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Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

By Michael D. Wick, MI National Vice President

Maria!
Dear Knights of the Immaculata, Pentecost is a major Christian feast celebrated 50 days after Easter, marking the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles in Jerusalem. It concludes the "Great 50 Days" of the Easter season, fulfilling Christ's promise to send an Advocate or Helper, and is considered the birthday of the Church.

Occurring ten days after Christ's Ascension, the Holy Spirit descended as "tongues of fire," empowering the Apostles to preach and teach the Good News. It signifies the beginning of the Church's global mission and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all people. In our Catholic tradition, red vestments are worn at Mass to represent the tongues of fire.

In order to prepare and commemorate this great feast, the faithful are encouraged to prayerfully prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Taking place nine days prior, the Pentecost Novena is the oldest of all novenas, traditionally starting the Friday after Ascension Thursday. This year Pentecost is celebrated on May 24th.

As recorded in Acts 1:14, "the Mother of Jesus" was present in the Upper Room (Cenacle) with

the Apostles on Pentecost. She is viewed as the "Spouse of the Holy Spirit," who, through her presence and prayer, nurtured the nascent Church, acting as a bridge between the life of Jesus and the early Church's apostolic mission. This devotional title emphasizes that the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary to conceive Jesus, making her a "living tabernacle."

St. Francis of Assisi is the first recorded person to honor the Blessed Virgin as "Spouse of the Holy Spirit." In his Salutation to the Virtues and Office of the Passion, he used this title to highlight her unique, intimate union with

the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. It reflects Mary's unique role in the Incarnation, where she was overshadowed by the Spirit (cf. Lk 1:35), acting then as a "faithful spouse" who perfectly submitted to God's salvific will. St. Maximilian Kolbe later expanded this concept, identifying Our Lady as the "Immaculate Conception" through her connection with the "Uncreated Immaculate Conception"—namely the Holy Spirit.

For those of us totally consecrated to Mary, Pentecost offers a wonderful opportunity to renew our commitment to be "totally hers." And just as the Blessed Mother opened herself totally to the Holy Spirit at the Annunciation and never wavered from embracing God's will, so too should we invoke her maternal intercession so that we might be open to the many gifts and graces of her Beloved Spouse. These gifts and graces are bestowed upon us at Baptism and strengthened at Confirmation. They are generously given to sanctify us, foster virtue, and build up the Church. In his theological reflections, St. Maximilian Kolbe viewed Mary as the "Quasi-Incarnation of the Holy Spirit," so perfectly united to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity that she acts as His spouse and the human manifestation of His love.

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Daily Holy Mass

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Pope Leo XIV prays inside the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Muxima during his apostolic journey in Africa, in Muxima, Angola, April 19, 2026. (OSV News photo/Guglielmo Mangiapane, Reuters)

Loving with Our Mother's Heart

Excerpts from Pope Leo XIV's Address at the "Mother of the Heart" Shrine, in Angola, April 19, 2026.

Dear brothers and sisters, together we have recited the holy Rosary, an ancient and simple devotion that originated in the Church as a form of prayer for everyone. Saint John Paul II described it as the prayer of a Christianity that has preserved the "freshness of its beginnings and feels drawn by the Spirit of God to 'set out into the deep'... to proclaim, and even cry out, before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior" (Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, 1). We are in a sanctuary where, for centuries, many men and women have prayed in times of joy and also in moments of sorrow and great suffering in the history of this country. For a long time now, Mamã Muxima [Mary, Mother of the Heart] has quietly worked to keep the heart of the Church alive and beating. Her heart contains a multitude of hearts: yours, and those of many people who love, pray, celebrate, weep, and sometimes — even when unable to come in person — entrust their requests and petitions to letters and postal messages, as His Excellency has mentioned. Mamã Muxima welcomes everyone, listens to everyone and prays for everyone. We have meditated on the Glorious Mysteries of Jesus' life, contemplating our destiny in his exaltation and our mission in his love. At Easter, Christ conquered death, showing us the way back to the Father. And so that we too may walk this luminous and demanding path, sharing its beauty with the whole world, he has given us his Spirit, who animates and sustains us on our journey and in our mission. Like Mary, we too are made for heaven. As we journey toward heaven with joy, we look to her as our good Mother and model of holiness. Following her example, we bring the light of the risen One to the brothers and sisters we meet. We expressed this symbolically at the beginning of each decade of the Rosary, represented by people of every vocation and age. As Bishop Sumbelelo pointed out, this shrine, dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, has been spontaneously "renamed" by the faithful Shrine of the "Mother of the Heart." It is a beautiful title, which makes us reflect on the heart of Mary: a pure and wise heart, capable of treasuring and pondering the extraordinary events in the life of the Son of God (cf. Lk 2:19, 51). Praying together, we have done the same, allowing ourselves to be

guided by Mary in meditating on Jesus. We retraced with her the various moments in the life of her Son, to nurture within us a love as universal as hers (cf. *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, 11). Praying the Rosary, then, commits us to loving every person with a mother's heart — concretely and generously — and to dedicating ourselves to the good of one another, especially the poorest. A mother loves all her children in the same way and with her whole heart, even though each one is different. In the presence of the Mother of the Heart, we too want to promise to do likewise. We strive without measure so that no one may lack love. We also seek to provide the necessities for living with dignity and happiness: that the hungry may have enough to eat, that the sick may receive the necessary care, that children may be guaranteed a proper education, and that the elderly may live their later years in peace. A mother thinks of all these things. Indeed, Mary thinks of all these things, and she also invites us to share in her maternal concern. Our Lady asks us to let ourselves be moved by the sentiments of her heart, so that like her, we may be workers for justice and bearers of peace. It is love that must triumph, not war! This is what the heart of Mary — the heart of the Mother of all — teaches us. Let us set out, then, from this shrine as "messenger angels" of life, bringing Mary's tender embrace and God's blessing to everyone.

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Let us offer everything to Mary, giving ourselves entirely to our brothers and sisters, and let us joyfully receive, through her intercession, the Lord's blessing, so that we may bring it to everyone we meet."

Mary, Mother and Model of the Consecrated Life

APRIL 10-12, 2026

University of Saint Mary of the Lake
Mundelein Seminary



Former MI President received *Pro Fidelitate et Virtute* Award

On Divine Mercy weekend (April 10-12), nearly 200 consecrated women and men from around the country gathered for the annual National Meeting of the Institute on Religious Life (IRL), held at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois, to reflect on “Mary, Mother and Model of the Consecrated Life.” This theme corresponded with the 30th anniversary of St. Pope John Paul II’s Apostolic Exhortation *Vita Consecrata*, on the gift of consecrated life to the life and mission of the Church. At the end of his Exhortation, St. John Paul II addressed a heartfelt invocation to Our Lady to “sustain consecrated persons on their journey towards the sole and eternal Blessedness.” Her example and maternal intercession enables consecrated men and women to fulfill their calling and achieve authentic spiritual and apostolic renewal. The speakers included Fr John Burns, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, for the Friday’s special session for religious, and Sr. Mary Eucharista Muse, Antonella Di Piazza, FKMI, Fr. James Kubicki, SJ, and Most Rev. Joseph Perry for the Saturday’s session, open to lay people as well. Each presentation touched beautifully on Mary’s example for consecrated men and women leading up to the closing talk during which Antonella focused on how Marian consecration enriches our following of Christ on the path of the evangelical counsels, as illustrated by the life and teaching of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Over 200 people gathered on Saturday evening to honor Fr. James McCurry, OFM Conv., a former MI

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After we have
become her, the
whole of our religious
life, even, and its
sources will be hers
and be one with
herself..”

-St. Maximilian Kolbe



Fr. James surrounded by Most Rev. Bishop Donald Hying, his twin sister, Susan McCurry Michaud, Fr. Thomas Nelson, O.Praem, and a cousin from Ireland.

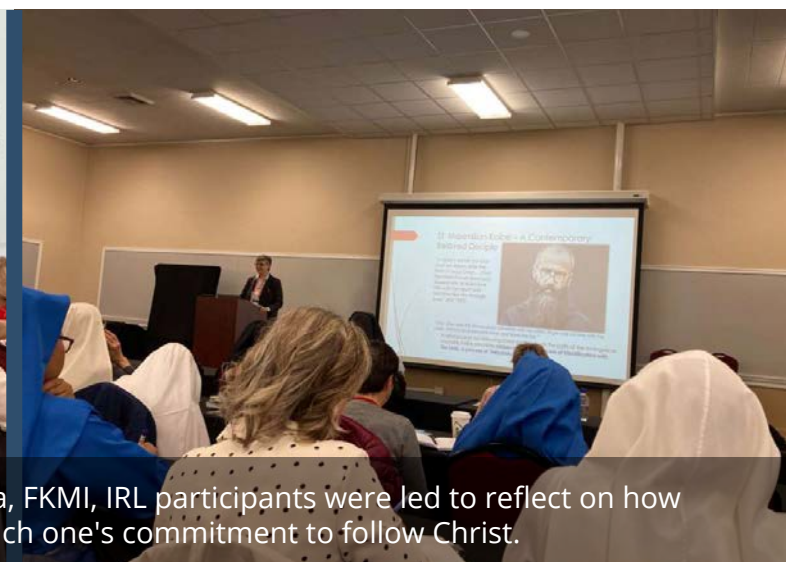
National Director (1985-1995) and past President of the Mariological Society of America, with the ***Pro Fidelitate et Virtute*** award, which followed the Vigil Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Donald Hying, IRL Board President and Bishop of Madison, Wisconsin. It's worth noting that during his tenure as MI National Director, Fr. James enjoyed a close friendship with St. Mother Teresa. In 1991, he presented her the St. Maximilian Kolbe Award and on December 9, 1991, she enrolled officially in the Militia of the Immaculata. The presence of Fr. McCurry's twin sister, Susan, a cousin from Ireland, a group of Fr. James' college classmates and several fellow Franciscan friars brought an additional joyfulness to the celebration for Fr. McCurry's witness and service to the Church. During his award acceptance speech, Father James shared that "In the 13th century, St. Francis of Assisi came to understand that religious life – consecrated life – exists as an all-essential ingredient of God's plan for this world to become sanctified as the Kingdom of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Kingdom of Divine Mercy. Francis the Poverello understood that God wanted consecrated men and women to be signs of contradiction to a world of materialist greed, power struggles, violence, tribulation, sin and suffering. Today, 800 years later, in the 21st century, consecrated men and women are still fighting that same 'lover's quarrel with the world' (I am stealing a phrase of the New England poet Robert Frost). How did God use St. Francis – and how does God use us



Fr. James visits with friends during a break.

as consecrated instruments – for the conversion and sanctification of the world? The starting point is the three vows we profess. Francis was the first religious founder to insert the formula of three vows – Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience – explicitly by name into the text of the Rule of Life he wrote for his consecrated followers.... St. Francis knew he could not succeed... without supernatural grace. How would he obtain that grace? He understood that God had upgraded the humble Virgin Mary of Nazareth to be the 'Virgin made Church' (*Virgo facta ecclesia*). That is a phrase invented by Francis. He understood Mary, the 'Virgin made Church,' to be a living treasure house of all the graces won by Christ for Church and the world. Francis knew that God had given Mary a unique role as his Advocate ('Spouse of the Holy Spirit'), who would serve as God's go-between, mediating all grace between the Lord Most High and all of us little vowed con-

secrants. St. Francis had the mystical gift of understanding Mary's unique relationship with each of the three persons of the Blessed Trinity. He was the only medieval founder who left behind a body of writings, which included two brilliant prayers addressed to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In one of them he called her the 'Spouse of the Holy Spirit' – He was the first writer in the Western Church ever to ascribe that title to Our Lady. The bottom line: St. Francis knew that for any of us to belong totally to God, we would need to follow Jesus's own example of belonging totally to Mary. She shows us how 'Almighty' God truly is." May we, consecrated men and women, clergy, and lay faithful, do not hesitate to welcome the gift of Mary in our lives and be totally consecrated to her to spread "the 'fresh air' of authentic love throughout the world" (Pope Leo XIV's Homily, October 9, 2025).



In the closing talk, presented by Antonella Di Piazza, FKMI, IRL participants were led to reflect on how Our Lady and Marian consecration enrich one's commitment to follow Christ.



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AMU Provost Receives The Writings of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe

On the solemnity of the Annunciation, Dr. Roger Nutt, S.T.L., .S.T.D., Provost and Professor of Theology at Ave Maria University, visited the MI National Office and happily welcomed *The Writings* the MI donated to the University library as a special gift for current and future students. Dr. Nutt is featured at the center with Jesse Ray, Director of the Mother Teresa Museum, and *the Writings'* general editor, Antonella DI Piazza, FKMI.



"He descended into hell."

A Catechetical Moment

The Apostles' Creed says Jesus "was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again... He ascended into Heaven..." Why would Jesus descend into hell after He died? Scripture sometimes uses the term "hell" ("Sheol" in Hebrew and "Hades" in Greek) to refer to the place of the dead. In other words, this was like a waiting area for those who had died before Jesus died on the Cross. After Adam and Eve sinned, nobody could go to Heaven until Jesus saved us from our sins and opened the gates of Heaven! This place of waiting is not the "hell" of eternal punishment where the wicked go after death with Satan and his devils. Here is a poem by Sister Mary Ada, OSJ, that can help us better understand when we pray in the Apostles' Creed: "He descended into hell."



The ancient greyness shifted
Suddenly and thinned
Like mist upon the moors
Before a wind.
An old, old prophet lifted
A shining face and said :
"He will be coming soon.
The Son of God is dead;
He died this afternoon."
A murmurous excitement stirred
All souls.
They wondered if they dreamed —
Save one old man who seemed
Not even to have heard.
And Moses standing,
Hushed them all to ask
If any had a welcome song prepared.
If not, would David take the task?
And if they cared
Could not the three young children sing
The Benedicite, the canticle of praise
They made when God kept them from perishing
In the fiery blaze?
A breath of spring surprised them,
Stilling Moses' words.
No one could speak, remembering
The first fresh flowers,
The little singing birds.
Still others thought of fields new ploughed
Or apple trees

All blossom-boughed.
Or some, the way a dried bed fills
With water
Laughing down green hills.
The fisherfolk dreamed of the foam
On bright blue seas.
The one old man who had not stirred
Remembered home.
And there He was
Splendid as the morning sun and fair
As only God is fair.
And they, confused with joy,
Knelt to adore
Seeing that he wore
Five crimson stars
He never had before.
No canticle at all was sung.
None toned a psalm, or raised a greeting song.
A silent man alone
Of all that throng
Found tongue —
Not any other.
Close to His heart
When the embrace was done,
Old Joseph said,
"How is Your Mother,
How is Your Mother, Son?"

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Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

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Kolbe believed this intimate union allows the Holy Spirit to work through her to form Christ in souls by means of God's grace and ultimately establish the Kingdom of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

By becoming Our Lady's instruments through Marian consecration, members of the Militia of the Immaculata (MI) movement willingly offer themselves for the conversion and sanctification of souls, beginning first with themselves. We ought to view Mary as the most perfect path to intimate union with Our Lord. By surrendering our lives to the Immaculate Mother of God, we allow her to transform and to lead us to Jesus under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, using prayer and apostolic activity.

I would encourage everyone to participate in the Pentecost novena to help foster continual conversion and growth in holiness. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to elevate our natural gifts through docility and humility to reach the "summits of holiness" expected of us as Marian Missionary Disciples wishing to boldly proclaim the Joy of the Gospel.

On the MI—USA's website (MilitiaoftheImmaculata.com) and in its social media posts you will find a special Novena. Incorporating insights from St. Maximilian Kolbe's writings on the Holy Spirit, this resource will spiritually prepare you to renew your willingness to be the Immaculate Virgin's instrument by seeking the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

St. Maximilian Kolbe beautifully summarizes this spiritual reality in some notes he compiled for a book he wanted to publish on Mary and the Holy Spirit: "The Holy Spirit, the Divine Spouse of the Immaculata, acts solely in her and through her, communicates supernatural life, the life of grace, divine life, the partaking of the love of God, of divinity." (KW 1326).

Let us humbly implore Our Lady this Pentecost for the graces needed to understand this great mystery and to partake in her intimacy with the Holy Spirit as we seek to live out our MI consecration with greater fervor and apostolic zeal.

Michael D. Wick
MI National Vice President



St. Maximilian Teaches...

Inspiring reflections on Our Lady to illumine our journey as we prepare for Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday.

Man longs to be great, wise, rich, famous, happy (to love and to be loved). However, no happiness in this world fulfills him entirely. He wants more, ever more. When will he finally feel satisfied? Even if he could achieve the greatest happiness, as soon as he detects its limits, he would be overcome by longing and say: "Oh, if only there were a way to remove those limits!..." What, then, is the happiness he craves? A happiness without limits, with no limits in intensity, magnitude, duration, or anything else. Such happiness is only God, the infinite source of all happiness, which shines forth to various degrees among the creatures. So, the soul wants to seize God Himself. But how to seize Him? How to unite oneself with such happiness? In the most perfect way possible. And again, without limits. To become one with

Him, to the extent of becoming God Himself. The wonderful law of an action and an equal and opposite reaction, inscribed by the Creator in all the work of creation as a seal of the life of the Most Holy Trinity, also operates here. The creature, out of the hand of the Almighty, returns to Him and finds rest in Him, to the point of becoming Him. But, since it is a limited creature, its becoming more perfect and its becoming like God may only be achieved by degrees—and though these are different, they are limited too. So in order to reach that goal an infinite time is needed, that is, eternity. In other words, the creature will always be limited, while the distance to be covered will be unlimited. That is why heaven is eternal. But, my God, my only happiness (a man may protest), how can I know You in the most perfect way? I see and admire all Your creatures, I thank You and love You, but they are not



Every grace comes from the Father, who eternally begets the Son, and out of respect for the Son. The Holy Spirit, who from all eternity proceeds from the Father and the Son, gives shape to souls through this grace, in the Immaculata and through the Immaculata, in the likeness of the firstborn, the God-Man.”

enough for me, as You well know Yourself. Besides, I cannot see You; I cannot hear You. According to Your will, I long to become like You, but in what way? You are pure spirit, while I am flesh. Tell me what to do and how to do it: show me my purpose. Tell me what I—a man made of flesh—should do to perfect myself, to make myself like You, pure Spirit, to divinize myself? And God descended on earth, became man: the Man-God, Jesus Christ, offered the example of His own life, and taught with the Word. The souls who loved God came forward in great numbers to emulate that basic model, to make themselves like Him, to unite themselves to Him, to change themselves into Him. To attract the souls and turn them into Himself through love, Christ showed His own boundless love, His own heart inflamed with love for the souls, a love that drove Him to ascend the Cross, to stay with us in the Eucharist, to enter our souls, and to bequeath to us His own Mother as our Mother. The more a soul imitates Him, the more it makes itself like Him; and the

more it makes itself like Him, the holier it becomes: it divinizes itself.... At the time of the fulfillment of the coming of Christ, the One and Triune God created the Immaculate Virgin, filled her with grace for Himself exclusively, and made His dwelling in her (“the Lord is with Thee” [Lk 1:28]). And by her humility, that Holy Virgin so impressed God and His heart that He gave to her His own only begotten Son for a son. God the Son descended into her virginal womb, and God the Holy Spirit shaped in it the most holy body of the Man-God. And the Word was made flesh (Jn 1:14) as the result of the love of God and the Immaculata.

He became the firstborn, the Man-God, and souls are not reborn in Christ by any other way, other than through the love of God toward the Immaculata and in the Immaculata. And no word becomes flesh, no perfection or virtue is embodied or realized in anyone, except through the love that God has toward the Immaculata. (KW 1296)

fr. Maximiliano M. Kilby

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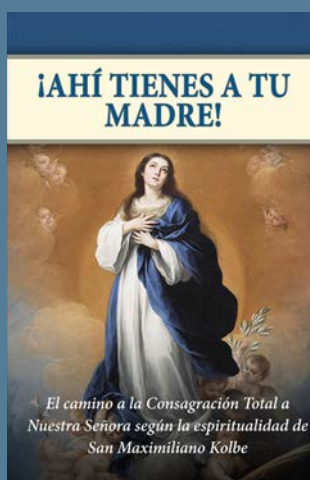
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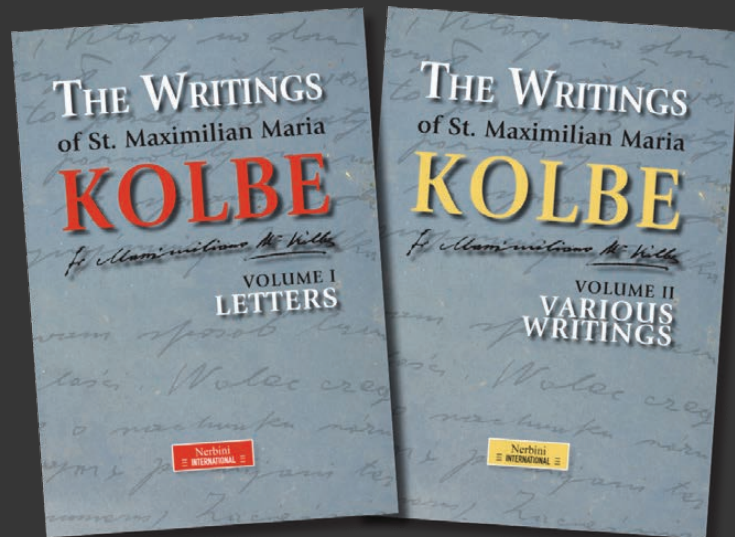
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I heartily welcome this first English critical edition of The Writings of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe. Its pages are suffused with Christian hope. Under the general editorship of Antonella Di Piazza, FKMI, the text has meticulous footnotes, comprehensive indices, and a brilliant introduction by the Fr. Giuseppe Simbula, OFM Conv. Because the frenetic pace of St. Kolbe's active ministry afforded him no time to compose a theological Summa, this edition assembles together the wide scope of his extant writings into a unified synthesis. It represents a virtual magnum opus of Kolbean thought – at one and the same time pastoral, anthropological, philosophical, spiritual, ascetical and mystical. — Fr. James McCurry, OFM Conv.

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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.

May MI Intention

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

O Immaculata, please intercede...

That the Holy Spirit may make us capable of communicating fervently our faith in Jesus.

Reflection - During the Month of May we give honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This honor of the Mother of God is a powerful expression of faith in Jesus giving Him honor.

"Sacred Scripture says that God is blessed in His angels and in His saints. This means that God is glorified exteriorly. Every saint reflects God's perfections in a lesser or greater degree. We know that the most perfect of God's creatures is the Blessed Mother. She is immaculate, full of grace and beautiful in every respect. In her is God's greatest glory. She is so holy and so closely united with the Holy Spirit that she is called

His Spouse... We love and honor the Immaculata because she is very holy and the Holy Spirit acts through her.... She is, as it were, a personification of the Holy Spirit. That is why we love her very much....

Our love must be such that its flames will penetrate our souls and bodies" (Kolbe Conferences 98).

It is through this enflamed love that our faith in Jesus is expressed.

During this Easter Season we see the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles with Mary in the Acts of the Apostles. The Apostles are moved from fear to faith and go out to express their love for Jesus. May we ask through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to help us in our sanctification so that the power of the Holy Spirit may work in and through us to reveal our faith in Jesus who has risen from the dead.

*Come Holy Spirit!
Fill the hearts of the faithful!*

Prayer - Act of total consecration to the Immaculata



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Mtg Day: Sunday

(3rd Sunday of each month)

Mtg Time: 5:00pm CST

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****Moderator: Patti Schwartz**

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Mtg Day: Wednesday

Mtg Time: 8:00 pm EST

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MI Resources

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– St. Maximilian Kolbe