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Urgency and Necessity

By John W. Galten, MI National President

Dear Knights of the Immaculata,

Maria! As I write this “message from the President,” we are about to enter into the Triduum of the Easter Paschal Mystery, arguably the holiest time of the whole liturgical year... the apex of all that is the Church—the precious message of the Good News. My thoughts turn to the simple, basic message of St. Maximilian Kolbe, “to Jesus through the total consecration to Mary under her title ‘The Immaculate Conception’.”

Why this incessant drumbeat in practically all his writings, talks and conversation?! It is, I think, because he saw clearly the connection between Mary, her Son, the Most Holy Trinity and the Holy Spirit as the indispensable gift to humanity in the plan of salvation. She was not to be a sidelight, an interesting interlude nor a dramatic touch but an essential, living link to all the above.

The Immaculata conceived Him by the Holy Spirit, raised Him with a love beyond all telling, followed Him faithfully to the Cross, suffered the dark night with Him, joyously was re-united with Him upon the Resurrection, and awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit of Whom she had already received beyond all telling in her own Immaculate Conception.

Now, with her Divine Spouse, the Holy Spirit, she enters history, each of our own personal histories, as the Mediatrix of all graces, Mother of God, Mother of the Church.

Is it any wonder, then, that we should unite ourselves to such a gift from God as a most powerful, unstoppable Advocate with the Most Holy Trinity? Proverbially, if St. Maximilian and we ourselves stopped announcing this, the stones themselves would shout it out!

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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

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This is a most astonishing and consoling part of the great mystery of the good news.

May is filled with Marian feast days: First Saturday, Our Lady of Fatima, and the Visitation of Our Lady to St. Elizabeth.

Did not the Immaculata entrust to Sister Lucia the message that we should all be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart? In our deep distress, did not Pope Francis and the Bishops of the Church consecrate Ukraine, Russia and all of us to her?

There can be no doubt about the *urgency and necessity* of St. Maximilian's message of total consecration. The only question is: Is this my (our) priority as I have promised in my consecration? May it be so!

As always, "Let us be on our way!"

John W. Galten
MI National President



Daily Holy Mass

will be offered throughout 2022 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



**Please join in prayer
for the
MI National Assembly,
August 5-7, 2022
Peoria, IL**

**Let us hear from you
to make our MI Family
grow and be a more
effective evangelical tool
in Our Lady's Hands!**

**Please take time to respond
prayerfully to the following
questions by letter or email to
MINational@MissionImmaculata.com**

- What should the MI seek to provide in terms of support and ongoing formation for individual members?
- The mission of the MI is "to win all hearts for Christ through the Immaculata." What are your suggestions to make progress in achieving this goal?

*Feel free to add any
additional comments, ideas
or questions you may have.
Thank you taking the time
to reply and make your
voice heard!*



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other MI members? Looking
for support in deepening your
consecration? Join a virtual
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consecration with others.**

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MI Village Moderators

Dear MI Village Moderators,

Hello and greetings to everyone! I would like to welcome you to join our *monthly moderators meetings* held via Zoom on the now 4th Saturday of the month. We come together and discuss news about the MI and apostolic initiatives our villages may be involved in. This means of sharing has proved beneficial for those moderators who Zoom in.

If you have not joined us yet, please consider taking part. We would welcome your participation. If you have not received the email announcements, please confirm your contact information with the National MI Center via email: MINational@MissionImmaculata.com.

Julie Elkinton
MI Liaison for MI Villages

This is Part Five of the document The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. May it lead us to an ever-greater appreciation of this unfathomable Gift. We reprint it here for the ongoing formation of all MI members.

II. OUR RESPONSE

In the fourth Common Preface of the *Roman Missal*, the priest prays the following:

For, although You have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself Your gift, since our praises add nothing to Your greatness but profit us for salvation....

These words speak of the grace of God, the gift freely given, which inspires us to give thanks and worship Him, works our transformation into the likeness of Christ, helps us to seek pardon and to receive it when we fall into sin, and impels us to go forth and bear witness to Christ in the world.

A) *Thanksgiving and Worship*

Having been sanctified by the gift of the Eucharist and filled with faith, hope, and charity, the faithful are called to respond to this gift. Indeed, it is only natural that we give thanks to the Lord for all that He has given to us. *How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me? I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord* (Ps 116:12). The word “Eucharist” literally means “thanksgiving.” Even our manner of giving thanks comes from God, for we do so by following the command of the Lord: *do this in memory of me* (Lk 22:19).

The Second Vatican Council taught that, in order to give thanks properly in the celebration of the Mass, we should “take a full, conscious, and active part in the liturgical celebration.” We need to be conscious of the gift we have received, a gift that is none other than the Lord Himself in his act of self-giving. We become conscious of this gift when we actively engage our minds, hearts, and bodies to every part



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of the liturgy, allowing God through the words, actions, gestures, and even the moments of silence to speak to us. We actively and consciously participate by giving our full attention to the words being spoken in the prayers and the Scriptures, even if we have heard them hundreds of times before. We do so also by listening to the homily and reflecting upon how the Lord may be speaking to us through His ordained minister. We are actively giving thanks when we join in singing and in the responses; when we kneel, stand, and sit; and when we pay attention to the liturgical seasons where the entire history of what God has done for us, in and through His Son, is revealed to us.

The gratitude that inspires us to give thanks and worship God in the celebration of the Eucharist should be nurtured and enriched by the beauty of the liturgical action itself. Bishops and priests have a particular duty to ensure that the Mass is celebrated in a manner befitting the sacredness of what takes place. As Pope Francis recently wrote to the bishops of the world, “I ask you to be vigilant in ensuring that every liturgy be celebrated with decorum and

fidelity to the liturgical books promulgated after Vatican Council II, without the eccentricities that can easily degenerate into abuses.” Priest celebrants of the Mass should have a prayerful understanding of the liturgical books, as well as of the feasts and seasons, and be faithful to the texts and rubrics established by the Church. In doing so, they will lead the people more deeply and reverently into the exchange that is the dialogue of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit.

Our gratitude is also expressed in our worship of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. These forms of worship are all intrinsically related to the Eucharistic celebration.

In the Eucharist, the Son of God comes to meet us and desires to become one with us; Eucharistic adoration is simply the natural consequence of the Eucharistic celebration. Receiving the Eucharist means adoring Him whom we receive. Only in this way do we become one with Him, and are given, as it were, a foretaste of the beauty of the heavenly liturgy.

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We rejoice in the growing numbers of the faithful who pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, a testament of faith in the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist. We encourage this devotion, which helps all of us to be formed by the self-giving love we behold in the Lord's gift of Himself in the Eucharist. St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta reportedly once said: "When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

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Rev Michael J. K. Fuller
General Secretary, USCCB

Praises of God Almighty

You are holy, Lord, the only God,
and your deeds are wonderful.
You are strong.
You are great.
You are the Most High,
You are almighty.
You, Holy Father, are King of heaven
and earth.
You are Three and One,
Lord God, all good.
You are Good, all Good, Supreme
Good,
Lord God, living and true.
You are love,
You are wisdom.
You are humility,
You are patience.
You are rest,
You are peace.
You are joy and gladness.
You are justice and moderation.
You are all our riches,
and You suffice for us.
You are beauty.
You are gentleness.
You are our protector,
You are our guardian and defender.
You are courage.
You are our haven and our hope.
You are our faith.
You are our charity.
You are our complete consolation.
You are our life everlasting,
Great and wonderful Lord,
God Almighty,
Merciful Savior!
Amen.

Saint Francis of Assisi

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.

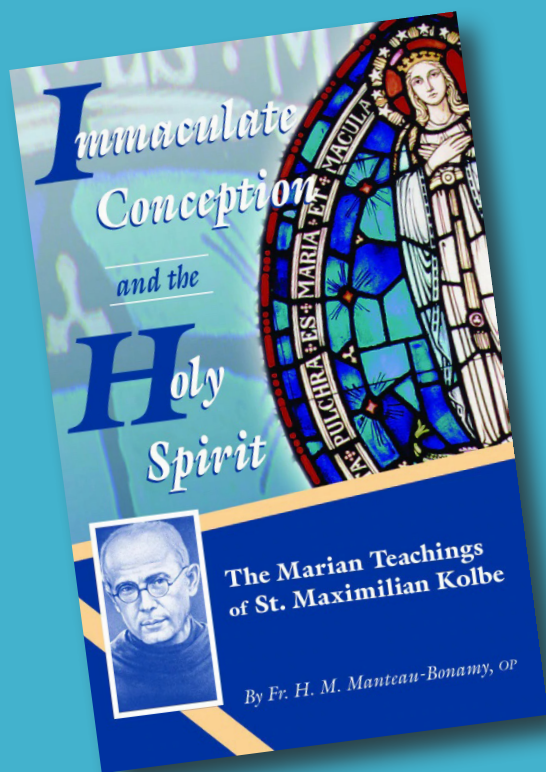
If it pleases you, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of you: "She will crush your head," and, "You alone have destroyed all heresies in the world."

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.

New Kolbe Book Study



Immaculate Conception and the Holy Spirit

The Marian Teachings of St. Maximilian Kolbe

By Fr. H. M. Manteau-Bonamy, OP

Any Knight of the Immaculata may join us and read Fr. Manteau-Bonamy, O.P.'s book, *Immaculate Conception and the Holy Spirit*—a study of Mary's relationship to the Holy Spirit from the writings of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

The book may be purchased at Marytowngiftshop.com.

St. Maximilian, though quite brilliant, was not a writing scholar although his theological/spiritual insights were profound. His Marian theological insights came to the attention of our author, a theological expert (peritus) at the Second Vatican Council. Fr. Manteau-Bonamy recognized the amazing insights of the Saint in his reflections on the meaning of the Immaculate Conception. While the subject matter is deep, the written style is clear and straightforward. Fr. Kolbe's writings are liberally quoted throughout the pages.

Each of us can benefit from this book as it connects the Immaculata's place in salvation history in union with the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church and each of our lives. Each month I will include a few study questions in *The Knight of the Immaculata* newsletter. For starters, here are a few:

1. Appendix 1, pp. 119-124, Papal Addresses

Cardinal Wojtyla (future St. Pope John Paul II) develops the implications of the Saint's heroic life. For you, how do you understand Cardinal Wojtyla's comment: "Fr. Kolbe invites us to take a stand"? How do we do this today? How do you see the challenge?

2. Appendix 1, pp. 125-132, Papal Addresses

How does St. Pope Paul VI describe the importance and meaning of

St. Kolbe's life work and witness? What is the source of his inspiration? How has this touched you personally?

3. Pages vii-xii, Forward to the First Edition (by Fr. George Domanski, OFM Conv., former International Director of the MI).

How does Fr. Domanski's appraisal of St. Kolbe's Marian insight help you go live your Marian total consecration in a more conscious and intentional manner? Be concrete and practical; list some of those things.

4. Pages xvii-xxii, Introduction

Fr. Villepelee gives us a sketch of St. Maximilian as a man and as a priest. From these brief pages, how would you describe the qualities of this Saint? Which of these most attracts you?

John Galten



A May Journey with Mary

The reflection offered by Pope St. John Paul on May 31, 1979, suggests how we should walk with Our Lady during this month, and beyond.

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord (Lk 1:45). With this greeting, the elderly Elizabeth exalts her young kinswoman Mary, who has come, humble and modest, to help her. Under the impulse of the Holy Spirit, the mother of the Baptist is the first in the history of the Church to begin to proclaim the marvels that God has brought about in the girl from Nazareth, and sees fully realized in Mary the *bliss of faith*, because she has believed there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.

We must reflect on what was the fundamental interior attitude of the Blessed Virgin with regard to God: *her faith*. Mary believed! She believed in the Lord's words, transmitted to her by the Angel Gabriel; at the Annunciation, her pure heart, already given entirely to God from her childhood, dilated in the generous and unconditional *Fiat* with which she agreed to become the Mother of the Messiah and Son of God. From that moment, taking her place more and more deeply in God's plan, she will let herself be led by the hand by mysterious Providence and for her whole life, rooted in faith, she will follow her Son spiritually, becoming his first and perfect disciple and carry out in everyday life the requirements involved in following Jesus according to His own words: *Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple* (Lk 14:27).

Thus Mary will advance throughout her life in her pilgrimage of faith (cf. *Lu-*

men Gentium, 58), while her beloved Son, misunderstood, slandered, condemned, crucified, will mark out for her, day after day, a painful way, the necessary premise for that glorification, sung in the *Magnificat* (Lk 1:48). But first Mary, too, will have to go up to Calvary to be present, in sorrow, at the death of her Jesus.

The feast of the Visitation presents to us another aspect of Mary's inner life: her attitude of *humble service* and *unconditional love* for those in need. She has just heard from the Angel Gabriel of the state of her kinswoman Elizabeth, and at once she sets out for the hills *in haste* to reach a city of Judah, the present-day Ein Karem. The meeting of the two Mothers is also the meeting between the Forerunner and the Messiah, who, through His Mother, begins to operate salvation by making John the Baptist leap with joy when still in his mother's womb.

No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us... And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also (1 Jn 4:12.21), St. John the evangelist will say. But who, better than Mary, had put this message into practice? And who, if not Jesus, Whom she bore in her womb, urged her, stimulated her, inspired her to this continual attitude of generous service and unconditional love of others? *The Son of man came not to be served but to serve* (Mt 20:28), Jesus will say to His disciples; but His Mother had already carried out perfectly this attitude of her Son. Let us listen again to the famous comment, full of spiritual unction, that St. Ambrose makes on Mary's journey: *Joyful to carry out her desire, delicate in her duty, thoughtful in her joy, she hastened to the hills. Where, if not to the summits, was she, who was already full of God, to aspire with solicitous care? The grace of the Holy Spirit does not know obstacles which delay action* (*Expositio Evangelii secundum Lucam*. II, 19; CCL 14, p. 39).

And if we reflect with particular attention on the passage of the Letter to the Romans 12:9-13, we realize that there emerges from it an effective image of the

behavior of the Blessed Virgin, for our edification: her charity knew no insincerity; she loved others deeply; fervent in spirit, she served the Lord; joyful in hope; strong in tribulation, persevering in prayer; solicitous for the needs of brothers.

Joyful in hope: the atmosphere that pervades the evangelical episode of the Visitation is *joy*: the mystery of the Visitation is a *mystery of joy*. John the Baptist exults with joy in the womb of St. Elizabeth; the latter, rejoicing in the gift of motherhood, bursts out into blessings of the Lord; Mary pours forth the *Magnificat*, a hymn overflowing with Messianic joy.

But what is the mysterious, hidden source of this joy? It is Jesus, Whom Mary has already conceived thanks to the Holy Spirit, and Who is already beginning to defeat what is the root of fear, anguish and sadness: sin, the most humiliating slavery for man.

The month of May... must continue in our lives, because veneration, love, devotion to Our Lady cannot disappear from our hearts, on the contrary they must grow and be expressed in a testimony of Christian life, modeled on the example of Mary, *the name of the beautiful flower which I always invoke / morning and evening*, as the poet Dante Alighieri sings (*Paradise*, XXIII, 88).

Oh Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church, look upon us mercifully at this hour! *Virgo Fidelis*, Faithful Virgin, pray for us! Teach us to believe as you believed! Make our faith in God, in Christ, in the Church, always be limpid, serene, courageous, strong and generous. *Mater Amabilis*, Mother worthy of love! *Mater pulchrae dilectionis*, Mother of fair love, pray for us! Teach us to love God and our brothers, as you loved them: make our love for others always be patient, kindly, respectful. *Causa nostrae laetitiae*, Cause of our joy, pray for us! Teach us to be able to grasp, in faith, the paradox of Christian joy, which springs up and blooms from sorrow, renunciation, union with your crucified Son: make our joy always be genuine and full, in order to be able to communicate it to all!

Totally Yours

Over the past few months of 2022, in addition to many people who have prepared individually for total consecration to the Immaculata, several groups have gathered for a day of preparation followed by a communal consecration ceremony. Some are featured here.



March 25, 2022 - MI Consecration Ceremony at St. Anthony Parish, Bartonville, Illinois, prepared by an introductory video presentation on St. Maximilian and a day of reflection held on March 12.



March 25, 2022 - The pastor, Fr. Charles Kalmut, leads consecration ceremony at St. Anthony Parish, Bartonville, Illinois.



Attention MI Members!

Do you wish to introduce your parish community to consecration?

Please know that MI-USA staff is available to give talks and to facilitate days of reflection and preparation for total consecration to the Immaculata.

Contact the MI National Office at MINational@MissionImmaculata.com to make arrangements.



March 4-5, 2022 - Marian Lenten Retreat at St. Mary Parish, West Haven, Utah, sponsored by the local MI Villages.



March 5, 2022 - Day of recollection on total consecration to the Immaculata for the Secular Franciscan Fraternity at Holy Family Parish, Peoria, Illinois.



MI member Fr. Charles Klamut, pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Bartonville, Illinois, with the newly consecrated members of his parish. A joyful celebration followed.



MI Intentions - May

This year, the monthly reflections provided by the MI International Office on the 2022 MI Intentions include:

*A Scripture reading.

*A text from St. Maximilian Kolbe's Writings.

*A quote from the Pope's teachings.

*A brief commentary.

The goal is to offer MI leaders the possibility to adapt the material to the need of the group and/or the current reality.

May: O Immaculata, please intercede that in our daily work as MI members we may use all available legitimate means, especially the Miraculous Medal.

Lk 1:39-45 – During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

KW 1248 – The outward sign of our

consecration is the Miraculous Medal, for it was handed to us by her; the wearing of the Medal is an integral part of the MI.

From the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis *Evangelii Gaudium*

We cannot ignore the fact that in cities human trafficking, the narcotics trade, the abuse and exploitation of minors, the abandonment of the elderly and infirm, and various forms of corruption and criminal activity take place. At the same time, what could be significant places of encounter and solidarity often become places of isolation and mutual distrust. Houses and neighborhoods are more often built to isolate and protect than to connect and integrate. The proclamation of the Gospel will be a basis for restoring the dignity of human life in these contexts, for Jesus desires to pour out an abundance of life upon our cities (cf. Jn 10:10). The unified and complete sense of human life that the Gospel proposes is the best remedy for the ills of our cities... In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19). All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recip-

ients. The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are "disciples" and "missionaries," but rather that we are always "missionary disciples." If we are not convinced, let us look at those first disciples, who, immediately after encountering the gaze of Jesus, went forth to proclaim him joyfully: "We have found the Messiah!" (Jn 1:41)... So what are we waiting for?

Commentary

Like Our Blessed Mother, we are called to go with eagerness to meet our brothers and sisters so as to share the Gospel message by our example and words. Moreover, we should offer the Miraculous Medal with enthusiasm, knowing well its value and how St. Maximilian gifted it to everyone he met. As Knights of the Immaculata, we are to employ all means at our disposal to make the Immaculata and her MI movement known to the people the Lord places on our path.

Prayer: Act of Total Consecration to the Immaculata



St. Maximilian Writes...

He teaches by action how to be her instruments (KW 1066).



A few days ago a lady came to me asking me to visit a sick person who... does not want to go to Confession. Fr. H. had already been there to see him, and he had then sent that lady to me, because his attempts had failed.

"Does the sick person pray to the Virgin Mary by reciting at least one Hail Mary a day?" I asked.

"I suggested it to him, but he told me he does not believe in the Divine Mother."

"Please bring him this medal," I said, handing a Miraculous Medal to her. "He may accept it out of respect for you and let you place it around his neck."

"He will accept to please me."

"Good, bring it to him and pray for him; for my part, I will try to pay him a visit."

And she left...

In the meantime I met Fr. H., who told me:

"I went to see that sick man as if he were an acquaintance of mine, yet I was quite unsuccessful. Would you please go there? I should add that the patient is an educated person. He has just completed his university studies in forestry."

Not long after that, that lady came back to report that the patient was getting worse and that his parents, who were there beside him, were hesitating to call for a priest because they were afraid that would upset him. I thought to myself: "The sick man does not want a priest, nor do his parents. It is worth going, then?"

Nonetheless, I did go, even though deep down in my soul I was tormented by doubts about the success of my visit. My only hope was the medal that the patient was already wearing. I recited the Rosary along the way. After a difficult journey, I rang the bell at the hospital door. I was swiftly taken to the department for infectious diseases, where the patient had been admitted. I sat next to his bed and got into a conversation. I asked him about his health, but soon our conversation turned to religion. The patient voiced his doubts and I tried to clarify them.

During our conversation I noticed a blue string around his neck, which ran through the medal.

"He is wearing the medal" I thought, "so the game is won."

Suddenly the sick man turned to me and said:

"Father, could you please come to the point?"

"So you wish to go to Confession?" I asked.

In response, a flood of tears shook his emaciated chest... His sobbing lasted for a good minute... When the patient had subsided, his Confession began.

After receiving the Viaticum and Extreme Unction, the patient wanted to show me his gratitude, by embracing and kissing me. Despite the danger of infection, I willingly gave him the kiss of peace.

Glory to the Immaculata for this victory!!!

Next to him there was another sick person. At the hospital they had told me that he was near death also, yet he was not considering Confession. This is why I commended him to the Immaculata, through the intercession of Blessed Thérèse of the Child Jesus, who was recently beatified.

The next day I returned, ostensibly in order to visit the first sick person, but in

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fr. Maximiliano M. Kilber



St. Maximilian Writes...

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fact wanting to see the other patient as well.

I sat down next to the first, but in the meantime I had urged the nurse to ask the other if he wanted to take advantage of my presence. The sick man had not noticed me. So he answered impatiently: "The doctor says that I will be recovered in a week, and I am being bothered by a priest here."

Without losing heart at such display of unwillingness on the part of the sick man, I struck up a conversation with him and sat beside his bed. Since the patient was stubbornly putting Confession aside, I took the "bullet" that we use in the Militia, namely the Miraculous Medal. The patient asked: "What is it?" I explained briefly.

He kissed it, agreed to have it put around his neck and... Confession began. Eternal thanks be to the Immaculata for such loving and merciful victories.

M. K.

Following the example of St. Maximilian, MI Members throughout the country have found creative ways to disseminate the Miraculous Medals and to offer it to individual persons whom they meet in the most ordinary situations. Take courage and go and do the same!



This important short film beautifully and eloquently captures the essence of the MI: total consecration to the Immaculata in the evangelical spirit of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

***"Simply excellent!"
"Inspirational!"***

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***Let's reach
as many people
as possible
to win the world for Christ
through the Immaculata!***



MI RESOURCES

Available from the MI National Center



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

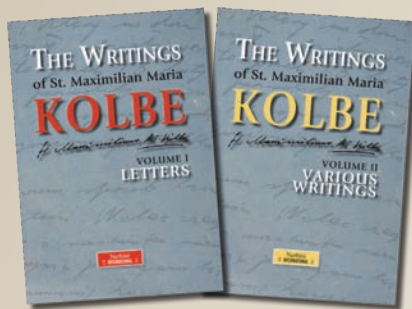
Miraculous medals and various MI brochures can be requested from the MI National Office at 331-223-5564 or via email: MINational@MissionImmaculata.com

The Writings of St. Maximilian Kolbe

VOLUME I: LETTERS • VOLUME II: VARIOUS WRITINGS

The Definitive English Edition!

The Martyr of Charity, St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe (1894-1941), before his death in the Auschwitz concentration camp, had a full and fruitful life. The Polish-born Franciscan Friar 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. Now, at long last, devotees and scholars alike can find the entire wide-ranging array of those writings collected together in a two-volume compendium, published by Nerbini International.



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