



January 26, 2026

Mr. Miquel Bordas  
International President  
Militia of the Immaculata

Subject: Formal Endorsement of the Protocol for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons

Dear Mr. Bordas,

In my capacity as the National President of the Militia of the Immaculata (M.I.) in the United States, I am writing to formally and wholeheartedly endorse the **Protocol of the Association "Militia of the Immaculata" for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons, as well as for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse and for the Reporting of Abuse.**

The M.I. in the United States recognizes this Protocol not merely as a set of regulations, but as a foundational mandate that aligns our Association with the "zero tolerance" policy of our founder, St. Maximilian Kolbe. We affirm that establishing a robust "culture of safeguarding" is essential to our mission and our fidelity to the Church.

We acknowledge the International Center's submission of this Protocol to the Holy See via the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life. The M.I. National Center in the United States commits to the full implementation of this Protocol, including the localization of these guidelines to comply with U.S. civil and canonical laws.

We stand in full solidarity with the International Presidential Council in ensuring that by 15 July 2026, these vital safeguards will be fully operational within our National Center.

Sincerely in the Immaculata,

Ronald Rodrigues  
U. S. MI National President



**To:** All Members, Spiritual Assistant, and Volunteers of the M.I. in the United States

**From:** The National President, M.I. USA

**Subject:** Immediate Application of Safeguarding Standards

Dear Knights of the Militia of the Immaculata,

Following the International Election Assembly in Rome, I am writing to formally present the Protocol for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons. This document is now the official standard for the Militia of the Immaculata in the United States.

It is essential to understand that these guidelines are to be applied to everything we do. Whether at a local village meeting, a national conference, a youth retreat, or online engagement, the principles of this Protocol must be followed without exception.

**What this means for all MI USA members:**

**Universal Application:** The standards of conduct outlined in the Protocol apply to every member and adult leader involved in our activities.

**Zero Tolerance:** In keeping with the charism of St. Maximilian Kolbe, we maintain a zero-tolerance policy for abuse and a mandatory requirement for reporting any concerns through the established National Complaints Office.

**Mandatory Compliance:** Full implementation—including localized vetting and training programs—is moving forward immediately, with a final completion deadline of **15 July 2026**. Our mission to "win the world for Christ through the Immaculata" requires that we be beyond reproach in our care for the "least of these." We are all responsible for maintaining this environment of safety and trust.

We thank you for your immediate attention to these standards and for your continued dedication to the Immaculata.

Yours in the Immaculata,

Ronald Rodrigues  
National President, M.I. USA



January 26, 2026

MEMORANDUM FOR: All MI USA Councils, Spiritual Assistant, and Delegates

FROM: Ronald Rodrigues  
National President  
Office of the M.I. USA

SUBJECT: Urgent Adoption of the Protocol for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons

This memorandum serves to officially inform you that the Protocol for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons has been approved by the International Center and formally submitted to the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life.

As we move forward from the International Election Assembly in Rome, the M.I. in the United States is now entering the Implementation Phase. This is a foundational priority for our National Center.

Key Mandates for MI USA:

1. Adoption: We are officially adopting the International Protocol as our governing framework for safeguarding.
2. Localization: We will begin the work of adapting these guidelines into a specific National Code of Conduct that meets all U.S. legal requirements.
3. Deadline: All structures—including our Training Committee and Complaints Office—must be fully operational by 15 July 2026.

This Protocol represents our commitment to the safety and dignity of everyone we serve. It is a modern expression of St. Maximilian's dedication to purity and the protection of the vulnerable. Further instructions regarding mandatory vetting and training schedules will follow shortly. We thank you for your prayerful cooperation and your dedication to the well-being of the Immaculata's family.

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## **PUBLIC STATEMENT: National Endorsement of the International Protocol**

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The Militia of the Immaculata in the United States officially announces its full endorsement and immediate adoption of the **Protocol of the Association Militia of the Immaculata for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons, as well as for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse and for the Reporting of Abuse.**

This document, approved by the International Center and submitted to the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, now serves as the foundational standard for our Association. In the spirit of St. Maximilian Kolbe, we affirm that the protection of the vulnerable is not merely a legal requirement, but a profound moral and spiritual imperative.

**Our Commitment:** The M.I. USA is committed to establishing a "culture of safeguarding" that permeates every activity, meeting, and mission. This Protocol is being localized to comply with U.S. civil and canonical laws, ensuring that our environments are places of safety, respect, and the highest Catholic Christian integrity.