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the two roads —  
which do you choose?



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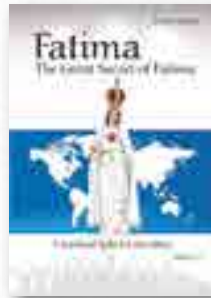
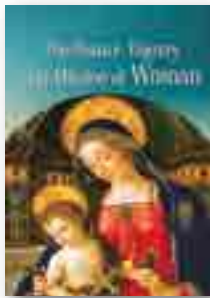


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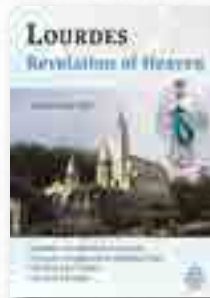
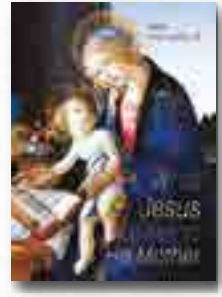
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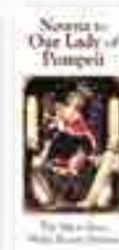
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# Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

We are beginning another new year. For some it may be the last year of life on earth.

In 1934, St Maximilian wrote from Japan:

"From the last New Year's Day to this one, in terms of the passage of time, we have come nearer to death. Every year, every hour, every minute, we come closer to death. This is certain. This is true everywhere. The rich and the poor, the illiterate and the learned, the powerful and the humble of this world, the young and the old, all come closer to death. On this point no exception is possible: all are equal. When the hunter approaches, the ostrich buries her head in the sand, thinking herself safe from danger... so man imitates the ostrich and acts likewise because he does not want to think about death. Let us however courageously continue our conversation... what is there after death? Is there an afterlife? If God exists, He must be just. And because in this world justice is often non-existent, it has to be present in the future life. There is Heaven! There is hell! Buddhist preachers teach that Heaven and hell exist. I was told clearly by two bonzes (Buddhist monks): "We teach it, but in truth we do not believe it." To my question "Why therefore do you deceive people?" they answered: "It is difficult to do otherwise." It is not right to teach something untrue. If Heaven and hell do not exist, everyone should know. Similarly, all should know if they do exist. All are equal before God. If there is an infinitely perfect God, He should be also wise, good and just. Consequently, after our death, He will judge our thoughts, words and deeds. According to divine justice we receive the maximum reward or the maximum punishment. (...) Whoever observes the world attentively will not be swayed by the arguments of atheists."

Time passes and does not return. God has assigned to each of us a definite time in which to fulfil His divine plan for our souls; we have only this time and shall have no more. Time ill spent is lost forever. Our life is made up of this uninterrupted, continual flow of time, which never returns. In eternity, on the contrary, time will be no more; we will remain forever in the degree of love which we have reached in life. If we have attained a high degree of love, we shall be fixed forever in that degree of love and glory; if we possess only a slight degree, that is all we shall have throughout eternity. No further progress will be possible when time has ended. "Therefore, whilst we have time, let us work good to all men" (Gal 6:10). "We must give every

moment its full amount of love, and make each passing moment eternal, by giving it value for eternity" (Sr. Carmela of the Holy Ghost, O.C.D.). This is the best way to use the time given us by God. Charity allows us to adhere to God's will with submission and love and thus at the close of life we shall have realized God's plan for our souls; we shall have reached the degree of love which God expects from each one of us and with which we shall love and glorify Him for all eternity.

Growth in charity depends upon meritorious acts, that is, good works done under the influence of charity. Every good act merits an increase of grace, which may be given to the soul at once or withheld until the end of life, according to whether the act had been performed with all the love of which the soul was capable, or whether, on the contrary, it was performed with less vigour, generosity, and carefulness than was possible at that moment. In the first case, the increase of charity comes like compound interest which is immediately accrued to the capital, and which then bears interest together with it. In the second case, it is like simple interest which is kept separate from the capital and hence does not increase with it, even though it remains the property of the one who has acquired it.

In order that the merit of our good works, that is, the increase of charity which we have merited by them, be granted immediately, it is necessary that these works be done with all the love possible, that is, with all the good will and generosity of which the soul is capable. Then it is as if the soul opens to receive the increase of love it has merited; and this is added at once to the capital of charity already possessed, immediately increasing its degree and intensity.

We have only the short day of this earthly life in which to grow in love, and if we wish to derive from it the greatest possible profit, we must overcome our natural inertia and carry out our good works "with our whole heart." Then love will increase immeasurably and we shall be able to say to Our Lord like St. Therese of the Child Jesus: "Your love has grown with me and now it is very deep, the depth of which I am unable to sound" (St. 12). We must, then, make haste while we still have time, for "the night cometh when no man can work (Jn 9:4).

A sign of love for our neighbour is concern for his salvation. I have already mentioned many times how important it is to pray for our neighbours. A great addition to this would be a donated the M.I. flyer or booklet or a virtual card sent through social media. Let us use these means which the Militia Immaculatæ prepares for you.

*Fr. Karl Stehlin*

Warsaw, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December, the Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord



## 100 years of the "Knight of the Immaculata"

**100 years ago, in January 1922, the first issue of "Knight of the Immaculate" was published. Its founder and first editor, typesetter and printer, Father Maximilian Kolbe recalled the beginnings of the magazine many times. Here are some excerpts from his writings.**

The need arose to keep in touch with members by means of a printed periodical, in short, of a magazine. It was, however, an arduous effort in exceptionally harsh times, when even existing magazines were being shut down for lack of means. We wrote here and there asking for an opinion on the issue. In response to that,

Fr. Wenanty declared himself in favour of starting publication of the magazine of the Militia "as soon as possible," but also other members of the M.I., as I recall, voiced their approval.

At the beginning of 1922 the monthly periodical bearing the title "Knight of the Immaculata" (in Polish

"Rycerz Niepokalanej") was born. Those times were difficult for publishing activity because of the currency devaluation. Money just dissolved in people's hands, so much so, that the religious superiors could permit the beginning of the publication only on condition that neither the community nor the religious province would be obliged to cover the expenses, for, in that case, the already difficult maintenance of the youths [in the seminary] would have become impossible. I remember that one day I went out begging on the streets of Kraków to gather some money, which was necessary for the printing of the first issue. It was drizzling and, though I had already gone through various streets of the city, I was ashamed of entering in any place and holding out my hand to beg for alms. The following day, however,

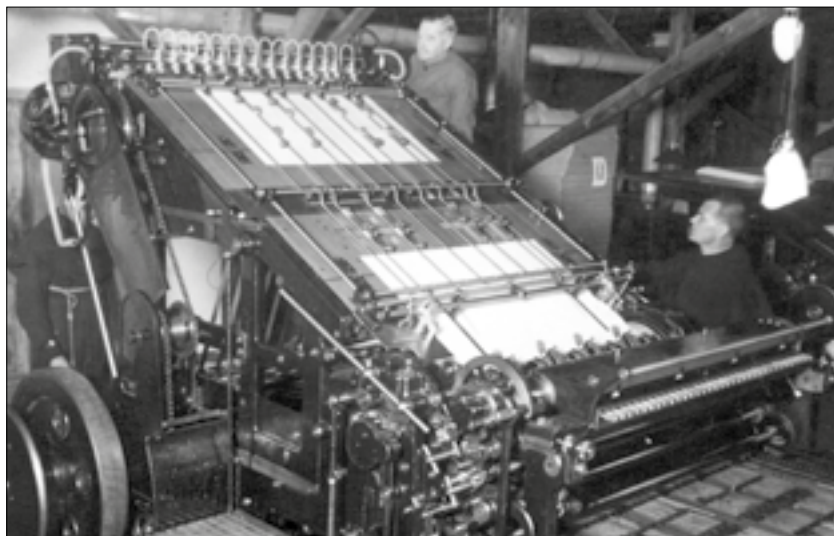
I made this reflection: "You are not doing it for yourself, but for the cause of the Immaculata in souls." I plucked up courage and went to a priest who was an acquaintance of mine, the parish priest Fr. Tobiasiewicz. He welcomed me very warmly, handed me a donation for the new review, accompanied me to his associate, who did the same, and also gave



Cover of the first issue of the "Knight of the Immaculate", January 1922, drawn by Fr. Efrek Klawitter, Capuchin



*The printing house had been expanding. More modern machinery had been installed, including three machines which could produce 16,000 copies of the review in an hour; new techniques of type, photogravure and binding were adopted*







*Brothers at work in Mugenzai no Sono, Nagasaki; office and printing house*



me some addresses. Since then, "Knight" continues to be published and to develop only thanks to donations, and reaches all those persons who want to read it, even those who cannot send even the smallest donation.

We could not incur debts, either. Five hundred marks were still needed to pay the printing expenses completely, but nobody knew about it.

While I was going to the printing press, as I was crossing our basilica, I noticed an envelope on the altar of the Immaculate Conception addressed thus: "For You, Immaculate Mother," and in it there were just 500 marks, the amount needed. So many similar facts have taken place during these 20 years of development of the M.I. that to consider them mere coincidences would seem too naïve.



*Father Maximilian during the editing of the "Knight of the Immaculata"*

Here it is simply the hand of the Immaculata that is tangible, making her endeavour progress in spite of the thousands of obstacles and difficulties both internal and external, and in spite of our numerous weaknesses and defects.

When "Knight of the Immaculata" was transferred to Grodno the following year, it acquired the first printing press, increased its circulation, put on a new blue cover, and in five years reached the number of 70,000 copies, printed by the hands of the religious who have consecrated themselves to the cause of the Immaculata. The walls of the friary, however, proved to be more and more constraining. So, a search for a more spacious location began. Toward the end of 1927 Prince Drucki Lubecki offered the use of a piece of land of 5 morgens. At the beginning of October the construction work



*A cover in colour from the second year of publishing the "Knight of the Immaculata"*

was able to be started and on the vigil of the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, exactly 10 years ago, the new headquarters were blessed.

The beginnings were fascinating. In the first days the dining tables consisted of planks set on suitcases, the floor served as seating, some straw strewn rather sparingly

here and there on the floor served as bedding. As the machines arrived from Grodno, doors and windows were not yet in place in the future printing press. In spite of the freezing wind, everyone set to work diligently and gladly to arrange the new headquarters so that the next issue of "Knight" could be sent on time as planned.

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In 1930 "Knight of the Immaculata", which in Japanese is called Mugenzai no Seibo no Kishi, arrived in Japan. In spite of the difficulties that crop up continuously, the Immaculata has permitted it in a short while to surpass by as much as six times the circulation of the most widespread Catholic magazines in Japan. This has happened because Kishi does not address Catholics, as generally other

publications do, but pagans, Protestants, and other non-Catholics. At first, these greeted it with curiosity, then with marked sympathy, so much so that now a good number of them have even received the grace of Holy Baptism.

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Strive with all your might to ensure that the monthly magazine "Knight of the Immaculata" really enters into every home, under every thatched roof, in every workshop and office, so that all will love the Immaculata with all their heart and know more and more the sublime truths of the faith. An ardent love toward the Immaculata and zeal for the work of saving and sanctifying souls, that is to say of making as many of them as happy as possible, will suggest thousands of ways to implement this purpose.



# The two kingdoms — which do you choose?

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The struggle is hard sometimes, even in souls that are decidedly advanced in the things of God. Why? Because the path that leads to the kingdom of God is rough and tiring; it is often shrouded in heavy darkness, rendering it impossible for the soul to discern the progress already made.

And so, the soul must proceed in the night, believing and hoping. Meanwhile, its gaze falls on the other road, which is broader and more comfortable, strewn with sensible goods which can be seen and touched, gathered and enjoyed. It perceives the tempta-

tion and realizes that alone it could not resist, but if it takes refuge in God, if it yields to the guidance of the Spirit, it will be saved, although not without sacrifice. It is always true: material goods present themselves like flowers, attractive, yes, but doomed to quickly vanish and decay; it is not worthwhile to stop to enjoy them. That is why "they that are Christ's have crucified their flesh, with the vices and concupiscences."

Saint Augustine spoke of two states between which there is a struggle: the state of God and the earthly state.

The state of those who love God to the point of contempt for man; and the state of those who despise God, seeking to elevate human dignity.

The citizens of the divine state are people in whose



hearts God dwells, and the Holy Ghost fills them with faith, hope and love.

In the hearts of the citizens of the earthly state, sin dwells, and instead of faith, hope and love, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life reign in them: Two loves have built two states: love of self to the point of contempt for God — the earthly state; love of God to the point of contempt for self — the state of God.

The one boasts in itself, the other in the Lord. One seeks glory in men, to the other glory is dearest in God, the witness of their conscience. The one in the pride of their glory holds their head high; the other says to their God: "*Gloria mea, axaltans caput meum*" — "Thou art my glory, Thou liftest up my head" (*De Civitate Dei [The State of God]*, book XIV, chapter XXVIII).

Saint Ignatius of Loyola mentions two banners between which every man must choose. One banner belongs to Christ and the other to Lucifer.

The evil spirit calls souls to his banner by tempting them with lust of riches, vain worldly glory and pride.

Christ the Lord, on the other hand, draws his friends to himself by encouraging them to poverty, to accept insults and contempt, from which humility emerges.

Thus there are three steps: firstly poverty against riches, then insults and contempt against worldly honours, and finally humility against pride". (*Spiritual Exercises* 146, point 3).

**S**t. Maximilian Kolbe referred to these reflections on the two camps in Niepokalanów in 1940: "There are two camps in the world:

1. Those who adopt the will of God over their own will, which is just, supernatural, and this is what the saints do, that is, love God to the point of self-denial.

2. Those who choose to put their own will above the will of God, which is unjust, naturalistic, as do the damned, and so love themselves to the point of despising God. Bad examples pull more than good ones".

**S**o we have two camps, two groups of people — those who have only worldly life and their own pleasure as their goal, and those who in everything have the ultimate goal in mind — the salvation of the soul, the desire for Heaven.

No man can follow the two roads at the same time: the one leading to the kingdom of God and the other to worldly pleasure. Anyone giving himself to



God must have the courage to give himself entirely, with no regrets, no backward glance — however fleeting — at the things of the world.

The soul which, after choosing the path of perfection, does not go forth generously, with its whole heart, will never be contented. It will neither experience the joy of knowing that it belongs entirely to God, nor

will it have the satisfaction of being able to follow all the attractions of the world; the first will be impeded by the soul's unfaithfulness, the second by the fear of God which it still possesses. Such a soul is unhappy, torn between the two and in continual struggle with itself. But what keeps it from seeking the kingdom of God with its whole heart?



**T**oo much solicitude about material things, about ease and security in this present life!

"Let us remember that God rules the world and nothing can happen either big or small, unless He allows it. However, He only allows what is destined for a greater good of souls: an eternal, lasting, authentic good. Therefore, we need equanimity,



much peace and confidence, not to torment ourselves unnecessarily! At this time the world, in general, has moved a long way from God, and therefore these experiences were bound to present themselves along its path. It is clear that through this God is not depriving man of free will and those who want may benefit from such experiences, while to those who do not want to, such experiences occur to their detriment. It all happens exactly as He Himself wants." — wrote St. Maximilian in 1940.

**E**ven though we have the will to live according to the spirit, as long as we are pilgrims here below and in a mortal body, we shall always have to face the possibility of becoming engrossed in worldly cares: "What shall we eat? What shall we drink? Wherewith shall we be clothed?"



Precisely to relieve us of such anxieties, Jesus presents to us the marvellous picture of divine Providence. "Behold the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor do they reap, nor gather into barns; and your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not you of more value than they?"

These are words that give us wings and fill us with a desire to cast aside all vain preoccupations about earthly things and concentrate on seeking the kingdom of God. "Seek ye therefore first the kingdom of

God, and His justice, and all these things shall be added unto you."

**O**h, if only we had greater faith in divine Providence, how much freer we would be to attend to the things of our soul!

Although obliged to occupy ourselves with earthly affairs, we would not remain entrapped by them, but would know how to attend to them with complete liberty of spirit. **M**

## Mary's Mission in Colorado

As the golden autumn sun set behind the Rocky Mountains, the faithful of St. Isidore the Farmer gathered for the first of a three-day Marian Mission, given by Fr. Paul Robinson. The title of the mission, "Our Lady's Power and her Weapons," progressed along the following themes:

**Mission 1:** A Rags to Riches Story, the Greatest Story in the History of the World.

**Mission 2:** Our Lady's Primary Weapons and Her Great Battle.

**Mission 3:** The Primary Instruments in the Struggle: Individual Souls, Soldiers in Her Army.

At the culmination of the Mission, which was celebrated on the Feast of the Holy Rosary, 14 new

Knights were consecrated to Our Lady along with many other Knights who renewed their vows. Then followed, under a blanket of stars and waxing moon and in the peaceful quiet of rural Colorado, the candlelight procession. Led by the cross-bearer, this ethereal procession commenced with scouts of the League of Christ the King who bore the statue of Our Lady on a bier, surrounded by other dignified young scouts. Then came the Priests in surplices leading the recitation of the Holy Rosary as, carrying lit torches, they and the rest of the faithful marched solemnly on the road around the Church. St. Isidore's now has over 250 Knights registered.



## M.I. Director's visit to the United States

From the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2021, Fr. Karl Stehlin, the Director of the M.I., visited 7 locations in the United States, at the invitation of the National Moderator of the M.I., Fr. Dennis McDonald. Father Stehlin visited chapels and churches in: Denver, Post Falls, Phoenix, Kansas City, St. Louis, St. Mary's and Front Royal.

In each place Fr. Stehlin preached about Mary Immaculate and her Knighthood. He gave many examples of the miraculous work of Our Lady in the lives of the faithful from many countries: Poland, Turkey and China. During each of the meetings, the faithful were able to purchase books, brochures and fly-

ers of the M.I., which they gladly did.

The conferences were a preparation for joining the ranks of the M.I. on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.



The conference given by Fr. Stehlin at St. Isidore's Church in Denver is available on the M.I. channel: [www.youtube.com/c/MilitiaImmaculataeTraditional](https://www.youtube.com/c/MilitiaImmaculataeTraditional)



## New Knights in Kansas City

In mid-November Fr. Karl Stehlin passed through Kansas City and gave three conferences about the M.I. to 5–12<sup>th</sup> grade students at St. Vincent de Paul Academy. After his visit, preparations were made for an enrolment to the Militia Immaculatæ the 7<sup>th</sup> of December (the school is closed for the feast of the Immaculate Conception). At both the boys' and girls' schools a number of students devoutly made their consecrations in the M.I.

During the same visit, Fr. Stehlin also gave a conference to

parishioners. Preparations were made and parishioners were enrolled on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. The total number of new enrollees between both the parish and school is about 120 new Knights.

The next enrolment was done on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In the sermon for the Mass, Fr. Trummer emphasized the role of St. Juan Diego following the apparitions of Our Lady. As Knights of the M.I. we need to imitate him in spreading devotion to her in all simplicity, humility, and sincerity.



## New Knights in Poland

The number of Knights of the Immaculate is increasing in Poland. In October and November last year,

Fr. Karol Stehlin received 43 new Knights: 16 in Suwałki and 27 in Zamość.

### M.I. Apostolate is growing in strength

More and more Knights of the Immaculate are becoming involved in the M.I. apostolate in Poland. From the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of November, the Knights distributed two folders to the people in the cemeteries: on the last things and on the souls in purgatory. Many accepted the folders with gratitude and interest.

In addition, the Knights distribute Miraculous Medals and folders in parishes where priests agree to this apostolate. One of the Knights asked priests in six parishes to speak about the Miraculous Medal during the sermon on Sunday (the 28<sup>th</sup> of November). They all agreed. Each of them spoke at the sermon about the apparitions of Our Lady at the Rue du Bac and about the Miraculous Medal itself. After each Mass, Miraculous Medals and our brochures were available for those interested.

The same Knights gave the medals and folders to catechists to teach a lesson on the Miraculous Medal in all the classes of two elemen-

tary schools. The catechists readily agreed and conducted the lessons in connection with the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (the 27<sup>th</sup> of November).

*Deo per Immaculatam gratias* for such a zealous and widespread apostolate.



## Apostolate at the Residential Care Home

The Knights of the Immaculata carry out their apostolate in social welfare homes. Many residents of social welfare homes need help,



not only physically, but above all spiritually.

Knights in Poland prepare Miraculous Medals for those who wish to receive one. They also give them brochures about the Miraculous Medal, the Rosary, the scapular, as well as about the last things and the souls in purgatory.

One of the Knights told us that there is a resident in a nursing home who reads the brochures to her fellow residents. Let us pray for these people so that they are well prepared for the most important moment of their lives, death.

### Initiative of the faithful from Jastrzębie Zdrój (Poland)

A group of believers of the Catholic Tradition (some residents of Jastrzębie Zdrój and believers from the chapel in Chorzów) lead a public prayer of the Rosary every first Friday of the month in Jastrzębie Zdrój. They are spiritually united with the faithful and Father Łukasz Szydłowski gathered at the same time in front of the Arch cathedral of Christ the King in Katowice.

They also organised a kind of counter-demonstration to the march of sodomites in Wodzisław

Śląski, reciting the rosary in Latin. This initiative was complemented by Gregorian chants broadcast through a megaphone. Many in-





habitants of Wodzisław joined the group of our faithful.

Furthermore, on the feast of Our Lady of the Gate of Dawn (the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2021), under the leadership of Father Szydłowski, the above mentioned

group of faithful prayed the Rosary for peace on the borders of the Republic of Poland and for the moral renewal of the Polish nation. The prayer also had a propitiatory character for all profanations and blasphemies.

## Feast of the Militia Immaculatæ in Warsaw

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, the feast of the Militia Immaculatæ, a ceremony was held in the church of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Warsaw, to receive new 29 Knights of the M.I.

The ceremony was preceded by a short lecture by Fr. Piotr Świerczek on the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The meeting was attended both by candidates for the M.I.

and Knights who renewed their act of consecration to Mary Immaculate.



## Christmas market in Warsaw

Every Sunday in December, the Knights of the Immaculata organised a Christmas fair in Warsaw, during which nativity scenes, statues of the Child Jesus, and Christ-

mas cards made by the Carmelite Sisters were on offer.

It was an opportunity to talk about the apostolate of the Knights and to exchange experiences.



## M.I. Apostolate in France

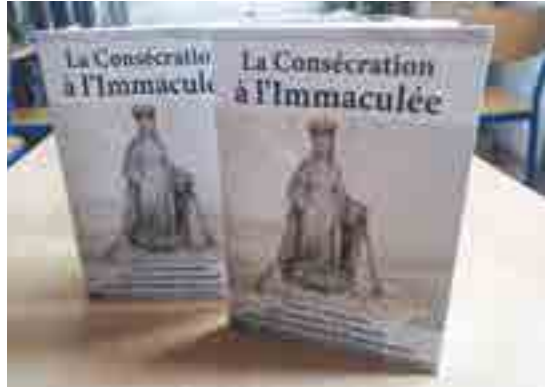
The Dominican Sisters of Brignoles invited the director of the M.I., Father Karl Stehlin, to some of their schools in the east of France.

The students listened with great interest to the conference of the M.I. director and offered to join the Knights of the Immaculata on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. For this reason, the Headquarters of the M.I. prepared a booklet especially for them on the consecration of oneself to the Immaculate Virgin according to St Maximilian. The publication is intended for young women from 18 to 25 years of age.

"We had the joy of having 40 new Knights into the M.I. on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. May the Immaculata watch over our school and maintain the ardour of her Knights" — said Mother Superior of the Dominicans of Pouilly.

### Sending for M.I. Corners

An additional element in the development of the apostolate in France is the dispatch of publications prepared in Poland by the Headquarters of the M.I. In November 2021, 25 parcels were sent to all M.I. corners in France. Each package contained from



30 to 50 copies of a special issue of the "Chevalier de l'Immaculée" ("Knight of the Immaculata"), 100 flyers about the Miraculous Medal, 100 flyers about the scapular and 50 flyers each, which deal with various topics related to the Immaculata and the M.I.

### A diocesan parish in Paris

A parish, located in the Paris region, has requested from the Militia Immaculatæ, through social networks, all the material necessary to prepare for consecration according to St. Maximilian Kolbe. The 8<sup>th</sup> of December was a great joy in the parish! 15 new Knights dedicated themselves to Mary Immaculate. May our Queen help them and guide them ever more towards the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### **New Knights led by Providence**

Some of the new Knights discovered the Militia Immaculatæ through Facebook... and yes, even the virtual world is the Kingdom of Mary! And the demands are more and more numerous; as of today

we have 10 new Knights enrolled into the M.I.

After having followed the 13 days of preparation, they committed themselves to finding a priest to carry out their enrolment into the M.I.

## **News from District GB & Scandinavia**

The week-end of September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 saw the SSPX Annual pilgrimage from the Slipper Chapel to the ruins of the Augustinian Priory where Fr. Robert Brucciani offered Mass on the Saturday. Some 148 faithful were in attendance for the pilgrimage, not counting others who assembled directly at the Priory ruins. Many Knights were in the procession. A small number of dedicated pilgrims undertook a 37 mile long pilgrimage from Kings Lynn to the Slipper Chapel on the previous Friday and the early part of Saturday morning, after which they processed at a more gentle pace for the final stretch of the pilgrimage.

Throughout the pilgrimage, Fr. Brucciani tirelessly strode from front to rear of the column and back again, urging everyone to join in the Rosaries, hymns and litanies as he recited them, without a mega-

phone (broken power unit) and in a voice that could be heard by all.

After Mass, the faithful joined Fr. Brucciani at the site of the Holy House, which once stood in the Priory grounds, where he led prayers to the Immaculate Mother



*The last vestiges of the destroyed Priory dwarf preparations for the Mass*



*The notice board and the stone mark the site of Mary's house*

of God for help and protection in these tumultuous days for Holy

Mother Church, and irrevocably consecrated the Society with its priests, seminarians, brothers, sisters, oblates and tertiaries and all its spiritual family to Mary, Our Lady and Queen. He ended the consecration by entrusting all that we have to her, that she would ever have us ready at her command.

All present were then invited to adjourn to the village hall where tea and sandwiches were made available.

## **New Knights in Great Britain**

On the last Sunday after Pentecost 2021 (21<sup>st</sup> November), Fr. Brucciani (District Superior for GB & Scandinavia) enrolled 9 more Knights at Gateshead and Leicester. This will raise the District total to 789.

Given the growing threat to Traditional Catholicism, the local co-ordinator for the District has called upon all the current Knights to redouble their efforts to open up more channels through which the Immaculata's graces can flow, with the aim of reaching a target of a thousand Knights by next Pentecost (5<sup>th</sup> June 2022). It is so important to the Immaculata to have as many Knights as possible in her

Militia, and to save as many souls as possible for Our Lord. The more voices that can be mustered in defence of Tradition, the better.



*3 new Knights being enrolled into the M.I. at Leicester on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2021*

## **New Knights and the M.I. meetings in Honduras**

Father Miquel Boniface is carrying out an ongoing apostolate in Central America. In Honduras last October alone he received more than 30 Knights of the Immaculata.

He regularly organizes meetings for the Knights, during which a plan of apostolic activities is established and experiences are exchanged. In addition, the Knights are acquainted with the new publications of the M.I. They also receive instructions

on how to use the new folders and brochures in their conversations and meetings.

Of course, the first step in the apostolate is the preparation of the Knights, which is why, during the meetings, Father Boniface gives a spiritual lecture — among other things, the Knights take care of their own sanctification, of which Saint Maximilian spoke a great deal as the basis for apostolic work.



## **Processions in honour of Mary Immaculate**

The young Knights in the Philippines organize processions with the statue of the Immaculate. They do this especially on those days when they cannot go to Mass in the church of St. Joseph in Davao, which is many kilometres away.

During the procession, they pray the Rosary and sing Marian songs.



## Retreat in India

Incessant rains have marked another 'successful' monsoon. And it is the same, we can say on the spiritual level. Fr. Therasian preached an Ignatian retreat for several young Knights of the Immaculata (YKI) Trichy. It was truly a successful attempt. The retreat took place during the last week of Pentecost. Father also preached a Marian mission on the 5<sup>th</sup>—7<sup>th</sup> of December in preparation for the big feast of Our Lady. The theme was on 'the Immaculata in God's plan'. Many of our faithful attended this 3-day mission. But the persistent showers of rain spoiled much of the evening preparations. The people from other chapels came to the confession.

It was verily a monsoon of grace and all thanks to the Immaculata alone.

We have converted an old and unused school building in Christurajapuram into a nice retreat house for Militia Immaculata. The 'Porta Caeli Retreat House' is well situated amidst fertile and ever-green mangrove forests. Reparation Sisters of the Immaculate Heart will do their retreat right after Christmas.

The lush greenery and crisp fresh air can help the sisters not only 'retreat' from their usual activities but also offer ample silence to speak with God. We are also planning to offer several M.I. retreats and conferences in the summer once the 'pandemic' situation settles. Prayers are requested for our rather difficult mission in this country as the persecution is visibly mounting against the Catholics.



# Testimony of a Knight



## **My mother's conversion through the Miraculous Medal**

Recently I was enrolled into the Traditional Immaculate Knighthood. I knew about the Miraculous Medal, but I did not pay much attention to the promises the Immaculata had made us in connection with it.

At the end of 2019 my mother received a terrible diagnosis: a malignant tumour of the colon.

Being diagnosed with a disease at an advanced stage was very disturbing. An important point was that despite being baptised she was a non-believer. My mother still did not want to seek God's help. Therefore, I prayed and received Holy Communions for her. But there was still no will on her part to convert. The beginning of 2021



brought a new, more serious diagnosis, her situation deteriorated with a lot of confusion and dementia-like symptoms. This diagnosis was like a death sentence: very advanced and numerous growths near her brain.

I realised that there was not much time left, and I really needed to act and take care not of the body but of the soul. I remembered reading material about the Miraculous Medal and the many great miracles associated with it. I thought that maybe this is the way I can help save my mother's soul. I found an old medal that I once received at a public Rosary recitation. One day after work, I wanted to go to my mother and give her the medal.

At that time, I prayed intently for her to make a recovery and return home to us. Three days later she

returned home, where we adapted the house to look after her at home. I decided that on that day I would try to give her a medal. Due to her inability to communicate verbally, I had concerns about whether she would accept it. At the end of my stay and visit, my mother accepted the Miraculous Medal.

When visiting my mother, I prayed a lot, a lot to Our Lady, or the Chaplet of God's mercy. As I thought *Ave Maria* and watched my mother, I had the impression that she sensed it, because she was conscious and looking at me. I also had an overwhelming impression that there was a spiritual battle going on. Soon after that I received a message that her health had deteriorated and that she was very close to death. I prayed for her soul. I noticed my mother folding her



hands over her heart in prayer. At this point I asked her if would like me to call a priest, she indicated that she would like this so I called a priest to give her Extreme Unction and absolution.

Some members of my family were not happy with this although my mother indicated with hand gestures that she wanted the priest to visit. After the priest visited she lived for 3 more days before God called her. After receiving the sacraments, she was very calm and left this world in great peace and silence.

The Mother of God, to whom I entrusted my mother, did not ignore my pleas. The progress of my mother's disease was slow but it gave her time to convert. I would like to encourage everyone in

a similar situation and motivate them to pray for conversion.

My mother's example shows that although the situation looked hopeless, she received the grace of conversion which was so necessary before meeting our Divine Lord for judgment. I encourage you to remain persistent in prayer. Ask the Blessed Mother for her prayers. This situation strengthened my desire to join the Knighthood. I wanted to continue the fight for conversion of many souls. A little over a month later, I joined the group of Knights. We must not doubt that our prayers are answered. We never pray alone, we trust in Her. We have a wonderful support from the Immaculate herself who loves and supports us immeasurably.

*Paweł from Poland*



The Militia Immaculatæ is an army of Knights of Mary Immaculate which works for the conversion of all men to God, be they 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 Immaculatæ was founded by St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1917. Since 1937, Militia Immaculatæ is also called the Knights of the Immaculata.



## Original Statutes of the Militia Immaculatæ (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 ejaculatory prayer 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: [info@militia-immaculatae.org](mailto:info@militia-immaculatae.org)  
and tell us which country you are from.

# Masses for the M.I. in 2022

We are pleased to announce that Father Dennis McDonald, National Moderator of the M.I. in the USA, will offer in the year 2021 Holy Masses for the sanctification of the Knights of the Militia Immaculatæ. Father will celebrate these Masses on the most important Feasts of Our Lady.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Purification/Presentation

**March 25<sup>th</sup>** – Annunciation

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** – Our Lady of Compassion

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** – Our Lady of Good Counsel

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin

**June 27<sup>th</sup>** – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Queen of Angels

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** – Holy Name of Mary

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Fatima apparition

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** – Miraculous Medal

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** – Our Lady of Loreto



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