

I am a devoted husband and proud father of three young children. I have been a Knight of the Immaculata since June 1998. Consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary as her total instrument, I have experienced her constant maternal guidance for nearly three decades. I offer myself for service on the MI National Council.

My MI service began immediately after my consecration, when I served as a small group leader for numerous teen retreats, most notably the Jubilee 2000 maiden tour of the MAX Evangelization Team sponsored by the MI National Center at Marytown and commissioned by the late Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I., of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Cardinal George was incredibly supportive of our mission; I fondly remember a sacred moment during one of our dramas about drawing all souls to Mary when the Cardinal himself stepped onto the stage and prayed alongside us. This powerful witness of a Prince of the Church entering into our humble efforts fired me up for a lifetime of service, fueling my work on the MAX teams from 2000 through 2007.

During those years, I served as director, small group leader, and music and liturgy leader, spreading the MI mission throughout the continental U.S., Canada, and Hawaii. I also co-directed summer teen programs at Marytown and Toronto, coordinated the MI Juniors program, and facilitated the young adult venue at the Saint Joseph's Communications Long Beach Family Conference.

I joined the MI pilgrimages to Poland in 2001 and 2005. Following in St. Maximilian's footsteps through Niepokalanów and Auschwitz, and feeling the cold floor on my forehead in the cell where Our Lady embraced him into heaven, the MI became forever a part of me. I frequently left my daily life as a young engineer to lead MI Youth programs. I collaborated closely with the National Director to develop the infrastructure to form future generations, which included training emerging young adult leaders in the Kolbean spirituality, especially as it pertained to implementing the MI Code of Conduct.

The MI became a daily part of my life; I attended every New Year leadership retreat at Marytown possible from 1998 to 2008, the latter marking my engagement to my wife, Shelly. Today, Shelly and I serve together in family faith formation, leading parent sessions and monthly First Communion retreats. We lead Theology of Dance workshops and will be leading the teens at the 2026 Southern California Catholic Homeschool Educators Conference.

During my ten years at SpaceX, I've leaned on the mentorship of Shevawn Pearson and our years of shared ministry with MI Youth to develop *Trajectory*, a professional leadership program designed for a 'space-faring civilization.' Even now, I make it a point to continue my own formation in Marian spirituality every two weeks at St. Michael's Abbey through the Archangel Institute. Shelly and I enrolled our son, Trystan Maximilian, there as well—we really want our children to grow up with that same spirit of total consecration to Our Lady that has meant so much to us.

My daily consecration, the Sacraments, and these formation programs provide food for my MI soul and inspire me to continue to give "all that I am without reserve, wholly" to the Immaculata. Combining decades of MI leadership with creative outreach and aerospace discipline and innovation, I seek to be an active instrument in the hands of the Immaculata—helping to form, unite, and mobilize Knights nationwide for the greater glory of God, with the ultimate goal of winning the whole world and beyond for the Immaculata.