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Immaculate Conception
and
the **Miraculous Medal**



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Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

«Immaculate Conception»! When Saint Maximilian Kolbe heard this expression, he was always thrilling with joy and holy emotion. He understood not only the deep theological and mystical contents of this dogma of our faith, but as no one else he showed the practical application of this mystery: Our Lady as spouse of the Holy Ghost has received the special privilege to share Her "being Immaculate" with Her children, to mediate for them all graces of conversion and sanctification, so that they may become "immaculate", like icons and copies of Her, THE IMMACULATA! What they need to do is: to strive to fulfill always HER WILL, to obey Her in all things and to be instruments in Her immaculate hands so that these graces may pass through them into more and more hearts: and so the Immaculata is somehow reproduced in more and more hearts — and that is Her victory, the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In order to realize this wonderful ideal, Saint Maximilian Kolbe organized each year a special preparation for the feast and he did this at two levels: the spiritual interior one, and the material — exterior level.

At the spiritual level, all knights had to pray the preparatory novena beginning the 29 November and ending on the Vigil of the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The novena was composed of meditations on the mystery, and for that reason Saint Maximilian Kolbe invited the knights to consider not only the apparitions of the Immaculate in Lourdes and at the Rue du Bac, but also the extraordinary miracles of the 'Miraculous Medal'. Thanks to these meditations the love of the Knights to their Queen would grow and prepare them to renew in a deeper manner their consecration to the Immaculata on that great feast.

At the material level, each Knight had also to do something visibly to make the Immaculata known and loved. Everywhere, during that novena, the Knights organized the so-called "Days of the Militia", during which each one would increase his prayers and sacrifices, but also his apostolic activities in order to invite as many as possible to join the Knighthood. Many flyers and booklets were distributed, conferences and meetings organized in honor of the Immaculata. Saint Maximilian sent information and articles to other Catholic newspapers, he also asked the parish priests to solemnly organize the novena, which, from that day on, became a general habit in Poland.

Let us therefore follow the footsteps of our saint founder and make this novena spiritually and also exteriorly. Some of the Knights will be on the pilgrimage of Our Lady of Fatima in the Philippines (2000 km), but most of them will be in the middle of their daily duties: may I invite you to carry on your daily duties with a special love towards the Immaculata and VERY OFTEN during your daily tasks to recite ejaculatory prayers like "O Mary conceived without sin..." or "Jesus, Mary, I love you, save souls!" Furthermore, you may want to use the many texts about the M.I. on our website and send them to all yours friend and relatives.

But above all, you are invited to renew the act of consecration to the Immaculata with an extraordinary fervor and determination to really belong to Her entirely, because She really is our last hope!

Beijing, 18 October 2016

Fr. Karl Stehlin

M.I. Preparation for enrolment



"Consecration to the Immaculata"

It is a preparation for enrolment to the M.I. with an introduction and 13-days of preparation according to St. Maximilian Kolbe.

The booklet also includes a comprehensive ceremony of enrolment to the M.I.

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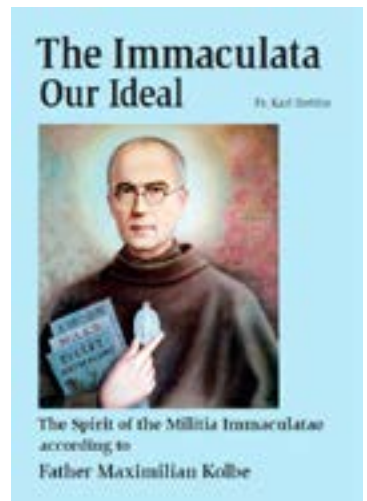
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Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Blessed Virgin was presented in the temple at Jerusalem by her pious parents, Joachim and Ann, there to be educated in the service and the law of the Lord in order that She might be guarded against the defilements of the world.

Mary gives and dedicates herself to God as soon as She is capable of serving Him, and that without any reservation, for all time, and irrevocably. **Read more:** <http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Prade9.php>

Immaculate Conception



"I will put enmities between thee and the woman" — in these words the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary was announced to our first parents. Mary was never to be under the power of the devil; the enmity between them was to admit of no possible exception. This involved the grace of being conceived immaculate. Mary Immaculate Conception was the foundation of all her graces. **Read more:** <http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Prade20.php>

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ



The birth of our Salvation impart no corruption to the Virgin's purity, because the bearing of the Truth was the keeping of honour. Such then beloved was the nativity which became the Power of God and the Wisdom of God even Christ, whereby He might be one with us in manhood and surpass us in Godhead. For unless He were true God, He would not bring us a remedy, unless He were true Man, He would not give us an example. **Read more:** <http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Prade34.php>



The commissioning of the Miraculous Medal by the Immaculate Conception

St. Maximilian's Marian spirituality included the great tradition of honouring Our Lady under Her title of the

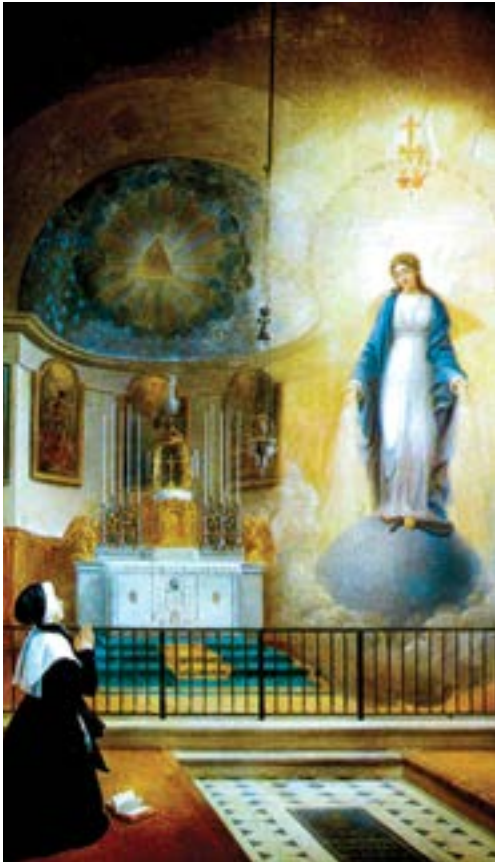
Immaculate Conception;

and the apparitions of Our Lady in the previous century: in 1830 to St. Catherine Labouré (the Miraculous Medal), and in 1858 to St. Bernadette at Lourdes.

The Miraculous Medal

In 1830 Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Labouré, at the Chapel on the Rue du Bac in Paris. St. Catherine saw Our Lady as the Immaculate Conception, standing atop

a globe with Her foot on the head of the serpent, Satan, in fulfillment of Gen. 3:15. Mary instructed St. Catherine to have a medal fashioned just as She (Mary) appeared, with the words, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee".



St. Maximilian accepted the words from Gen. 3:15 as a motto for the M.I., incorporated in the statutes of the M.I. He accepted the prayer: "O Mary conceived without sin..." as one of the centrepieces, which is used by the Knights with the additional words: "and for all who do not have recourse to thee, especially for the Freemasons and for those who are commended to thy care."

One of the reasons that St. Maximilian envisioned

the Miraculous Medal playing such a prominent part in the apostolic mission of the M.I. was due to its influence in converting Alphonse Ratisbonne.

Ratisbonne, an agnostic Jew, was wearing a Miraculous Medal when Our Lady appeared to him at the church of Sant' Andrea delle Fratte in Rome in 1842. He was instantly converted, walking out as a Catholic, saying that he now "understood all".

Learning of Ratisbonne's conversion through this medal was one of the events that inspired St. Maximilian to found the M.I. The inspiration came to him in the Colegio Seraphicum in Rome during the morning meditation conducted by the Father Rector Ignudi. In the meditation Father Ignudi told the story of



Ratisbonne's miraculous conversion and commented on it.

Father Alberto Arzilli, a fellow friar with Fr. Kolbe, related the story on April 26, 1942: "Friar Maximilian spoke to me of his inspiration. Smiling, he told me we had to crush the Devil and all heresies, and especially the error of Masonry."

You can read more about the Miraculous Medal and the conversion of Alfons Ratisbonne here: <http://militia-immacolatae.asia/english/MiraculousMedal.php>

The Immaculate Conception

In 1858 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous a total of eighteen times at Lourdes in France.

For St. Maximilian, the words Our Lady spoke to St. Bernadette, "Que soy era immaculada councepciou" ("I am the Immaculate Conception"), contain an unfathomable mystery.



Writing in 1933, he said:

"Who and what is the Immaculata? Who can understand Her perfectly? We all understand what 'mother' means; but 'mother of God' is something that our reason and our limited intellect cannot really grasp.

So too, only God really understands what 'immaculate' means. 'Conceived without sin' we can fathom up to a point; but 'Immaculate Conception' is an expression that abounds in the most consoling of mysteries."

A few hours before his arrest February 17, 1941 Father Maximilian Kolbe writes of Mary Immaculate. This text has a great importance because it is the whole essence of his Marian teaching.

St. Maximilian wrote:

"Immaculate Conception: these words came out of the mouth of the Immaculate Herself; and so, they must indicate most precisely, most essentially, who She is. (...) not only the fact that She was conceived without sin, but also the manner in which this privilege belongs to Her. It is not something accidental; it

is something that belongs to Her very nature. For She is the Immaculate Conception in person. (...) Immaculate Conception is the name of Her, in whom He lives by the fecund love in the whole supernatural order." **M**

The full text of this conference is here: <http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/Maxconferences3.php>

What most attracted St. Maximilian to Mary was her beauty: the beauty of the deep and unfathomable mystery of Her Immaculate Conception, and the beauty of Her spotless purity throughout the entirety of Her earthly life, which now radiates forth in Heaven.

St. Bernadette gives witness to this when, describing the apparitions at Lourdes, she says of Our Lady: "She is so beautiful, that one would be willing to die to see Her again."



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.

International Website of M.I.

The International Website of the Militia Immaculatae made its debut on 8 September 2016, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The website is published in many languages, including English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Croatian, Polish, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Indonesian, and Tamil. You are enco-

uraged to make full use of the information it contains.

If you choose English as the language to view the home page, you will see that the page bears two options for English speakers: One is for viewing the English-language version of the M.I. in Asia, and the other one is for viewing the M.I. page as it appears in the website for District GB.

www.militia-immaculatae.info



Kolbe Publications

Kolbe Publications offers books, flyers and magazines in accordance with the spirituality of Saint Maximilian Kolbe.

St. Maximilian founded the movement Militia Immaculatae on October 16, 1917. In 1922 he published the first issue of a bulletin with the title "Knight of the Immaculata". The expenses were covered by funds that had been collected by begging.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe offered all his publications at a low price, so that many people could afford to buy them, and through reading them they learnt an appreciation for the Immaculate.

At Kolbe Publications we continue the work of St. Maximilian and desire that as many people as possible come to know and love the Immaculate.

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The Mary's Mission Tour across the Philippines

October 28, 2016 will see the start of the pilgrimage in the Philippines — a pilgrimage with a statue of Our Lady of Fatima throughout the Philippines (a 2000 km — 1,200 mile) which

will finish on July 31, 2017. The pilgrimage will start in Marbel (a Mindanao island in the south of the Philippines). The Launching Ceremony will take place in Rizal Park at 4:00 pm.

Phase I — Mindanao



The first stage (from Marbel to General Santos)
8 days (*October 28 — November 5*) — 60 km.

The second stage (from General Santos to Davao)
10 days (*November 10–20*) — 148 km.

The third stage (from Davao to Cagayan de Oro)
19 days (*November 24 — December 26*) — 285 km.

Pilgrims may join at different sections of the route.

During this long pilgrimage, Pilgrim Virgin Walkers will strive to spread devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary throughout the world! It is Fatima continued — souls called to conversion and to sanctification — through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Foreseeing the terrible crisis in which the Church would turn its back on God's law, on Dogma, on Catholic discipline

and on Tradition, God sent the Virgin Mary to Fatima in 1917. The chosen date of 1917 clearly defines her intention to fight Protestantism founded in 1517, Freemasonry founded in 1717, and Bolshevik Communism founded in 1917. As we stand on the verge of 2017, the centenary of Fatima gives us pause and reanimates our hopes and desires to labour effectively for the most

certain Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

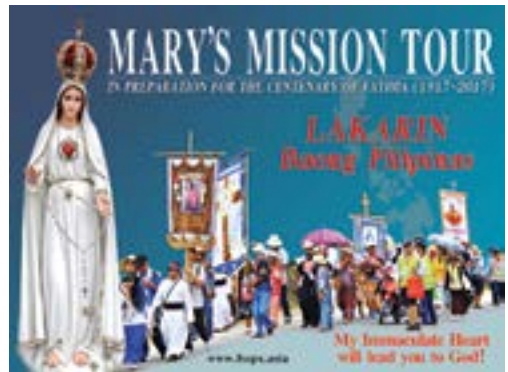
Fatima is really Mary's Mission. Sent by God to establish in the world devotion to Her Immaculate Heart, Mary shows the power of God's Justice in the reality of Hell and the absolute necessity of real penance that fructifies in Charity and good works. She is the one who desires to go out into the whole world to prepare souls for Mercy, before the hand of His Justice has to fall! She needs servants to bring her message to mankind, concretely, to every man in every place. She is ready to go... but She cannot go without us!

This great Mission of Our Lady of Fatima is open to all, and seeks to bring all men to God through Mary. However, such a great spiritual work requires many prayers and sacrifices and so in this way, Mary's servants who are unable to participate physically in this great Mission of Mary, can help enormously by their prayers and sacrifices for the conversion of sinners and for their sanctification.

For those who would like to participate in the walking portions of this long Pilgrimage, they

are invited to refer to the website:

www.militia-immacolatae.info



M.I. in Mindanao (Philippines) – Chronicle 2016

January

- **8** New MIs enrolled in Tagum.

March

- **31** new MIs were received.

April

- Bohol Pilgrimage — **100** new MIs.
- During Catholic Formation Week — **3** new MI.

May

- Children's Camp — 50 new MIs.
- M.I. Military Mission #1: Fr. Pfeiffer gives talk on M.I. to Soldiers. 21 Officers attend



2 talks on the Miraculous Medal with a few comments on the M.I. 11 Soldiers receive the Miraculous Medal. Captain Osoros requests Fr. Tim to extend M.I. work to his hometown, located in Western Mindanao.

- At Calinan Retreat House Marian Retreat — **3** new MIs.

June

- MI Military Mission Samar #2: Fr. Pfeiffer gives introductory talk, then 2 afternoon sessions for about 20 soldiers.

July

- In Mambajao **4** new MIs are enrolled. In Sagay — **3** new MIs. In San Miguel — **6** new MIs. In Pagadian **4** new MIs enrolled.

In Pagadian, father of Captain Osoros organises an M.I. conference in the Parish Church. However, the N.O. Catechists who accompany him and meet Fr. Pfeiffer and deacon Rev. Mr. Pierre-Jean, discern Tradition, alert the Priest and arrange the cancellation of the meeting at the Church. Although Fr. Pfeiffer tries to explain Tradition... it is in vain. The Priest repeats several times "you are not Catholic", until he finally admits, ok you are Catholic but you are not legal. Eventually, the public market, at rest at that time of the morning in this small town, is selected for the conference. There, after some standing around, Mass is organized. A pre-sermon on the Mass, a sermon on Fatima, post Mass talk on



Scapular, distribution, and then the people want to hear more, so catechism on Miraculous Medal follows and conclusion remarks on the M.I. lasts for several hours until M.I. ceremony.

28 new MIs are enrolled.

• During the Butuan Pilgrimage of Tradition — **10** new MIs.

September

Butuan: In preparation for the 2000 km Pilgrimage to begin in October. Fr. Pfeiffer enrolled **60** new knights.

More information about mission:

<http://militia-immaculatae.asia/english/MIWordWide426.php>



Flyer

The Miraculous Medal

Flyer contains: a short history of the Miraculous Medal; a few short stories about conversion through Miraculous Medal and symbolism of the Medal.

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Marian Recollection days and 50 new Knights in Manila

For the Marian devotees of Our Lady of Victories Church, this year's Month of the Holy Rosary began in an extra special way. On October 1–2 parishioners attended these recollection days in preparation for the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. The recollections were conducted by Father Stehlin, Director of M.I.



Father Stehlin preached 5 conferences about the most important messages from Our Lady in Fatima and guided the faithful through meditations. The first important message: the apparition of Our Lady changed the children (Lucy, Francisco, Jacinta) who had seen Our Lady. After the first apparition the children prayed ardently, and made many sacrifices and they desired go to heaven.

Our Lady changed also people who consecrated themselves to Our Lady. Second message: our salvation is the most important thing in our earthly life for each of us. Lucy first asked Our Lady: "Shall I go to Heaven?" — this question was about her salvation. We too need to take care of our salvation. How? The answer is short: prayer and sacrifices. The third message was love of our neighbours and attention to their salvation also. The fourth message related to the devotion of the Five First Saturdays and reparation for the blasphemies and insults which people dare to commit against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The fifth message was about the devotion of the Holy Rosary. The sixth message concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is simple, because it is an act of our will.

On October 2, at the end of the two recollection days, Father Karl Stehlin explained the goal and the essence of the M.I. and he accepted 50 new Knights into the Militia Immaculatae. After a final conference he invited everyone



who wished to be enrolled in the M.I. to the altar rail. Then with priest and brother, he imposed the Miraculous Medals on the 50 new Knights and led them in the prayer of consecration. At the end of the ceremony, Fr. Stehlin remin-

ded everyone that all new enrollees of the Militia Immaculata, as well as all Knights who renewed their consecrations that day, were eligible for a plenary indulgence. Now, in the Philippines there are almost 3,000 Knights.

The recording of Marian Recollection days:

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Flyer about Apparitions Our Lady at Fatima

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"Towards Fatima 2017" in OLVC (Manila)

On the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, at Our Lady of Victories



School in Manila we celebrated our annual Linngo Nga Wikka (Filipino cultural day).

On this very special day we performed the renewal of the consecration of the school and parish to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady after the manner of St. Jean Marie Vianney. A heart shaped locket (styled after the Immaculate Heart) was made and blessed after the sung Mass. The names of our teachers, students, parents and benefactors were placed inside. After the consecration

was performed, the heart was placed on the statue of Our Lady of Fatima and then the entire student body processed to the school where we had a play about the apparitions of Fatima.

Fatima. The mere word should evoke within our hearts great hope. Once again, our Heavenly Mother has come to the aid of her children with these important messages. She asks us to pray, to make sacrifices and She reveals her Immaculate Heart. This is the reason of great hope. "In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph". The Mother of God has assured us of her victory. Should we not cooperate as good instruments of hers? Don't we wish to be part of this great historical



event? History is filled with victories wrought through the intercession of the Mother of God. All these victories will be as nothing

enemies of the Church seeking to destroy every vestige of the Catholic faith. With a mother so pure, so good and so powerful,



in comparison with this great moral victory which is promised. Help to hasten the victory. Pray the Holy Rosary. Offer up sacrifices for the conversion of sinners.

Why is this devotion to the Mother of God so important? Our Lord come to us through her and he desires us to go to Our Lady that we may be her children, her slaves and her knights. All the graces necessary for us are given by Our Lady. We go to her and offer something of ourselves and She will guide us and protect us. She will look out for us not only individually but for our countries as well.

Never have we needed her help so much as now, with the

who would not want to take her as a protector? We invoke her again with renewed confidence in this new Rosary Crusade. Be a part of the Triumph. Pray. Sacrifice.

*Fr. Peter Fortin,
Principal of Our Lady of Victories
School in Manila*



17 new Knights in New Caledonia

New Caledonia is a French territory in the South Pacific. It lies 750 miles east of Australia and is part of the apostolate of New Zealand.

Fr. Louis Bochkoltz reports: "I had prepared for the enrolment ceremony by the publication in our magazine, "The Flamboyant" and the distribution of booklets about the Militia Immaculatae. I promised to send our faithful regular news and so now I need to work on translating the flyers into French. I hope also to be able to provide the preparation booklet in French for them soon. We had two Sundays sermons on the Militia. The first one about Maximilian Kolbe and the se-

cond one about the Militia Immaculatae herself.

By that means they understood the importance of totally dedicating themselves to the Immaculatae as her slaves, and of trying to save souls by attracting other Catholics to the apostolate, and of becoming Knights of the Immaculatae by being enrolled in it.

Later they will learn about the work of the Prayer Crusade, and upon joining the Prayer Crusade will be able to add their intercessions for the intentions which Fr. Stehlin forwards by email each week.

It was on that second Sunday, 25 September 2016, that we made the enrolments."



Fiji M.I. Enrolments — 38 new Knights

A few days ago, a number of Fijian Catholics became members of the Militia Immaculatae. Suva, the capital of the Fiji Islands, is home to our priory, St Michael's, where the SSPX apostolate started more than 20 years ago. There,

of its distribution, proved very popular. Through it the Immaculata touched many hearts, before the booklets ran out, and more hearts were left longing to be touched. Our good Mother saw to this and found some other ways to touch



Our Lady has acquired a number of privileged children. They have been promoted to Knights following the MI fashion.

When I arrived from Melbourne, the only remote preparation had been a poster on the wall indicating the opportunity for consecration and enrolment, in the context of the Rosary Crusade and of the Centenary of Fatima. The little booklet, from the very beginning

them, like old-fashioned word of mouth.

Not only had the booklets run out, but the time to go through the 13-day preparation was also too short. However, without a doubt, the Immaculata covered with her benevolent smile the holy rush which seized the congregation. On October 2nd, while their Guardian Angels invisibly exulted, 38 parishioners pronounced their



consecration and signed their enrolment sheet. Some of them had come to Mass every night after a long day of work or school to get their hearts as ready as possi-



Holy Mass in Suva

ble. In Fiji, they know how to treasure the Holy Sacrifice, because the priest visits only 6 times a year. The Immaculata will include these thirsty faithful more deeply in the Sacrifice of Her Son, which is celebrated in other locations around the world.

After the Mass and the extra ceremonies, I had to rush to another congregation in the "bush", before getting a 3-hour ride in a fast car and catching a plane in the evening. Alas, the faithful there had to do a consecration of desire and a spiritual enrolment, because however seriously they had prepared themselves, Fiji Airways was not going to wait for a hurrying priest. However, pilots would be well advised to facilitate our Marian apostolate. Mere, the young lady who made her first Communion that Sunday, would remind her fellow-villagers that as Jesus comes to them through the practice of spiritual Communion in the absence of priest, the Blessed Mother certainly would likewise oblige. "Fr Elias will enrol you on Sunday 20th November". No doubt the delay will be used wisely and in holy expectation.

Some souls in Rotuma are also expected to enrol soon, so as to

extend the Immaculata's reign around the Pacific. In the meantime it is with gratitude that we entrust all Fijians and Rotumans to the powerful Mother. In a country mostly given away to the Methodist Protestant churches, we now know Mary has taken a step further in looking out for those souls' best interests. She has been at work since 1844, her standard being brought into these lands by the heroic priests of the Society of Mary. Most hum-



Pre-pre-seminarians

bly, the Society of St. Pius X carries on, sub nomine Mariae 'the Marists' motto'.

Fr. Raphael du Chazaud



Flyers about Rosary



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45 Knights in Vanuatu (Oceania)

On Vanuatu, an island quite some distance from Australia, Fr. Louis Bochkoltz accepted 45 new Knights. This is one of the first enrolments to the Militia Immaculatae in Oceania.

On Saturday 1st October 2016, the first Saturday of the month of the Holy Rosary, our small Mission in Vanuatu was blessed

by the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Having arrived almost one week earlier, Fr. Bochkoltz had prepared the faithful for their "promise" towards Our Lady (the word "consecration" being yet too difficult for them).

With 13 children and 1 adult having received the grace of Baptism and becoming children of God that same morning, a good 50 people were present in the church around 4 pm. At that time we started our procession with a local stretcher for Our Lady's statue. In the village, we stopped at each cluster of bamboo huts, praying one decade of the rosary and blessing these houses at each station. Every time more and more people were joining the pro-



cession and singing the hymns as we went along. So, when we arrived back at the church, more than 100 people were crowded inside! It was now time to start the ceremony to make new Knights of the Immaculata!

When Father asked the catechist to intone a hymn in honour of the Holy Ghost, it seemed that the roof of the church was going to blow off! All their hearts and their love were begging Heaven to inspire them. And no less than 45 poor men and women from the very isolated village of Vunapisu came to kneel down to receive the Miraculous Medal. The renewal of the baptismal vows was made in French, the language of the Catholics on Vanuatu islands; the blessing of the medals was in Latin and the act of consecration in Bislama!

It had taken a good hour to translate the act of consecration in this local language with the catechist and the older girls who go to school. Now, they were able to repeat it because many cannot read. But Our Lady does not look at this and "unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven."



Only those who are already baptized were able to make their consecration. There are no doubts that our army will be growing following subsequent visits. Our Lady, increase our zeal for the salvation of souls and protect your Knights of Vunapisu, small village in the island of Espiritu Santo. Certainly a predestined name!

The SSPX GB District Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The Annual Pilgrimage took place on Saturday 3rd September, which was the Feast Day of St. Pius X and also the Saturday preceding the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It was very encouraging to see that, this year, the number of pilgrims was twice that of the year before, with 67 souls braving the rain. The increase in numbers may have been the result of support from newly-enrolled Knights

of the Militia Immaculatae following its launch in District GB on 19th June 2016. The pilgrims met at the Slipper Chapel, and then walked 1¼ miles in procession (see the first picture) to the ruins of the Augustinian Abbey in Little Walsingham village where Mass was offered in the Abbey grounds — an open field. Many of the pilgrims, children amongst them, made the journey in their bare feet along a gravelled track and through the



The pilgrims in procession from the Slipper Chapel to the Abbey ruins for Holy Mass

streets of the village to where a temporary Altar was been set up beneath a small open-sided tent in the Abbey grounds. The rain fell even more heavily as the Mass progressed and there was much sharing of umbrellas.

After the Mass, Fr. Robert Brucciani led the faithful across to the plaque marking the site of the Holy House (see the second picture), and there he renewed the Consecration of the Society and of England to the Blessed Virgin Mary in even heavier rain.

The pilgrims then went on their way, some to stay overnight



The Consecration of England and the SSPX to Our Lady of Walsingham at the site of the Holy House in Walsingham Abbey ruins

for the 11 am Mass in the Abbey grounds the next day, others to go home but one thing is certain — the penitential aspect of this pilgrimage was certainly enhanced this year.

Howard Toon

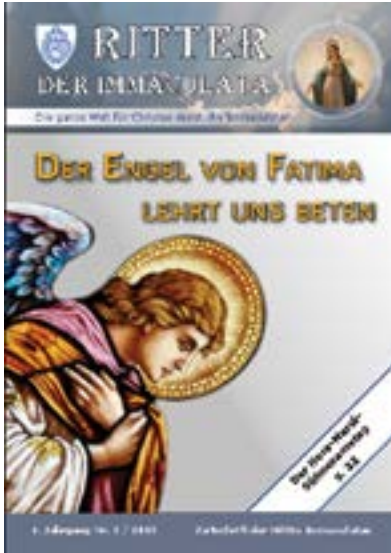
The "Knight of the Immaculata" in the German-speaking world

There has been a printed M.I. Magazine for the German-speaking countries for a year now. It was named the "Knight of the Immaculata" after the example of St. Maximilian.

At first there were some concerns about financing and the management of the work which this would require. But trust in

Divine Providence and in the aid of St. Maximilian was richly rewarded. The magazine is published three times a year and is mailed personally to all Knights.

At the present time we have almost 600 Knights. The magazine is also sent to others who are interested as well as to German-speaking priests abroad.



A further method of distribution is by means of the book stores at the society Mass centres throughout these three countries, where the magazine can always be found.

Thanks to most welcome demand, the circulation was doubled from 1500 to 3000 copies; it was even necessary to reprint the first two issues.

The financing of the magazine is made possible solely through donations, and thanks be to God this system has been working well so far. In the first year, the main focus of the magazine was Fatima and preparation for the 2017 jubilee: Fatima and the

Apocalypse, the Third Secret of Fatima, Fatima — Light in the Darkness, The Angel of Fatima Teaches Us to Pray, First Saturdays of Reparation, etc. The newsletters of our Father Director are published alongside with these articles, and there is always space for news from the life of the M.I.

The goal of our magazine is to encourage companionship and spirituality within the M.I., but also to wake up and motivate "sleeping Knights" who otherwise don't think about the M.I. anymore.

Still today, a printed magazine has a considerable advantage compared to electronic media: the experience of many shows that it can be very difficult to concentrate when reading from a computer screen, especially regarding spiritual subjects. A printed magazine is also much more noticeable, compared to emails which are so easily skimmed over, forgotten, or ignored.

We would like to continue to entrust our little magazine to St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Benjamin Aepli, M.I. Switzerland

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 17, 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 Masons; 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 Masons and for all those who are commended to Thee."

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: info@militia-immaculatae.asia
and tell us which country you are from.



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