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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND HIS FRIARS

BY RONALD L. RODRIGUES, MI NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Dear Knights of the Immaculata, Maria! St. Maximilian Kolbe was a Conventual Franciscan Friar, but who are the Franciscan Friars, the Order of Franciscan Minor Conventual Friars (OFM Conv.), and where did their order originate from? St. Francis of Assisi founded the order of Friars Minor (OFM), which emphasized a life of poverty, simplicity, and service to others. The Franciscans date back to 1208 when the first members joined St. Francis of Assisi in his life of poverty, chastity, and prayer.

In 1209, St. Francis and eleven followers went to Rome to get approval for the Penitents of Assisi (Franciscans). The Franciscan way of life was verbally approved by Pope Innocent III on April 23, 1209. The final written rule, which the friars still follow today, was approved by Pope Honorius III on November 29, 1223.

During the Life of St. Francis and soon after his death, disagreements surfaced on how to interpret and apply the rules that he outlined for the life of the Franciscans. The friars developed two different interpretations of how to live the rule of the order. One group of the friars sought to be of service to the needs of the Church

by living the rule of St. Francis in larger communities so they could become educated, serve the needs of the Church, and preach the Gospel. In this first group, there was never a major reform break of the community from the original rule and its interpretation. Since they lived in large urban communities, they became known as Conventuals, as opposed to friars who lived in hermitages and more isolated friaries. Interpretations of the meaning of poverty in religious life became a contentious issue between more urban and rural friars. This second group of friars focused on an ascetic lifestyle in rural friaries and hermitages. This

rural group wanted to live as poorly as possible and lived in hermitages and rural friaries where strict observance of the rule was promoted and becoming educated was less important. These friars became known as the Observant Friars since they focused on a strict observance of the rule and especially poverty. These Observant groups would eventually break off into other reform groups as disagreements on interpretation of the rule and poverty led to many variations of the Observants forming.

In 1517, Pope Leo X, ordered that the various reform groups of the Franciscans that had broken into many groups to be once again united. All the reform groups became the Order Friars Minor Observant and were distinguished from those that lived in large convents/friaries and never reformed. The friars in the large convents that hadn't reformed were the Order of Friars Minor Conventual to distinguish them from the Observants. It was in 1517 that the Pope gave the official name of Order of Friars Minor Conventual. These changes or reforms resulted in the Franciscans branching off into three main Franciscan orders, all based on following the life of St. Francis of Assisi. (Continues on pg. 10)

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“Lord our God, you sent your only Son to bring peace to our world. Through the intercession of Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, hear our earnest prayer; grant that our times may be tranquil, so that we may live in peace as one family, united in love for one another. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.”



THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE

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

Because of her close personal connection with her Son, the “Prince of Peace,” (Is 9:6), Our Lady has been increasingly venerated as “Queen of Peace”: in the calendars of particular Churches, and some religious institutes, there is a memorial of her a “Queen of Peace.” It is worth recalling that Benedict XV in 1917, while a terrible war was raging, ordered that the invocation “Queen of Peace” should be added to the Litany of Loreto. This Mass commemorates the cooperation of Our Lady in the reconciliation or “peace” between God and the human family brought out by Christ: *in the mystery of the Incarnation*, the lowly handmaid of the Lord receives God’s word from the Archangel Gabriel and conceives in her virginal womb the Prince of Peace (cf. Lk 1:26-38), who “has restored our peace, reconciling in Himself earth and heaven”; *in the*

“A Virgin has given birth to One who is truly God and truly human: God has restored our peace, reconciling in Himself earth and heaven.”

mystery of the Passion, the faithful Mother stands “fearless beside the Cross as her Son sheds His Blood for our salvation and reconciles all things to Himself in peace” (Preface); *in the mystery of Pentecost*, Our Lady, the daughter of peace, joins “in prayer with the Apostles as she awaits... the Spirit of unity and peace, of love and joy” (Preface). In celebrating the memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, the assembly of the faithful begs God that through

her intercession He will grant to the Church and the human family these favors: *the spirit of love, the gift of unity and peace, and tranquility in our times*. In these troubled times, let us indeed have earnest recourse to Our Lady, Queen of Peace: *Bestow on us, we pray, O Lord, the spirit of charity through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, so that, refreshed by the Body and Blood of Your Only Begotten Son, we may be effective in nurturing among all the peace that He has left us.*

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MI PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

September 13-23, 2025, Fr. Thomas Czeck and Ronald Rodrigues led the MI Pilgrimage to Poland, in the footsteps of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Enjoy some photos and testimonies.

"Incredible pilgrimage! I found it to be educational, culturally enriching, restful, accessible, enjoyable, filled with wonderful fellowship, and above all, spiritually uplifting and transformative. St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!"

Christopher, San Diego, CA

"The encounter with Jesus and His Mother Mary, through St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Faustina, and St. John Paul II, were evident in abundance on our pilgrimage. Additionally, seeing Christ in each pilgrim and experiencing the love of Jesus and Mary in one another was a comfort beyond measure. How blessed we are!"

Claire, Glendale, AZ

"Witnessing the faithful, young and old, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Jasna Gora and their reverence in the Chapel of the Mother of God before the miraculous painting of Our Lady of Czestochowa, was truly inspiring. Being able to have Mass for our pilgrimage group in the chapel with the Miraculous Image will be a lasting memory to hold on to for a lifetime."

Gregg, Chenango Forks, NY



MI Pilgrims



At Niepokalanow, with the Editor of the Polish "Knight of the Immaculata".



Visiting the former Auschwitz concentration camp, where St. Maximilian died a martyr of charity.



Mass and consecrations at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa.



Closing dinner with traditional Polish food and dance.

JUBILEE OF MARIAN SPIRITUALITY

BY ANTONELLA DI PIAZZA, FKMI



On October 11-12, let all the Knights of the Immaculata celebrate the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality. The following weekend, October 18-19, we will celebrate the Jubilee of the Missions. For the first time during a Jubilee Year a specific date is set to celebrate the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality. Marian associations, groups, and individuals, will be united on this special occasion. How fitting indeed that while celebrating with joy the gift of salvation, we should turn to the Mother of God, who brought into the world Christ, Our Hope and Salvation! Celebrating the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality offers a unique opportunity for renewing and reinvigorating Marian devotion in our personal lives and in the life of the Church at large. On February 2, 1974, Pope St. Paul VI issued a beautiful document, *Marialis Cultus*, an Apostolic Exhortation. It is subtitled "For the Right Ordering and Development of Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary," and outlines the various ways in which Mary is honored in the Catholic Church. The Holy Father gave clear and inspiring instructions to bishops and priests about Marian devotions to help them guide the faithful in the proper celebration of these devotions in the liturgy and in their personal and communal spiritual life. You may find the document on the Vatican website (https://www.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_p-vi_exh_19740202_marialis-cultus.html). It would be an appropriate reading dur-

ing this month of October and in preparation for the Jubilee. The Exhortation is divided into three parts: the first outlines the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the liturgy and leads us to reflect on her example as "the Model of the Church in divine worship." The second part offers recommendations for development of Marian devotions, and the third fittingly focuses on the *Angelus* prayer and the Rosary. In the first part of the Exhortation, the Pope gives an overview of the solemnities and various feasts of the Blessed Virgin in the liturgical calendar and highlights how Our Lady is venerated in the celebration of Holy Mass. Particularly insightful is the Pope's reflection on the relationship between Mary and the Church. Because of her holiness and perseverance in practicing all virtues, especially perfect faith, charity, hope, and communion with her Son, "Mary

is not only an *example* for the whole Church in the exercise of divine worship but is also, clearly, a *teacher of the spiritual life* for individual Christians." St. Maximilian Kolbe would remind us that the Immaculata's role as our teacher is especially true for us, who are consecrated to her and strive to imitate her, to become her! Marian devotion has to generate a Marian way of living in the world. In the second part of his Exhortation, the Holy Father provides guidelines for devotion to Our Lady. He emphasizes a few essential aspects, namely, the *Trinitarian*, *Christ-centered* and *ecclesial* nature of Marian devotion, which must always be understood in relation to the Most Holy Trinity, centered on the following of Jesus Christ in the ecclesial communion of Saints. "In the Virgin Mary everything is relative to Christ and dependent upon Him." In honoring Our Blessed Mother's role in salvation history, we come to know, love, imitate, and worship more authentically our Lord Jesus Christ. Moreover, "This will also bring the faithful to a deeper realization of the brotherhood which unites all of them as sons and daughters of the Virgin Mary, 'who with a mother's love has cooperated in their rebirth and spiritual formation'." Indeed, her supreme desire is to bring us closer to her Son and to be united with one another as His Mystical Body. This dimension of Marian devotion/spirituality, leads us, the faithful, "[to] appreciate more clearly that the action of the Church in the world can be likened to an extension of Mary's concern. The active love she showed at Nazareth, in the house of Elizabeth, at Cana and on Golgotha - all salvific episodes having vast ecclesial importance - finds its extension in the Church's maternal concern that all men should come to knowledge of the truth (cf. 1 Tm 2:4)." What a wonderful way to highlight how *Marian spirituality is by nature missionary*, as our Patron saint and MI founder would emphasize. May the Jubilees of Marian Spirituality and of the Missions stir up into flame our total consecration to the Immaculata!

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)

TESTIMONIES FROM MI MEMBERS

We've had a great start to the school year so far! Yesterday [August 30] was the Club Expo where students can look for new clubs to join at the beginning of the year, and we spent 4 hours passing out Miraculous Medals and recruiting new members. I wasn't counting how many we handed out, but we completely ran out of our supply, had to call for emergency extras, and then completely ran out of those. We had so many great conversations with devout Catholics, fallen away Catholics, Protestants, and even atheists. Our Lord and Our Lady have big plans for Texas A&M this year. We had our first Village meeting of the school year. We discussed St Maximilian and his vision for the MI, plans for the semester, and then prayed the Joyful Mysteries. Pictured on the table is a box of supplies to make brown scapulars.

-Anthony Lestone, Moderator of MI Texas A&M University Village, College Station, TX

Thank you for sending me the Behold Your Mother books and MI introductory pamphlets. Our first informational session had thirty attendees. Hopefully, our first proper meeting will have as many or more people attending. I have given all the resources to MI inquirers. I hope many souls will be conquered for Christ by Our Lady, through St. Maximilian Kolbe's ministry.

-Jimmy Gow, Moderator St. Mary's of Bellevue MI Village, Bellevue, NE



Saturday, September 20, 2025, Jeff Bowen, KFC online Village member, Donna Masek, Village Moderator, and Mike Edwards, St Carlos Acutis Village Moderator attended the Utah Catholic Conference at the Skaggs Catholic Center, Draper, Utah, and managed the MI booth.
- Donna Masek, Ogden, UT

Thank you for sending the brochures for our presentation on St. Maximilian Kolbe and the MI film this coming Sunday at Emmanuel Catholic Church in Delray Beach, Florida. We will be handing them out with 300 Miraculous Medals. I have given out 50 already in person and by mail. Here are a few people from this week:

My dentist and her assistant, good friends and The Respect Life Girls from the traveling van: they are going to meet 8 women today - please pray with us they Choose Life! I offered the Miraculous Medal to some ladies from the assisted living where my mom lived. I saw them every day and still keep in touch with them.

Thank you again! I'm happy to be with such a wonderful ministry. St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us. St. Padre Pio, pray for us.

Holy Mother of God, our Mother, pray for us!

- Dorothy Lee, Delray Beach, FL



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND HIS FRIARS

(CONTINUED FROM PG 2)

The final First Order Franciscan reform group was known as the OFM Capuchins (1525) that sought a life of more solitude and prayer. These three groups are the principal three groups of the First Order. St. Maximilian Kolbe was a member of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual originated by St. Francis of Assisi. Raymond (Maximilian) and his brother were inspired by the preaching of the Conventual Franciscan Friars and would enroll in the Minor Seminary that was in Lwów in 1907. Raymond entered the novitiate of the Conventual Franciscans on September 4, 1910. He professed his simple vows in 1911, taking the name Maximilian, and his Solemn vows in 1914, adopting the additional name of Maria (Mary). St. Maximilian Kolbe was influenced by the evangelical and Marian devotion of the Conventual Franciscans. He was deeply influenced by Franciscan theologians like St. Bonaventure and Blessed John Duns Scotus. The theology of the Immaculate Conception, taught and championed by John Duns Scotus, was adopted as a dogma of the Catholic Church in 1854. Fr. Maximilian devoted his education and mission to understanding and promoting the Immaculate Conception. St. Francis encouraged his followers to wear simple, humble garments, usually made of inexpensive undyed wool. This resulted in habits of various colors and shades of brown and gray. So what color habit is correct, or does it really matter? The Observant friars emphasized a stricter interpretation of the rules, and they adopted a brown color. And adopted a brown color habit to differentiate themselves from the Conventuals. The other Franciscan communities also wear a brown color habit. They say brown symbolizes hu-

mility, simplicity, and is associated with the earth, soil, and the cross. The habit color for the Franciscan Conventuals (OFM Conv.) is a fascinating part of their history. It came about for a few reasons. Original habits were undyed wool. St. Francis, when his order was first established, didn't specify a particular color. His followers simply wore cheap, humble clothing of that era. Simple tunics of unbleached, undyed wool, which were various shades of brown or gray. For the Conventuals, gray became a standard, probably because most wool at that time was available in gray. Some say the adoption of the gray habit by the Conventuals was because of their focus on serving the urban poor. The gray color helped them blend in with the somber environment of cities and slums areas where they frequently worked. Black was adopted for a time, but there was a move to return to the gray habit, gray being a symbol of austerity, "you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). The gray not only represents the dust from which humans are made, a reminder of mortality, but also reflects the Order's emphasis on poverty and simplicity. The habit has evolved because of a combination of practical, historical, and political factors. Maximilian wore the black habit of the Conventual Franciscan Friars, which was adopted after the French Revolution persecution. Originally, the Conventual Franciscans wore gray habits and were known as the Gray Friars, especially in England. Conventual Franciscans today wear gray or black habits, while other Franciscans wear brown habits. St. Maximilian Kolbe lived with his brothers and hoped that bringing them all to Mary would reunite them once again under our Blessed Mother. No matter their differences, the Franciscan Order has a great history and tradition of bringing others to Christ. Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Pray for us..

Ronald L. Rodrigues
MI National President

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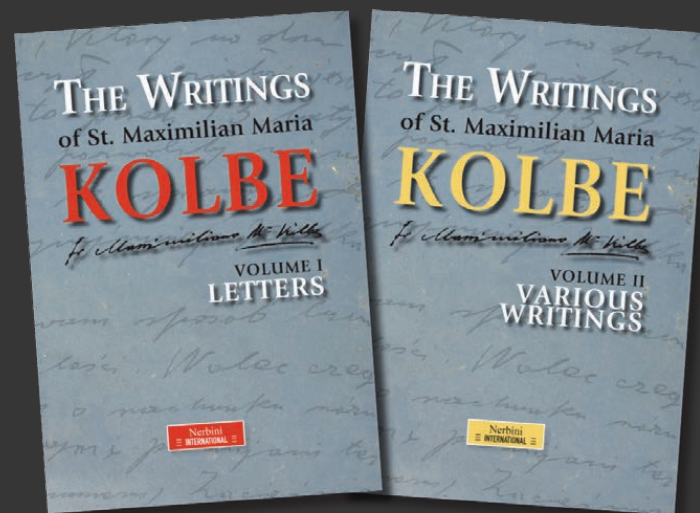
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The Martyr of Charity, St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe (1894-1941), before his death in the Auschwitz concentration camp, had spent the previous twenty-three years as a priest, evangelizer, media mogul, social commentator, missionary and religious reformer. His life's work cut short at age 47, St. Kolbe nonetheless left behind an impressive body of writings. In the 1950s the English-speaking world first began reading bits and pieces of those writings translated from the original Polish, Italian and Latin. The publication of the first English critical edition, *The Writings of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe*, constitutes a historic event for the English-speaking readership. The sublime inspiration of the Saint's Marian thought and spirituality transpires from every page of his writings, whether it be a treatise on the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the Immaculate Conception, an evangelization plan, a message of counsel to religious and laity, or a filial letter to his mother. His deep personal relationship with the Immaculate Virgin Mary colors and enflames nearly every page. His leitmotif is love for God, the Church, the world and all its peoples. His goal is the conversion and sanctification of that world.



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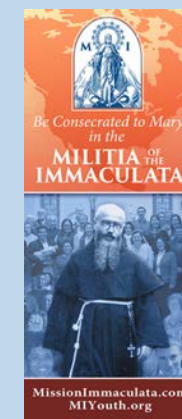
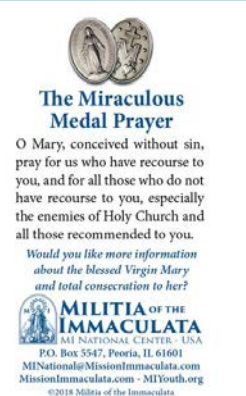
— Fr. James McCurry, OFM Conv.

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fr. Maximilian M. Kolbe

ST. MAXIMILIAN WRITES...

AS WE CELEBRATE THE 108TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MI ON OCTOBER 16, LET US BE INSPIRED BY HIS WORDS TO LIVE GENEROUSLY OUR MI CALLING (KW 1211 AND 1219).



On the cover of each issue of *Rycerz Niepokalanej* [The Knight of the Immaculata], published in Polish, in Japanese, and in Italian, the letter "M" can be read on the left of the image of the Immaculata, and on its right the letter "I." What do these two letters mean? "MI" are the international initials of the name Militia of the Immaculata, clearly derived from the Latin *Militia Immaculatae*, for Latin is the language of the Church and therefore, in a way, a supranational language. The initials "MI" contain all the essence of the association of the Militia of the Immaculata. The association is in fact first and foremost "I," which is to say "*Immaculatae*," of the Immaculata. The ideal of each one of its members is to belong to the Immaculata, to be her servant, her child, her loving slave, her possession, her property, in other words to belong to her under any title that love toward her has contrived or will ever be capable of contriving; belonging to her in all ways throughout all one's life, throughout death, and for all eternity. Being hers without any reserve, irrevocably, forever. Becoming ever more hers, in an ever more perfect way, growing in resemblance to her, being united with her, becoming in a certain way herself, so that she can ever more take possession of our soul, own it totally, that she herself may think, speak, love God and neighbor, and act in and through it. Here is the ideal: becoming hers, of the Immaculata, "*Immaculatae*," "I." Whoever becomes her property in an ever more perfect way will therefore exercise a greater influence on his surroundings and will lead others to know the Immaculata ever more perfect-

PRAYER IN HONOR OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, MODEL MARIAN EVANGELIST

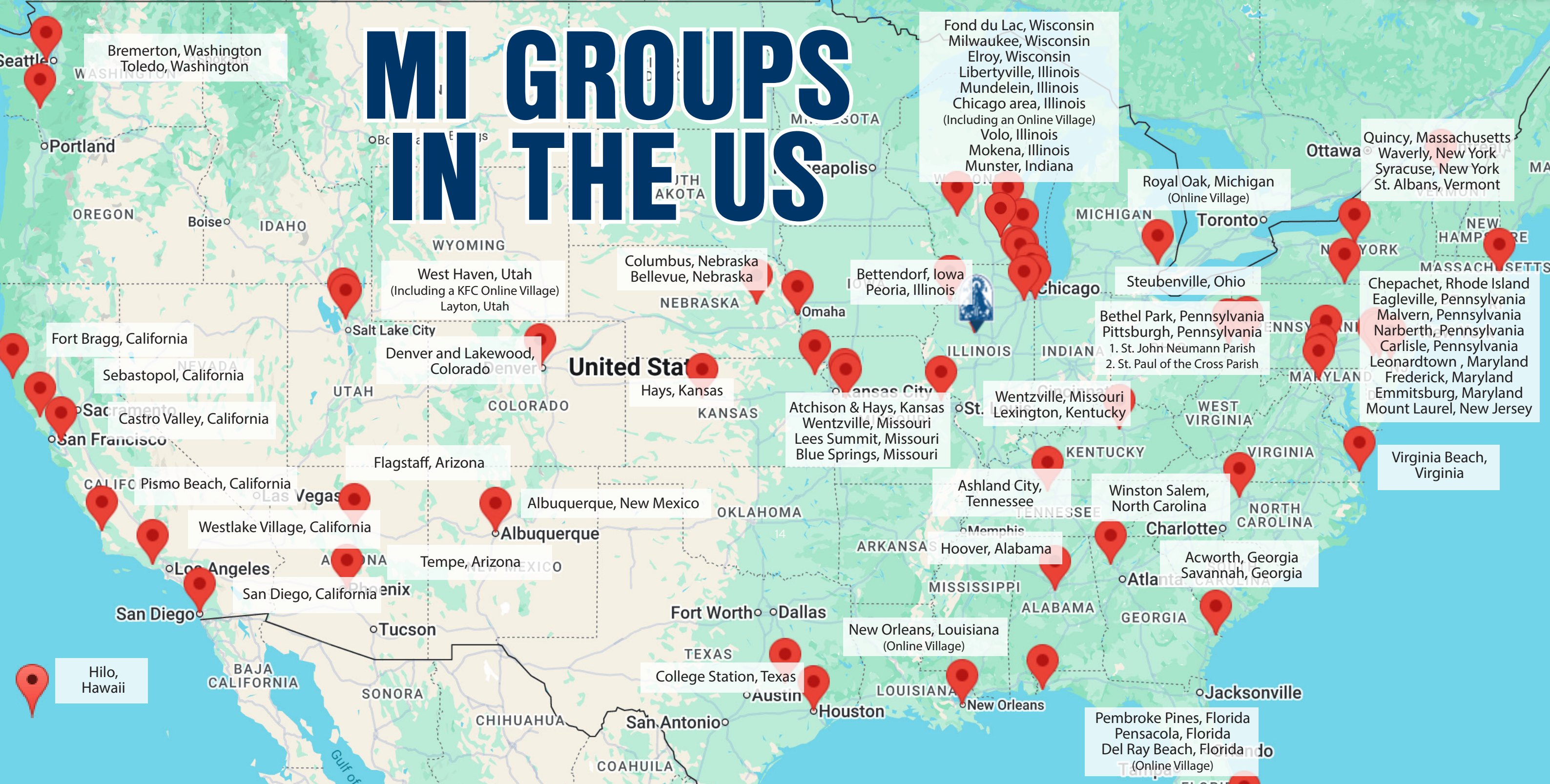
Merciful God, You made St. Maximilian Kolbe one of the foremost Catholic evangelists of the difficult twentieth century. Through the Militia of the Immaculata movement which he founded, he implanted the truths of the Immaculate Conception and Your merciful plan for us all in countless hearts, thus moving them to full conversion in faith and hope, to perfect obedience and union with the Heart of Jesus, and to complete observance of the New Covenant. You made him fruitful through carrying the cross of suffering with dignity and hope, loving his persecutors, and giving up his life for a total stranger. Through his intercession grant us our petitions . . . (here mention the requests you have). Give us a like dignity and hope in our sufferings and sacrifices and, if it will glorify You, heal us of all our infirmities, both physical and spiritual. Finally, enable us to follow his example of effective Catholic evangelism with Mary for the return to You of all the masses of mankind, and of every individual person, family, society and culture of our time and of all time to come. Amen.

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We wish all MI members that they may always progress in the gift of themselves to the Immaculata and that they may ensure that this progress is made manifest in their everyday life.”

ly, love her ever more ardently, come nearer to her, and give themselves to her until they also totally, without any limitation, become herself. A soul of this kind, inasmuch as he is the property of the Immaculata, conquers an ever larger number of other souls for her by any legitimate means, and becomes not only the property, but also a knight, a soldier of the Immaculata, "*Miles*," "M." This is the meaning of the letters "M" and "I," that is of the initials "MI." May we remember all this every time we glance at the cover of *Rycerz Niepokalanej* [The Knight of the Immaculata].

Turning my thoughts back through twenty years of service to the Immaculata, I have in front of me, in my mind, those who have fully recognized their total dependence upon Mary, have submitted themselves in everything to her orders, and to what degree they have become an instrument in the hands of the Immaculata, like a chisel in the hands of a sculptor, like a brush at the service of a painter, like a disciplined troop awaiting the orders of a commander. The Militia of the Immaculata prepares Catholics for this type of service toward the Immaculata. Beginning from the first seven founders, the Militia of the Immaculata increases its ranks day by day. Now, after twenty years of activity, it has placed nearly a million hearts at the complete service of the Immaculata. On the occasion of this twentieth anniversary of the Militia of the Immaculata, we express on our part the ardent desire that the ranks of souls consecrated to the Immaculata grow day by day, so that all Catholics may offer themselves spontaneously to her as her absolute property.



CHECK OUT THE MAP FOR NEW MI VILLAGES.

Want to connect and pray with other MI members? Looking for support in deepening or preparing for your consecration? Join an MI Village and live out your consecration with others. In addition to MI Villages that meet in person, we have several Online MI Villages (see page 18).

For more information about an MI group on the map, please contact the MI National Office: MINational@MissionImmaculata.com

OCTOBER MI INTENTION

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

October
O Immaculata,
please intercede...

That missionaries may have good health and strength to preach the Gospel effectively in every corner of the world.

"If she can dispose of us ever more perfectly, then even missionary activity, the conquest of souls to Jesus through her, will always be more effective. Work, suffering, and especially prayer will produce abundant fruit." (KW 755)

Reflection - St. Maximilian thought we all should be missionaries. St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, the patroness of missions, was an inspiration for Kolbe in pursuing his mission in Japan. St. Maximilian encouraged everybody to be missionaries by following the example of St. Thérèse

and her little way. "What matters is not, in fact, what we do, but the way, the intention, and the love with which we do it. And what was her intention? To please Jesus, the Child Jesus. That is pure love. To bear small daily crosses with love, to work with love, to live for love, to be like a child who, with caresses of love, wins benevolence of his or her father's and mother's hearts. Everyone can and should be a missionary of that kind. But how are we to achieve that goal? St. Thérèse called herself 'little flower of the Immaculata' and acknowledged she was raised by the Immaculata. We also are, and she will teach us unlimited trusting the merciful love of God, of which she is the embodiment" (KW1263). Formed by the love of the Immaculata may we bring every soul to Jesus through her. May our hearts be moved to charity.

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

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****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**

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– St. Maximilian Kolbe