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Our Lady — Mother of God  
and Our Mother



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7 X 1922 — 15 IV 2023

✝ Highest aged Knight of the Immaculatae  
in the world, going to her rest  
at 100 years of age  
(she joined the M.I. in 1994)

✝ Mother of Rev. Karl Stehlin,  
Superior of the District  
of Central and Eastern Europe

✝ Anna and her husband Karl W. Stehlin  
were generous benefactors  
of the Society of St. Pius X



Please pray for the intentions  
of the Deceased

*Requiescat in pace*

## Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

Mary under her most beautiful title and in her most glorious prerogative: Mother of God. This title and prerogative were solemnly proclaimed by the Council of Ephesus, to oppose the Nestorian heresy. Today the Church congratulates Mary for this supreme dignity, which raises her above all other creatures, even to the threshold of infinity, and makes her Queen, not only of men, but also of angels. An extract from the book of Wisdom (Sir 24:23–31), sings the praises of her divine maternity: Mary is the fruitful vine which bore the fairest fruit, Jesus. Mary is "the mother of fair love" in whom is "all grace of the way and of the truth... all hope of life and of virtue," since through her alone God gave to the world His only-begotten Son; through her alone men have had their Saviour. He who wants Jesus must seek Him in Mary's arms; he who wishes to propitiate the Saviour must have recourse to her who is His Mother. How sweetly, then, does her maternal invitation sound in our ears: "Come over to me, all ye that desire me, and be filled with my fruits." Yes, let us go to Mary and we shall not be deceived; in her we shall find all we can desire, because Mary gives us Jesus, the Redeemer, Father and true Food of our souls. Not only does she give Him to us, but, by the example of her wonderful life, she teaches us to love Him, to imitate Him, to follow Him, and to profit as much as possible from His redemptive, sanctifying work. Thus Mary extends her maternity to us too, fulfilling toward us the duties of a Mother.

Mary's Maternity should awaken in our hearts confidence and trust in her who, because of her dignity as Mother, has the greatest influence with her divine Son. In praising the Mother of God, we beg her to use her maternal power on our behalf: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners." What greater advocate could we find? What more powerful Patroness? Jesus cannot resist His Mother's supplications, nor can Mary resist those who invoke her under her sweetest title: Mother. If every woman is touched when she hears herself called "Mother," will

not Mary be even more deeply touched when she is invoked as “Mother of God”? Then let us call her by that name, let us treat her as a mother — as the Mother of God first of all and then as our own Mother — since Jesus, when dying on the Cross, put at our disposal the treasures of her maternity. Our Lady has a maternal mission to accomplish in our souls. Jesus Himself has entrusted it to her; therefore, it is very dear to her, and she desires to fulfil it perfectly. Yes, Mary wishes to be our Mother, she wishes to use the privileges and treasures of her maternity for our advantage, but she cannot do so unless we entrust ourselves to her care like docile, loving children. Not everyone realizes sufficiently the necessity of giving themselves to Mary as her children, of opening their soul to her maternal influence, of having recourse to her with complete confidence, of calling upon her aid in all their difficulties and dangers, and of placing their whole spiritual life under her patronage. In the natural order a child needs a mother, and suffers both morally and spiritually without one; so also in the supernatural order, souls need a mother, they need Mary, most holy. Without her and her maternal care, souls suffer, their spiritual life is stunted and often becomes lax, or, at least, is not as vigorous as it should be. On the other hand, when souls give themselves to Mary, seek Mary, and trust themselves to her, their interior life progresses rapidly, their journey toward God is more simple and swift; everything becomes easier because there is a Mother’s hand to sustain them, there is a Mother’s heart to comfort them.

*Fr. Karl Stehlin*

Warsaw, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June,  
the Feast of the Mother of Perpetual Help





## St. Maximilian on Our Lady, Our Mother

Who would dare to imagine that Thou, O infinite and eternal God, hast loved me for ages, and more than that, from before the ages?

O good God, Thou hast brought me to existence from nothingness!... For me Thou hast created the heavens adorned with constellations of stars, for

me the earth, the seas, the mountains, the rivers and the many, many beautiful things here on earth...

As if this was not enough, to show me that Thou really dost love me tenderly, Thou descendedst from the pure delights of Heaven to this degraded world full of tears. Thou didst lead a hard life in poverty and suffer-

ing; finally, despised and derided, Thou didst choose to be hung up on a base scaffold in terrible pain between two thieves... O God of love, Thou hast redeemed me in this terrible but generous way!... Thou remainest upon this miserable world in the Most Holy and exceedingly admirable Sacrament of the altar.

What miracles! Who would dare to imagine?...

Thou didst ask us to become children, if we wish to enter the heavenly kingdom [cf. Mt 18:3]. Thou well knowest that a child needest a mother: Thou Thyself establishedst this law of love. Thy goodness, Thy mercy, therefore, created for us a Mother, the personification of Thy goodness and infinite love. From the cross, on Golgotha, Thou offeredst her to us and us to her...

Thou, O God of love, hast arranged to make her the omnipotent Dispenser and Mediatrix of all Thy graces: Thou refuseth nothing to her, but neither is she capable of refusing anything to anyone...



Who therefore, will be damned? Who will not reach Heaven?

Most probably only some fool, some obstinate person who hates himself would not consciously and voluntarily want to be saved... fleeing far away even from the best of all mothers, despising her mediation.

Let us look around us. How many graces by the Immaculate Mother are recorded on yellowed parchment, on deteriorated paper documents in folders from the past centuries, and in innumerable stacks of books and publications?...

Let us have a look at ourselves: is it not true that every time we offered ourselves wholeheartedly to the Immaculata, God's Mother

and ours, peace entered into our hearts?... Is it perhaps not true to say that, when we are assailed by temptation, our will does not give in and finds unfailing support in Mary, as long as we confidently appeal to her, holding on to her like children to their mother? Was it not always like this?

Whoever has not yet tried it let him give it a try! Let him see for himself: let him know how powerful she is, how good God's mother, our Mother, is. She is also ours, our dearest loving Mother [in Polish: Mamusia]...

True, who would dare assume all of this if there were not the voice of the faith and the evidence of daily experience?...







# Our Lady — Mother of God and Our Mother

Mary twice became a mother. The first time at Bethlehem, in the expressible sweetness of supreme joy, the Word incarnate came into this world. The second time, on Calvary amidst indescribable anguish, a whole people came to the life divine.

A mother is she from whom we have received life: I am born to grace through Our Lady; she is therefore truly my mother. I must not understand that name in a figurative sense, but in the most literal and real sense. Through a woman I received the life of the body, Mary has given me the life of the soul, the life that unites my soul to God.

She has loved me and suffered for me.



Her heart, a heart overflowing with life, a woman's heart, a mother's heart, pours out its love on me. She is a perfect mother, possessing in its fullness and able to give out to me the divine life by which I must live. Her motherhood is in the image of God's fatherhood. She gives me everything with utter devotedness and affection.

Since God has given her the responsibility of distributing all His gifts to us, he has also charged her to do it with His love. That is her mission. It is not her function to teach, or to judge; she loves, she is a mother.

She is so much a mother that wherever I see her exercising her divine maternity towards Jesus, I see her also exercising her maternity of grace towards us. At the crib she holds Jesus in her arms and presents Him to the shepherds and the Magi; in



the Temple she offers Him; but it is for us, on Calvary, that she keeps watch by her Son and immolates Him for our salvation. It is at the moment that she is fulfilling her last maternal duty towards Jesus, that He announces her motherhood of souls.

### **Our Lady is Mother of the Mystical Body of Christ**

As St. Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort write: "According to the explanation of some of the Fathers, the first man that is born in Mary is the Man-God, Jesus Christ; the second



is a mere man, the child of God and Mary by adoption. If Jesus Christ the Head of men is born in her, the predestinate who are the members of that Head ought also to be born in her by a necessary consequence. One and the same mother does not bring forth into the world the head without the members, nor the members without the head; for this would be a monster of nature. So in like manner, in the

order of grace, the Head and the members are born of one and the same Mother; and if a member of the mystical Body of Jesus Christ — that is to say, one of the predestinate — was born of any other mother than Mary, who has produced the Head, he would not be one of the predestinate, nor a member of Jesus Christ, but simply a monster in the order of grace."

It was for the sake of the Mystical Body of Christ that Mary remained on earth after the Ascension; she performed for it the office she had already performed for Jesus: she watched over its cradle. The Scriptures have preserved for us the earliest vision of the Church: in one spirit, in prayer, the brethren of Jesus gathered about His mother. They needed her in order to preserve the spirit of Jesus and not to flinch when persecution began. The dangers that had beset the new-

born Child of Bethlehem now beset His Mystical Body.

The Mother who saved the Christ Child had to be there to watch over the nascent Church. Is it not a striking thing that the mystery of Christ which could not begin at the Incarnation except through Mary, entered into its plenitude on the day of Pentecost, again through the mediation of Mary?

We invoke her every day by the title "Ark of the Covenant." The Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament sheltered, in the silence of the Holy of Holies, the whole treasure of the faithful people, it was their protection and their hope. Our Lady, acting always covertly, is at the well-spring of the life of the Church. As mothers do, she hides in the privacy of the home; but she distributes life. She is the Ark of the Covenant of the

Church, its secret strength, the heart of its holiness.

### "In Mary's Womb"

Over and over again St. Paul explained to the early Christians that we live in Christ: *in Christo Jesu*. We are incorporated in Christ, bathed in Christ, clothed with Christ. Christ is the vital source of that supernatural life by which the members of His Mystical Body live. But just as Christ's human life was first



brought into being in Mary's sacred womb, so our supernatural life is formed and brought into being through the agency and beneath the shadow and protection of the same Sacred Mother. So that we may say that we live, as it were, in Mary's womb. Is not Our Lady's maternal power also a sort of atmosphere in which Christendom lives? All the elect are formed in her spiritual womb.



The life of grace is not, in its first beginnings, a perfect life: it has its movements of growth, it has its childhood; it is a life in process of formation. It needs a mother for the period of its weakness.

And this period of childhood lasts the whole of our life on earth. As long as we are here we are in the period of childhood, of formation. Even the saints are children in this respect. And see what intimacy with Our Lady comes of that, since we are being formed, as it were, in her womb. As long as the child lives in its mother's womb, it is one with her, it is dependent for the continuance of its life upon her. So all our life long Our Lady carries us in the warmth of her love. She feeds us with the grace of which she has the fullness.

St. Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort write: "The Father has not given, and does not give,

His Son except by her; He has no children but by her, and communicates no graces but by her. God the Son has not been formed for the whole world in general except by her; and He is not daily formed and engendered except by her, in the union with the Holy Ghost; neither does He communicate His merits and His virtues except by her. The Holy Ghost has not formed Jesus Christ except by her; neither does He form the members of our Lord's Mystical Body except by her; and through her alone does He dispense His favours and His gifts."

"The Queen of grace and of mercy bent over her sons and daughters," Blessed Angela of Foligno tells us. She bent down and blessed them with a vast blessing, and drawing them to her heart she embraced them without differentiation. It seemed as if her arms were the outstretched arms of love.



She was entirely luminous and seemed to gather them into herself in endless light. Do not imagine that I saw her arms of flesh: she was wholly light, admirable light. The Blessed Virgin pressed her children to her heart and by virtue of the love that flowed from her inmost being, absorbed them into herself." M



**The honour we give to Mary redounds to God, since we honour her for His sake.**

**Let us honour her. The person who honours the Blessed Virgin; who loves, respects, and venerates her as the Mother of God; who takes her as a model and imitates her virtues; who prays to her in trials and afflictions and asks her intercession with her divine Son, does not only act in a reasonable manner, but such action is certain to make the path through this world smooth and easy and at the same time secure a life of eternal happiness.**



**Let us boldly implore the aid and intercession of Mary, our Mother. She is good, she is tender, she has nothing in her that is austere and forbidding, nothing too sublime and too brilliant...**

**She is so charitable that she repels none of those who ask her intercession, no matter how great sinners they have been; for, as the Saints say, never has it been heard, since the world was the world, that anyone has confidently and perseveringly had recourse to our Blessed Lady and yet been repelled.**



## A Little-known Miracle from the Immaculate Conception

There is a story from the folklore of an Indian tribe in Montana, USA, about a young boy who received a Miracle from the Immaculata in 1841.

The tribe had heard the gospels from passing Jesuits, and some of them, including their chief, sent repeated requests to the Jesuit headquarters in St. Louis asking for priests to come and tell them more.

Convinced of their earnest wish to be instructed, Fr. Peter DeSmet

journeyed in 1840 to the Rocky Mountain region where the tribe lived, and was received with great joy. In the following year, he began construction of a Mission in a village on the Bitterroot River, and dedicated it to St. Mary.

In order for members of the tribe to be baptised into the Catholic faith, it was necessary for them to become thoroughly familiar with the Catechism beforehand, as one would expect. Amongst them was a young orphan boy who was barely literate. He dearly wanted to be baptised, but his untrained memory was such that, no matter how he tried, he could not remember what was in the Catechism, meaning that he could not avail himself of the Sacrament of Baptism.

Subsequently, the boy presented himself for examination on his knowledge of the Catechism, and amazed everyone by how well he knew it despite his previous history of failure.



*Fr. DeSmet with Indian guides on his way to Montana*

This came to the ears of Fr. DeSmet, who recorded the boy's account of what had happened to him. The boy told of how he had paid his usual visit to the house of his friend Jean in yet another attempt to learn the Catechism, when he saw within a very beautiful lady who was floating in mid air and who had a star above her head and a serpent beneath her feet. At first, he was very frightened, but his head cleared, and he suddenly realised that he was thoroughly familiar with the entire Catechism. This is the Miracle of this story. The boy added that the Lady had visited him several times afterwards, and had told him she was pleased about the dedication of the Mission Village to St. Mary.

The boy was questioned on numerous occasions about what he had seen, and gave the same account each time without variation. With the aid of pictures supplied by the priests, it became clear that the vision he had seen was in fact the Immaculate Conception.

On Christmas Day 1841, the boy received the Sacrament of Baptism and took the name "Paul" but as the Chief had already taken that name, he became known as "Lit-

tle Paul". Altogether 150 others received the Sacrament of Baptism that day.

As a result, the boy became known as "The Angel of the Tribes" according to Fr. DeSmet's record of the events.

Little Paul was called to his heavenly reward only two years after the Miracle and was gifted with a peaceful death and the last Rites of Holy Mother Church.



*A colonial Spanish painting of the Immaculate Conception*

# Testimony of a Knight



## Fatuma from East Africa

Fatuma was a little girl. Like her parents and most of the villagers, she was Muslim. However, she went, like several other children, to school at the Luagala Catholic mission. "Fatuma", also "Fatima", is a name often found

among Muslim girls, as this was the name of Muhammad's daughter. Although Fatuma was only five years old, she listened with great attention and interest to the missionary's stories in her religion lessons.

One day I met her in front of our small mission church.

"What are you looking for here, Fatuma?" — I asked.

"'Baba', that's how I would like to see 'Mama wa Mungo', the Mother of God," she replied.

"Then enter the church!"

"But I can't enter the church, 'Baba', my parents have strictly forbidden me. And I would so much like to see the great Mother!"

"Well, if you can't enter the church, I'll take you there."

The statue of the Mother of God on the altar was a copy of the Black Madonna from Altötting in Bavaria. While Fatuma gazed at the face of the Heavenly Mother, I told her how much 'Mama wa Mungo' loves all people and how much she wants to take everyone to Heaven.

"Also you Fatuma," I concluded, "you too should always love her."

A few days later, I heard that Fatuma had fallen ill. I went to visit her. The whole family lived in a miserable clay house. Fatuma's





condition seemed very serious to me — she was suffering from a dangerous tropical disease that quickly destroys the heart and kidneys — I advised her parents to take the sick girl to the hospital run by the mission in Ndanda.

Sister Thekla, a doctor who has worked in Africa for many years, took the girl into her care. Fatuma became very fond of her. She asked her to tell her about 'Mama wa Mungo'. The sister gladly did so, and also introduced little Fatuma to the basic truths of the faith. The attentive listener soon asked to be baptised. She was immediately given the sacrament of

baptism, as her illness was considered incurable.

The Muslim parents, who could not find out about the baptism, took the terminally ill girl home. When I heard about this, I went to visit her again. She was immensely happy. She asked her mother to bring her water to drink. When she came out, Fatuma shared her joy with me. She spoke all beaming:

"Baba, I have been baptised; my name is Maria, just like Our Lady, and I am happy that I will soon go to Heaven with her!"

The next day, and it was on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, the feast of the As-

sumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mourning drums were beaten: little Fatuma had passed away.

I went to offer my condolences to the distraught mother. And she said:

"Baba", such was the strangeness of my little Fatuma dying. I held her in my lap until all at once she looked up at the corner of the roof and said: "Mummy, look, what is that star, so bright?" "It's not a star, it's a bright day after all; you can only see a clearing in the straw roof." "But it is a star! She's getting bigger and brighter! It is Thekel's mum after all! Oh no, it's ..."

Then her face brightened with delight. She just called out:

"Mummy, I'm coming to you now" ... Her head drooped and she let out her last breath. "Baba, I can't explain it to myself," is how Fatuma's mother ended her account.

I am convinced that Our Lady led her little favourite, who was named after the greatest pilgrimage site before her baptism and her own name after her baptism, to the heavenly paradise. It seems to me that it was thanks to the intercession of little Fatuma that as many as 800 children came to our church for the next Christmas, whereas until then Muslim parents only exceptionally allowed their children to come to church.

*Fr. Winfried (1895–1957)*



M.I. Publications in English  
[www.militia-immaculatae.org/english/](http://www.militia-immaculatae.org/english/)

## Many new Knights in Poland

The Director of the M.I., Fr. Karl Stehlin, preached many conferences during Lenten Retreat and he enrolled many new Knights into the Militia Immaculatæ.

### **New Knights in St. Kinga Centre**

In Nowy Sącz he gave a retreat at the St. Kinga Centre. The theme was the Gospel phrase in spirit and

in truth (Jn 4:23). On the basis of these words, the retreatants made a reflection on how a good Christian should live. On the second day of the retreat, Fr. Stehlin paid special attention to the mystery of the Immaculata as the first cathedral in which the ordination of Jesus Christ, the Supreme and Eternal Priest, took place. At the end of the retreat, Fr. Stehlin enrolled 44 new people into the ranks of the Knights of the Immaculata.

### **Lenten retreat in Radom**

"Be one of her Knights" was the theme of the Lenten retreat given by Fr. Karl Stehlin in the Radom chapel of St. Paul of the Cross. The retreat was devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary — her dignity, her significance in the work of Redemption and our attitude towards her.

The faithful of the Radom chapel and guests from other cities listened to fiery teachings on the role of the Immaculata in the life of a Catholic. Father Stehlin explained to those present how important Our Lady is in our lives, and how often we forget her, how we should address her and how to venerate her. Particularly in the



*Enrolment in Nowy Sącz*





*The M.I. Corner in Radom*

pages of Polish history, Our Lady has helped children asking her for help many times, as evidenced by miracles and battle victories.

To be a useful instrument in the hands of the Immaculata to save souls — this is the mission for every Catholic regardless of state or age. Many people living far from the Lord God, who do not know the true Catholic faith, can be saved from damnation, but for these tools are needed in the form of people whom the Immaculate One could use so that more children would come to know and love her, and thereby have a chance to save their own souls.



*New Knights in Radom*

Thus, the faithful should take care, above all, of their own sanctification and spiritual growth, pray for the souls they meet on their paths of life and for the grace of a strong faith. They can also share in other ways all that they have been given to know.

## Apostolate in a nursing home

Apostolate in a nursing home  
I work as a nurse in a nursing home. I am very touched when, at work, I notice a colleague wearing the Miraculous medal I have given them. There is already a sizeable number of such wearers and, although not everyone immediately puts the medal around their neck nor even shows any interest in it, those who do are very noticeable. There is one person here who reads "from cover to cover" every single Militia Immaculatæ publication which I give. It was this

same person who asked me about the possibility of receiving a rosary. I gave her mine, a wooden one. The residents, on the other hand, mostly wear the medals, although a few turn them down or later take them off. They gratefully accept the M.I. publications given to them, but have difficulty reading, because they might not have glasses. But I will think of something to remedy this. I have also promised one of the residents that I would bring him a rosary.



## Lecture at a scientific conference in Poznań (Poland)

Father Karl Stehlin participated in the second day of a conference organised by the Scientific Circle *Veritas* of the Faculty of Theology of the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań. *The dignity and vocation of women* was chosen as the title for the entire conference.

The main theme of the second day, which took the form of an on-line panel, was *Woman's world and woman in the world*.

In his lecture Fr. Karl Stehlin spoke of three vocations of women: *virgo, sponsa, mater*. He highlighted that Our Lady is a model for them in all three of them. Virginity, bound with beauty, is written into woman's being. The second form of a woman's life is being a spouse



in a total gift of oneself to a loved person. The goal of both these roads is maternity: a mother gives life and cares for it. A woman reaches perfection when she imitates Mary in life, service and love.

Finally, Fr. Stehlin said that the present world needs women who are proud of their womanhood.

*Michał Jaworowski*

## New Knights in Sydney

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, Father Mark Stafki enrolled numerous Knights. The enrolment ceremony was at the church of the Child Jesus & St Joseph in Sydney after Fr. Pfeiffer's tour of Australia and New Zealand.

Father Pfeiffer's talks and efforts to spread the M.I. were greatly appreciated by our priests and faithful. Over 200 enrolments

were made in the Australian-New Zealand district.



## The M.I. in France

**May 2023** — M.I. France offers a new concept that aims to boost our devotion to Our Lady. 5 Saturdays = 5 cards = 5 discoveries on 5 feasts of the month of May!

It includes discoveries on:  
1) The customs of the month of May; 2) Saint Joseph the craftsman, the history of his feast day and the prayer composed in his honour; 3) The feast day of May 3, Our Lady of the 3 ears of corn; 4) the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, Our Lady of Alno in Italy; 5) The three events of Our Lady Help of Christians on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. [To discover them...](#)



In May 2023, M.I. France suggested that you should offer the Miraculous Medal with a chain so that the people to whom you are going to give it will no longer find an excuse not to wear it. [For more information...](#)

**April 2023** — edition and publication of the first information leaflets for the professions of Faith in the traditional way. [For more information...](#)

**March 2023** — edition and publication of the first information leaflets for the first communions in the traditional way. [For more information...](#)

M.I. France offers gifts for adult and/or child confirmations and for first communions. [For more information...](#)

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, a new design for the French leaflet was published entitled *Saint Joseph*.



On March: edition and publication of a new booklet for the consecration to the Immaculata according to Fr. Maximilian Kolbe for children. [For more information...](#)



**February 2023** — from now on, you can [subscribe online](#) to the French updates of our website and to the magazine *Knight of the Immaculata*.

In February was end of the publication of the small leaflet *A Sign of Love* in A6 size and new edition and publication of the Miraculous Medal business cards for all over France. [For more information...](#)



In February was edition and publication of the old-fashioned

confirmation pictures. [For more information...](#)



Since the beginning of its installation in France, the Distribution Centre of the M.I. can provide for the M.I. corners the possibility of publishing posters according to the liturgical feasts. To obtain them, you just have to send an email to [france@m-i.info](mailto:france@m-i.info)

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, a new leaflet was published entitled *The Virgin Mary at the heart of personal, family and social life*. This leaflet presents the three Marian organizations, namely *The Confraternity of Mary Queen of Hearts* — *The Militia Immaculatæ* — *The Militia Mariae*, as well as their differences and the links that unite them. [For more information...](#)



## Growing the M.I. apostolate in Peru

Here is a short report about the M.I. activities in Peru (March and April):

1. Public Rosaries take place every Saturday in two places in Lima at the same time, with the participation of several people who come to pray with us. Only when the National Moderator, Reverend Father Albamonte, visits the city do the Knights take a break to attend the Holy Masses that are celebrated monthly.



2. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 11 people consecrated to Jesus through Mary, according to the method of St. Louis Maria Grignion de Montfort. During the ceremony, the Holy Rosary was prayed together with the rest of the attendees in the Niño Jesús de Praga chapel, the Mass centre of the Society of Saint Pius X in Lima.



3. During Lent there were three Via Crucis, two of them on Mount San Cristóbal, a place known for its traditional Way of the Cross, and the other in the chapel Niño Jesús de Praga.





4. Holy Week: on Holy Thursday, a Holy Hour of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was held, which brought together more than 45 parishioners and Knights. On Good Friday, some 50 people, including faithful and Knights, gathered to pray the Stations of the Cross



5. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, to inaugurate the month in honour of the Virgin Mary, a small "visit" was organized during which we prayed, meditated and sang in her honour. A 'visit' is a devout act in which a group of people go to a sanctuary or chapel, generally to honour a Marian advocacy or a saint. It is an occasion to pray devoutly and sing.



In this case the Knights of the Immaculata organized a visit to Our Lady of All Graces, in the Niño Jesús de Praga chapel. The total attendance was 30 people (including Knights and other people from the chapel).

This was the opening act of the activities of the Month of Mary.



## Pilgrimage to Akita and new Knights in Japan

As every year, on the first weekend of May, the faithful from Japan go on a pilgrimage of several days to Akita, the place of Our Lady's apparitions. This year, 90 pilgrims participated in the event.

The pilgrimage programme includes daily Masses, conferences on the Immaculata and a visit to the monastery in Akita. The guardian and organiser of the pilgrimage is Fr. Thomas Onoda, the

only Japanese priest in the Society of St Pius X. He is a great devotee of the Blessed Virgin Mary, so when Fr. Karl Stehlin inaugurated the Knighthood of the Immaculate in Asia, Fr. Onoda was keen to join the M.I. apostolate.

The pilgrimage to Akita is an opportunity to welcome new Knights into the Militia Immaculatæ. This year, the M.I. was enriched by 18 Knights.



*Knights of the Immaculata enrolled on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 in Akita*



*Pilgrims in the monastery's Garden of Mary*



## New Polish publications [www.militia-immaculatae.org/polski](http://www.militia-immaculatae.org/polski)



**In Poland the Headquarters of the M.I. prepared and printed a few booklets and flyers in the Polish language.**

Notably a slim booklet entitled *Tota pulchra es Maria*, containing prayers in both Polish and Latin.

A version entirely in English (*Mary Thou art fair*), is also available: [https://militia-immaculatae.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Prayer\\_Book\\_EN.pdf](https://militia-immaculatae.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Prayer_Book_EN.pdf)

We encourage Poles to make use of this booklet, especially during the Marian month.

We hope that these publications will be of good use to all Knights.

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. July — September 2023

We are pleased to announce that priests will offer in the year 2023 Holy Masses for the sanctification of the Knights of the Militia Immaculatæ.

- July 1<sup>st</sup>** — First Saturday of the Month  
(Fr. Lucas Weber)
- August 2<sup>nd</sup>** — Queen of Angels  
(Fr. Dennis McDonald)
- August 5<sup>th</sup>** — First Saturday of the Month  
(Fr. Lucas Weber)
- August 14<sup>th</sup>** — Saint Maximilian Kolbe  
(Fr. Dennis McDonald)
- August 22<sup>nd</sup>** — Immaculate Heart of Mary  
(Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer)
- September 2<sup>nd</sup>** — First Saturday of the Month  
(Fr. Lucas Weber)
- September 12<sup>th</sup>** — Holy Name of Mary  
(Fr. Dennis McDonald)



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