the poorest of the poor. Labor, education, housing and health are the foundations of a security that will never be attained by the use of arms. I express my appreciation for those initiatives that already exist, and for the efforts demonstrated daily on the international level by great numbers of men and women of good will.

Let us entrust ourselves to Mary Most Holy, Comforter of the Afflicted and, with her, let us raise a song of hope as we make our own the words of the Te Deum: "In you, O Lord, is our hope, and we shall never hope in vain." From the Vatican, 13 June 2025, Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Patron Saint of the Poor

LEO PP. XIV

A SPECIAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE



On Saturday, October 11th, 2025, the MI Village at St. John Neumann Parish, Mount Laurel, NJ, organized a Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Philadelphia's historic Germantown neighborhood.

"Visiting this beautiful Shrine in our own backyard seemed like an appropriate way for our MI Village to advance the MI mission, by honoring Our Lady and bringing the prayerful intentions of our families and our Parish to this amazing Basilica," says Joe Daverso, MI Village Moderator from the Parish.

The day included a guided tour of the Shrine, a presentation on the history of the Miraculous Medal, as well as noon Mass celebrated with St. John's Pastor, Fr. Michael Dunn. The pilgrims also gathered for novena prayers to Our Lady and visited the St. Vincent Seminary crypt chapel, below the main altar, where Fr. Joseph Skelly, CM, is interred. Students from the Parish's Religious Education Program presented flowers to Mary at her chapel, which houses a replica of the original "Director's Chair" where Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in Paris, and a relic swatch of fabric from the original chair. In 1915, two years before St. Maximilian Kolbe founded the MI, Fr. Skelly founded the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal, with a simple mission: to draw the faithful closer to Mary and her Son, through devotion to the Miraculous Medal. Fr. Skelly directed the creation of the Miraculous Medal Shrine at the Vincentians' Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in 1927. Three years later, on December 8, 1930, Fr. Skelly initiated the Perpetual Novena. This weekly devotional prayer has been held at the Shrine every Monday without interruption for more than nine decades. Today, devotees from around the world can also participate in the Perpetual Novena by tuning in live each week via YouTube or Facebook.

In the final 50 years of his life, Fr. Skelly produced and distributed tens of millions of Miraculous Medals and other devotional materials to recipients from almost every nation on Earth. More details about CAMM and the Shrine can be found at: <https://miraculous-medal.org/visit-us/>.

The MI Village is incredibly grateful to Fr. Dunn, Olivia Huslin, Parish Secretary, and Laura Connelly, O.C.D.S., Pastoral Associate and Director of Religious Education, for their work in promoting the pilgrimage.

Joe Daverso, MI Moderator



SIN'S MILITIA OF THE IMMACULATA VILLAGE INVITES YOU ON A
**PARISH FAMILY PILGRIMAGE TO THE
 MIRACULOUS MEDAL BASILICA SHRINE**
in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 ~ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 ~
 \$35 PER ATTENDEE | ADD'L \$15 COVERS LUNCH (OPTIONAL)
 TO HONOR THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY, OUR PARISH MILITIA OF
 THE IMMACULATA VILLAGE INVITES PARISHIONERS ON A VISIT
 TO THE BASILICA SHRINE OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL.
 The day includes a guided tour of the Shrine, which includes
 a history of the Miraculous Medal, as well as noon Mass and
 time to gather together for novena prayers to Our Lady.
 Attendees will also have the opportunity
 to be invested in the Miraculous Medal.
 Parishioners are invited to bring flowers for Mary,
 which will be placed at her Shrine for your intentions.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish
 office at 856-235-1330 to reserve your seat. **SPACE IS LIMITED.**
 More information will be published in upcoming bulletins.
 SHRINE WEBSITE: WWW.MIRACULOUSMEDAL.ORG



OUR NEW
HOME

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ANNOUNCING THE MI NEW HOME

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Also, *if you would like to be considered for the office of President, Vice President or Council member please send in a brief biography* or resume, not to exceed a half page, about yourself and your qualifications, to give all our voting members a brief synopsis of who you are. This ***must be received at the National Center by February 28, 2026***, to ensure we can publish it and send it to all our voting members. Late submissions will not be accepted.

St. Maximilian Kolbe was a visionary who saw the vital need to promote the message of the Gospel and devotion to the Immaculata, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our mission is to bring souls to Christ through the intercession of Mary, fostering a deep spiritual connection and commitment to living out the teachings of the Catholic Church. Let all the Knights of the Immaculata work together to bring others to the MI. If all our Knights brought just one new member to the MI, think of the impact this could have, not only within the MI but on our country.

I was given the task of overseeing the administration of the Militia of the Immaculata in the United States and more importantly to foster the legacy of St. Maximilian Kolbe, "to win the world for the Immaculate Heart of Mary and, through her, to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus." This is not a solo player task and every one's help is needed. Our most important goal is to bring the love of Mary to all those we meet, to help those who don't understand Mary not only to understand and love her, but also to consecrate their hearts to her. Our secondary objective is to help everyone understand that the best way to live out your consecration to Mary is to be a Knight of the Immaculata, a knight for her, to assist all to join the MI and help Mary win the world for the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let all MI Knights go out and win the world for Mary!

Ronald L. Rodrigues
MI National President

We are happy to announce that the Militia of the Immaculata has established a Brokerage account and is now able to accept donations of securities (stocks and bonds).

If you would like to donate to the MI and want to avoid paying taxes on your RMDs, we can now help with a Qualified Charitable Distribution, which allows you to avoid the tax. If you are interested, please contact the MI National President: MIPresidentr@gmail.com for more information.

fr. Maximiliano M. Velaz

ST. MAXIMILIAN WRITES...

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM A PROMOTION LEAFLET PUBLISHED IN 1938, EMPHASIZING THE CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MI (KW 1226).



What are the conditions for enrolling in the MI? (MI is the international abbreviation of the Militia of the Immaculata, in Latin, "Militia Immaculatae".) Those who wish to make their own contribution to the work of the sanctification of others must begin, of course, with themselves. They themselves, therefore, must draw closer and closer to the Immaculata, in order to obtain from her the graces that may help them love God ever more perfectly and practically in every moment of their daily life. The most perfect form of approach is total self-oblation, the consecration of oneself as her possession and property. Therefore, ***the first and essential condition for membership in the Militia of the Immaculata is the total consecration of oneself to the Immaculata.*** Such consecration does not require at all that one abandon at the same time the world and one's family and enter religious life. Not at all! We may peacefully continue to engage in all the lawful business we have committed ourselves to, except that we will not be giving up all our daily cares to God on our own but through her, the Immaculata, of whom we have become the property. Mary will then offer Him all these activities, flawed and full of imperfections as they may be, not as if they were our own but as her own personal property. For we, with all that is ours, belong to her. Consequently, each of our activities belongs to her. The Immaculata, however, cannot possibly offer God anything that is stained by sin. Thus, in her immaculate hands, our own imperfect actions are made pure as well, without stain, and therefore incomparably more valuable. Consequently, those who join the MI may continue to remain in their state and in their civilian occupations. However, conscious of belonging to the Immaculata, they shall take special care to make their life worthier of the title of her child, her property, her possession, and so on. In a word, they shall endeavor to belong to her in the strictest meaning of that expression. Not only that, but experiencing how much sweetness in life comes

from closeness to the Immaculata, how much energy against temptations, and how much comfort in difficulties, they shall endeavor to share their own happiness with those who live around them, and will do everything they can to make them approach the Immaculata as well, in order to win their hearts over to her. They will in a sense strive to become her true knights. The mere thought that many a soul is still unaware even of the name of Mary will give them no peace. They long to conquer the entire world to her, to introduce the Immaculata in every heart that beats, and will ever beat under the sun, so that she might enlighten those hearts with an abundance of grace, warm them with the love of her motherly Heart, and kindle them with the fire of love toward God, toward the Divine Heart of Jesus. They realize, however, that they could not possibly undertake such a huge task alone. They understand that the Immaculata herself must act in them and through them among the people who live around them. Thus, they offer themselves even more perfectly to the Immaculata as property, as a docile instrument in her immaculate hands. Consequently, the

MIRACULOUS MEDAL PRAYER



O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you, and for all those who do not have recourse to you, especially Freemasons, the enemies of Holy Church, and all those recommended to you. Amen.

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Distribute wherever possible, the Miraculous Medal among the good and the bad, Catholics and non-Catholics, inasmuch as if a person manifests this small tribute to the Immaculata, that is, carries her medal, she will never abandon that person and will lead him to faith and repentance. Spread the Miraculous Medal, therefore, and pray fervently to the Immaculata for one's own conversion and that of others.”

first and most essential condition is “to give oneself up completely to the Immaculata as an instrument in her immaculate hands.” There is also a second condition, namely to wear the Miraculous Medal. This is not a prerequisite. Yet, in a way it stands as the outer sign of one's unreserved inner self-oblation to the Immaculata. This medal is commonly called miraculous, as it has, indeed, worked countless conversions. It pleases the Immaculata to never cease showering copious and various graces upon those who wear it on their chest with devotion. The medal had its origin in the year 1830. The Immaculata herself chose to show it to Catherine Labouré, a novice of the Sisters of Mercy [Daughters of Charity], in Paris. The large quantity of graces obtained confirms the authenticity of the apparition. In order to belong to the MI in a legally valid manner and to profit from the indulgences that were granted to it, it is essential to have already received Holy Baptism and to be a member of the Catholic Church. Also, one's first and last names need to be recorded in the register of members in one of the canonically established head offices of the Militia. Maximilian M. Kolbe



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pray with other MI members? Looking for support in
g for your consecration? Join an MI Village and live
with others. In addition to MI Villages that meet in
al Online MI Villages (see page 16).

about an MI group on the map, please contact the MI
nal@MissionImmaculata.com



NOVEMBER MI INTENTION

This year, the monthly reflections are provided by Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv., the MI-USA National Spiritual Assistant.

November
O Immaculata,
please intercede...

*That we may be guided by
you in every situation,
now and at the hour of our
holy death.*

"No one can hurt us, unless God allows it, that is unless Immaculata consents. Everything, therefore, is in her motherly hands. Therefore, let us just be led by her every day, every moment more. This is our whole philosophy." (KW 755)

Reflection - Consecration to Mary, according to St. Maximilian Kolbe, is a total entrustment of our lives to the Immaculata. It opens us up to allow the Immaculata to lead us to the Kingdom of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mary will be there at the hour of our death for those who have trusted in her maternal care and love. This entrustment to Mary, practiced by St. Francis, has continued to develop by the Franciscans over the centuries. St. Francis placed his Order under Mary's care, as

our Queen. St. Anthony taught that because of her fiat at the Annunciation, Mary is our Mediatrix and St. Bonaventure instituted the feast of the Queenship of Mary in the liturgical calendar. St. Bernadine of Siena is credited with the final line of the Hail Mary prayer: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners, now and at the hour of our death." Kolbe was formed in this Franciscan tradition of turning to Mary to protect and guide us to Jesus in life, through death to eternity.

During November, may we pray for our deceased family members, asking for their eternal peace with God in Heaven. Let us ask the intercession of the Immaculata for our souls and the souls of our deceased relatives, and also pray for those who died from war, violence, indifference, and for the poor souls in Purgatory. "'Ad Iesum per Mariam,' through Mary you reach Jesus: this is the most beautiful, the most enjoyable, and the safest path. By entrusting ourselves to the Heart of the Mother, we come close to the Heart of the Son." (KW 1299)

Prayer - Act of Total Consecration to the Immaculata.

Act of Total Consecration to the Immaculata

(Prayer composed by St. Maximilian Kolbe)

O Immaculata, Queen of Heaven and earth, refuge of sinners and our most loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire order of mercy to you. I, (name), a repentant sinner, cast myself at your feet humbly imploring you to take me with all that I am and have, wholly to yourself as your possession and property. Please make of me, of all my powers of soul and body, of my whole life, death and eternity, whatever most pleases you.

If it pleases you, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of you: "She will crush your head," and, "You alone have destroyed all heresies in the world."

Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for introducing and increasing your glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the blessed Kingdom of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever you enter, you obtain the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through your hands that all graces come to us from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

V. Allow me to praise you, O sacred Virgin.

R. Give me strength against your enemies.



Online MI Villages

For information about an MI Village in your area, email the MI National Center. For *online MI Villages*, email the Moderators listed below.

****Moderator: Joseph Willis**

Email: mi.la.adm@outlook.com

Mtg Day: Friday

(Last Friday of each month)

Mtg Time: 8:00pm CST

Weekly Consecration Renewal & Virtual Village Rosary Tuesdays @ 8:30pm CST

****Moderator: Douglas Eschbach**

Email: MI.village.marytown@gmail.com

Mtg Day: Sunday

(3rd Sunday of each month)

Mtg Time: 5:00pm CST

****Moderator: Donna Masek**

Knights at the Foot of the Cross (KFC)

Village of the Immaculata

E-mail: miutah.stmary@gmail.com

Mtg Day: Every Friday evening

Mtg Time: 8:00pm-9:00pm MST

****Moderator: Bill Bielawski**

Email: william.bielawski@gmail.com

Mtg Day: Sunday

(3rd Sunday of each month)

Mtg Time: 7:00pm CST

**** Moderator: Lisa Fulgenzi**

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Write to request Google Meet join info

Mtg Day: Monday

Mtg Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm EST

**** Moderator: Patti Schwartz**

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Mtg Day: Wednesday

Mtg Time: 8:00 pm EST

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MI RESOURCES

AVAILABLE FROM THE MI NATIONAL CENTER



Disseminate the Miraculous Medal and introduce Our Lady and the MI to others!

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– St. Maximilian Kolbe