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Standing up for Life

By John W. Galten, MI National President

Dear Knights of the Immaculata,

Maria!

We have been rightly focusing our recent attention on the crisis of the sexual abuse among some of the clergy, reaching to the highest levels of the Church. We must not let this outrage pass into oblivion by forgetting our resolve as loyal Catholics to pray and do penance for the sake of the victims, and for an end to the scandal. As totally consecrated Knights we keep before our mind's eye our primary mission—that of promoting total consecration to the Immaculata so as to bring about the reign of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Furthermore, we must be aware of the other pressing needs which demand and put a claim on our conscience and call for apostolic action. The spiritual and corporal works of mercy are really calls to us and must be seriously addressed.

As citizens of the earth and citizens of heaven, having feet placed in both worlds, we must note the signs of the times. Certainly, we cannot fail to recognize the spiritual and material needs of our times. All in the Church—clergy, consecrated religious, and the vast sea of laity—must engage ourselves in recognizing and doing our best to alleviate the suffering and injustice in our present time. We, obviously, cannot do everything to address all the needs, but we can discern the most primary of the needs.

Central to the current moral issue of our culture and civilization is the threat to the value and dignity of human life. At the pinnacle of this threat is the unmitigated and relentless war on the unborn—mega death meted out to the innocent and defenseless.

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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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We cannot fail to recognize the most recent outrageous legislative act in New York State, promoted and celebrated by the Catholic governor, the last barriers gone away that protected the babies of this world and permitting murdering the innocents right up to birth. Abortion is morphing into infanticide—horror upon horror. This tragic road on the way to the total culture of death must be opposed in every legitimate way, from prayer to social action which must be employed to turn back and convert this grim work of darkness.

Our patron Saint Maximilian Kolbe was prepared all his life by the Immaculata to enter the satanic gate of Auschwitz, the real temple of doom and evil. The light of his witness, his heroic martyrdom in the death camp, reveals him to us as what St. John Paul II named him, “The Prophet of the Civilization of Love.” This civilization of love is nothing less than the Kingdom as incarnated in the Catholic Church. Can we be less of a witness to our time than our patron saint was a witness to his time?!

Every Knight of the Immaculata must be in some way or another involved in the pro-life movement. No one can be excused from this battle, no one may sit on the sidelines observing the action, no one can legitimately say, “I am not responsible for my brother or sister who is threatened with death.” The blood of the innocent cries out for justice and mercy. Will we hear and answer this cry...?

What can we do? This must be determined by each of us in our local situation. Spiritual discernment is necessary to recognize one’s talents and gifts. Next, what do local organizations provide in terms of social action—education, legislation, service and sup-

port to mothers in need? As Knights of the Immaculata we must be ready to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters, no less than did St. Maximilian, as did Our Lord and Savior with His Mother at the foot of the Cross.

Calvary continues today. Will we stand with Mary at the foot of this contemporary cross?

Until next month, my dear Knights, “Arise, let us be on our way!”

John W. Galten
MI National President

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Become Like Little Children...

A reflection as we approach the beginning of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, once again we enter the holy season of Lent, which will lead us to the celebration of the Easter Triduum, the heart and summit of the whole life of the Church. At the Easter Vigil, catechumens will be baptized and incorporated into the Mystical Body of Christ. All of us will be invited to renew our Baptismal promises and to rekindle our belonging to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Probably many of us have been discerning “what to do” during Lent 2019: which prayers, spiritual reading, penitential practices and works of mercy to undertake so as to make this Lenten season conducive to entering more deeply into an authentic communion with God and others.

“Jesus said, *‘In truth I tell you, unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven’*” (Mt 18:3). Jesus seems to point out a prerequisite, a fundamental disposition that we are to embrace to enter the Kingdom of God, that is, to participate in the divine life: to change and become like little children. I daresay, our Lenten practices will be effective only inasmuch as we seek sincerely to respond to this challenge.

What does it mean “to change and become like little children” though?

Thousands of words and many books have been written about it, and yet, we do not seem to get it, do we? We look at little children throwing a tantrum, we watch them go through the “terrible twos” (as we, grown-ups, did!) when most children behave opposite to what any parent would wish: just naughty, stubborn and defiant... and we cannot help but wonder: What characteristics did Jesus have in mind when He said, *Change and become like little children...?*

Spiritual authors and saints suggest that becoming like little children is a call to *let go of our self-centeredness and self-reliance and instead to embrace utter dependence upon God*

and humility, confidence and trust. When we see a child in his mother’s arms we know intuitively what is true child-likeness. A little child peacefully depends on the love and care of his parents and is completely confident of it. But there is more to it.

To bring about our Redemption and to show us the way back to Heaven, the All-powerful Son of God emptied Himself and became a Baby, a little powerless Child. We should never cease to contemplate the amazing mystery of the Child Jesus, the sublime humility of

**“Let yourself
be willingly formed by
Our Lady, purified in her
love. She will make you like
herself, ever more pure,
immaculate as she is
for Jesus.”**

St. Maximilian Kolbe

God that captivated the heart of many saints: Francis of Assisi, Anthony of Padua, Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, just to name a few! Moreover, He had chosen a “little one” to become His Mother, one who was sheer receptivity and openness and who eagerly embraced the Lord’s plan with the confident simplicity of a child. Later, from the Cross, the same Child entrusted His Mother with a new task: to form His own disciples after the pattern of the First-born Child.

Through the ages, Our Lady has carried out her mission constantly in union with her Spouse, the Holy Spirit. Interestingly enough, occasionally the Lord has sent her on special missions, as we may call the various Church-approved appearances of Our Lady: Guadalupe, Rue du Bac, Lourdes, Fatima... Every time she chose a “little one” to whom she entrusted a “great” message for bringing us back to the core of the Gospel. And the little ones were up

to the task: faithful, generous, relentless. Think of Juan Diego, Catherine Labouré, Bernadette Soubirous, Jacinta, Francisco, Lucia and of our own Maximilian Kolbe (little Raymond), to whom she showed the way of the two crowns of purity and self-sacrificing love. He later wrote, “You asked us to become children, if we wish to enter the heavenly kingdom. You well know that a child needs a mother: You Yourself established this law of love. Your goodness, Your mercy, created for us a Mother.... And You offered her to us and us to her... Who will not reach Heaven?” (KW 1145).

As we approach Lent, then, let us draw close to Our Lady, the little Handmaid of the Lord, our Mother and exemplar of the child-like disposition that Jesus wants to find in His disciples.

Let us let ourselves be willingly formed by her, molded ever more freely by her as St. Maximilian liked to suggest so as to become, like her, an open and pure dwelling for the Lord and a transparent witness of His presence in the world.

If we let ourselves be led along this path, we can be confident that our Lenten journey will bring us to be spiritually regenerated as newborn babes at the Easter celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Antonella Di Piazza, FKMI

Prayer for the Heart of a Child

by R. P. Léonce de Grandmaison, S.J.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
preserve in me the heart of a child,
pure and transparent as a spring.
Obtain for me a simple heart
that does not brood over sorrows;
a heart generous in giving itself,
quick to feel compassion;
a faithful, generous heart
that forgets no favor
and holds no grudge.
Give me a humble, gentle heart
loving without asking any return;
a great indomitable heart
that no ingratitude can close,
no indifference can weary;
A heart tortured by its desire
for the glory of Jesus Christ:
pierced by His love
with a wound that will heal
only in Heaven.
Amen.



Testimonials from MI Members who attended the March for Life 2019

The March for Life in Washington, DC this year was a wonderful experience that brought together thousands of people united in the understanding that life is the most important thing of all. It was great to hear wonderful speakers support this cause. For those who marched with our Village, Militia Immaculatae Capital 16670 (MI Capital), Our Lord blessed each one of us with such remarkable experiences. Here are five testimonies from members of the MI Capital. For Charlene, it was an important opportunity to teach her children a lesson about protecting life and how as members of society we must take action to protect human life. As for Anna, it was a reminder that we are the Church and we are called to help protect Her teachings by protecting life itself. To Karen, it was a reminder to continuously walk with Christ, Mary, and follow St. Maximilian Kolbe when supporting women experiencing crisis pregnancy. For Patrick, it was the joy of supporting life with a spiritual family, trusting in the power of prayer. And last, for Maria, it was marching with Our Lady to defend life, which is so precious to her most beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Charlene: “It helped me in understanding that as a government we must do everything to repeal such outlandish laws as the recent New York decision to approve late

term abortion. Marching with my four children allowed me to set a precedent that is the most important thing that I can do is show them that life is a God-given right afforded to all and something that we should protect with our own lives. Seeing many young people and religious helped to reinforce to my own children that so many are fighting for what truly matters and the future is in their hands. ‘Unique from day one’ was the theme that really set the precedent that all the people walking were really marching for all the people without a voice. I could understand that by joining our MI Village, I was joining a much larger fight, but I will continue every day with my thoughts and prayers as well as actions. I hope to inspire others to do the same.”

Anna: “This year our Village was blessed with the presence of the Franciscan Conventual Friars and the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy who marched with us during the March for Life. As members of the Militia of the Immaculata, we are called to represent and protect the Church and Her teaching, by dedicating our various apostolates to Our Blessed Mother, for the sake of bringing lost souls to Mary, so that she may bring them closer to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was beautiful to see our Village represent the Church by our diversity (which consists of religious brothers and sisters, a married couple, children, adults and young adults) and also by our witness to the dignity of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death, a foundational teaching upheld by the Catholic Church.”

Karen: “This year has been the second year of my being consecrated to the Immaculate Conception and participating in the March for Life. Among the thousands of people carrying signs, peacefully demanding the right to life, there was one in particular that struck me: ‘I regret the abortion of my sibling.’ I have a brother and a sister and to think that they could not exist because of a choice my mother could have made is disheartening. Marching behind the group carrying this sign led me to reflect on my blessings and reminded me of my responsibility to speak the truth about everyone’s right to live. It also reassured my call, as a child of Christ, to be proactive and help protect life, no matter

how small my role may be. Marching on January 18th symbolized my fight, side by side with Mary, who made the humble decision to be the Mother of Our Lord, Our Savior, and my brother. I was drawn to feel more united to Jesus, Mother Mary, and St. Maximilian Kolbe. Thanks to my consecration, I have a greater understanding of Mary’s role in the mystery of our salvation. Mary, in her purity, points to the sacrifice that Jesus made for every single human being out of love. She points to His ultimate, sacrificial love for us all. If Mary had refused God’s gift to her to be a mother, Jesus would not have been able to teach us to undergo and embrace sacrificial love. She was the first called to protect Jesus’ life. This is a call to all mothers to protect their own children. As a person who works in a local pro-life prenatal care program, this reflection is a reassurance that I must encourage women to embrace motherhood and the necessary sacrifice it takes to love and protect their children. This includes speaking the truth, no matter how uncomfortable it may be for some to hear. St. Maximilian became familiar with experiencing discomfort and pain by speaking the truths of the Gospel and persevering in protecting life. Maximilian Kolbe’s sacrifice in Auschwitz emphasizes the importance and the dignity of life and my responsibility to protect it in any way possible. Maximilian’s death was an unspoken exhortation to peacefully fight to save lives.”

Patrick: “The moment that hit me with the most significance came while praying and singing the Divine Mercy Chaplet with our MI Capital Village, the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, and the Franciscan Conventual Friars. Different members of the Village, the friars and the sisters led each decade and finished the entire chaplet by chanting! As I joyfully sang with my spiritual family, it also became readily apparent that all the other groups around us started to pray and sing with us too! It was in this moment that I really experienced the power of prayer through the importance of the text of the Chaplet in regards to the modern world and abortion. Yes, we stand together in peaceful protest, but we also pray for all those involved in abortion and for an end to abortion all together.

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Reflection on March MI Intention

O Immaculata please intercede that the Holy Father may experience always the support of the whole Church praying for his ministry.

*“And so I say to you,
you are Peter,
and upon this rock
I will build my church,
and the gates of the netherworld
shall not prevail against it”
(Mt 16:18).*

It may seem that this passage exalts the person of Peter, but in reality it emphasizes his faith, which sprang forth from his personal encounter with Jesus, “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (Mt 16:16). Peter the fisherman received a special mission and became a fisher of men. The Lord entrusted him with the keys to the Kingdom of heaven (cf. Mt 16:19) and with the mandate to pass on and to strengthen his brethren in the Faith that had been revealed to him.

St. Maximilian Kolbe nurtured a great love toward the Pope and defended him against the attacks he suffered. We might recall that it was precisely his witnessing the Freemasons’ attacks against the Holy Father in St. Peter’s Square that led him to establish the Militia of the Immaculata in 1917.

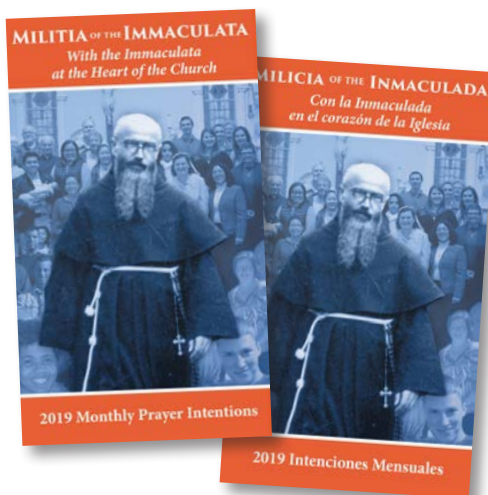
In those years, many publications against the Church were distributed at train stations and in university circles. Fr. Kolbe endeavored to counteract this by publishing magazines that would instill love for the Church, Our Lady and God, and strengthen everyone’s Faith so as to be equipped to live it and defend it against all enemies, visible and invisible.

Today we are experiencing a spiritual warfare, no doubt.

The Enemy uses his agents to attack the Church from within and without. Moreover, indifference, relativism, secularism, liberal ideas and agendas undermine Christian values and weaken the Faith of individuals and the stability of the family. The challenges we face are similar to those Kolbe confronted in his time.

Pope Francis repeatedly has asked the faithful to pray for him and for his ministry. Praying for the Pope can be seen as an expression of faith in Christ and of love for the Church entrusted to the Pope’s care. Let us make it our duty to pray for the Holy Father that he may be given the wisdom and fortitude to lead the People of God along the path of Truth.

(From the MI International Office)



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MI News *Niepokalanów: Another Portiuncula*

On September 1, 2018, the International World Prayer for Peace Center was inaugurated in Niepokalanów, Poland. Since then, many faithful have visited the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration. They come day and night to pray a while before the altar-monstrance known as the eighth “Star in the Crown of Mary, Queen of Peace.” This altar was blessed at the Vatican by Pope Francis on August 29, 2018. A monitoring system put in place shows that there are 30,000-40,000 visitors each month. This is undoubtedly cause for joy, but it also calls for a certain amount of pastoral ministry.

In 1216, Saint Francis begged the Holy Father to grant to all those who visit the Portiuncula, a “full and generous pardon.” Inspired by this, the friars felt they should meet with all the pilgrims, so that, like St. Francis, they might “send them all to Paradise.” On January 14, 2019, a request was sent to the Holy See, which was answered by a Decree dated February 5, 2019, from His Eminence, Mauro Cardinal Piacenza, of the Apostolic Penitentiary. Thus the grace of *Plenary Indulgence* will be granted to those who, truly repentant, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, make a devout pilgrimage to the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration in Niepokalanów meditating for some time before the “Star in the Crown of Mary, Queen of Peace Altar,” and conclude their adoration by reciting the Creed, praying the Our Father and invoking the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe.

Everyone is invited to visit the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration in Niepokalanów.

(Excerpts - News from Friar Wiesław Pyzio, Minister Provincial OFM Conv, Warsaw, Poland)





Lenten Fast

Young Fr. Maximilian Kolbe offered MI members and readers of the *Rycerz Niepokalanej* magazine a scriptural and historical account on the Lenten penitential practices.

In Zakopane, a female university student presented to me a pamphlet about the YMCA. Then, referring to one of my critical remarks on the subject, she told me: "I do not see anything wrong with this." I took the pamphlet and looked at it in a bit of a hurry.

Although the author states his intention to leave issues of dogma "to specialists, to priests," he utterly fails to do that. In fact, I noticed that the pamphlet teaches that the remission of sins takes place by means of prayer, and later adds that in the Middle Ages the faithful were wrong in mortifying their bodies.

I also had the opportunity to talk about the same topic with a Protestant pastor.... When I pointed out that St. Paul asserts: "I drive my body and train it, for fear that, after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified" [1 Cor 9:27], he said that those things were practiced only by St. Paul, while others are not obliged to imitate him. Even today many would like to abolish any type of mortification, since our degraded world nowadays seeks happiness in fleeting, sensual, and often sinful pleasures.

Nevertheless, penance is not the exclusive privilege of St. Paul, nor an "error" of the Middle Ages, but a duty: *a bounden duty of all*, for no one is without sin. Also, people did not start getting penance wrong during the Middle Ages: even in the early centuries of the Church the faithful, obedient to the commands of Christ, kept a tight rein on their bodies.

Jesus Christ Himself fasted in the desert for 40 days and urged others to do penance, under threat of perdition: "If you do not re-

pent, you will all perish as they did" (Lk 13:5). And St. Peter taught in the temple: "Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19).

Already the first Christians did works of penance: in fact even the Lenten fast was well known among them, as attested by St. Augustine (†430), St. John Chrysostom (†407), Origen (†253), and St. Irenaeus (†202). They exhorted the faithful to observe fervently the Lenten fast and admonished those who failed to observe it according to the austerity of the time. And that was not yet in the centuries of the Middle Ages.

Anyone who wishes to be saved, therefore, must do penance. The Holy Church, although it cannot completely abolish penance, nonetheless by virtue of the power received from Christ determines how penance is done, according to times and places. One such means of penance is the Lenten fast that we are now observing.

In the early centuries it was shorter, yet considerably more austere. The *Didascalia Apostolorum* (from the third century) prescribes fasting, namely the complete abstinence from food and drink, on Friday and Saturday of Holy Week. In the four days prior to that, it prescribes fasting on bread, water and salt. At the beginning of the fourth century people fasted for 40 days, on the model of Jesus' fasting. The Synod of Nicaea had already given a name to this fast (canon 5): "Quadragesima," Lent.

In the West people fasted for six weeks, with the exception of Sundays. In the East instead (Antioch, Constantinople), the custom was to exempt people from fasting on Saturdays as well, so fasting began seven weeks before Easter. In practice, therefore, people fasted for 30 days. Only in the seventh century in Rome was the number of days of fasting finally rounded up to 40, since fasting began with Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of the Middle Ages, this practice had been accepted throughout the whole Catholic world. In the Synod of Benevento, Pope Urban II commanded also Church-wide observance of the already ancient tradition of sprinkling ashes on people's heads at the beginning of the fast. ...The Code of Canon Law carefully distinguishes between fasting and abstinence from meat.

As members of the Militia of the Immaculata, we should observe this holy fasting with greater fervor, as much as we can, since mortification is a power, which, together with prayer, obtains divine graces, purifies souls, inflames them with love for God and one's neighbor and lovingly submits them to God through the Immaculata.

(KW 1028)

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.

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Testimonials from MI Members

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“How important to pray with these words, ‘For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.’ I am very grateful for this beautiful reminder of the power of our spiritual Mother’s intercession leading us all closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.”

Maria: “This year was my second year going to the March after my Marian consecration. The March this year was very special, especially having marched as part of the Militia of the Immaculata for the first time. Since my consecration my relationship with Mary has grown significantly. It is with realizing how Mary was Jesus’ first disciple and what an important role Mary played in nurturing her Son that I can also show others to follow Him in her humble way through marching for life. During the March mothers and women must be the first to stand and protect the life within their womb regardless of what the outside world says. We must follow Mary’s example and point our own children in the way of Jesus: the only way that will lead to salvation. The pro-life movement is incredibly dear to our Blessed Mother, and her life elucidates why

life is so precious. First, Our Lady, as the Immaculate Conception, reveals that our human dignity comes from being beloved sons and daughters of the Father, and any merit of ours comes from Jesus’ free gift of Himself on the Cross. Because she was preserved from sin at conception by Jesus’ merits, Mary lived a cruciform life—that is, a life intimately united to her Son and His mission of love. She partook, through her immense motherly suffering at the foot of the Cross, in His very passion for the salvation of our souls. The Lord suffered and died with each individual human person in mind and out of love for him or her, and so did Mary. God the Father says, ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you’ (Jer 1:5). He has a plan for each one of us since the beginning of creation—that is, a plan of great love. Like Mary, we can save souls when we unite our actions and sacrifices to His passion. Knowing that Jesus loves and saves me, I am moved to help Him that He may reach those who are in most in need of His merciful love including abortionists, mothers and fathers, families, society, and the members of the Church.

For this reason, I march to defend life from the horror of abortion, and it was a great honor to have marched this year with Our Lady and people who are devoted to Jesus through her in St. Maximilian Kolbe’s Militia of the Immaculata.”

In conclusion, this was the second March for Life we attended as an established MI Village and our experience was full of graces received only through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, the Immaculata. Our Lady is the prime example of what it means to be pro-life through her motherhood of Our Lord and the Church. As members of the Militia of the Immaculata, everything we do is for her, the Mother of Life, who brings us closer to Life itself—Christ and His Church.



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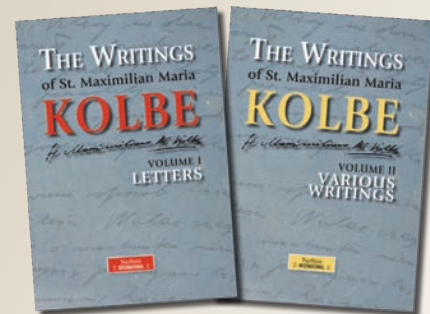
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St. Maximilian Kolbe