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**WHAT IS
YOUR HEART
LOOKING FOR?**



by Ronald L. Rodrigues, MI National President

Dear Knights of the Immaculata, Maria! Are we searching for someone or something? Does your life have meaning or are you wondering if there is a purpose to life? Why are we here? Have you heard the expression that the happiness we seek can only be found when we find Jesus?

Are we born to fade away when we get old or is there something much greater awaiting us?

Have you ever lost something of value and searched, but to no avail? When you lose Jesus, it makes you feel lost, empty, and alone. You may even be tempted to despair. He is always there, but we have to know where to look for Him. It is within our heart, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Mt 7: 7-8)

Have we asked Mary to help us? She will not stray from any sinner; she is the Mother of Mercy and welcomes all sinners. She will not abandon any sinner. Maybe we have asked one of the saints to show us the way. Many saints have had a Marian devotion: St. Louis de Montfort,

St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa (Mother Teresa), and Pope St. John Paul II, but one in particular stands out to me when I think about lost things. He was a Franciscan Friar whose sanctity and wisdom came from his deep love for the Virgin Mary: St. Anthony of Padua. We celebrate his feast on June 13. Like St. Francis of Assisi, he never wavered from the Mother of Jesus but glorified her in his preaching, inspiring many to know and love the Virgin Mother. He imitated Mary in seeking

Jesus’s will and becoming the disciple that she modeled. His devotion to the poor humble Virgin led him to perfectly imitate her and mirror her life of poverty and innocence. Throughout his life, he resembled the presence of Mary to the world with his holy life. Born on the feast of the Assumption and baptized at St. Mary’s Church in Lisbon, he left the Church many insights into the mystery, love, and devotion of our Blessed Mother, which may be found in his writings and homilies. His writing may have influenced the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. He taught that Mary, the pure Virgin full of grace and the Mother of God, should be immaculate. Through his writings and sermons he also helped shape the dogma of the Assumption... of Mary, declared by Pope Pius XII in 1950. He tells us the sorrowful Mother participated in the redemptive suffering of her Son, especially when His side was pierced with a lance. She is often called our Co-redemptrix with the Redeemer. In her compassion for her Son, “her heart was pierced with a sword” (cf. Lk 2:35). It is through Mary’s cooperation that God has reconciled us to Himself in Christ Jesus and therefore she is rightly called the Mediatrix of all graces.

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Daily Holy Mass

will be offered throughout 2024 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.



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MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART

THE SAINTS ON THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In the midst of the second world war, Venerable Pope Pius XII put the whole world under the special protection of our Savior's Mother by consecrating it to her Immaculate Heart, and in 1944 he decreed that in the future the whole Church should celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is not a new devotion. In the seventeenth century, St. John Eudes preached it together with that of the Sacred Heart; in the nineteenth century, Pius VII and Pius IX allowed several churches to celebrate a feast of the Pure Heart of Mary. Pius XII instituted the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the whole Church, so as to obtain by her intercession "peace among nations, freedom for the Church, the conversion of sinners, the love of purity and the practice of virtue" (Decree of May 4, 1944).

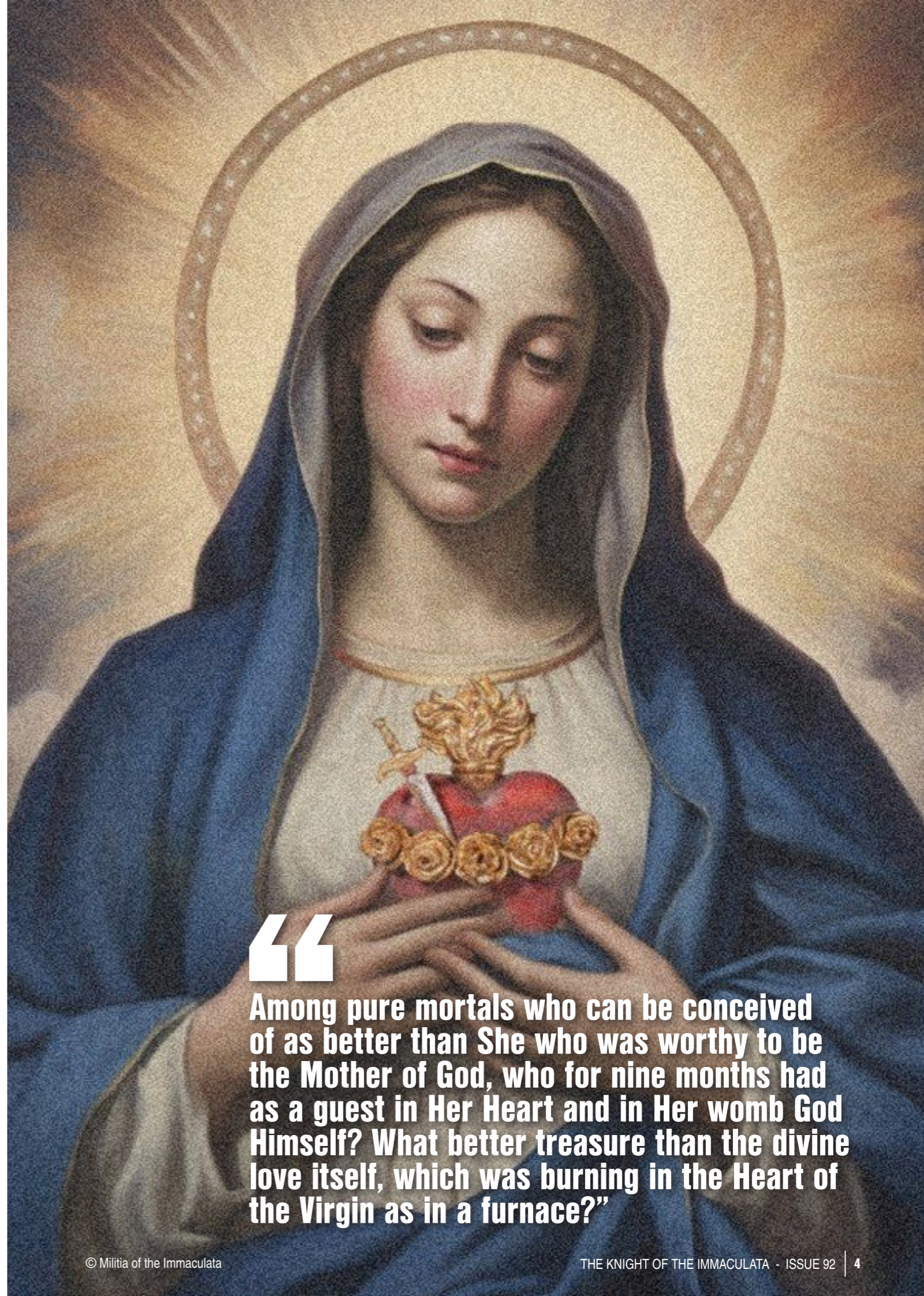
While Mary contemplated all she had come to know through reading, listening and observing, she grew in faith, increased in merits, and was more illuminated by wisdom and more consumed by the fire of charity. The heavenly mysteries were

opened to her, and she was filled with joy; she became fruitful by the Spirit, was being directed toward God, and watched over protectively while on earth. So remarkable are the divine graces that they elevate one from the lowest depths to the highest summit, and transform one to a greater holiness. How entirely blessed was the mind of the Virgin which, through the indwelling and guidance of the Spirit, was always and in every way open to the power of the Word of God. She was not led by her own senses, nor by her own will; thus she accomplished outwardly through her body what wisdom from within gave to her faith. It was fitting for divine Wisdom, which created itself a home in the Church, to use the intervention of the most blessed Mary in guarding the law, purifying the mind, giving an example of humility and providing a spiritual sacrifice. Imitate her, O faithful soul. Enter into the deep recesses of your heart so that you may be purified spiritually and cleansed from your sins. God places more value on good will in all we do than on the works

themselves. Therefore, whether we give ourselves to God in the work of contemplation or whether we serve the needs of our neighbor by good works, we accomplish these things because the love of Christ urges us on. The acceptable offering of the spiritual purification is accomplished not in a man-made temple but in the recesses of the heart where the Lord Jesus freely enters.

From a sermon by St. Laurence Justinian, bishop (Sermo 8, in festo Purificationis B.M.V.: Opera, 2, Venetiis 1751, 38-39)

The Immaculate Heart of Mary, which we commemorate today in the Church's Liturgy, was opened to us on Calvary by the words of the dying Jesus: "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple: "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home" (Jn 19:26-27). At the foot of the Cross Mary became the mother of all those redeemed by Christ. Under her maternal protection, she took John and she takes every human being. From that time on, the greatest concern of her Immacu-



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Among pure mortals who can be conceived of as better than She who was worthy to be the Mother of God, who for nine months had as a guest in Her Heart and in Her womb God Himself? What better treasure than the divine love itself, which was burning in the Heart of the Virgin as in a furnace?”

late Heart is the eternal salvation of all men and women.

From a homily by St. John Paul II in Zakopane, Poland, June 7, 1997.

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by St. John Eudes (1601-1680), known as the Apostle of Two Hearts.

Hail Mary! Mother of God the Son. Hail Mary! Spouse of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary! Temple of the Most Blessed Trinity. Hail Mary! Pure Lily of the Effulgent Trinity. Hail Mary! Celestial Rose of the Ineffable Love of God. Hail Mary! Virgin pure and humble, of whom the King of Heaven willed to be born and, with thy milk to be nourished. Hail Mary! Virgin of Virgins, Hail Mary! Queen of Martyrs, whose soul a sword transfixes. Hail Mary! Lady most blessed! unto whom all power in Heaven and earth is given. Hail Mary! My Queen and my Mother! My Life, my Sweetness and my Hope, Hail Mary! Mother Most Amiable, Hail Mary! Mother of Divine Love, Hail Mary! Immaculate! Conceived Without Sin! Hail Mary! Full of Grace! The Lord is with Thee! Blessed art thou among women! And blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus! Blessed be thy spouse, Saint Joseph, Blessed be thy father, Saint Joachim, Blessed be thy mother, Saint Anne, Blessed be thy guardian, Saint John, Blessed be thy holy Angel, Saint Gabriel, Glory be to God the Father, Who chose thee, Glory be to God the Son, Who loved thee, Glory be to God the Holy Spirit, Who espoused thee. O Glorious Virgin Mary, may all people love and praise thee.



MARY TREASURED ALL THINGS IN HER HEART

God, who prepared a fit dwelling place for Holy Spirit in the Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, graciously grant that through her intercession we may be a worthy temple of your glory. 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.
(Collect for the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)



In 1830, Our Lady gave a great impetus to devotion to her Heart when she appeared to St. Catherine Labouré and asked her to introduce the Medal of the Immaculate Conception. On one side of the medal, the Heart of Jesus and the Heart of Mary are side by side.”

“HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT” (ROM 5:5)

EXCERPTS FROM THE PAPAL BULL OF INDICATION OF THE JUBILEE 2025

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The Holy Year 2025 will also guide our steps toward yet another fundamental celebration for all Christians: 2033 will mark the two thousandth anniversary of the redemption won by the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus.”

SPES NON CONFUNDIT. “Hope does not disappoint” (Rom 5:5). In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years. My thoughts turn to all those pilgrims of hope who will travel to Rome in order to experience the Holy Year and to all those others who, though unable to visit the City of the Apostles Peter and Paul, will celebrate it in their local Churches. For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the “door” (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as “our hope” (1 Tim 1:1). Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God’s word helps us find reasons for that hope. ... Hope is born of love and

based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross: “For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life” (Rom 5:19). That life becomes manifest in our own life of faith, which begins with Baptism, develops in openness to God’s grace and is enlivened by a hope constantly renewed and confirmed by the working of the Holy Spirit. By his perennial presence in the life of the pilgrim Church, the Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives. Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God’s love: “Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or the sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom 8:35.37-39). Here we see the reason why this hope perseveres in the midst of trials: founded on faith and nurtured by charity, it enables us to press forward in life. As Saint Augustine observes: “Whatever our state of life, we cannot live without these three

dispositions of the soul, namely, to believe, to hope and to love.”... *Pilgrimage* is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life. In the coming year, pilgrims of hope will surely travel the ancient and more modern routes in order to experience the Jubilee to the full. In Rome itself, along with the usual visits to the catacombs and the Seven Churches, other itineraries of faith will be proposed. Journeying from one country to another as if borders no longer mattered, and passing from one city to another in contemplating the beauty of creation and masterpieces of art, we learn to treasure the richness of different experiences and cultures, and are inspired to lift up that beauty, in prayer, to God, in thanksgiving for his wondrous works. The Jubilee Churches along the pilgrimage routes and in the city of Rome can serve as oases of spirituality and places of rest on the pilgrimage of faith, where we can drink from the wellsprings of hope, above all by approaching the sacrament of Reconciliation, the essential starting-point of any true journey of conversion. In the particular Churches, special care should be taken to prepare priests and the faithful to celebrate the sacrament of Confession and to make it readily available in its individual form.



MAY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY



All over the country, many people made their consecration to Our Lady during the month of May! Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv., the MI spiritual Assistant, was on an MI mission in California. 56 people consecrated themselves in San Pablo, CA. This was the first MI consecration at St. Paul the Apostle Church.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Hermosa Beach, CA, had their first Consecration in the Militia of the Immaculata on May 9, 2024. Fr. Thomas presented a conference on Mary and the Holy Spirit in the writings of St. Maximilian Kolbe on May 7.



On May 13, feast of Our Lady of Fatima, a group of parishioners made their consecration at Our Lady of Grace parish, Castro Valley, CA.



On May 13, MI member Sondra McEnroe showed the MI film and gave a presentation on the Miraculous Medal at St. Martha parish in Ashland City, TN. An MI Village may start there soon.



The annual Saint Louis Marian Conference took place on the Pentecost weekend, May 17-19, and the MI was present with resources. Many participants had the opportunity to learn more about the MI.



THE HISTORY OF THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The solemnity of *Corpus Christi* began with a Eucharistic miracle, a divine intervention aimed at confirming the faith in the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. One of the best resources about Eucharistic miracles is the compilation by Blessed Carlos Acutis: miracolieucaistici.org. Here is the description of the event in 1263: "In 1263 a German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena [Italy] while on a pilgrimage to Rome. He... [was] a pious priest, but one who found it difficult to believe that Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host. While celebrating Holy Mass above the tomb of St. Christina (located in the church named for this martyr), he had barely spoken the words of Consecration when blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands onto the altar and the corporal. The priest was immediately confused. At first, he attempted to hide the blood, but then he interrupted the Mass and asked to be taken to the neighboring city of Orvieto, where Pope Urban IV resided. The Pope listened to the priest's account and absolved him. He then sent emissaries for an immediate investigation. When all the facts were ascertained, he ordered the Bishop of the diocese to bring the Host and the linen cloth bearing the stains of blood to Orvieto. With archbishops, cardinals and other Church dignitaries in attendance, the Pope met the procession and, amid great pomp, had the relics placed in the cathedral. The linen corporal bearing the spots of blood is still reverently enshrined and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto. It is said that Pope Urban

IV was prompted by this miracle to commission St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Proper for a Mass and an Office honoring the Holy Eucharist as the Body of Christ. One year after the miracle, in August of 1264, Pope Urban IV introduced the saint's composition, and by means of a papal bull instituted the feast of *Corpus Christi*." This was when St. Thomas Aquinas wrote the hymn containing the verses of *Tantum Ergo*, which we still sing today during Eucharistic exposition! The papal bull, *Transiturus*, ordered the feast of *Corpus Christi* be celebrated annually on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday throughout the Latin Church. Why Thursday? Perhaps as a reminder that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on the Thursday before His passion. In modern times, this feast is commonly transferred to the following Sunday to accommodate the faithful. So why another feast, so similar to the Last Supper, and why now – after the Ascension and Pentecost? Maybe as a reminder of the last verse of Matthew's Gospel, where, just before His Ascension into heaven, Jesus tells His disciples: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." At the time, it may have seemed contradictory that Jesus was leaving them while also telling them He would be with them – how was this possible? The answer is simple: the Eucharist! Jesus confirmed His actual presence in the Holy Eucharist until the end of time. In August of 1964, on the 700th anniversary of the institution of the feast of *Corpus Christi*, Pope St. Paul VI celebrated Holy Mass at the altar where the holy corporal is kept in its golden shrine in the Cathedral of Orvieto. In today's culture though, religion has been pushed

aside, watered down, or outright blasted for being useless. Likewise, faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament has waned. According to a 2019 Pew Research Center survey, only 31% of self-described Catholics believe that the bread and wine actually become the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ during the consecration at Mass. Granted, it is a very difficult concept to believe. In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, after Jesus explained that one must eat His flesh and drink His blood in order to have eternal life, "... many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." This is why the Real Presence is a mystery of our faith. In our finite, human understanding, something that looks, feels, and tastes like bread simply doesn't look, feel, or taste like the body of a person. This is why we need to pray for an increase of faith: "I do believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24). Thankfully, we have abundant opportunities to increase our knowledge of the Eucharist, thereby giving the Holy Spirit additional room to work in our hearts and grow our faith: Read the Gospels and reflect on the words and actions of Jesus; study writings from the saints that encourage us to consider our own experiences and view them with the eyes of faith; watch videos or studies about the Eucharist; above all, adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament! With Our Lady, let us invite the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to this great mystery!

(Freely adapted from a reflection posted on the website of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Phoenix, AZ, on June 12, 2022)

Invite Friends to Be
Consecrated to Our Lady!



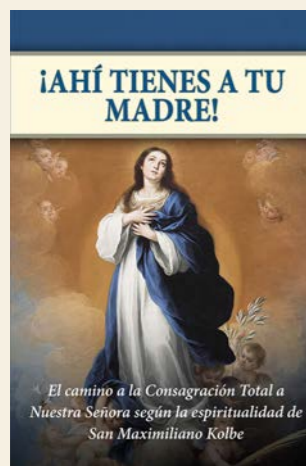
Behold Your Mother!
The Path to Total Consecration
to Our Lady in the Spirit of
St. Maximilian Kolbe

This beautiful 56-page booklet and its **No-venas** companion may be used individually or as a group activity (in a home or parish setting, for example), or as a series of classes led by a facilitator, or during a day of preparation for MI consecration to Our Lady. If you can offer a series of meetings, you can read each chapter with the group and invite the participants to reflect and comment on it. Alternatively, you can invite them to read each chapter beforehand and come together for discussion. While St. Maximilian Kolbe did not indicate a specific format, if you wish to use a 9-day plan or a 33-day format to prepare for consecration to Our Lady, click here.

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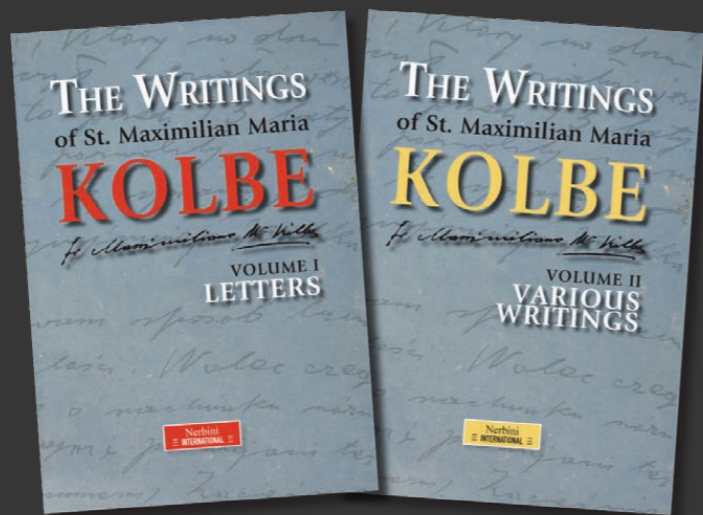
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The Definitive English Edition!

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.



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. In the person of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe, the first half of the twentieth century found a fresh voice fearlessly defending timeless values in the contemporary context. These two volumes give vigorous new life to this prophetic voice of truth.

— Fr. James McCurry, OFM Conv.

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St. Anthony of Padua died with Mary in his heart. This great saint is still there for us and always willing to help us find our way. He will help us to go to Mary if we let him, or to find that lost item, that hidden treasure we lack in our hearts.

What are you looking for? "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" (Jn 1:38). Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus? Do you struggle to let the Holy Spirit into your daily life? Do you know what a personal relationship with Jesus feels like? Perhaps you know Him as your Lord and Savior, but have you found a way to let Him into your personal life?

Ask Mary. She is willing and happy to bring you to her Son Jesus. As members of the Militia of the Immaculata, we consecrated ourselves to Mary knowing she helps and leads us to her Son Jesus. Let us hold our Mother's hand on our journey to that joy and happiness only Jesus can provide. Holy Mary, pray for us. St. Anthony, pray for us.

Ronald L. Rodrigues
MI National President

"Our purpose is to fulfill God's will, the will of the Immaculata. Other goals are a waste of time."



ST. MAXIMILIAN WRITES...

DURING THIS 170TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOGMA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, WE REFLECT ON HIS INSIGHTS. THIS MONTH, ENJOY EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS TO HIS BROTHER FRANCISCANS, WRITTEN IN 1935.

Dear Son! Certainly, there is nothing wrong if you have a whole “treasure” in the Immaculata and entrust all things to her that she may dispose of such a treasure with complete freedom. However, you can do it in the following way: For example, my superior urges me to go to Holy Communion according to the intentions of Br. Z. Well, I imagine—and it is in fact the case—that it is the Immaculata herself who is urg-

ing me to go to Holy Communion in accordance with that intention, so I gladly conform to her will. One more thing is the fact that I could offer the whole matter up to her: In me and through me, may she take Holy Communion in accordance with that intention, because I am unable to do anything on my own. The Immaculata will suggest a thousand different ways to her children. For example: One may wish to cause the greatest possible joy to the Immaculata, according

to his strength. What shall he do? He will borrow the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and thus be sure to surpass infinitely all men and angels together in love for the Immaculata. Also, he will love Jesus through her heart, or rather it will be she who, in him and through him, loves [Jesus], for example, in Holy Communion, etc., etc. I end here, because time is short. Fr. Maximilian M. Kolbe
P.S. I also pray for the afflicted brothers you mention in your

fr Maximilian M. Kolbe



The Immaculata is the most perfect instrument in the hand of God, in the hand of Divine Mercy, the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, and we are instruments in her hand. Thus through her we are the instrument of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, that is, of God’s mercy.”

letter. May they only strive to come ever closer to the Immaculata. (KW 616)

Dear Brother, The Immaculata can achieve much more than she has done so far, indeed much more than we can even imagine. Provided that we become more her possession and her property every day, she will work much greater miracles, despite our weakness, our recklessness and even our wickedness. To tell the truth, here in Japan we have great need of prayer, because every conversion is a grace. Without grace, Kishi cannot stir minds or hearts. We really do need for the Immaculata herself, and not us, to penetrate into people’s hearts through her Kishi. The heat here reaches 38°C in the shade. I end here, because I am very, very busy. In our Father St. Francis, Br. Maximilian M. Kolbe (KW 636)

On the devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, many wonderful things could be said, such as on aspiring to love the Immaculata with the Heart of Jesus, and so on. I just would like to mention that we cannot possibly settle for any or-

dinary type of love for the Heart of Jesus, but—in keeping with what is written on the MI enrollment card—must aspire to a most perfect love, that is, to loving with the Heart of the Immaculata, and only with a love of that kind.... Dear son, thank the Immaculata for allowing you to understand her mystery in practice—as the Blessed Grignion says[An allusion to what St. Louis Grignion de Montfort writes in the introduction to his short work *The Secret of Mary*].—and pray that she may wish to grant this grace to others as well. In fact, it is not so much through our limited intelligence, but by the grace of the Holy Spirit, that conviction over those sublime mysteries penetrates the heart and grows there. Yet what is indispensable here is much or rather a great deal of humility. I greatly fear that, in time, the enemy may succeed in urging the brothers to abandon the white stairway that our Father St. Francis saw in a vision and to climb up to heaven instead along the red stairway. Satan already knows in advance what the outcome of all this will be. Br. Maximilian M. Kolbe (KW 654)

KOLBE DATES



June 29, 1902

Raymond Kolbe (later Friar Maximilian) received his First Holy Communion at the hands of the parish priest, Fr. Edward Szulc, in the parish church of St. Matthew, in Pabianice, the same church where Our Lady appeared to him and offered him the two crowns.

Our National Emmaus Moment

The Militia of the Immaculata will be at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Find the location of the MI booth (# 227) and plan to stop by! If you take part in one of the Eucharistic Pilgrimages, share your experience. Send your testimonial to MINational@MissionImmaculata.com



Jesus Is Coming to YOU

Shortly after his Resurrection, Jesus accompanied two disciples on their journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus—walking with them in their grief, offering hope, and finally revealing himself through the breaking of the bread. Jesus wants to do the same for YOU!

This will be one of the largest Eucharistic pilgrimages in history. Just as throngs followed Christ throughout his earthly ministry, our nation will process with our Eucharistic Lord through cities, along highways, and past rural towns on his way to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress.

Pilgrimage Information

Come meet Jesus as he comes close to you!

please visit: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/pilgrimage> for updates and information on the Pilgrimage and other initiatives associated with the National Eucharistic Congress.

Junipero Serra Route

STARTING LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO, CA

From our Pacific coast, the western arm of the Pilgrimage will cross the Rocky Mountains and Great Plains on foot. Named after the "Apostle of California," this will be the longest and most challenging route—covering over 2,200 miles!

SOME STOPS ALONG THE WAY

- Diocese of Salt Lake City
- Archdiocese of Denver
- Archdiocese of Omaha
- Archdiocese of Kansas City-KS
- Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph
- Archdiocese of St. Louis

Marian Route

STARTING LOCATION: MISSISSIPPI HEADWATERS, LAKE ITASCA, MN

Departing from the headwaters of the Mississippi, the northern arm of the Pilgrimage will descend through the midwestern United States, pass through Wisconsin and Illinois, and meet up with the other three pilgrimage routes at the Congress in Indianapolis. The route is named for its visit to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, the first and only approved Marian Apparition site in the United States.

SOME STOPS ALONG THE WAY

- Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
- The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help
- Archdiocese of Milwaukee
- Archdiocese of Chicago
- Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Elizabeth Ann Seton Route

STARTING LOCATION: NEW HAVEN, CT

The eastern arm of the Pilgrimage will begin near the Atlantic coast, journey through our nation's oldest diocese, and cross the Appalachian Mountains. The route is named after St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church.

SOME STOPS ALONG THE WAY

- Archdiocese of New York
- Archdiocese of Philadelphia
- Archdiocese of Baltimore
- Archdiocese of Washington
- Diocese of Steubenville
- Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Juan Diego Route

STARTING LOCATION: BROWNSVILLE, TX

The southern arm of the Pilgrimage will depart from the tip of Texas, wind around the Gulf of Mexico, and pass through the southeastern region of the United States on its way to Indianapolis. This route is named for St. Juan Diego, whose vision of Our Lady had a massive impact on the spiritual character of North America. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the official Patroness of the Eucharistic Revival.

SOME STOPS ALONG THE WAY

- Diocese of Corpus Christi
- Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
- Archdiocese of New Orleans
- Archdiocese of Mobile
- Archdiocese of Atlanta
- Diocese of Nashville

10th National Eucharistic Congress

LOCATION: INDIANAPOLIS, IN

The four branches of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will converge at the venue in a powerful symbol of unity. Then—gathered as one Church—we will present our wounded and imperfect hearts to the triune God who loves us. Just as he did on the road to Emmaus, Our Lord will listen to our troubles and reveal himself once more in the breaking of the bread.



July 17-21, 2024
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JUNE MI INTENTION

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

June

*O Immaculata,
please intercede...*

That, by faithful reception of the Holy Eucharist, we may grow in the joy of communion with God and our brethren.

Reflection - June is the month of the Holy Eucharist (June 2, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi), the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 7), and the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (June 8). We are invited to celebrate the tender love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

who makes Himself present in the Most Holy Eucharist.

As members of the Militia of the Immaculata we turn to Our Lady asking her to prepare our hearts to open to the Sacred Heart of her Son. May we participate in the Holy Eucharist, fully molded by the Immaculata, to encounter, touch, and receive this Sacrament with our whole being. "The culmination of the Mass is not the consecration, but Communion," stated St. Maximilian Kolbe.

"The more one belongs to the Immaculata, the more openly and freely one can approach the wounds of the Savior, the Eucharist, the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, and God the Father." (St. Maximilian Kolbe, KW 603)

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.



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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

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