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Dear Knights of the Immaculata,

Maria! Peace and grace be to all of you! We continue our consideration of what has been called the New Evangelization—a constant theme in recent papal teaching.

As Catholics and as Knights of the Immaculata we listen assiduously to the international and national voice of the MI, the words of our founder St. Maximilian, and to the voice of our Mother the Church. Our MI theme for 2018 concerns evangelization: to study, master, and practice it. St. Maximilian was a living example of tireless, heroic evangelization. Our very commitment in our consecration calls us to this work.

The Church herself through her various teaching ministries during the 53 years since the close of the Second Vatican Council has insistently urged the faithful to assume the challenge of evangelization—"New in its ardor, new in its methods, new in its expressions," writes St. John Paul II in his address to CEL-AM, March 9, 1983. More on these categories in future columns.

The message, more properly a call, to proclaim the Kingdom of God in our midst is announced to the entire Church—not only the hierarchy, the clergy and consecrated persons but all the laity—young and old, fit or disabled, in all the many cultures of the world.

Why the emphasis on the laity, without neglecting clergy and religious? The laity are described by Pope Pius XII as "*on the front lines of the Church's life; for them the Church is the animating principle for human society*" (italics mine), February 20, 1946. Furthermore, the ground-breaking Decree on the Laity in the Vatican II Council documents, St. John Paul II's apostolic exhortation *Chris-*

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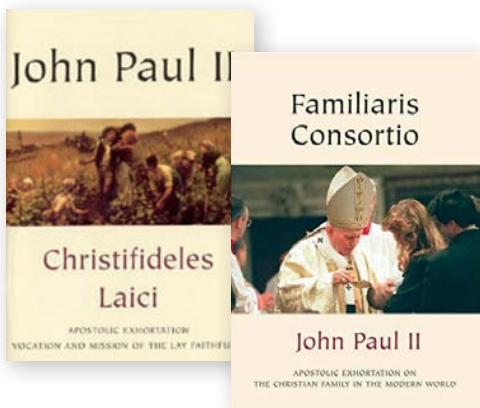


"The goal of the MI (the abbreviation comes from the Latin Militia Immaculatae, or Militia of the Immaculata) is, in fact, to make sure that all become saints. In all this activity, what strikes the eye most of all is its Marian thrust. This is a consequence of a precise understanding of the mission of the Immaculata." (KW 1220)

Editorial

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tifideles Laici, on the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful People, and his Apostolic Exhortation *Familiaris Consortio*, on the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World, all testify, encourage and outline the crucial role of the laity in the New Evangelization.



The laity, vast in number and gifts, participate in the affairs of culture and because of this intimate engagement comes their unique role of bringing Christ to this most human of all milieus—daily life. Here we can see in action, before our very eyes, the Christ announcing the Kingdom, yes in holy places (the Temple, etc.) but in the marketplace, vineyards, city squares, traveling on roads, in home and work places, and to the good and bad, high and low. What a call and what a privilege! How can we not see it?!

St. Maximilian, in his own words (total consecration prayer), calls us to make known and loved the “Kingdom of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.” The Militia of the Immaculata is a prophetic movement, inspired by an extraordinary saint, which sings the Gospel Song of Redemption in tune with the Church. We recognize, and respond with determination and joy to, this vocation to call all men to Christ through total Consecration to the Immaculata. How lovely it is to sing the same

song with the Mother of God and the Church our Mother and Teacher.

Until next month, “Let us arise, and be on our way.”

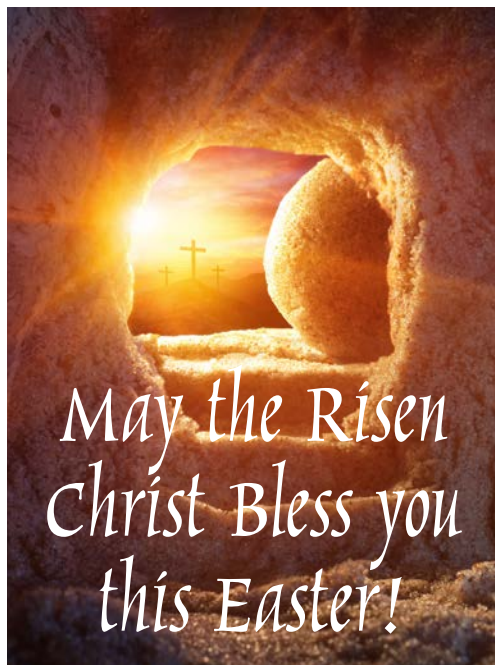
In the Immaculata,
John Galten
MI National President

P.S. Please keep the MI National Council in your continued prayers.
Thank you!

Send your prayer intentions to be placed at the feet of Our Lady in the MI Book of Intentions:

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Daily Holy Mass
will be offered throughout
2018 for the MI-USA
and all MI Members at
Niepokalanow, the City of
the Immaculata established
by St. Maximilian Kolbe near
Warsaw, Poland.



The St. Joseph Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord announced to St. Joseph,
R. Do not fear to take Mary, your wife.

Hail Mary...

V. For she conceived by the Holy Spirit
R. And will bear a son.

Hail Mary...

V. You shall name him Jesus.
R. For he will save his people from their sins.

Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us St. Joseph, Virginal Spouse of Mary,
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O God, who in your inexpressible providence were pleased to choose St. Joseph as spouse of the most holy mother of your Son, grant, we pray, that we who revere him as our protector on earth, may be worthy of his heavenly intercession. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Verses and Responses are from the Gospel of St. Matthew 1:20-21
Prayer: The Votive Mass of St. Joseph – Collect - Roman Missal

The Feast of the Holy Espousals of Joseph and Mary is celebrated on January 23 with Vatican permission.

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The MI @ March for Life 2018

Testimonies of MI members, Washington D.C.



Among the hundreds of groups gathered for the 2018 March for Life on January 19th was the Militia Immaculatae Capital 16670 (MI Capital), the first official MI Village in our nation's capital. Each member walked in support of the greatest act of love, to lay one's life down for another. It is what Our Lord Jesus did for all, and what many saints followed to do, such as St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe.

St. Maximilian is not only the founding father of the Militia of the Immaculata movement, but also a patron of the Pro-Life movement, as he offered his life to save Sergeant Franciszek Gajowniczek's life, a Polish soldier and prisoner at the Auschwitz concentration camp. As Knights of the Immaculata, they marched with certitude that by voicing the sanctity of life they were also defending Our Lady's role in bearing the greatest fruit ever to exist, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, highlighting this year's theme of *Love Saves Lives*.

In preparation for the March, members met during their weekly Wednesday night meetings to discuss the ways in which they would participate in this year's event. They designed a banner that highlighted the Miraculous Medal of the MI logo, propagating

their apostolate in the MI and service to Our Lady. Members also discussed the various reasons why each was pro-life and what it meant to be part of the pro-life movement.

While they walked in unity and sodality under the bright and sunny day on the street of our nation's cap-

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ital, each member carried a personal significance for why they marched. Members have kindly shared their profound experience in this year's March for Life.

Charlene, a wife, a mother of four and a teacher, walked with her 3-month old daughter because she knew the impact her contribution makes to the cause. Her husband Pedro, also a member, marched with their three other children alongside with the youth group nearby at the March. Charlene and Pedro are deeply rooted in the Catholic teachings and committed to raising a devoted domestic

church. Charlene shared, *“This year's March was more memorable than years past for several reasons. The first being that this year I was consecrated to Our Blessed Mother”*. Since her MI Consecration, Charlene felt a much deeper connection to Mary as well as toward her vocation as a mother and teacher. As Charlene added, *“As a mother it is of utmost importance to share the same love Mary showed with Jesus with our own children. That starts with the love we share for them in the womb and outside. It is also in the formation of our children. By educating your own children and students on the damage that abortion causes not only to the mother and her infant, but also the father and the entire community. With lack of support as well as some education, women are tricked into believing that abortion is their only choice. After the consecration to Mary I felt that partaking in the March for Life is my duty to be an example to my children and also a way to show that life is the most valuable gift that God has given us. Mary's strength was not just in enduring the many challenges she faced, but by constantly resisting evil. That is why she crushed the snake's head. I strive to do the same with my presence at the March. This year was also special because I marched with members of our MI Village of Young Adult Ministry. This group has given me a great opportunity to assist in supporting my faith. Seeing all the other people sharing in the same purpose and also marching with my group showed me we are a small facet in a much larger purpose which is to stand up for life!”*

Other members, like Karen, marched because the March for Life meant that we must not be afraid to speak the truth about love and life. Karen has shared her humbling experience as it was her first March for Life and also as a member of the MI's Young Adult Ministry. (continues on pg. 4)

The MI @ March for Life 2018



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“As I grew closer to the Catholic faith and in love with Jesus, I felt proud that the Church Christ left for us defends the smallest of life”. When Karen became consecrated to Our Lady she gained an interior strength that she believes has been a grace intermediated by Mary. In Karen’s own words, “and the words ‘DO NOT BE AFRAID’ have penetrated my heart.” She also added, “This year, I was no longer afraid to go out to the capital and speak of our Creed. To me, the March for Life was a liberating experience, fortified by the thousands of participants who came together to protect something that should be common sense to protect: Life. The most powerful moment of the March was when our group prayed the Rosary. To be able to profess our Apostles Creed, surrender our life in the Lord’s Prayer, and take Our Lady’s hand in the Hail Marys in the center of Washington, DC and be a voice for the unheard is memorable. It is the act of asking for intercession openly on the streets of our Nation’s Capital that is indeed awe striking!”

Another new to March for Life is Tania who proudly wears her Catholic brand at work where it is not always easy to do as a young scientist. She was

raised by her parents who are deeply devoted to the Catholic Church and its teachings. Here she shared her monumental participation at the March as it was also her first March for Life and as a member of the MI: *“Human Life begins at a cellular level. How beautiful life that the Lord designed at the start of life from a simple form that develops into a complex human being! Therefore, as a Catholic scientist, I proudly walked for life! In addition, it is also our duty as Catholics and members of the MI to stand up and defend life against the snares of the devil.”*

Anna, another member, spoke about her experience and how significantly it relates to her consecration to the Immaculata. Anna passionately shared what she felt after going through formation for the MI with the Young Adult Ministry, *“I have noticed that the Immaculata gave me many graces to go deeper into meditation and contemplation in the mysteries of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the world He created for us to dwell on. Over a month after the consecration to the Immaculata, our MI Young Adult Ministry voyaged to our country’s capital. We had a banner that has the MI logo as well as one of St. Maximilian’s famous quote ‘Love alone creates.’ The quote was very fitting for the March because the motto for this year was Love saves lives.”*

As other members described, Anna also felt very blessed to have the Sisters of Mercy to lead the MI in praying the rosary. *“Praying the rosary drew us close to the Immaculata, which ultimately centered our hearts on the fruit of her womb, Jesus Christ. With our hearts centered on Christ, we were filled with the spirit to defend the vulnerable innocents whose lives are in danger or have already been taken from them. Marching at the March for Life as an MI member drew me closer to the heart of what it means to be a member of the Militia of the Immaculata. I marched*

for the Immaculata because she bore love and life Himself, who is the Lord of Heaven and Earth, Jesus Christ. When I march for the Immaculata, I march for Christ. Since I march for Christ, I march for love and I march for Life!”

The MI Capital Village give thanks for the united prayers they received from all their MI friends from afar who reached out to them in hopes of collaboration at the March. They are grateful for other members of the MI Capital Young Adult Ministry, the Sisters of Mercy, and other individuals enthused with the MI movement growing in the United States. Marching with the MI Capital united individuals who shared and witnessed the same faith. Other marchers who joined the MI Capital at the March learned about the MI Movement and were touched by St. Maximilian’s selflessness and MI’s purpose, confirming the power of truly how *Love Saves Lives* and how **“LOVE ALONE CREATES!”**



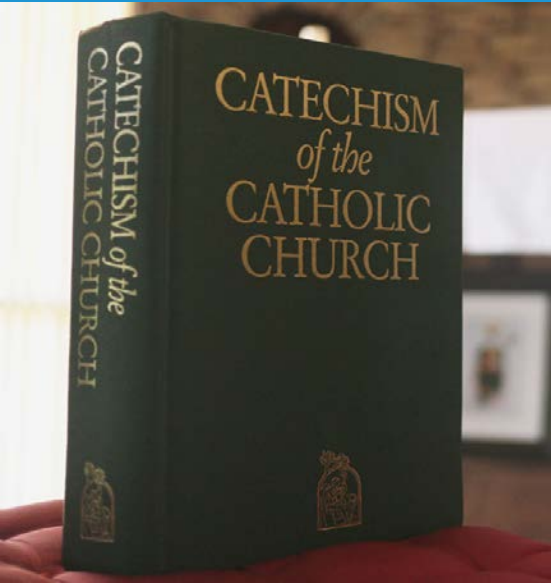
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MI FORMATION

Some thoughts on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the MI goals and ideals.

By John Galten, MI National President



There is always, for each of us, the need, the responsibility to grow in our knowledge of the Militia of the Immaculata. “You cannot love what you do not know” is an ancient bit of philosophical wisdom.

So, in order to know what the MI is, we will take a long, hard look at the characteristics of the MI as stated in our MI Village Kit—a how-to kit to assist anyone who wishes to start a village in accordance with our national and international statutes. These marks or characteristics of the MI consist in the following: Catholic, Eucharistic, Marian and Apostolic.

The MI is a public association of the faithful as recognized and sanctioned by the Catholic Church. As part of our understanding the MI, we must examine the current understanding and expression of these characteristics not only from St. Maximilian’s particular point of view but also from the Church’s perspective. There is no better way to grasp the Catholic nature (or the other MI characteristics) than to examine what the Church says about these characteristics in the Catechism. The Catechism is the best, most up-to-date expression of the Church’s self-understanding of what she is

and what she teaches. The MI is a particular and unique expression or charism (gift) of the Church’s life in the contemporary world. It is a concrete and practical expression of the Church’s mission to proclaim the Gospel and the means to live this mission in communion.

The MI must always configure itself to the form and substance of the Church. We can trust the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. As St. John Paul II indicates in prelude to the Catechism, the Catechism “is also offered to all the faithful who wish to deepen their knowledge of the unfathomable reaches of salvation.” So the Catechism is a “sure norm” of the faith that animates the Church. It is the doctrinal definition of the mystery of the Church and what she is and proclaims.

The first MI characteristic that we wish to explicate and compare to the Catechism is Catholic. St. Maximilian, as a Catholic saint, immersed himself in the mystery of the Church. He never ceased to love, extol, and promote the Catholic Church. His apostolic aim was to bring all men to the Kingdom of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

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of which the Catechism says “The Church is the Reign of Christ already present in mystery” (CCC 763).

Looking at the Catechism as a “Catholic” document, we consider that she speaks these truths from the authority of Mother and Teacher, as founded by Christ who is its Head and will be with this Catholic (Universal) Church until the end of time.

“First the Church is Catholic because Christ is present in her. ‘Where there is Christ Jesus, there is the Catholic Church.’ In her subsists the fullness of Christ’s Body united with its Head. This implies that

she receives from Him ‘the fullness of the means of salvation, which He has willed: correct and complete confession of faith, full sacramental life, and ordained ministry in apostolic succession. The Church was, in this full fundamental sense, catholic on the day of Pentecost and will always be so until the day of the Parousia” (CCC 830).

For the MI then, we see ourselves within this universal Church and her mission to draw all mankind into unity with Christ the Head. Our charism, through total Marian Consecration to the Immaculata, is to bring this Catholic unity about as quickly as possible. The Catholic Church discerns all charisms or particular gifts within the Church and has affirmed the MI in recognizing our founder as a saint and in officially declaring the movement to be a bona fide “public association of the faithful” and a legitimate, authentic spiritual path to holiness.

Please read and study and think about the selected passages from the Catechism. They will not only enable you to understand and know your faith but be better able to explain it to others that they might find the true Catholic Church founded by Christ. Along the way, encourage all to the quick path to union with Christ, the MI.



Reflection on March MI Intention

O Immaculata please
intercede that the MI may
work as one family in which
charity and joy reign.

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (Jn 13:34-35)

One of the major challenges of our time has to do with the welcoming and living together of people from various cultures and religions often very different from one another. While not dealing here with the political and institutional implications of this reality, as Catholics we are to remember always that beyond our differences we share a common identity as human beings. Each person is unique and precious in the eyes of God and that is how we are to look at one another. This principle is even truer when we speak of people who share the same Faith and a common ideal. We are to be truly "catholic," that is, universal, readily opening our hearts to others.

We experience this most effectively in our families. Husband and wife are called to become one, to open their individual lives to each other while maintaining their personal boundaries, to enrich one another in love. This process continues when the family grows by the gift of children, who bring their own unique addition to the family treasury.

How does all this apply to our MI family?

St. Maximilian wrote that our shared MI ideal – total consecration to the Immaculata – leads our soul to become a "bride of Jesus, [our] elder Brother, under the loving protection of Mary, Mother to all, all of the Heavenly Father, Father of all (KW

643). We come to be family. Through our consecration to Mary, we become part of the MI family where, as St. Maximilian explained, "we will also find true friends.... joined to us with sincere love in the unity of a common ideal. They will comfort us in sadness and come to our rescue when we fall" (KW 1248). Jesus instructed his disciples that others would recognize them as His followers and members of His family precisely by this unquestionable sign: mutual love, which in turn gives rise to joy. Real love requires sacrifices and authentic joy is not euphoria, but the manifestation of a new heart, able to see everything and every person as a gift and to accept difficulties as an invitation to love "more" and to build true communion. There will be times when with Fr. Maximilian we can say, "Thanks to the Immaculata, we have now such unity of intentions and work in reciprocal love and sacrifice that it is truly a pleasure; perhaps things are going too well for us" (KW 376). However, we will also experience difficult times, when we will have to remind ourselves that love is not a feeling, and joy is not laughter, but a light that springs forth from within.

This awareness will help us to embrace our mutual differences in the MI family, accepting the wonderful challenge to witness to Christ-like love and joy as we strive to help one another on the way to holiness of life and mission.

(From the MI International Office)

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News from the MI International Center

The MI International invites all MI members to celebrate the **100th anniversary of St. Maximilian Kolbe's priestly ordination**. Official events are scheduled in Rome to celebrate the centenary of the MI Founder's ordination.

April 28, 2018

9:00 a.m.

At the St. Maximilian Kolbe Friary and MI International Center, Via San Teodoro 42, Rome: Visit to the cell of the founding of the MI, the chapel and the multimedia Kolbe exhibit.

Franciscan Student & Founder of the MI
"The happiness of all humanity in God through the Immaculata: there lies our dream." (KW 1088)

5:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at Sant'Andrea della Valle Basilica, where St. Maximilian was ordained a priest.
Priestly Ordination
"Be holy; if others have managed, why could you not do it as well?" (KW 969)

April 29, 2018

9:00 a.m.

At the St. Maximilian Kolbe Friary and MI International Center: Visit to the cell of the founding of the MI, the chapel and the multimedia Kolbe exhibit.

5:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at Sant'Andrea delle Fratte Basilica, where St. Maximilian celebrated his first Mass at the altar of the apparition of the Immaculata to Ratisbonne.

Celebration of Fr. Kolbe's First Mass
"Allow me to praise you, O sacred Virgin. Give me strength against your enemies." (KW 1339)

For more information or to plan a visit to the Kolbe exhibit and the MI International Center, please contact
roma@mi-international.org

“Where Are You Heading...?”

St. Maximilian leads us to reflect on important questions concerning our eternal destiny (cf. *KW 1270*).



You now know where you are from. But *where are you heading* to in the course of your life? Every day, every hour, you act, you think, you always say something. To what end? The truth is that you aspire to something, either closer or farther away. And you strive toward it because you hope that it may bring you a shred of happiness. Such aspiration to happiness is so natural that no man in the world exists who does not crave happiness. For that reason alone, men hoard money, seek glory and pleasures; to find happiness.

Is it not true that, in all places and in all things on this earth, you have always looked for happiness until now? Yet nothing has been quite able to bring full joy to your heart. You have realized that, by setting your goal on earthly happiness, you have always met disappointment; you have come up against boundaries. And you would have wanted something more, something more durable.

Have you not perhaps noticed that any means intended for a given purpose is limited and that its limit lies precisely in the fact that it is ordered to one purpose? The means is valid insofar as it is necessary and sufficient to achieve that purpose. Similarly, even goods are not an end but a means, and you can and ought to use them only as such. Therefore, if you set them as your goal, they will never suffice.

Stop and think about it: When will you ever be completely happy? Let your imagination freely build up for you

the castle of happiness that you have dreamed of. Try to imagine all you ever wanted and ask yourself: What if there were more? And if it lasted longer? You will always hear the answer: If you can still strive for something better, that is, if your soul is still not quite satisfied, you have not reached happiness, your purpose. And whatever limit you still need to overcome, it will always be an obstacle to perfect happiness. That means that you desire happiness, but a happiness without limits: infinite, eternal.

Everything in this world is limited, so it would not be enough to satisfy even just one soul. And those who yearn for happiness are as many as the people who live under the sun. Where, then, does our purpose lie?

In nature, we see that all natural drives come to fruition: the eye wishes to see and it does; the ear wishes to hear and it can; the body wishes to be nourished and it can be. How could the keenest and most important desire of the soul, for which only we desire (everybody desires) all the rest, remain unfulfilled?

No, even such desire has its own fulfillment, namely, infinite and eternal God. Yet that goal is so far off and so grand that one might say: “I struggle to see the path I need to follow in order to reach it.” That is true. But could God, who infinitely loves His creatures, possibly fail to show us the way? Could He possibly fail to help us achieve that goal?

M.K.

Official Act of Total Consecration to the Immaculata

(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.



Memories of My MI Consecration in Oswiecim

It was only yesterday – so it seems – a day of contrasts from the simple to the sublime. I reverently walked into the beautifully simple chapel at the St. Maximilian Retreat House near Auschwitz feeling, sensing, knowing that my Lord was fully present in the Tabernacle with His Mother, my Queen, near His side. I sought the telltale red light that signifies Our Lord's Presence and headed toward it.

As I was alone, I chose the first pew closest to the Tabernacle so that I might be as near as possible to Jesus and the Immaculata. The soft breeze from the open windows floated so gently, almost imperceptibly, across my face as I gazed at the altar, with its shards of stained

glass embedded within the lightly colored, cement-like wall glimmering with its natural beauty by the brilliance of the afternoon sun. These shards formed a backdrop for the symbol of our salvation, the mighty Crucifix.

On either side of the Cross was a depiction of St. Maximilian Kolbe and Our Blessed Immaculata. No matter where I stood in the chapel, St. Maximilian's eyes followed me. He seemed to look at me as I entered the chapel, when I genuflected, when I sat down, stood up, approached the altar... he watched me.

At first, I was startled and looked away; then I queued up my courage and looked again at this countenance. Those eyes didn't move

and seemed to stare into my soul. I kept my gaze on those eyes and contemplated his life and his devotion to his Blessed Immaculata. I asked for St. Maximilian's intercession as I was about to make a lifelong commitment to Our Mother to be her soldier, her littlest of handmaidens, her obedient child. I realized that I was not alone in the chapel. Jesus, Our Mother, St. Maximilian, and very many of the souls of the Holocaust victims were there with me. For me, those background shards of glass represented the many people who were so horrifically brutalized and murdered here in this very area. I stood on sacred ground – the ground of the victims whose lives were sacrificed and the ground upon which this simple, sacred altar was erected that we might share in the re-presentation of the Sacrifice and Passion of Our Savior.

Strong woman that I am, my knees nearly buckled as the Miraculous Medal was brought over my head to rest on my shoulders. I felt the very presence of my Mother and knew she was with me, her delicate hand perhaps resting on the shoulder of Fr. Arturo Felix, OFM Conv, then placing her hand on my head.

After Fr. Arturo moved to the next candidate, I looked again at the image of St. Maximilian, but this time with a little better understanding and a bigger glimpse into the loving passion that he had for his Immaculata for she was now my Immaculata, too.

Karen Sue Kasprzycki

MI Past and Future Events



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BEHOLD THE LIVING PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Thursday, March 8th, 7:00pm – 8:00pm
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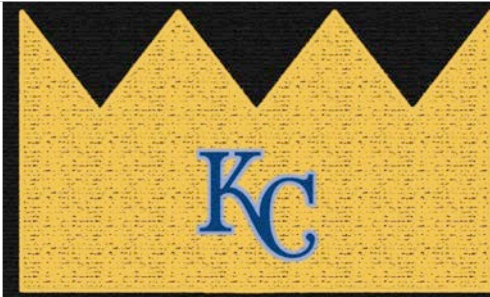
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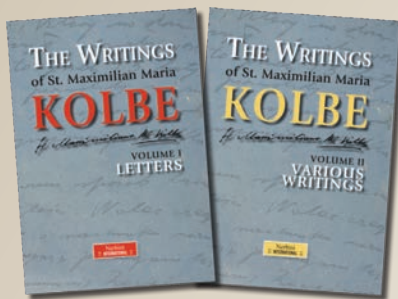
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The Martyr of Charity, St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe (1894-1941), before his death in the Auschwitz concentration camp, had a full and fruitful life. The Polish-born Franciscan Friar had spent the previous twenty-three years as a priest, evangelizer, 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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