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80TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MAXIMILIAN'S MARTYRDOM

On an Evangelizing Campaign

By John W. Galten, MI National President



Dear Knights of the Immaculata,

Maria! We continue to consider the martyrdom of St. Maximilian which happened almost 80 years ago, to be celebrated on this August 14th. We desire to discover what attitudes, events and virtues led him to volunteer selflessly to take a married man's place for execution.

Certainly, the month of June and its great feast days of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are the fundamental ground of his life decisions in every way. But, what moved him to call the members of the Militia "Knights"? In the following paragraphs, I am going to surmise some influences.

First, Maximilian knew the story of St. Francis himself, when Francis once decided to do something very noble and become a brave and saintly Knight. He got as far as buying a horse, armor and weapons, and hiring a squire before coming to the realization that this could prove deadly. Instead he became a fearless saintly "warrior" for Christ and Our Lady, fighting with the "weapons" of Christ's virtues.

Our Saint also was a Polish patriot. Polish history is rich with many heroes who came to the defense of the motherland, often laying down their lives for their fellow countrymen.

St. Maximilian's father used to entertain the family by singing folk songs of these Polish warriors. Claude R. Foster, in his book *Mary's Knight*, recounts an episode when Maximilian read to the friars a part of the noble Knight Longinus in Sienkiewicz's *Trilogy*. Longinus risked his life to save his comrades and was killed in a hail of arrows. All the brothers were deeply moved by this paramount

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"Through Mary Immaculate to Jesus: that is our watchword. The more you spread veneration and love for the Immaculata the more souls you win over to her, and, through her, to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, who loved us unto death on the Cross."

- St. Maximilian Kolbe

Editorial

example of valor and generosity. Surely, our Saint must himself have been moved by this most generous knight. When St. Kolbe was still in the seminary in Rome, he, as well as the other friars, witnessed the almost military marches of the enemies of the Church as they denigrated the Church, God and the Pope. After recovery from this shocking display, he must have come to the conclusion that we are involved in nothing less than a “spiritual war,” so amply described by St. Paul. He saw in a flash that a crusade had to be mounted to thwart this threat by converting them. This crusade had to be recruited, trained and sent out on an evangelizing campaign to win souls as quickly as possible for the Kingdom of the Most Sacred Heart. But, who shall lead this crusade, this army, this militia? Of course, he turned to the Immaculata, she who was foretold to be the crusher of the Great Serpent/Dragon.

So the Militia of the Immaculata was formed in 1917 to combat the Red Dragon and his forces who were making war against the Woman and her children in the desert, as we see in the Book of Revelation. It appears to me that St. Maximilian wove together the strands of noble knighthood, Polish hero knights, St. Francis’ zeal for souls, and his own desires to “fight” with holy weapons to defend the Church, rescue souls, and, by total consecration to the Immaculata, to ensure the triumph of Christ’s Kingdom on earth.

Let us not shy away from our own contemporary call to duty, enlisting ourselves in her Militia, and carrying the standards of the Kingdom with honor, courage, holiness, and zeal, while never counting the wounds.

All for the Immaculata! Until next time, “Arise, let us be on our way.”

John W. Galten
MI National President



Year of St. Joseph

As we observe this special year dedicated to St. Joseph, we are encouraged to imitate his unconditional fidelity to God and to ask his powerful intercession. The following prayer might be useful:

Joseph, strong and gentle saint,
dear to God and His faithful shadow,
remember me in all
my spiritual and material needs.
Be my advocate before the Father.
To you I bring my heart and soul
and all my longings.

Sanctify them with your burning faith,
your unfaltering hope, and with that great,
self-sacrificing love that was the secret of
your hidden sanctity.

Christ was your peace: give Him to my
heart, then by His light I will see the way
that I must walk to stay with Him.

Give me the courage not to turn back
because of darkness, sorrow, or sufferings.
Teach me the joy of loving God’s Will, and
help me to live, as you have done, within its
calm and peaceful depths.
Amen.



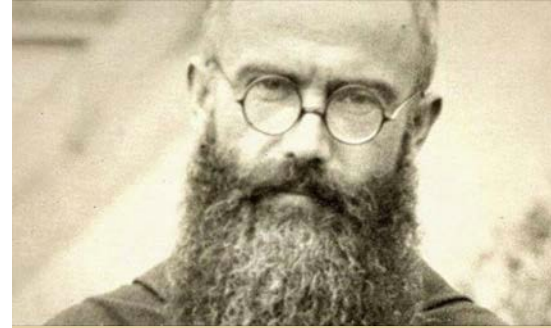
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as many people
as possible
to win the world for Christ
through the Immaculata!*





Equipped for the Mission

We have entered the liturgical season that speaks of our calling to be missionary disciples in the world. The timeless teaching of the Fathers of the Church and the Saints remind us that we have been equipped for this task by the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

When the Lord told His disciples to go and teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, He conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God. He had promised through the prophets that in these last days He would pour out His Spirit on His servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon Him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground,

which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to His own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning. If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an Advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having Himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

From the treatise *Against Heresies*
by St. Irenaeus, bishop

The Spirit makes one man a teacher of divine truth, inspires another to prophe-

sy, gives another the power of casting out devils, enables another to interpret Holy Scripture. The Spirit strengthens one man's self-control, shows another how to help the poor, teaches another to fast and lead a life of asceticism, makes another oblivious to the needs of the body, trains another for martyrdom. His action is different in different people, but the Spirit Himself is always the same. In each person, Scripture says, the Spirit reveals His presence in a particular way for the common good.

The Spirit comes gently and makes Himself known by His fragrance. He is not felt as a burden, for He is light, very light. Rays of light and knowledge stream before Him as He approaches. The Spirit comes with the tenderness of a true friend and protector to save, to heal, to teach, to counsel, to strengthen, to console. The Spirit comes to enlighten the mind first of the one who receives Him, and then, through him, the minds of others as well.

As light strikes the eyes of a man who comes out of darkness into the sunshine and enables him to see clearly things he could not discern before, so light floods the soul of the man counted worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit and enables him to see things beyond the range of human vision, things hitherto undreamed of.

From a catechetical instruction
by St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop

Just as Jesus made Himself Man-God in order to manifest His boundless love toward us, so also the Third Person, God-Love, resolved to manifest with an external sign His own mediation with the Father and the Son. That sign is the Heart of the Immaculate Virgin.

It is the task of the Holy Spirit to form the new members of the Mystical Body of Christ until the end of the world. But, as Blessed Louis Grignion demonstrates, this work is brought to fruition with Mary, in Mary, and through Mary. In fact Mary, as the Bride of the Holy Spirit, thoroughly accomplishes the will of the Holy Spirit who dwells in her. She partakes of the distribution of graces.

From an article written
by St. Maximilian M. Kolbe



Mary's Month & Consecration

During the month of May, many people of all ages and from various parts of the country undertook total consecration to the Immaculata in the MI, whether individually or in a group setting, in person or on virtual platform. Each person's journey leading consecration to Our Lady is unique, as unique as the love our Blessed Mother showers over each of her children. Here are two stories.

Last night was so beautiful and full of further promises for consecrations and promotion of the MI, both as an MI Village and spiritual growth within my family and persons I've known for years and some I've only just met! Where to start?!!! Photos taken at the LaSalette Shrine, Twin Cities, Wisconsin, hopefully will express what my words and gratitude are totally inadequate to express except to say that truly the Immaculata obtained everything, arranged everything, made difficulties as nothing as long as we trusted her. What a wonderful Mother! We had two holy, Marian, Polish, Kolbean priests for the consecration of these three souls, Jean, Lori and Rita! What a blessing! At the time of the Consecration at the end of Holy Mass, the superior, Father Andrew, stepped forward and both priests spoke to the

consecrants and all with such love and humility. They took them through the Rite of Consecration, presented roses with us, prayed and sang the Consecration composed by Anna Nuzzo, their friend. The Immaculata is showering us with graces untold. But this is only the beginning! I believe our numbers will grow... but it's not numbers that count, it's what happens within each person's heart at so much beauty and love! No one could help being deeply moved! Both priests indicated interest in participating in our MI Village.

Dearest Mother, everything is in Your hands!... You are all beautiful, pure and holy! Your all Immaculate Heart rules over everything. God has given you such power that you even rule over the Heart of Most Holy Trinity... there is not a stain in it, like Jesus, it is all self-emptying!

Sandra Kisel

MI Village of the Immaculata, Apostolate to the Incarcerated

During this time of pandemic, the Fr. Kolbe Missionaries of the Immaculata in California have continued their outreach to youth and families to prepare them for total consecration to Mary. Through digital means their

youth ministry called, "Teens to the Max," prepared a group of 16 teenagers to give themselves unconditionally to the Immaculata. They met monthly on Zoom from January to May to learn about St. Maximilian's life and Marian apostolate. They discussed, played, and prayed, reflecting on the four movements that take place within a person who lives the Kolbean consecration: recognize the gift of Mary, accept Mary, offer oneself to Mary, and share Mary with everyone.

With much joy and zealous love for Our Lady, they made their act of total consecration to Immaculate Mary in the presence of their parents and ministry leaders on May 13th, feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Since that day, some teens have shared how they see Mother Mary working in their lives. One teen shared that since her consecration day, she has felt the desire to tell others around her about Mary. Thanks be to God and the Immaculata that these young people opened their hearts and lives to let Her use them as instruments for the salvation of others.

Julie Dinise, FKMI





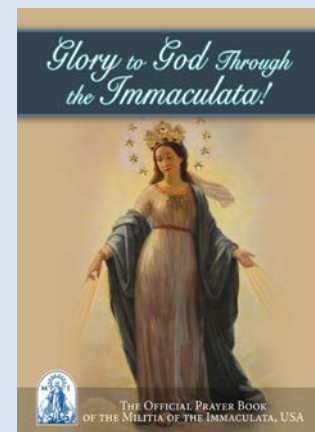
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the study questions that are listed below and that will appear in the newsletter until August 14, 2021. What a wonderful way to honor the Saint and come to know better his remarkable life, teachings and death.

To prepare, read pages 131-154. We'll delve deeper into chapter 10.

1. Chapter 10: The Last Months

This chapter speaks of the “joy” of St. Maximilian. What do you suppose is the source of this joy? Does he suffer also?

How can he be joyful while waiting for the Gestapo?

His fellow friars speak of their recollections of Kolbe. What are your own favorite stories of him?

What would you most like to imitate of his qualities?

St. Maximilian desperately strove to publish *The Knight of the Immaculata* magazine. Why was this so important to him? What purposes did it serve?

2. Chapter 11: Arrest

St. Kolbe gave a conference to the friars on Mary's relationship to the Holy Trinity. What prompted such a topic so close to his arrest?

Why did he say that one must pray to understand this relationship?

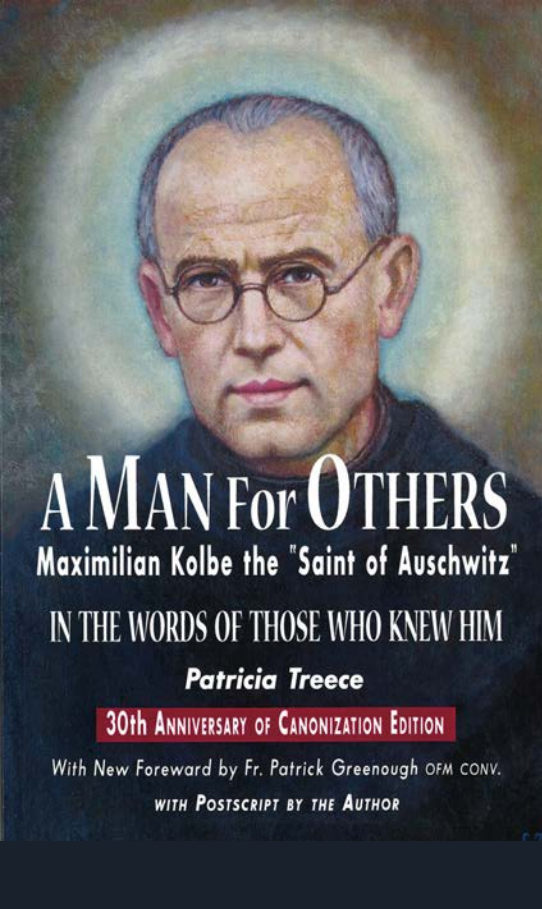
Must we do this also?

On page 152, Brother Rufin Majdan recounts “my idea of the (spiritual) Militia—formerly superficial—became so clear, lofty and dear I would willingly die for it.” What do you suppose this means?

How does St. Max treat the Gestapo who come to arrest him?

Kolbe leaves with a “recollected face.” What does this mean in light of his Total Consecration?

John W. Galten



A Man for Others **A Study Guide**

The year 2021 has been declared by the MI International Council as the Celebration of the 80th Anniversary of St. Maximilian's martyrdom at Auschwitz on August 14, 1941.

The MI throughout the world is being asked to hold events to call to mind the martyrdom that shook the world.

The MI-USA is calling all members to recognize this heroic act by reading/studying the book *A Man for Others* by Patricia Treece, a beautiful and sensitive introduction to the Saint's life through the words of those who knew him. This book can be ordered through the Marytown Bookstore. MI member may receive a 20% discount when ordering it online with the code MI2021.

Please order the book and follow along with your fellow MIs by using

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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS



St. Max and His Friends

In Auschwitz Kolbe was assigned to Block 18. There were at that time no bunks; the prisoners slept on bagged straw spread side by side on the floor, usually two or more to one pallet. Henry Sienkiewicz lived in Block 18. Sienkiewicz, a twenty four-year-old Polish soldier who had not surrendered to the Germans, was caught in April 1940, tortured for a month or two by the Gestapo in Pawiak's cellars, sentenced to death by the German army, and then suddenly reprieved to Auschwitz. Number 2,714, he would survive and become a forest ranger. He recalls: *I had often heard of Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, founder of Niepokalanów, before the war. Now he was suddenly, at the end of May 1941, sleeping next to me. We became very close during the five weeks he was in Block 18, and even after that no day ever passed during which I did not see him.*

I noticed how, making the sign of the cross, he knelt at night and began to pray. I tried to persuade him not to expose himself so openly to the punishment of the capo or the SS (praying was strictly forbidden). He listened to my warning, then replied gently, "Go to sleep, my son, because tomorrow you have a hard day's work ahead of you and you need to rest. I'm already an old man so I'll stay up and pray for you. I came here to share with you the sad fate of the concentration camp."

Joseph Stemler, director of the Polish Education Department, was sent to Auschwitz in April of 1941. He writes: *Morally, things had really broken down. The struggle to conserve one's life had assumed a form so brutal that it was very rare for a prisoner to aid another. I could name, for instance, a former public prosecutor who stole another man's bread at night. I had known [Kolbe] briefly before. I met him, in fact, in 1938 at the conference of newspaper editors. Many were attracted to him by his youthful smile and his joy. He was one of those who have absolutely nothing artificial about them. Far from taking pride in his expertise in the editorial field, he seemed somewhat embarrassed that it was he who knew the answers to so many questions. Our next meeting was under far different circumstances. It happened in Auschwitz around the end of June or the beginning of July 1941.*

Accepted into the hospital, Stemler recalled later: *I was in the bunk next to the famous socialist writer Barlicki. John Pozaryski of the Society of Authors told me Father Kolbe was in the ward. He had the bottom bunk near the door. Following the example of many others, under cover of night, I crawled on the floor to his bed. He greeted me in a way that was very moving. We exchanged a few words on our impressions of the terrible crematorium. Then we remained in silence. I was contemplating his emaciated face, beardless and difficult to recognize. Only his eyes more than ever shone, but perhaps that was from fever. I didn't want to tire him and yet I wanted to tell him so many things. It was he who encouraged me [to talk], and we finished by his hearing my confession. My feelings were so unhappy and desperate. I wanted to live! His words, on the other hand, were simple and profound.*

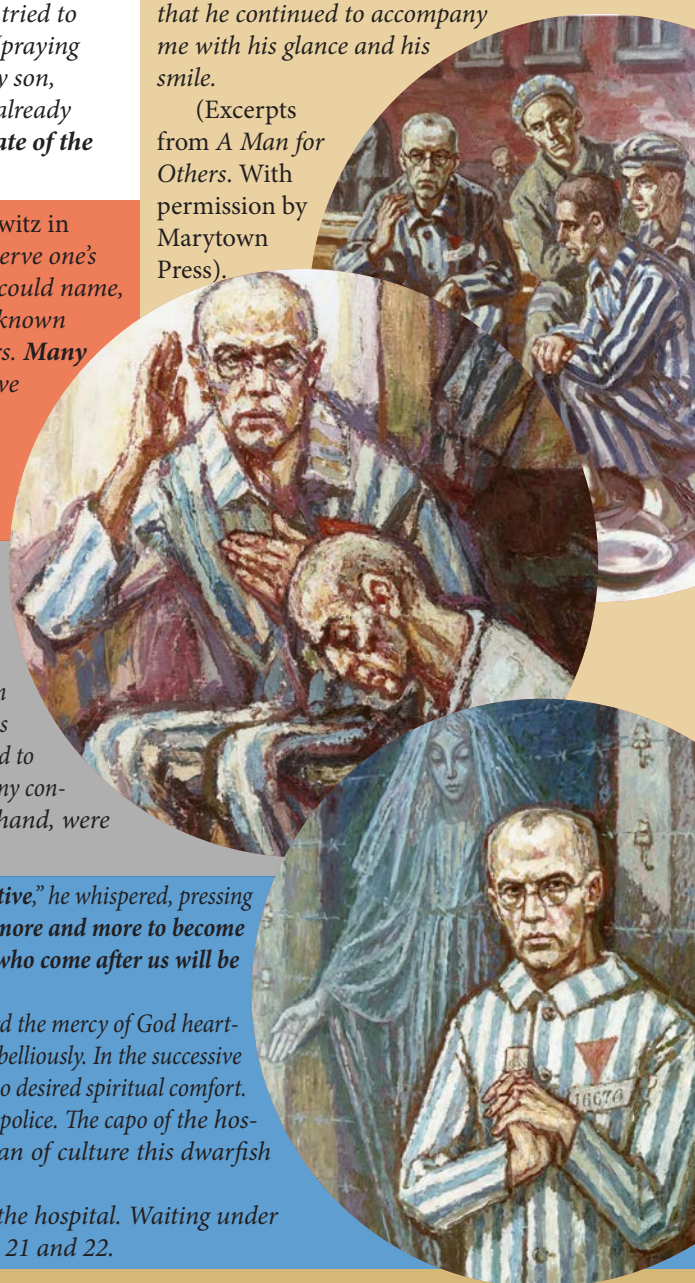
He urged me to have firm faith in the victory of good. "Hate is not creative; only love is creative," he whispered, pressing my hand warmly in his ardor. "These sufferings will not cause us to crumble but will help us more and more to become stronger. They are necessary, even—together with the sacrifices of others—so that the ones who come after us will be happy."

The way he continued to clasp my hand so warmly and the way he pointed everything toward the mercy of God heartened me. Only when he urged me to pardon the oppressors and return good for evil did I react rebelliously. In the successive days, I returned to his bed. We spoke without words. In the nights, I led to him other prisoners who desired spiritual comfort. I remember the day when I saw him for the last time. This came about because of the hospital police. The capo of the hospital Block was a man given to frenzied rages. Anyone whose face seemed that of a man of culture this dwarfish man hated.

After his rounds that same day, both Father Maximilian and I were thrown out of the hospital. Waiting under guard to be given clothes and a new block assignment, we were outside between Blocks 21 and 22.

I was not positioned near Father Kolbe, but I could see he was watching me insistently. He seemed to want to tell me something. I profited by some distraction among the guards and moved over to him. He squeezed my hand warmly and said to me in his clear voice: "I commend you to the protection of the Immaculata." A guard's yell rushed me back to my place. "So long!" I shouted toward Father Maximilian. And as I was led away I could see that he continued to accompany me with his glance and his smile.

(Excerpts from *A Man for Others*. With permission by Marytown Press).





St. Maximilian Writes...

This letter is one of the many he wrote to the young friars to encourage and challenge them to "aim higher" (KW 149).

Dear Newly Invested Brothers!

I did not respond to your letters, even in person, when I came to Grodno, because I had too many urgent issues to discuss and I had no time. However, I would like to send you a few words now.

It made me very happy that every one of you, on the day of your investiture, felt sincere and true joy. This is truly the deepest joy, which gives the most serenity of all the joys of this world. However, it is not the essence of perfection. You must be prepared for moments of darkness, anguish, uncertainty, fear, sometimes very insistent temptations, and suffering of the body and of the soul—that are a hundred times more severe. In fact, if there were nothing to bear, for what would you go to heaven? Without struggle victory would be impossible and without victory there can be no crown, there can be no reward [cf. 1 Cor 9:25]. Therefore, from now on be prepared for anything. However, we must not be afraid of anything, because we can and we must win. But how? Here is how: *by not trusting ourselves in any*

way and by offering all of ourselves, all the temptations, and our difficulties to the Immaculata, surely we will always be victorious (it is obvious that on our part we have to do what we can not to fall). The Immaculata cannot abandon her children.

Satan never sleeps and—with the permission of God—he often will suggest “wise” propositions, he will show you other “pseudo-duties,” other “happiness,” but he who loves the Immaculata sincerely and wholeheartedly, will easily recognize the enemy and will cast him out. Serving the Immaculata with fidelity, we can give the best service to our family. In fact, is she not able to help our families incomparably better than we can ourselves? Let us

entrust to her all of those close to our hearts, and she, the best among mothers, will help them in the best way possible.

Imagine how we will be happy *on our deathbed*, when we can say with all sincerity: “Oh Immaculata, for your mercy I consecrated all my life to you, I worked for you, for you I suffered, and now I die for you. I am yours!!!...” What peace, what serene joy will fill our hearts in the hope of seeing her soon.

And how will meeting her in *Paradise* be?... My dear brothers, in the moments of harsh fights with the three-fold enemy—the body, Satan, and the world—remember the serene joy of your *religious investiture* and... the happiness that you will enjoy in the moment of *death*. In the religious life do not pay attention to *bad examples*, bearing in mind that even among the Apostles there was Judas, who abused a grace as sublime as the vocation, but imitate the best. Every day, each of you should try to give the maximum pleasure possible to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Immaculata, because each moment of life slips away *with no possibility of return* and the time on this earth is very short. I finish here wishing that you love the Immaculata so much that *you are no longer able to live* without her.

In our Father St. Francis, yours,
Br. Maximilian M. Kolbe



fr. Maximilian M. Kolbe

Reflection on June MI Intention

O Immaculata, please intercede that

the Holy Eucharist may nourish our souls and make us bearers of hope and instruments of mercy.

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Col 3:1).

St. Maximilian Kolbe stated that *"the Eucharist is the strength of the soul"* (KW 982) because he experienced it in his own life. The real presence of Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament was the source of his vigor and of the vitality of his love for Christ. This inexhaustible Gift prevented him to be discouraged in the battle for winning the whole world for Christ through the Immaculata. From the Holy Eucharist our Saint learned that charity and self-giving which characterized his interactions with every person he met during his 47 years of life. Remarkably, in Auschwitz not only did he share the little he had but ultimately offered his very life to save another prisoner from death by starvation. Truly, like Christ, he demonstrated the "greatest love."

Echoing St. Paul's words, "I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me" (Gal 2:20), St. Maximilian came to conform himself to the Lord Jesus in His unconditional love. Through a real mystical intimacy with the Immaculata, he reached such a union with God and love for souls that he wished to spend himself completely to make the Sacred Heart of Jesus known and loved by everyone through the Immaculata. He noted, *"Holy Communion is nourishment. One single Holy Communion is enough to make one holy. It all depends on inner dispositions, on preparation. Half a day dedicated to preparation, the other half to giving thanks"* (KW 968).

He understood so profoundly the importance of the Eucharist that maintained that half a day should be dedicated to prepare oneself and the other half to give thanks! He believed that the proper dispositions allowed the Blessed Sacrament to work effectively in one's life. Witnesses testified that he would spend at least 20 minutes before the Blessed Sacrament after Mass. Those who lived with him saw him frequently in silent adoration before the tabernacle so as to keep company with the Eucharistic Lord at different times throughout the day.

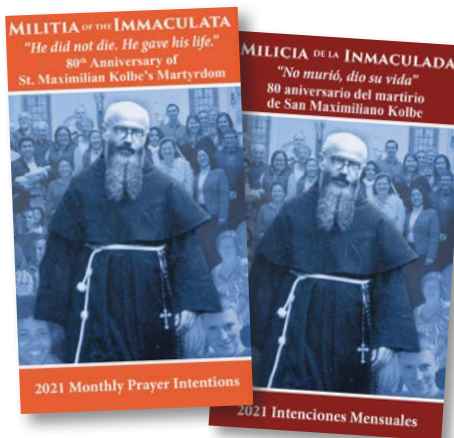
What he experienced he eagerly shared by his example with others.

St. Kolbe dedicated his life to awaken the love of Christ in the hearts of people and grasped deeply the mystery of Divine Love manifested in the Eucharist: *"The purpose of creation, the purpose of man is the love of God, Creator and Father; an ever greater love,... union with God, a fruitful love. So that the love toward the Father could become even more perfect, infinitely more perfect, the love of the Son Jesus was manifested. He came down to earth, died on the Cross and has remained in the Eucharist, in order to awaken love toward Himself in our hearts"* (KW 1326).

Inspired the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, St. Maximilian composed a marvelous prayer of praise and thanksgiving, *"You remain upon this miserable world in the Most Holy and exceedingly admirable Sacrament of the altar, and now You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me as nourishment... Now, Your Blood already flows into mine, Your Soul, O incarnate God, penetrates my soul, strengthening and nourishing it"* (KW 1145).

May the Lord make us able to let the words of Jesus, the teaching of the Apostles and the example of St. Maximilian lead us to appreciate, adore and live deeply the Most Holy Eucharist.

Fr. Sebastiano B. Quaglio, 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.

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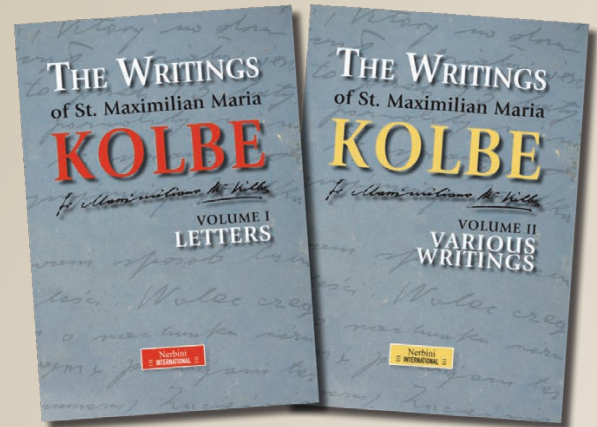
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The Writings of St. Maximilian Kolbe

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