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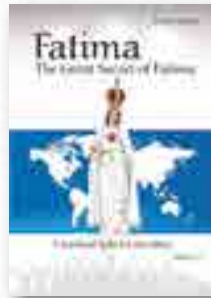
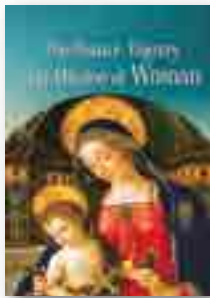
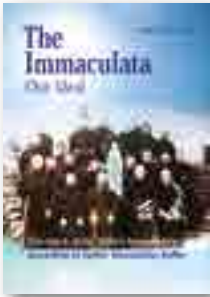


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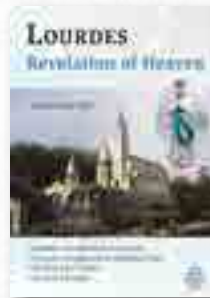
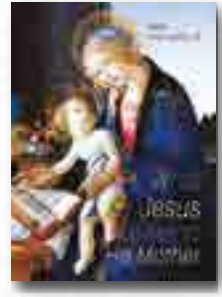
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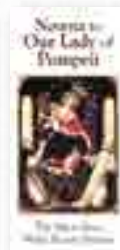
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# Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

Pope Pius XII set the 31<sup>st</sup> of May as the feast of the Kingdom of Mary. The Holy Father combined the proclamation of the feast of the Kingdom of Mary with the Coronation of the Miraculous painting. Placing the crown on the head of Christ, the Pope prayed: "As with our hands we crown you on earth, so deign to crown us with honour and glory in Heaven". Crowning Mary's head with a diadem of twelve stars he said: "As we crown you with our hands, so may we be crowned in Heaven with honour and glory by Jesus, your Son".

For centuries the Church has professed her faith in the Kingdom of Mary in various prayers, especially the Rosary and the *Litany of Loreto*. In the Rosary we praise Mary as the one whom the Lord has taken into Heaven and crowned as Queen of Heaven and earth. In the *Litany of Loreto* we invoke her as Queen of Angels, Patriarchs and Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins and all Saints, as Queen without stain of original sin, Queen of the Assumption, Queen of the Holy Rosary and Queen of Peace. For over a thousand years we have been greeting Mary in the Church's breviary, as well as in our personal prayers, with the antiphon: *Salve Regina* — "Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope".

Mary stands, the new Eve, at the right hand of the second Adam, Christ, in splendour and sublime glory. "Hail, Holy Mother, who brought forth a King who rules Heaven and earth for ever". The Holy Father Pius XII is right when he says that with the institution of the feast of the Kingdom of Mary he introduces nothing new, crowning her who deigns to help overcome modern evils and to defend Christians.

Mary's royal dignity and Queenship is based on her close relationship with Christ, the Redeemer. On this fundamental fact, that at the angelic annunciation she uttered her *fiat*, "let it be done to me", and became the Mother of the Son of God, King and Lord, to whom "all authority in Heaven and on earth



is given" (Mt 28:18), she is the Mother of the King and of God. She therefore participates, albeit in a limited and subordinate way, in the royal dignity of her Son. Since God has given her to Christ the Redeemer to cooperate in His work of Redemption, so that she is rightly called the "Co-redemptrix," it is fitting that He should give her a certain authority over the redeemed. Christ is King by His nature and His saving death, Mary is Queen by grace through and with Christ. By virtue of her intimate union with Him, she has dignity above all creatures and full power to dispense the treasures which Christ has merited for us, and the power to solicit from God favours and assistance.

The authority of Mary the Queen is an authority over the Heart of Christ the King, Who, out of love for her, bends down to her and listens to her petitions which she submits to Him for us and for the salvation of our souls. Mary has authority over us, whom she has accepted as her children and whom she wishes to guide and conform to Christ, and she has authority over our wills, so that we choose the good; authority over our hearts, so that they seek and love what God desires. Mary's royal authority is power and sovereignty over the whole universe, above all over humanity, over everyone and over every individual, whether they follow the path to God or remain in error. The Lord has given her maternal authority to cooperate effectively for all, in achieving their eternal salvation, to win them forgiveness, grace, light and power. Mary's royal authority is power and dominion over evil spirits and the powers of hell, sin and Satan. Already in Paradise, she was depicted as the one to crush the head of the serpent (Gen 3:15).

Mary's royal authority is the maternal and supreme power over the Holy Church, dioceses, parishes, families, religious congregations. We should consider ourselves fortunate that the Lord has subjected us to the royal authority, power and dominion of Mary. We, her beloved children, should turn to her with great confidence and pray: "Remember, most gracious Queen, that it has never been heard that anyone taking refuge in Thee was abandoned by Thee".

*Fr. Karl Stehlin*

Warsaw, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



## Prayer of St. Maximilian "The reign of Mary"

**Saint Maximilian Kolbe began his book on the Immaculate with a prayer, which is reproduced on the adjacent page. Unfortunately, his completion of the book was prevented by the arrest and death of Father Maximilian.**

**Pray, so that the Immaculata becomes as soon as possible the Queen of all hearts all over the earth; so that the others too may love her as we do and even more than we do, and that through her they may come to know and love Jesus — who died on the Cross because of the love He had for us — in a more perfect way.**

O Immaculata, Queen of Heaven and earth, I know I am unworthy to approach you, to fall on my knees before you with my face to the ground, but because I love you so much, I dare beg you to be good enough to deign to tell me who you are. For I wish to know you more and more, endlessly more, and love you more and more ardently, with boundless zeal. Also, I wish to reveal to other souls who you are, that an ever increasing number of souls may know you ever more perfectly and love you ever more ardently, so that you become the Queen of all the hearts that beat and will beat on earth at any time, and that as soon as possible, as soon as possible.

Some still do not know your name at all. Others, plunged in the mud of immorality, dare not look up to you; still others believe they have no need of you in order to achieve the purpose of their lives. Yet there are also some whom Satan — who refused to recognize you as his Queen and was thus turned from an angel into a devil — prevents from bending their knees before you. Many are those who love you, who are fond of you, but how few are those who for love of you are willing to do anything, to labour, to suffer, and even to sacrifice their lives. When will you, O Lady, reign supreme in all hearts and in each one individually? When will all the inhabitants of the earth acknowledge you as Mother, the Heavenly Father as Father, and in doing so finally feel like brothers?

Amen

**Commentary of Maximilian Maria Kolbe  
to the *Act of Consecration to the Immaculata***

**“Queen of Heaven and earth”**

In a family, the parents who love their children strive, to the best of their ability, to fulfil the wishes of their children, as long as such desires are not to their detriment. All the more so God, the Creator and Prototype of earthly parents, wants to fulfil the will of His creatures, as long as that does not cause them harm; that is, provided that this will is in accordance with His Will. Never and in anything did the Immaculata move away from God's will.

In everything she loved God's Will, she loved God, so she is aptly named *Suppliant Omnipotence*; she exerts her influence on God Himself, on the whole universe: she is the Queen of Heaven and earth. In Heaven, all recognize the sovereignty of her love. Instead, that part of the first angels who would not recognize her Queenship, lost their place in Heaven.

She is also the Queen of the earth, for the fact that she is the Mother of God. Yet she desires — and is entitled to such desire — to be recognized spontaneously by every heart, to be loved as Queen of all hearts, so that such heart may be purified ever more through her, become immaculate, like her Heart and ever more worthy of union with God, with the love of God, with the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.





## Mary's Queenship

Mary's Queenship, therefore, means firstly that “she is exalted in dignity above all things created and after her Son holds the primacy over all”.

The encyclical *Quasprimas* of Pius XI indicated a twofold foundation of Christ's Kingship: the hypostatic union and the Redemption. The teaching of the present encyclical is parallel to that of Pius XI. Mary's Queenship is founded first of all on her divine Motherhood. For her Son, even as man, was King and Lord of all things from the very moment of His conception, by reason of the hy-

postatic union. In the words of St. John Damascene, "she truly became Mistress of all creation when she became Mother of the Creator". But just as Christ is King, not only because of the Incarnation but also by right of conquest because of the Redemption, so also is Mary Queen because of her intimate association with Christ in the work of our Redemption.



**M**ary is Mother and Mistress of all things by repairing all things through her merits, by restoring grace to all. She provides for it of her own substance which she offers freely for us, she desires, asks, obtains our salvation. She was united with Christ in our Redemption as the new Eve by a kind of recapitulation; she was chosen as the Mother of Christ in order to "become an associate in redeeming mankind."



She offered her Son to the eternal Father on Calvary; hence we may say: as Christ is King also because He is our Redeemer, so by analogy the blessed Virgin is our Queen because she was the new Eve, associated with the new Adam.

Sixty-eight years ago Pope Pius XII issued an important encyclical in the field of Mariology. To crown the celebration of the Marian Year (1954), the Holy Father

wrote the encyclical *Ad Coeli Reginam* (dated the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 1954). Here he proposed the traditional doctrine regarding the Queenship of Mary and established for the universal church the liturgical feast of Mary, the Queen.

The encyclical started by recalling how, from the early beginning of the Catholic Church, the faithful had recourse to the Queen of Heaven especially in times of sorrow, as do we, in our

own day, especially marked with calamities. Sixty-eight years later conditions have gone from bad to worse, which is why this feast and the doctrine behind it are so important to us.

The Pope gratefully recalled some of his own acts in honour of Our Lady: the dogmatic definition of the Assumption, declaration of the Marian Year for the centenary of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, allocation and broadcasts exhorting the faithful to honour Mary. He especially refers to the Fatima broadcast of 1946 which he himself termed the broadcast of *Mary's Queenship*.

To comply with the many requests received, he decided to institute the 'new feast' and on this occasion recalled the traditional doctrine of Mary's royal dignity.

Finally, Christian art, ever since the definition of Mary's divine Motherhood at Ephesus (431AD), has loved to represent Mary as Queen and Empress, with royal crown and heavenly court. And the Roman Pontiffs have fostered Christian piety to Mary by crowning images of the Virgin Mother of God.

### **What does Queenship imply?**

Mary's Queenship, therefore, means firstly that "she is exalted in dignity above all things created and after her Son holds the primacy over all". This appears from the ancient testimonies of the Oriental Fathers, St. Sophronius, St. Germanus, St. John Damascene. To understand this dignity we must bear in mind the fullness of grace and holiness, given to her with the Immaculate Conception, "than which no greater is conceivable under God". It also



means that she shares the tower by which her Son reigns over the minds and wills of men; she does so by her powerful intercession in Heaven where she is exalted above angels and Saints; she obtains by her motherly prayer whatever she asks; her power is "almost limitless", and rests on her "maternal authority". It is a glorious thing for Christians to be subjects of the Virgin Mother of

God, to her queenly power and motherly love.

"Certainly, in the full and strict meaning of the term, only Jesus Christ, the God-Man, is King; but Mary, too, as Mother of the divine Christ, as His associate in the redemption, in His struggle with His enemies and His final victory over them, has a share, though in a limited and analogous way, in His royal dignity. For from her union



with Christ she attains a radiant eminence transcending that of any other creature; from her union with Christ she receives the royal right to dispose of the treasures of the Divine Redeemer's Kingdom; from her union with Christ finally is derived the inexhaustible efficacy of her maternal intercession before the Son and His Father."



## **Veneration of Mary's Queenship**

It is to give more splendour to this firmly established traditional doctrine of Mary's Queenship, celebrated all through the Christian centuries and throughout the Church, that the Holy Father, by virtue of his apostolic authority, instituted the feast of Mary the Queen, to be kept the world over on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. And — as Pius XI decreed the yearly renewal of the act of consecration of the human race to the Sacred Heart on the feast of the King — he ordains that on this feast the consecration of mankind to the Immaculate Heart be repeated, as a promise of an era of happiness and Christian peace.

Let all then have recourse to our Queen and Mother with increased trust. Let them honour her queenly power by fleeing from sin. Let the faithful celebrate her feasts, and practise



her rosary on every occasion and in every need. Let them venerate her name and never abuse it.

**L**et all imitate her virtues and so be united in social brotherhood and effective mutual help.

In some countries of the world there are people who are unjustly persecuted for professing their Christian faith and who are deprived of their divine and human rights to

freedom; until now, reasonable demands and repeated protests have been to no avail in removing these evils. May the powerful Queen of Creation, whose radiant glance banishes storms and tempests and brings back cloudless skies, look upon these her innocent and tormented children with eyes of mercy. Is it too difficult to make the connection with our own country, where persecution is unbridled? Are we not in greater need of this Queen's intercession?

The feast of Mary the Queen (the 31<sup>st</sup> of May) can and should contribute greatly to peace among nations, if all honour her, who, like the rainbow, is a divine pledge of peace (cf. Gen. 9:13; Eccli. 43:12f.); if they follow her gentle and maternal authority, and, while invoking the Queen of Peace, practise what makes for peace according to her maternal commands.

May the Queen and Mother of Christendom grant joy and peace to our world torn by hatred, and show us after this exile her Jesus who will be our peace and joy forever.

Saint Maximilian wants that we peer deep into her innermost being so as to realise that a speck of dust stands before a huge mountain. SHE has turned her eyes of mercy towards us in order to "draw us out of darkness into her wonderful light" long before we turn to her with child-like love.

Once SHE becomes so important for us that our own ego melts away and we do not waste any more time on our own trifles but live only towards her, in her and for her, only then do we experience true devotion.

The title of Queen of Heaven and earth in the Act of Consecration lets us recognise her power over the whole of creation, her ineffable greatness, before which the entire universe shrinks as before the boundless ocean that SHE is. We can never overestimate Mary's greatness.

If we gather together all glory, might and magnitude that can be mustered in the order of creation and apply these to Mary, then we must think: you are so much greater! How often do we lack in trust because we forget how ineffably great SHE is! God has laid everything at





her feet, everything and everyone! It is also important to consider Mary's eternal beauty and her royal dignity side by side because power on its own would frighten us, and beauty on its own can easily lead to sentimentality. But beauty combined with royal might fills the soul with wonder and awe; and vice versa: power combined with attractive beauty robs the soul of fear and trembling.

### **Consecrate yourself to the Immaculata**

Undoubtedly you have already drawn the logical con-

clusion of what you have just read. If Mary is the Queen of Militants and your vocation and your success depend on her, and if God wants her apostolic action to be manifested especially at the present time, it is clear that you must place yourself entirely at the disposal of our Blessed Mother if you want to give to your life as a militant a real soldier-like efficiency.

That's quite correct. Mary is always the Woman destined to wage war against the serpent and to crush its head. Therefore if you would be victorious over

the serpent and its seed, you must openly proclaim yourself to be of the seed of the Woman by taking your place at her side.

Mary is the Generalissimo of the army of Christ which battles against the army of Satan. Therefore, just as the man who wants to defend his country against the invader will enrol himself in the army of the



General-in-chief, so must you enrol yourself in the army of the Blessed Virgin.

It is true that a man can attempt to fight against the invader without belonging to the troops of the Commanding General. Although by so doing he often brings more trouble upon his fellow citizens than he inflicts harm upon the enemy. But without Mary no one can combat Satan victoriously, because we can do nothing without grace and all grace comes to us through Mary.

**I**t is also true that Mary gives her aid to all sincere militants, even to those who do not invoke her, even to those who do not know that she has any role to play in the apostolate.

For she obtains graces in general for all men, even for those who do not pray to her

or who do not know her. But will she not obtain many more graces for those who are more closely united to her? And it is for this reason that while those not devoted to her frequently fall into sin, even grave sin, and arrive at only a mediocre degree of virtue, those faithful to Mary are able not only to keep themselves in the state of grace, but also to attain heroic sanctity.

In the same way, then, those militants who do not know the Blessed Virgin report only ordinary or momentary success, while those who have enrolled themselves under her banner and who fight in her name tell of victory after victory despite all the opposition which the devil raises against them. Why should that be so astonishing, since they are united with her who is called by God to crush the serpent's head?



How does one enrol in the service of the Queen of Heaven and earth? By consecrating oneself to her entirely as her Knight.

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# Queen of Saints

Many saints understand that we can come to Jesus only through Mary. She is the one who brought Our Lord to this world the first time and it will be through her that He will come for the second time.

**Saint Maximilian Kolbe**, founder of the Militia Immaculatae understood that perfectly. He knew that if we try to approach Our Lord by ourselves, with our soiled nature, we may not succeed, but if we ask for intercession by His Mother, He will embrace us as His brothers. "I can do everything in her" — St. Maximilian used to say, paraphrasing St. Paul.

Saint Maximilian in a sense continued the work of another great

Marian Saint — **St. Louis Grignion de Montfort**, author of *The perfect devotion to Our Lady*, a resolute apostle of Our Blessed Mother.

These two saints dedicated their lives to promoting devotion to Our Lady as a means of knowing and loving her Divine Son. They knew that in order to know Jesus we have to know His Mother, to become His brothers we should first become her children.





But they are not the only ones; there is a whole army of saints devoted to Our Lady.

**Saint Alphonsus de Liguori** in his *Glories of Mary* gave us a beautiful insight into Our Lady's soul, especially in his meditation on the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. His love and devotion to Our Lady shine out on every page of this book.



**Saint Bernard of Clairvaux** in his many sermons dedicated to Our Lady explained to his faithful the importance of devotion to the Mother of God:

***O Blessed Mary, whoever loves you honours God; whoever serves you pleases God; whoever invokes your holy name with pure heart will infallibly receive the object of his petition.***

Also:

***When you follow Mary, you will not go astray. When you pray to her, you will not despair.***

***When you think of her, you will not err.***

***When she sustains you, you will not fall. When she protects you, you will not fear.***

***When she leads you, you will not become tired. When she favours you, you will arrive safely.***



At the time of the great heresy of the Albigensians, **St. Dominic** asked for the help Our Blessed Mother and his prayers were granted — Our Lady gave him the Rosary as a means of converting those who had fallen into this heresy.

Since then, the Rosary has defended the faith and the Church many times. Another saintly Dominican, Pope St. Pius V asked the whole of Christendom to pray the Rosary during the battle of Lepanto in 1571. Our Lady once again interceded for her children and obtained the victory over a much greater army.



God likes to use simple instruments, hence most known apparitions of Our Lady are to children:

In Lourdes, it was to **St. Bernadette**, in Fatima to three little shepherds. Her message is always simple and unchanging — “pray and do penance”.

Saint Bernadette was taught by Our Lady how to make the sign of the Cross piously. The children in Fatima learnt from the Angel, who preceded Our Lady, how to pray properly. Later on, Our Lady herself taught them the importance of prayer and penance: after showing the children a vision of Hell,

she told them that many souls go to Hell because nobody is praying and doing penance for them.



Little **Jacinta** in particular took this to her heart and for the rest of her very short life she accepted much suffering for "poor sinners".



Devotion to Our Lady always, in the end, leads her children to Our Lord.

As in her earthly life, she never seeks to draw attention to herself; she was and still is the Way to her Divine Son. Everyone who seeks her intercession and follows her inspirations eventually develops a much deeper and more pleasing devotion to Jesus Christ.



All the saints devoted to Mary agree that she is the safest and easiest way to Jesus. She will always lovingly lead us to her Beloved Son, teach us how to truly love Him and obey Him in everything:

"Do whatever He says." When Our Lady intercedes for us with her Son, we can be assured that we will never lack the graces needed for our salvation.

## Rosary Crusade in Poland



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2022 (Ash Wednesday), a Lenten crusade began in Poland for the intention of the priests of the Society of St Pius X, for the conversion of priests remaining in post-conciliar structures, for new and holy priestly and religious vocations, and for the intention of defending the work of Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre against the attacks of enemies.

It lasted until the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 (Holy Saturday). All Knights were invited to take part in this crusade (prayer of the rosary).

Referring to the sublime history of the Polish Nation, having so many proofs of the miraculous action of Divine Providence and the protection of the Queen of Poland, we feel called to renew our struggle for the salvation of souls and the expansion of the Kingdom of God on earth. Priests and persons especially consecrated to God are necessary for this work, because in the war against the forces of evil, we need wise guides and spiritual weapons. We must not succumb to the fear that the forces of the enemy are far more powerful than our meagre capacities; that would be a denial of all those miracles which God has wrought with weak instruments, through which the power of Heaven and the Love of the Creator is revealed through the Immaculate. Faced with this, we confront another battle with the rosary in the left hand and the Cross in the right.

Remembering the glories of the Polish hussars, whose victories have often saved Christian civi-

lisation from the invasion of the enemies of the Church, we want to become new hussars of the rosary, disregarding the power of the destroyers and trusting in the power of prayer, and we will go into battle against the enemies of the holy Catholic faith and we

will win with Mary, the Vanquisher of all heresies.

At the conclusion of the crusade, we wish to present the commitments made to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to thank the Immaculate One for her invincible intercession for our humble efforts.

## Lenten Retreat 2022

All the chapels of the Society of St. Pius X hosted Lenten retreats. In Warsaw, the retreat was preached by Father Karl Stehlin, who chose as his theme: *Stabat mater dolorosa. Mary Co-Redemptrix.*

Father Stehlin spoke about Mary's participation in the work of salvation during her entire earthly life. Through her trusting Fiat, she began her participation in the sacrifice offered on the tree of the Cross. Mary's words, in response to the message of the Archangel Gabriel, made it possible for the eternal Word of God to become Flesh, thus bringing forth the High Priest and the Lamb who was to be the Sacrifice for the lives of many.

During the Stations of the Cross and the death of Jesus on the Cross, which she endured to the very end, Mary's participation in feeling the sorrow and passion of her Son was

the culmination of her mission as Co-Redemptrix.







The mystery of Mary Co-Redemptrix continues at every Mass. Just as the Mother of God stood beside the Cross of her Son at Calvary, she is spiritually present when Jesus repeats his sacrifice on the altar.

The faithful who attended the retreat were also able to view a new folder on the Immaculata Co-Redemptrix. This folder is available in the M.I. corner in all the chapels of the Society of St. Pius X.

On the second day of the retreat (5<sup>th</sup> of March), a ceremony was held to admit 38 people into the Militia Immaculatæ.

Beforehand, the candidates received special packets containing a diploma, an admission form, folders, the *Triumph of the Immaculata* and a brochure entitled *Consecration to the Immaculata*. The publications helped the candidates to get acquainted with the history of the Order and with the idea of the M.I., while thanks to the attentive reading of the booklet *Consecration to the Immaculata*, the new Knights could thoroughly prepare themselves for the ceremony during which they consecrated themselves to the Immaculata as her instruments.

## M.I. Table in Warsaw

The idea behind the creation of the "M.I. Table" was the desire to have personal contact with the Knights and to give them appropriate means for their apostolate. The M.I. Table is also a form of apostolate for those who do not know about the M.I. or are just getting acquainted with the idea of the Militia Immaculatæ. Thus, in Warsaw, after the Ignatian or Marian retreats, participants can take advantage of the wide range of M.I. publications on offer: books, booklets and flyers.

The faithful of the Immaculate Conception Church in Warsaw also readily frequent the M.I. table (usually on the last Sunday of the month) to stock up on the latest M.I. resources.

Over time, the M.I. table has expanded to include rosaries made by the Knights, scapulars sewn by the Carmelite Sisters, pictures, statues, and bags with the M.I. logo sewn by a Knight. Moreover, occasionally (mainly before Christmas and Easter), Christmas wreaths and cards made by the Carmelite Sisters are offered.



## Glory to the Immaculata – the retreat in Toronto

From 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2022, in Toronto's SSPX Church of the Transfiguration, we celebrated a two day retreat with Fr. Stehlin. On Saturday, we had Holy Mass and three conferences mainly in Polish and the fourth one in Polish/English which also ended in the enrolment of new members of the Militia Immaculatæ. On Sunday, Father was preaching to the whole parish.

Conferences started with a short summary of current spiritual situations in the world and in the Church. Moral degradation is plain for all to see. Even the Church joined the enemy and "bows to the beast". For a very

long time Poland kept its faith only thanks to its Marian devotion. However that changed, and we all went under the devil's "spell"; the crisis in the Church became obvious also in Poland and the nation lost its faith.

God however did not abandon us. In these "end times", He gives us His and Our Mother again as a weapon to fight evil. Through her all graces come to us. She is our "Commanding Officer", our General. Under her mantle we will find peace and we will save our souls.

The world is offering us desperation, anxiety, evil, discouragement. Alone we will not be able to fight them. We do not know how, when or where. Only Our Dear Mother knows that. She will intercede for us. She knows the enemy and she knows how to win. Mary is the "woman clothed in the sun" from the apocalypse, she will destroy the devil.

We have no better option — only to be guided by her if we want to win. Our place is in her Army — Militia Immaculatæ; our prayers, penance and trust





are in her. Only under her mantle will we save our souls and defend our families, the Church and the world. She will triumph. Even now her victory has already started — more and more priests, religious and laity are coming back to Tradition and discovering afresh the sacraments, true morality and Holy Mass.

Glory be to God, who through the intercession of Our Blessed

Mother, who as in Cana, noticed that we ran out of wine-faith, sent us Father Stehlin to encourage us to fight for our souls, to help Mary win souls for Heaven and to give us hope again.

*Deo Gratias* for all new members of the Militia Immaculatæ.

Father Karl Stehlin enrolled into the Militia Immaculatæ 32 new Knights.

*Anna Z.*

Interview with Fr. Stehlin:  
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## News from District GB and Scandinavia

On the week-end of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> of December 2021, Fr. Stehlin paid a visit to Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, where he gave lectures about the Militia Immaculatæ, its origins, and its founder — St. Maximilian Kolbe — including time for recollection, and for confessions.

The event had been announced at parishes in the North of England, as well as parishes in Scotland, and it was very well attended by faithful of Polish, Scottish and English nationalities.

Father Stehlin's lively deliveries were enthusiastically received by those present, and after his Sat-

urday talks some 64 new Knights were enrolled, which provided a very welcome boost to the target of 1,000 Knights in the District by Pentecost on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.

As the pressure grows to suppress Catholicism (particularly Traditional Catholicism), it is essential that all Knights step up their efforts to distribute Miraculous Medals, flyers, green scapulars (for conversions) and prayer cards via social media at every possible opportunity. This needs to be done in order to open up channels for the flow of the Immaculata's graces into souls for their salvation for Our Lord.



*Fr. Stehlin enrolls 64 new Knights in Edinburgh on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2021*



## New Knights in Ireland and England

On the feast of the Purification of Our Lady, also known as Candlemas, Fr. Patrick Abbet, prior of the church of St. John the Evangelist in Dublin enrolled 7 new Knights.

On another great feast of Our Lady, her Immaculate Conception, 2 Knights joined our ranks.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, Father Patrick Abbet enrolled 9 new Knights.



The Militia Immaculatæ in Ireland is growing steadily and we are grateful for every soul who is willing to become an instrument of the Immaculata, through which she can work and bring more souls to the Sacred Heart of her Blessed Son.

Father Robert Brucciani (Superior of District GB & Scandinavia) enrolled 2 new Knights at St. Anne's Chapel (in Leicester) on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 and the following Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> of February) Fr. Johnathon Steele enrolled 4 Knights at the Church of the Holy Cross in Woking.



*Pictured beside: enrolment into the M.I. in Dublin; pictured above: in Leicester*

# Testimony of a Knight



## **An Immaculata rescue in wartime misery**

This event took place during the Second World War in one of the Beskid villages near Żywiec. In that village lived a family with two teenage daughters, Mary and Elisabeth. The parents, Aniela and Marcin, ran a small farm. The work on the farm was very demanding and the produce was barely enough to support the fam-

ily. But the difficult economic situation was not the only reason for the family's worries. The inhabitants of this village in the Beskid Mountains were constantly uncertain of their future due to various repressions and persecutions by the German occupiers. As the town was incorporated into the German Reich, the threat of ex-

pulsion of the Polish population hung over it. There were fears of arrest, deportation to a concentration camp or to forced labour in Germany.

They were particularly afraid of a certain German gendarme who would suddenly appear in selected houses and take husbands, wives and children from their families, sending them either to a concentration camp or to forced labour. He was particularly fond of pretty and healthy-looking girls. For a long time he avoided Aniela and Marcin's farm. Finally, he also stood at their door. On that autumn day, as it happened, neither her father nor her mother nor her older sister Elisabeth were at home. Seventeen-year-old Mary heard the banging on the door. Without pausing for thought, she ran fearfully to the room where the picture of Our Lady of Częstochowa hung on the wall, and began to pray fervently. She heard the footsteps of the gendarme passing through the kitchen, and then the deafening sound of the door opening violently, which she had just closed behind her, hoping that the gendarme would not open it. She did not stop praying, staring

with pleading eyes at the face of the Holy Virgin. She felt the eyes of the German on her back, who stared at the girl for a long time. He stood motionless at the threshold of the room, not saying a single word. After a while, she heard the creak of the door closing gently. There was an unspeakable silence in the house. Mary knelt for a long time before the image of Our Lady, now uttering the words of a prayer of thanksgiving. To the end of her long life, she was



deeply convinced that the Miraculous Medal, which she had worn as a child, the deep veneration of the Mother of God in her family, and her fervent prayer in those moments of danger, had saved her from what was most likely an inevitable doom.

By the end of the war, no other German had set foot in the house

of Aniela and Marcin. Mary wore the Miraculous Medal all her life, full of gratitude for having been saved from the turmoil of war. Thanks to the miraculous intervention of the Immaculata, she was able to pass on to me as her son both life and a deep faith in Jesus Christ and His Beloved Mother.



Booklet

*Apparitions of Our Lady in Quito*



Flyer

*The Immaculata Co-Redemptrix*

Publications in Polish

[www.militia-immaculatae.org/polski](http://www.militia-immaculatae.org/polski)

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 U.S., 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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