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All knights of the Immaculata are invited to celebrate the 100th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

of the foundation of the

MILITIA IMMACULATAE

by Saint Maximilian Kolbe

A sermon from H.E. Bishop Bernard Fellay and an act of consecration to the Immaculata

will follow directly after the closing ceremony of the official pilgrimage of the Society of St. Pius X (around 16.30)

Sunday 20th August 2017 — Fatima

Join us and knights from all around the world in glorifying and thanking the Immaculata.

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Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

The apparitions of Our Lady in July and August 1917 were all centred on the means she wants us to use for the greatest possible number of conversions of poor sinners.

The great secret of Fatima revealed to the children on 13 July begins with the terrific vision of Hell to make us understand the extreme gravity of the matter and give us an efficacious motivation to employ all possible means to work for the conversion and salvation of souls — and all souls are in imminent danger of getting lost forever in the fires of Hell.

In fact, this duty of being an instrument in the Immaculata's hand for the conversion and sanctification of all those living in error and sin is the only really important work we have to accomplish in this world and for this world.

Reflecting about our life and actions, we have the obligation to work for what it true and good. Our duties of state, our employments and commitments are to serve others: for their private and personal good, for the social good of the institutions (family, business, association, etc.), and generally for the common good of the society. Everybody has to accomplish his "service": the teachers serve for the education of the children, the soldier accomplishes his military service for the safety of his country, the worker serves the community to produce necessary or everyday goods which serve the community etc.

However, all these important services strive for limited goods, which will not last. But there is one service by which we can bring permanent, immortal, imperishable, eternal fruits: our work for the salvation of souls, and concretely for their conversion and sanctification! To fulfill better this noblest and highest duty and accomplish this most sublime

service, we consecrated ourselves to the Immaculata as her instruments — Knights!

In Fatima Our Lady gives us the means to do this work and so to bring to souls true happiness: The devotions to her Immaculate Heart, precisely the First Saturday devotions and the Consecration of our institutions (and especially Russia) to her Immaculate Heart. She insists on our prayers and sacrifices, especially one — the daily Rosary. She also inspired Saint Maximilian Kolbe to found the M.I.: a permanent little army, where the officers have the duty to remind the Knights about their most sublime duty and task to accomplish in this "valley of tears". Moreover, she wants the M.I. to be somehow the spiritual "warehouse" where we can find all kind of means to accomplish more easily the "GREAT AND ONLY IMPORTANT TASK OF OUR LIFE".

In other words: The MILITIA IMMACULATAE is a special gift of Our Lady to keep ourselves close to the burning fire of Love of HER IMMACULATE HEART and inspire us to do always more and always better, what God wants us to do in our short life on earth.

Therefore, with a deep gratitude and holy fervour, take the medals, flyers, booklets, books etc. MAKE OUR LADY KNOWN wherever and as much as you can, then you can be sure that you will participate also in the final triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

Fr. Karl Stehlin Singapore, June 12, 2017

I believe that her banner will be hoisted up even over the Kremlin, and so on. In a word, she shall be truly Queen of every heart and in every heart will introduce divine love, the love of the Heart of Jesus. Then the purpose of the M.I. will have been achieved.

St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe (June 6, 1931)

The Third Apparition of Our Lady in Fatima



In the whole cycle of the apparitions, that of the 13th of July is unquestionably the most important. It is the central apparition which the two previous ones prepared for, and which the three subsequent ones were to confirm in a striking manner by their great miracles. "Indeed it was on that day," Lucia writes, "that Our Lady deigned to reveal to us the secret." **Read more**:

http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Fatima120.php http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Fatima121.php

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Mary lived, cared for by St. John, for twelve years after Our Lord's Resurrection. Her life was spent in helping the Apostles and in praying for the conversion of the world. On the third day after Mary's death, when the Apostles gathered around her tomb, they found it empty. The sacred body had been carried up to the celestial paradise. Jesus Himself came to conduct her thither.

Read more: http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/ Prace352.php

The Fourth Apparition of Our Lady in Fatima



Many experts on the apparitions in Fatima explain the unusual and exceptional character of this apparition as the love and mercy of our Heavenly Mother, who wanted to console the children and also to assure them that she would continue her visits despite the absence of the children on the 13th of August, due to the wickedness of the administrator. **Read more:**

http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Fatima149.php http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Fatima150.php



Work for the conversion of sinners

The Immaculata, during her apparition on 13 July 1917 in Fatima, said to the three children:

"Sacrifice yourself for sinners (...) You have seen Hell, where the souls of poor sinners go."

At almost the same time Polish Franciscan, Father Maximilian Kolbe founded the movement called Militia Immaculatae, its goal being the conversion of sinners.

During the third Apparition in Fatima (13 July 1917) Our Lady showed the three children a vision of Hell and she said:

"You have seen Hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart.

If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. (...)



When you say the Rosary, say after each mystery: O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are most in need."

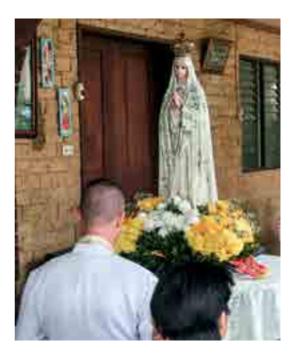
The three children of Fatima, especially Jacinta prayed and made sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. She had an ardent thirst for their conversion, a genuine missionary zeal. She looked for sacrifices to offer for "my sinners."

Jacinta always made her sacrifices with this thought, a thought which was habitual for her: to suffer for sinners, to make acts of reparation in their place, to substitute herself for them, to obtain pardon for them and the grace of conversion.

Very often Jacinta said: "We must pray a lot to save souls from hell. So many go there! So many!"

In the same year, 1917, St. Maximilian Kolbe founded the Militia Immaculatae. The goal of the Militia Immaculatae is "to engage in the work of conversion of sinners, heretics, schismatics, Jews, and so on, but most of all of Freemasons, and in the work of sanctification of all, under the protection and through mediation of the Immaculata." He wrote:

Its purpose, therefore, is commitment to the conversion of sinners and of noncatholics, and for the sanctification of all. In other words, love towards all people, regardless of differences of faith and nationality, with a view to drawing them closer to the happiness that only closeness to God, the source of all happiness, and concrete love for God, that is, sanctification, can afford."



How can we convert sinners? St. Maximilian wrote:

"We all know well that the Virgin Immaculatae was established by God as the Mediatrix of all graces. In fact, no one converts or achieves sanctification without the help of the Immaculata, the Mother of divine grace. Indeed, the closer one comes to this Dispenser of divine

graces, the more graces one obtains, the more easily one is made holy and contributes to the sanctification of others. It is logical, then, that we should be committed to the work of conversion and sanctification of souls under the protection and through the mediation of the Immaculata."

In Fatima and in Lourdes also, Our Lady asked about prayer for sinners. Saint



Maximilian very often said and wrote: "The best way to convert (to sanctify) sinners is to arouse in them a devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary."

During the fourth apparition in Fatima, the Immaculata continued to ask for prayer for sinners: "Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners: for many souls go to Hell because there are none to sacrifice themselves and pray for them."

In 1940 St. Maximilian wrote: "The Immaculata urged everyone to pray for sinners. And the M.I. fulfills this invitation of the Immaculata, by having thousands of months and hearts repeat daily: 'O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee, and for all those who do not have recourse to thee, especially for the Freemasons

and for those who are commended to thy care.' This invocation came out the mouth of the Immaculata and applies to every soul".

"We shall pray to her that she may deign to offer to Jesus just reparation for both our past infidelities and for the many wrongs that He suffers from sinners every day throughout the world" — he wrote in 1938.

Each Knight offers "self-commitment, through the Immaculata, as an instrument in her hands, in striving for the conversion of sinners and of all those in need of it, and for the sanctification of all.

And along with prayer, works. Works may be of different kinds, according to the condition and situation of each: they must be animated



by fervour but guided by prudence. The common goal of these works: drawing souls, the greatest possible number of souls, to the Immaculata. She will cleanse them of their sins, enlighten them, strengthen them, inflame them with love for the Heart of Jesus and their brethren and make them happy. For the saints rightly assert that it is impossible for those who venerate Mary to perish, for 'love toward the Holy Mother is a sign of predestination'".



In his magazine "Knight of the Immaculata" St. Maximilian referred to news from the world as "little sparks". Sparks are the source of fire. Let them ignite our apostolic activity. Let us gain the whole world for the Immaculata with her help and for her glory.

Visit of the M.I. Director in Canada and 288 new Knights

During 20th – 24th May 2017, Reverend Father Karl Stehlin, Director of the Militia Immaculatae visited Canada.

On this visit Fr. Karl Stehlin established the Militia Immaculatae officially in the English-speaking part of Canada and he enrolled **288 new Knights** into the M.I.

First he visited the chapel "Our Lady of Sorrows" at Rocky Mountain House: within two conferen-



Holy Mass in Winnipeg

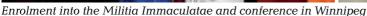
ces he presented the Militia Immaculatae, its importance in our lives and specially in our times and enrolled **46 Knights**.

On Sunday 21 May **174 Knights** were enrolled at the Priory of St. Denis in Calgary, amongst them also the Prior himself, Reverend Father Herkel.

For his visit to Winnipeg on Monday 22 May, the faithful attented Mass, then a conference where Fr. Stehlin explained the importance and significance of Our Lady in salvation, how the Militia fulfils the message of Fatima, and ended with how Our Lady uses her soldiers to save souls. After the conference we had the enrolments followed by a rosary procession. **68 Knights** were enrolled in the Militia Immaculatae in Winnipeg.

On Tuesday 23 May Fr. Stehlin gave a conference for the priests and faithful of the School





of the Most Holy Rosary in Levis, Quebec, explaining to them the importance of the M.I.

From Wednesday 24 to Friday 26 May the priests and semina-

rians of St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Dillwyn, VA, attended several conferences by Fr. Stehlin about the importance of the message of Fatima and the M.I.



Rosary procession in Winnipeg

First Marian Fair in Singapore

On Sunday, 21st May 2017, the Militia Immaculatae initiated a Marian Fair at the SSPX Singapore Priory, assisted by a few parishioner-volunteers. The theme of the Fair was on Our Lady of Fatima. The night before, volunteers who had helped with the packing and setting-up of items were united in prayers to Immaculate Mary, who, without fail, saw to its success.

The objective of this Fair was to encourage parishioners to help make our Blessed Mother known and to bring Her home with them and to their friends. Framed photographs of our beautiful Heavenly Queen, Fatima and Immaculata books, Rosary

Meditation booklets, *etc* were the chosen means to accomplish these tasks, as well as the free distribution of Miraculous Medals. An added objective was to generate some much-needed income or donations for the global evangelisation of the Immaculata and M.I., under the direction of Fr. Karl Stehlin, our International Father Director.

The morning started sluggishly after the 8 a.m. Mass, but became more vibrant after the 10 a.m. Service. Items popular with parishioners were the M.I.'s Fatima 100th Anniversary luggage tags, Our Lady's bookmarks and the 2 books, "What Jesus owes to His Mother" and "Meditations on the





mysteries of the Rosary", recommended by Fr. Wailliez in his homilies. There were also a few generous donations.

A couple of great moments to highlight were: being blessed with a few new attendees at the 10 a.m. Mass, brought in by existing SSPX parishioners for the Fair, and having a few walk-in passers-by, drawn by Our Lady's majestic statue and photographs fronting the street, who did some sporadic purchases. Hopefully, these Catholics will be a permanent sight at our chapel.

At 1 p.m., the Fair ended most appropriately on a sweet note. Two new young attendees remained for some time to learn more about the SSPX and the Catholic faith from our senior parishioners. We also had queries from 8 young

passers-by with whom our new young convert was able to share her experiences and to whom she was able to pass the write-up on the "Vatican's Statements Concerning the SSPX."

"Thank you, parishioners" for supporting this first Marian Fair. We look forward to garnering more robust support from you and all Catholics in this evangelistic mission to bring more souls to Our Lord Jesus Christ through the Immaculata, His beautiful Mother whom He gifted to us to be our Mother.

Here's to our Blessed Mother's hand in the twin growth of the numbers of the Knights of the Immaculata and the parishioners in our chapel. All praise, glory and thanks to our Heavenly Mother and her Immaculate Heart!

The pilgrimage to Akita in Japan

The annual pilgrimage of the faithful from Asia to Akita, Japan was held from 3 to 5 May 2017.

Some staff that were to prepare for the pilgrimage arrived in Akita on May 2 in the evening.



Some cherry blossoms were still to be seen!

Each day of the pilgrimage began with High Mass and afterwards Father Karl Stehlin preached retreats about Our Lady of Fatima. We will publish all the conferences soon on Youtube on our M.I. Channel.

Each afternoon pilgrims visited a convent known as the Institute of the Handmaids of the Holy Eucharist. Akita is famous for the apparition of Our Lady. Pilgrims on the way to the convent prayed the Holy Rosary. In the chapel of the convent we prayed the Holy Rosary before the statue of Our Lady and we sang in honour of Our Lady.

After returning from the convent each day, Father Stehlin preached another conference.

Helena Tsuchiya

Celebrating Our Lady of Fatima in Chennai (India)

The Knights of the Immaculatae in Chennai India continued their Celebration of the Centenary year of the Message of our Lady of Fatima with special devotions during the month of May. A Pilgrim statue of Our Lady was blessed by

Fr. Gregory Noronha on the 7th of May, followed by a beautiful May crowning Ceremony in which Our Lady was crowned Queen of our hearts. This statue of our Lady was then taken to the homes of our faithful throughout the month

of May. In every house we prayed the Rosary, the Litany to Our Lady and sang hymns in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Miraculous Medals and Fr. Karl Stehlin's book "Fatima: A Spiritual Guide for our Times" were distributed to all who came for the Rosary.

It was a revival of an old tradition here in Chennai as many of our faithful recalled the days of their childhood when Our Lady would visit their homes during the month of May.

Our Lady was received with great devotion in each house. Friends and relatives were invited to pray and so many who visited were surprised by the number of young hearts that so proudly declared themselves "Knights of the Immaculatae" in leading the Rosary and Litany in Latin.

The Rosary each day was offered for: the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; the Consecration of Russia; the Conversion of Sinners.

At the insistence of many, the Statue of Our Lady will continue to visit homes until the end of this year.

On the last Sunday of May, the M.I. of Chennai organized a May Crowning for our Blessed Mother.





After Holy Mass, Fr. John Hattrup SSPX crowned Our Lady and led the faithful in the singing of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We are ever grateful to our Father Director Fr. Karl Stehlin who inspired us to undertake this initiative during his previous visit to Chennai and his constant support and prayers for us.

Mary's Mission Tour

On 28 October 2016, in Marbel in South Cotobato, on the Island of Mindanao, Philippines, Mary's Mission Tour began.

It is a 2100 km Pilgrimage scheduled to conclude in Baguio Luzon on 15 August 2017.

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Phase VI — Luzon

Pilgrims walking in Luzon during the month of July and half of August.

For those who would like to participate in the walking portions of this long Pilgrimage, they are invited to refer to the website:

http://sspxphilippinemissions.com/

This Pilgrimage has been conceived as the SSPX District of

Asia's offering to Mary for the Centenary of Fatima. While the

Pilgrimage has not yet concluded, it has reaped many initial fruits for Our Lady 14,600 new Knights were enrolled in 3 months on the Island of Mindanao alone.

Pilgrims were walking also through the smaller islands of Leyte, Bohol and Iloilo. And as Mary's Mission Pilgrimage winds its way through the Philippine isles, more Knights are added to Mary's Army.



Mary's Mission Apostolate

Mary's Mission is an Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima in which Our Lady herself is the main Missionary. The name, "Mary's Mission" means the missionary movement was begun in the Church by Our Lady of the Rosary at Fatima. There, her pur-



pose was to invite apostolic souls to establish devotion to her Immaculate Heart in the world and to request the Pope to bring peace to the world. At the same time Our Lady gave the Church the means to protect itself from the most grievous danger that has ever threatened it. All of these aspects of Fatima have been neglected. But it is the missionary aspect of Fatima that is the most neglected and contradicted by Catholics today. It is precisely this missionary

spirit of Fatima that is given concrete expression in Mary's Mission. In this Mission, the Militia Immaculatae becomes the providential instrument of Our Lady to fulfill the designs she revealed at Fatima.

Mary's Mission Follow-up for new Knights

Since the Consecration to Mary in the M.I. and the Miraculous Medal have a real efficacy, following-up means to foster this efficacy. Although salesmen making "cold" calls expect a 1% positive response, we can expect it will be easier for the M.I. Here, we are not making "cold" calls, but "fervent" calls. Our text messages and follow-up visits build upon a spiritual consecration and work through a powerful sacramental. The immediate goal is to "stir up the grace of God that is in you by the imposition..." of the Miraculous Medal.

How to do it — a three step system

The first step of follow-up is to send a text-message, or make a phone call to those who have enrolled in the M.I. This text or call simply reminds them to say their M.I. prayer every day. Ideally, a text message, e-mail or some form of quick and easy communication will be sent to former M.I.s monthly or quasi-monthly. The International Director's letter will be sent to those who have e-mail.



A record will be kept of this initial follow-up work so that a report can be entered into the National Registry.

A key element of this first step is to place tarpaulins, flyers or other forms of public communication at the areas visited by Our Lady as public reminders to souls to persevere in devotion to Our Lady and in the duties of the M.I. In practice, this may be

easier to implement in the second step, but it is important to do this within a reasonable time after the passage of Our Lady.

Second step

The second step of follow-up is a home visitation by M.I.s. This visitation amplifies the goal of the text message. Here, the new soldiers, the new M.I.s are reminded to say their prayer every day, and to wear their Miraculous Medal. Visiting M.I.s who are performing this work of follow-up will make a report of how many know their prayers by heart and how many are wearing the Miraculous Medal.

At this visit, visitors will give a small gift such as a flyer or a supply of medals. At this follow-up visit, the follow-up can take a deeper turn. There, where Mary's maternal grace is working and the soul thus visited shows interest, a small home based catechism can follow, in which even neighbors or friends, especially those who enrolled originally in the M.I. will be invited. In the follow up work, Mary's workers must try to follow the grace that she gave, nourish souls with her Immaculate Heart, and remind them to fulfill their simple M.I. duties in the spirit of Our Lady. They should teach them the meaning of their consecration and give tips on how to live out this consecration in daily life. In addition, it is possible to go further than the M.I. prayer and strive to give a better understanding of the Holy Rosary.

It is very important to note that the Knight of the Immaculata forms a very precious gift as a tool for the perseverance of our new Knights. They are particularly edified by it and the international news is especially helpful for them to see the Catholic nature of the work, often obscured by the persecution that has always accompanied Mary's Mission. In connection with this M.I. flyers and small books are most helpful, as well, and must be on hand for those new recruits who show the capability and interest necessary for the fruitful use of these media.

Since the house follow-up visit presents special difficulties, distances to travel, conflicts of schedule, and opportunities of doing deeper catechism and addressing problems, it is best if



the M.I.s who are to perform this important work are free to visit a given area for several days. Budgeting a certain time frame is necessary if several veteran M.I.s plan to visit, if possible, all the M.I.s of a given area. Naturally, a report of this work will be made.

This second step of home visitations is something that may well continue over a relatively long period of time. Grace doesn't always produce fruits immediately. Veteran M.I.s ready for follow-up work must be willing to do a long haul. However, they will consistently aim at this concrete goal: to form a group of M.I.s that can carry on this work themselves and who can move to the third step.

Third step

The third step can take a variety of applications. Ideally it will take the form of a Mary's Mission II animated and organized by the new recruit M.I.s of the given area. In other words, step #1 is simply done again, but with the new M.I.s being the main workers and co-ordinators of this Mary's Mission II. Or it can take the form of a public conference with the Priest.

Other possibilities may present themselves. But in them all, it will be some kind of public act of veneration and reparation to Mary, with the public Rosary procession and Mass with the presence of Our Lady herself as represented by a worthy statue and bier or carossa. This third step is the great goal toward which the follow-up work and home visitations aim.

Schools, municipalities and other institutions

Schools present a different problem, because of the great numbers of students who are a "migrant population". Nevertheless, working through the teachers is effective and so contact with the children, where teachers are in the M.I. and cooperative, is not difficult. The goal is to ensure that the children know the prayer by heart, say the M.I. prayer daily, and wear the Miraculous Medal.

Where further M.I. apostolate work in the school is possible, this can be pursued. Frequently, this will exceed our possibilities and so the children go under the guidance of Mary with their prayer and their Miraculous Medal. Grace has made its foothold, Providence will show us the outcomes later.

As for municipalities and other institutions, the follow-up work will be along the same principles, and veteran M.I.s working in this field of the apostolate will be led by Our Lady, their possibilities and divine Providence.

Aim high and reap good fruits

The secret of Mary's Mission is that it is hers. By constantly aiming at the great goals Our Lady proposes — the salvation of souls through prayer, sacrifice and consecration — forming apostolic souls, will give us far greater numbers of souls who will be saved. In other words,

aiming for apostleship and reparation saves more souls than going for realistic minima. Striving to make people fervent M.I.s makes many "regular" M.I.s who just say their prayer daily—

but these would never have gotten this far if they weren't urged towards higher things.

Ever more, ever higher, God wills it!

Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer

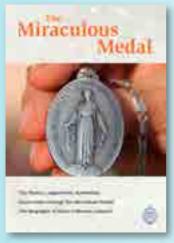


Flyer and booklet about the Miraculous Medal

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2nd Polish Nationwide Congress of the M.I.

On Saturday, 20th May 2017, the 2nd Polish Nationwide Congress of Militia Immaculatae Traditional Observance took place at the SSPX priory in Warsaw.

Just like before, the weather was excellent, the sun was shining all day long, and there was not even a single cloud in the sky. It was so hot (about 30°C) that the tables with apostolic materials had to be moved under the awning of the church.

The meeting began with a rosary prayer. After that, Father Krzysztof Gołębiewski SSPX, the shepherd of the Polish M.I., celebrated a Mass and gave two lectures about the Immaculata



and her role in salvation. Father Gołębiewski talked about Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell; as well as the consequences of our choices. He stressed the fact that "nobody comes to Christ but through Mary". He also reminded that Our Lady has given us her Immaculate Heart in Fatima as the ultimate refuge for souls. Mary has promised salvation to those who have recourse to her Immaculate Heart.

During a break, Fr. Gołębiewski held individual conversations with the faithful and encouraged the M.I. members to become involved even more in the service of the Immaculata according to the ideals of St. Maximilian. As usual, the M.I. Knights from Warsaw extended their extraordinary hospitality by offering homebaked food and delicious salads to those who had come.

The Knights could buy new materials for apostolic purposes: flyers, blessed Miraculous Medals, and archival editions of "Triumph of the Immaculata". The bookstore at the "Te Deum" publishing house was open all day, where one could take a look at



recently published books and buy those which were of interest.

The following newly released M.I. informational flyers attracted great interest:

- The Immaculata, Mediatrix of all graces,
- The Immaculate Heart of Mary,
- The Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima.

The MI members took up the materials in large quantities in order to pass them on within their local environment and to attract as many souls to the Immaculata as possible.

A brochure about the rosary and the second part of a brochure about the apparition of Our Lady in Fatima are still being prepared.

At 3:30pm, a solemn ceremony of new M.I. Knights' enrolment

was held. As soon as the ceremony was over, the anthem of the Militia Immaculatae resounded in Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception Church.

During that day, the Warsaw SSPX Priory was a home for more than 120 M.I. Knights from all over Poland. The Militia Immaculatae in Poland recruited 16 new members.

Ewa Tobiasz



Magazine "Triumph of the Immaculata"

In Poland, a subsequent edition (53rd) of "Triumph of the Immaculata" magazine was released. The magazine is affiliated with Knights of the Immaculata Traditional Observance and dates back to 2007 when it was originally published as a quarterly ("Miles Immaculatae"); then as a monthly supplement "The Immaculata Will Conquer" in "Always Faithful" magazine from

2008 until September 2013; and from September 2013 on, as an independent monthly "Triumph of the Immaculata".

It is edited by the Knights in cooperation with the priests of the Society of Saint Pius X.

This edition is the third one with a recently redesigned layout and regular columns:

- a letter from the national chaplain of the Knights of the Immaculata to the members,
- a letter from the Father Director of the M.I.,
- Saint Maximilian Kolbe's apologetics,
- Catholic Tradition and the crisis of the Church,
- information about the Miraculous Medal,
- the mission of the Knights of the Immaculata.

2017 saw the commencement of the publication in Poland of the following Knights of the Immaculatae brochures translated from English: "Mary Mediatrix of All Graces", "Immaculate Conception", "Our Lady of Fatima", "Immaculate Heart of Mary" and "Rosary General Revision".

Ewa Tobiasz



Knights in Lithuania

In Kaunas, Lithuania, Fr. Pezzutti received 2 very zealous new Knights into the Militia Immaculatae. One of them, Paulius Kruopis, has become the official Secretary of the Knights in Lithuania and has energetically begun to organize the troops for more prayerful and apostolic action. Also, we received 2 new Knights in Šiauliai, Lithuania.

We can honestly say that Our Lady has been strongly encouraging us to vivify her Militia Immaculatae in Lithuania.

Please pray for us!



New Enrolments in District GB & Scandinavia

Fr. Robert Brucciani, District Superior for District GB & Scandinavia enrolled 2 new Knights at St. Joseph's in London on 5 May 2017, 5 new Knights at the SSPX Chapel in Manchester on 14 May, 4 new Knights on the Isle of Egilsay, Orkney on 20 May and 1 new Knight at St. Margaret & St. Leonard in Edinburgh on 21 May.

On 21 May 2017 15 new Knights were enrolled into the M.I. in District GB & Scandinavia by

Fr. Alphonsus C.Ss.R at St. Saviour's Chapel in Bristol. Thanks are due to the Prior, Fr. Pazat, for commending the apostolate to his Faithful.

Four Knights have agreed to take on responsibility as new Local co-ordinators, thus easing the work load on those tireless priests who had been carrying and distributing parcels of literature to those chapels hitherto. Thank you, Reverend Fathers, and thank you to the new local co-ordinators, not

forgetting those who have served so selflessly from earlier days.

As co-ordinators, all we have to do now is to infect the Knights at our chapels with our zeal, and encourage them all to give out Miraculous Medals and flyers at every opportunity in order to provide the Immaculata with new channels through which her graces can flow so that more souls will be saved for Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Howard Toon

American Knights in the Homeland of St. Maximilian

One year ago, in August 2016, I was one of thirty-four pilgrims who traveled with Regina Pilgrimages on a 12-day pilgrimage following in "the footsteps of Saint Maximilian Kolbe." Our group was accompanied by Father Mark Stafki, an SSPX Priest, Prior of Our Lady of Sorrows in Phoenix, AZ, and the SSPX U.S. District Moderator for the Militia Immaculatae.

We toured Poland and many Marian Shrines, particularly Częstochowa, where the development of the M.I. in the USA was especially confided to the "Black Madonna".

On August 10, 2016, our pilgrim group visited Niepokalanów, "the city of the Immaculate." In 1929, it was the largest friary in the world. Its principal industry was publishing and distributing the magazine "Knight of the Immaculata."

It was rainy and dreary when we arrived at Niepokalanów. During our visit we were most privileged to see Father Kolbe's private office and his small bedroom, with a window overlooking the grounds. It was from this room, on February 17, 1941, that Father Kolbe was arrested by the Gestapo and taken, ultimately, to Auschwitz.

On the day of our visit, almost miraculously, the rain stopped as Father Stafki celebrated Holy Mass in the same chapel in which Maximilian Kolbe had done so years ago, wearing the very same vestments that Fr. Maximilian had himself worn. The sacristan also brought forth a first class relic of St. Maximilian (beard clippings) to be placed on the altar and later venerated by all the pilgrims.

On August 14, 2016, The Feast Day of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, our group journeyed to Auschwitz, the place of Saint Maximilian's death.

We were able to tour the grounds and visit the site where Father Kolbe offered, in place of another prisoner, to be placed into the starvation bunker. "I am a Catholic priest from Poland. I would like to take his place because he has a wife and children."

At that very site, led by Father Stafki, we offered our prayers to Saint Maximilian Kolbe.

Even though, prior to the pilgrimage, I had read a lot of books on Saint Maximilian, nothing could prepare me for the privilege of standing, praying, and attending Holy Mass in the very places



The chapel in Niepokalanów

where this holy Saint lived, worked, prayed, and died.

It is difficult to comprehend the sufferings Saint Maximilian endured at the hands of the barbaric Nazis, during which time he selflessly offered care and compassion to those suffering around him in the camp and in the starvation bunker. Yet, Saint Maximilian offered it all, even at the last, solely to the Immaculata. I pray, as hopefully do we all, to imitate his dedication to the Immaculata, his strength and his perseverance.

To close the pilgrimage several pilgrims made their consecration in the M.I. for the first time and others renewed theirs. All left with the desire to live more fully in union with Mary.

Patricia Johnson (U.S.)

Places associated with St. Maximilian





The International College *Seraphicum* in Rome. In the chapel of this College St. Maximilian conceived the idea of founding the Militia Immaculatae. On the left: The building in our time. On the right: The building at time of St. Maximilian.



The Church of St. Andrew della Valle in Rome, where Fr. Maximilian offered his first Holy Mass.



Father Maximilian offered his first Holy Mass on the same altar where the Immaculata had appeared to Ratisbonne.

The Militia Immaculatae is an army of Knights of Mary Immaculate which works for the conversion of all men to God, whether they be Protestants, or Jews, or Muslims, & in particular the Freemasons, and that all become saints, under the patronage and through the mediation of the Immaculate Virgin.

The Militia Immaculatae was founded by St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe on October 16, 1917. Since 1937 Militia Immaculatae is also called the Knights of the Immaculata.



Original Statutes of the Militia Immaculatae (by St. Maximilian)

"She will crush your head." (Genesis 3:15)
"Thou alone hast vanquished all heresies throughout the world."

(from the Roman Breviary)

I. Goal of Membership:

To work for the conversion to God of all men, be they sinners, heretics, schismatics, Jews, Moslems etc., in particular the Freemasons; and that all become saints, under the patronage and through the mediation of the Immaculate Virgin.

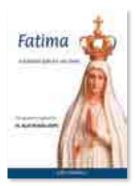
II. Conditions of Membership:

- **1.** To consecrate oneself entirely to the Immaculate Virgin, placing oneself freely as a docile and generous instrument in her hands.
 - 2. To wear the Miraculous Medal.

III. Duties of Membership:

- 1. If possible, to pray the following ejaculation at least once a day: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee, and for all those who do not have recourse to thee, especially for the Freemasons and for those who are commended to thy care."
- **2.** To use all other valid and legitimate means for the conversion and sanctification of men, according to one's means, in the different states and conditions of life, as the occasions present themselves; this is entrusted to the zeal and prudence of each one. Particularly recommended, however, is spreading the Miraculous Medal.
- N.B. These means are recommended only as suggestions and not as an obligation; not one of them obliges under pain of sin, not even venial sin. Our principal motive is to help the greatest possible number of souls to be united with the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the mediation of the Immaculata.

If you want to join us, please email: <u>info@militia-immaculatae.asia</u> and tell us which country you are from.





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