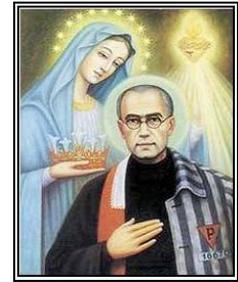


Rejoice in...our call to holiness and for those who have won their crown of glory.



MI Monthly Intention

*Immaculata,
please intercede...*

...that our
response to the
call of holiness be
the goal of our
journey.

Dear MI Members and Friends,

Pope Benedict XVI's installation ceremony in 2005 was laced in the legacy of those who had gone before him. Pope Benedict joined cardinals in the grottoes underneath St. Peter's Basilica to pay homage at the tomb of **St. Peter**, the first pope. "I leave from where the apostle arrived," Benedict said, before processing out into St. Peter's Square.

The new Pope received his Fisherman's Ring and pallium — the wool shawl that together with the ring signify his pastoral authority. The ring traditionally had been emblazoned with the large seal on it that was used by popes to seal apostolic letters. The ring has the same picture on it and the seal of his authority used for documents: **the figure of St. Peter** casting his net from a fisherman's boat.

The pallium was embroidered with **five red silk crosses**, red "because they are the **wounds of the shepherd** who allowed himself to be crucified for the sheep."

The installation ceremonies continued after the Mass, with visits by Pope Benedict to the three other main basilicas of Rome St. Paul outside the Walls, St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major. Benedict traveled first to **St. Paul** outside the Walls — because Paul is considered the co-founder of the church with Peter. He presided over a Mass at **St. John Lateran**, his

cathedral as bishop of Rome. Finally, he paid homage to an **icon of Mary** at St. Mary Major basilica before returning to the Vatican.

There are those who ask us why saints are so important to us. Pope Benedict underlined the following point to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, "**When the church venerates a saint, it announces the effectiveness of the Gospel and discovers with joy that Christ's presence in the world is able to transform human life and produce the fruit of salvation for all humanity.**" Each beatification and canonization is for Christians a strong encouragement to live with intensity, and enthusiasm to follow Christ, moving toward the fullness of Christian life and perfection of charity.

During the Vatican II proceedings **Pope Paul VI** kept close to him **Cardinal Wojtyla** from Poland and before he returned to Poland Paul VI asked him what he could do for the people of his country. Cardinal Wojtyla responded, "Give us saints!" Paul VI shortly after beatified Maximilian Kolbe, October 17, 1971. Carol. Wojtyla became Pope John Paul II and canonized more saints than any of his predecessors, amongst who was St Maximilian Kolbe on October 10, 1982.

The life of saints invites us to lift our eyes to heaven and to meditate on the fullness of divine life that awaits us. (Pope Benedict)

Year of Faith



There is a website that will email you a portion of the Catechism of the Catholic Church every day, so that by the end of the year you will have read the entire Catechism:

<http://flocknote.com/catechism>

A marvelous idea and way to grow and develop our faith life!

The Vatican website can be located here:

www.annusfidei.va/content/nova-evangelizatio/en.html

Videos also are available:

www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/newevangelization/year-of-faith/videos.cfm

St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the church: While she was still a child and not yet nine years old she had the opportunity to **read the lives of several Martyrs which inspired in her such a longing for martyrdom** that she briefly ran away from home in order to die a Martyr's death and to go to Heaven (cf. Vida, [Life], 1, 4); "I want to see God", the little girl told her parents. A few years later Teresa was to speak of her childhood reading and to state that she had discovered in it the way of truth which she sums up in two fundamental principles. On the one hand was the fact that "**all things of this world will pass away**" while on the other **God alone is "for ever, ever, ever"**, a topic that recurs in her best known poem: "Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices". **She was about 12 years old when her mother died and she implored the Virgin Most Holy to be her mother** (cf. Vida, I, 7). Her last humble words were: "After all, I die as a child of the Church", and "O my Lord and my Spouse, the hour that I have longed for has come. It is time to meet one another".

Also **Ignatius of Loyola's** life was turned around by reading the lives of the saints. Young **Raymond Kolbe** decided with his young brother to enter the Franciscan seminary after hearing a mission preached by a Franciscan about the Martyrs of the Order.

The shining example of the Saints is to reawaken within us the great longing to be like them; happy to live near God, in his light, in the great family of God's friends. **Being a Saint**

Newly Canonized Saints

By Pope Benedict XVI

October 21, 2012

James Berthieu—France
 Pedro Calungsod—Philippines
 Giovanni Battista Piamarta—Italy
 Maria of Mt Carmel Salles y Barangueras—Spain
 Marianne Cope—
 Germany/Hawaii
 Kateri Tekakwitha—New York
 Anna Schaffer – Germany

means living close to God, to live in his family. And this is the vocation of us all, vigorously reaffirmed by the Second Vatican Council.

But how can we become holy, friends of God?

1- to be a Saint **requires neither extraordinary** actions or works nor the possession of exceptional charisms.

2 -it is necessary first of all to **listen to Jesus and then to follow him without losing heart** when faced by difficulties. "If anyone serves me", he warns us, "he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honor him" (Jn 12: 26).

Like the grain of wheat buried in the earth, those who trust him and love him sincerely accept dying to themselves. Indeed, he knows that whoever seeks to keep his life for himself loses it, and whoever gives himself, loses himself, and in this very way finds life (cf. Jn 12: 24-25).

The Church's experience shows that **every form of holiness, even if it follows different paths, always passes through the Way of the**

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Cross, the way of self-denial. The Saints' biographies describe men and women who, docile to the divine plan, sometimes faced unspeakable trials and suffering, persecution and martyrdom. They persevered in their commitment: "they... have come out of the great tribulation", one reads in Revelation, "they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rv 7: 14). Their names are written in the book of life (cf. Rv 20: 12) and Heaven is their eternal dwelling-place.

The **example of the Saints encourages us to follow in their same footsteps and to experience the joy of those who trust in God**, for the one true cause of sorrow and unhappiness for men and women is to live far from him.

Holiness demands **a constant effort**, but it is possible for everyone because, rather than a human effort, it is first and foremost **a gift of God**, thrice Holy (cf. Is 6: 3). The Apostle John remarks: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are" (I Jn 3: 1).

It is God, therefore, who loved us first and made us his adoptive sons in Jesus. Everything in our lives is a gift of his love: how can we be indifferent before such a great mystery? How can we not respond to the Heavenly Father's love by living as grateful children? In Christ, he gave us the gift of his entire self and calls us to a personal and profound relationship with him.

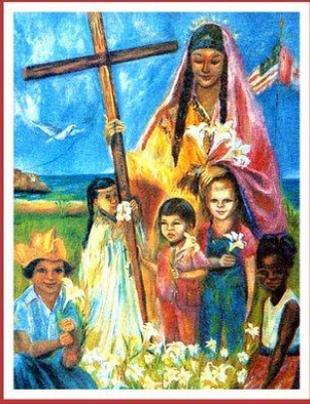
Consequently, **the more we imitate Jesus and remain united to him the more we enter into the mystery of his divine holiness.** We discover that

he loves us infinitely, and this prompts us in turn to love our brethren. Loving always entails an act of self-denial, "losing ourselves", and it is precisely this that makes us happy.

Who are the saints?

The Saints are not a small caste of chosen souls but an innumerable crowd to which the liturgy urges us to raise our eyes. **This multitude not only includes the officially recognized Saints, but the baptized of every epoch and nation who sought to carry out the divine will faithfully and lovingly.** We are unacquainted with the faces and even the names of many of them, but with the eyes of faith we see them shine in God's firmament like glorious stars.

To the seminarians in Yonkers, New York (2008) Pope Benedict said, "... any one of us could be among them, for there is no stereotype to this group, no single mold, but there are common elements. **Inflamed with the love of Jesus, their lives became remarkable journeys of hope.** For some, that meant leaving home and embarking on a pilgrim journey of thousands of miles. For each there was **an act of abandonment to God**, in the confidence that he is the final destination of every pilgrim. And **all offered an outstretched hand of hope to those they encountered along the way**, often awakening in them a life of faith. Through orphanages, schools and hospitals, by befriending the poor, the sick and the marginalized, and through the compelling witness that comes from walking humbly in the footsteps of Jesus, they laid open the way of faith, hope and charity to countless individuals, including perhaps your own ancestors.



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

And what of today? Who bears witness to the Good News of Jesus on the streets, in the homes, schools, world of business, troubled neighborhoods of large cities, in the places where the young gather, seeking someone in whom they can trust? God is our origin and our destination, and Jesus the way. The path of that journey twists and turns — just as it did for our saints — through the joys and the trials of ordinary, everyday life.

In the Preface for All Saints feast we proclaim that the Saints are friends and models of life for us. Let us

invoke them so that they may help us to imitate them and strive to respond generously, as they did, to the divine call. In particular, let us invoke Mary, Mother of the Lord and mirror of all holiness. May she, the All Holy, make us faithful disciples of her Son Jesus Christ!

Largely compiled from addresses of Pope Benedict

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NEWS FROM ROME

Dear brothers and sisters, these new saints, different in origin, language, nationality and social condition, are united among themselves and with the whole People of God in the mystery of salvation of Christ the Redeemer. With them, we too, together with the Synod Fathers from all parts of the world, proclaim to the Lord in the words of the psalm that he “is our help and our shield” and we invoke him saying, “may your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you” (*Ps32:20.22*). May the witness of these new saints, and their lives generously spent for love of Christ, speak today to the whole Church, and may their intercession strengthen and sustain her in her mission to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world.

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/homilies/2012/documents/hf_ben-xvi_hom_20121021_canonizzazioni_en.html



Saint Marianne Cope

Points to ponder...

- ❖ Do you want to be a saint?
- ❖ What is God asking you to change or to increase? Habits, prayer, attitude toward yourself and others...
- ❖ In what areas does the life of St. Maximilian challenge and/or encourage you to be a better person?
- ❖ How can you love better those who make your life difficult?
- ❖ Talk to St. Maximilian.

MI National Conference - October 2012



MI National Board members, led by its President, Fr. Patrick Greenough, met after the conference at Marytown on October 22.

Election

This is the link for a 1 minute video by The Catholic Association. It shows the very core of what this election will mean to people of every faith (not just Catholics) and we pray.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5_0FfPXkGM&feature=channel&list=UL

MI Members from New York to California attended this year's conference. Speakers were all MI members: **Michael Sullivan**, a practicing attorney with the Thomas More Legal Society, founder of the Divine Mercy Project, President of the IL Catholic Prayer Breakfast, founder of Sanctuary Spirit & Truth – a young people's Eucharistic ministry, and a US leader of Life House Ireland -committed to keeping Ireland pro-life; **John Morales**, a film producer whose credits include "Champions of Faith" and he is currently co-producing "'40," a history of the Pro-Life movement since Roe v Wade (www.the40film.com); **Patrica Treece**, author of A Man for Others - Maximilian Kolbe the "Saint of Auschwitz" and other books especially on saints; **Mark Shea**, acclaimed author and award-winning columnist. **Fr. Patrick Greenough**, MI National President opened the conference along with the MI National Spiritual Assistant, **Fr. Stephen McKinley**.

Prayer in the perpetual Eucharistic Adoration chapel and liturgies were like a bit of heaven. The closing Mass was highlighted by the total consecration to the Immaculata of twenty-nine laity and Fr. Todd Schneider from Minnesota. MI Village leaders, new consecrants and zealous souls for the spread of devotion and consecration to Mary shared their enthusiasm for the MI ideal at a closing open mic/sharing session. One such person, Kathleen S., from the local area went home radiant, filled with happiness for the conference, as reported by her husband. Early the next morning the Friars were notified that Kathleen died during the night. Kathleen Sambrano was one of the more fervent MI members. May her spirit pass on to us and may her soul rest in peace.

A complete set of the conferences and panel discussion can be purchased from the MI National office at Marytown.



Author of A Man for Others, the bestselling biography on St. Maximilian Kolbe, Patricia Treece, addressed the MI National Conference participants. She shared how Fr. Kolbe challenged her and us to love, especially those we may be afraid of.

MI VILLAGES

Marriages: We continue to pray for our young adults marrying this month.

November 3, **Dolly Saunders** and Russell Sianez at Blessed Sacrament Church, Seattle, WA. Dolly has been an MI Teen, Young Adult and in leadership with the MI Teens in Washington. Russell is from Northern California where they will settle.

November 10 **Mariam Ptak** and Richard Ochab at St John the Baptist Church in Johnsburng, IL. Miriam has grown up in the MI and assisted with the MI in various levels at Marytown, IL.

November 17 **Andy Islas and Julianna Lopez** from Baldwin Park, CA will wed at San Gabriel Mission in San Gabriel, CA. Andy has grown up in the MI and he and Julianna traveled to WYD in Spain with the FKM.

BALDWIN PARK, CA

MI Family Village (English/Spanish)

St. John the Baptist Parish Hall

Rik & Judith Hernandez

626-967-0440

or Joe & Edith Venegas

909-627-0327

This Village is now working and collaborating with the Fr. Kolbe Missionaries to develop *Families to the Max*, a day for all the family to be formed in the Marian, missionary, spirituality of St. Maximilian Kolb, beginning on January 20, 2013.

ESCONDIDO, CA

MI Family Village

Joe & Sue O'Donnell

760-745-0935

St. Mary's Catholic Church

November 3

We also have the Pilgrim Virgin visitations to MI families.

To celebrate this year of Faith our *Militia Immaculata Village* is starting an Adult Bible study (Scott Hahn series) that will meet once a month. If you're interested please let us know and we will fill you in on the details. I gave a talk to the CSUSM Catholic young adults on *Mary and the Holy Rosary*. These college students were very welcoming and interested in learning about Our Lady. Please keep them in your prayers. Below is a youtube piece I showed them after the power point presentation. The young adults loved it! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MD1hcXdVWmk>

HESPERIA, CA

MI Adult Village

Last Friday

10-11:30 AM

Joanne Panicko

760-244-7048

MODESTO, CA

modestomi@aol.com

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Fr. Kolbe Missionary, Ann

O'Donnell, will visit all the

Villages and speak to the MI

Council the first weekend of

November.

MI Adult Prayer Village and MI Spanish Village

1st Saturday after 8am

Mass

Suzanne Flint (English)

209-521-8299

Maria Braun (Spanish)

mbraun@stjmod.com

MI Family Village

Bob & Judy Shannon

pacesetter1@mac.com



Fr. Patrick Greenough, MI National President leads the act of total consecration during the closing Mass for the MI National Conference. He exhorted the new consecrants to know they belong to Our Lady and that Our Lady belongs to them.

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Early in the morning of October 22, Monday morning after the wonderful gathering of reflections, prayer and praise of the MI National Conference, the Friars were notified that **Kathleen Sambrano**, a close collaborator and zealous apostle of the MI, passed away during the night. At the sharing session of the Conference she shared her dream of helping to establish and MI Center in the Philippines. Her husband said that she had returned home from the weekend so happy. Kathleen read at the closing Mass. May her soul rest in peace.

Wes Fach and his family called the Missionaries each year to know when the MI Teens programs were so they could make their family vacation plans around this priority in the formation of their six children. He died on Oct 20 from cancer. His funeral will be at 9am Nov 3rd in Temecula, CA and Rosary will be Friday. Wes and his wife, Vicki, inspired many couples to live a faithful marriage covenant through their involvement with Marriage Encounter. In 2003, Derry Connolly and four other lay Catholics from San Diego's North County – Philippe Dardaine, **Wes Fach**, Scott McKenna and Ed Snow – founded the John Paul the Great University in San Diego, CA.

RIVERSIDE, CA

Holy Family MI Village

2nd Friday, 8:33pm

Thomas & Mari Avalos 951-313-3980

Holy Cross MI Village

2nd Friday 2nd Friday of the Month, St. Francis de Salles, Riverside CA, 4:13 pm

Confession - 5:13 pm Holy Mass - 5:44 pm Holy Hour then our Village at The

Coffee Bean at 7:03 PM

3712 Mission Inn Ave.

Fred Solorio

sonofppio@yahoo.com

www.facebook.com/MIYA.SoCal

SANTA CLARITA, CA

Women's Rosary

2nd Wed 7PM

Janet Cooke 661-296-5834

Mother's praying for their families

November 26 & Dec 3rd, 7pm I will be sponsoring with the Chris Knuffke and the Fr.

Kolbe Missionaries two evenings of preparation for the act of total consecration in

my parish St Clare Assisi. The rite of total consecration will be on Dec 8th.

WALNUT, CA

MI Adult Village

1st Saturday 10-11:30 AM

Carmen Denning 909-595-1366

We have a Pilgrim Virgin we bring into homes.

Dec 1 from 1-4pm preparation for total consecration open to all. Rite will be Dec 8 at

7pm Mass – San Lorenzo Ruiz Parish.

WEST COVINA, CA

FKM Center

MI and the Fr. Kolbe Missionaries:

MI Adult Prayer Village

1st Monday 10:00-12 PM

Alice O'Donnell 626-338-1724

Rosary, reflection and study from MI

Formation

STAMFORD, CT

Holy Name of Jesus Convent

305 Washington Blvd.,

(203) 323-4546

MI Village – 3rd Sunday of the month -4 – 6pm Children welcome!

M.I. LIFE Holy Hour for Life – Each Wednesday 11-Noon

www.sistersminormi.org



Some of the new consecrants in the MI gather in Marytown's Sorrowful Mother Chapel.

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MT. PROSPECT, IL

Our Lady of All Nations

Matt Bradley

2nd Thursday

mattalan@sbcglobal.net

6:30pm pizza followed by prayer at 7:20pm. We are single young adults.

We just finished reading together *Aim Higher*, simple ,yet very profound thoughts of St. Maximilian Kolbe, which led to great discussions.

KANSAS CITY, MO

Ave Maria Village

Christine Rossi

1st Saturday

immaculata8@kc.rr.com

Nov. 17 we will celebrate our 8th anniversary and our special guest will be Bishop Finn. The Bishop will bless our sacramentals and give a short talk on the Year of Faith. A potluck will follow.

Please pray for Alex, the 21 year old grandson of Christine's husband, who died recently.

Under Ave Maria Village's guidance are:

OSWATAME, KS

Morning Star MI Village

Denise Bradley

MOUND CITY, KS

Mystical Rose MI Village

Cecilia Jones

LA CYGNE ,KS

Spiritual Vessel MI Village

WICHITA, KS

The Upper Room MI Prayer Village

TheUpperRoom.homestead.com

Third Wednesday/month 6:30pm

Upper Room, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Mary Rubeck 316-778-1939 mrubeck@aol.com

TROOPER, PA

MI Totus Tuus Village of the Visitation, BVM Church

Joe Valovage jrvjmj@verizon.net

HOUSTON, TX

MI "Domus Mariae" Village

1st Thursday

6-7:15 pm Our Lady of Czestochowa Church

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St. Mary's Catholic Church

www.stmarysutah.org

1st Sunday 12:30-2:00 PM

The Masek Family 801-898-3821

livinglife4u@gmail.com

Our annual, "A Holy Hour for Life," went beautifully with about 20 people in attendance. As we enjoyed participating in the MI National Convention, we were inspired to organize a pilgrimage to next year's event. Last week a reporter from our diocesan newspaper called for an interview about St. Maximilian Kolbe. She was preparing an article for All Saints Day.

MI CANADA

Ajax MI Village

Moderator – Teresa Viechweg

905-428-0952

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30pm

NOVEMBER FR. KOLBE MISSIONARIES CALENDAR

- Nov**
- 1** All Saints Day
11pm Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations
 - 2** All Souls Day
7PM Young Adults - Jillian
 - 3** MI Walnut – Ada
 - 3-4** MI Villages in Modesto – Ann to visit and begin planning for Annual Marian Retreat
 - 7** MI Spanish Village – 9am, rosary, talk on *Porta Fidei*, confession, Mass, lunch
 - 26** Santa Clarita – I Preparation for Total Consecration at St Clare of Assisi Parish
 - 21** Presentation of Mary in the Temple
 - 27** Feast of the Miraculous Medal
O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you, and for those who do not have recourse to you, especially the enemies of Holy Church and all those recommended to you.
 - 29-Dec 7** Novena for the Immaculate Conception
- Dec**
- 1** 1PM Preparation for Total Consecration at San Lorenzo Ruiz Parish in Walnut
 - 3** Santa Clarita – II Preparation for Total Consecration at St Clare of Assisi Parish



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