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Dear Knights of the Immaculata!

For Saint Maximilian Kolbe the 'month of Mary' always had a very special importance: he asked all his knights to double their devotion to our Lady, to come closer to Her, so that She could lead them and fill them with many more graces. In fact, if we look at the statistics in his life, during the month of Mary the number of knights increased very much, the apostolate grew. Just some few facts amongst many: in May 1922 he published his first bulletin "Rycerz Niepokalanej" with 5000 copies – and this bulletin reached the number of almost 1 million copies 15 years later. In May 1930 he started the City of the Immaculata in Japan.

Divine Providence choose also the month of Mary, to re-establish the MILITIA IMMACULATAE in its traditional observance, entirely faithful to the spirit of the holy founder. It was on May 6, 2000, when in the priory of Saint Pius X in Warsaw the first knights were enrolled according to the enrolment ceremony established by Saint Maximilian himself, but abandoned by the official MI in 1974.

It was a very modest and small beginning, and the MI did not develop very much the first years. However, in May 2002, the traditional Capuchin brothers in Morgon, France, began to enroll the first knights in France. 2 years later Frs. McDonald and Stafki started the MI in the USA, followed by Switzerland in 2005. In 2014 the traditional MI was officially established in Germany, Austria and Asia. In August 2014 the international office of the MI was transferred from Poland to the General House of the SSPX in Switzerland. At that time the number of knights was almost 7,000. Today in May 2015 our army counts already almost 10,000 knights.

So you can observe a very rapid development during the last months, and this is certainly a special grace coming from the

IMMACULATA herself, who is so merciful with those faithful Catholics who want so much to save their souls, and find themselves attacked from all sides. SHE shows us very clearly by these facts, that if we want to conserve our Faith without compromises and become saints in these most dangerous times of the world, we should be Her faithful children, slaves and knights, imitating Her virtues of heroic faith, deepest humility, immaculate purity and perfect obedience.

Dear knights, please make special efforts during this month of Mary to obtain the grace of conversion of many souls through your prayers, sacrifices, through your filial obedience towards your superiors given to you in these times by Herself.

I throw you deeply into HER IMMACULATE HEART that your heart may be set all afire in HER!

Fr. Karl Stehlin

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Allow me to send you some news about our growing small army, our spiritual family under the banner of the Immaculata:

1. ENROLMENTS (On 10 May 2015 – 870 knights in Asian district)

In the first week of April more than 100 new knights were enrolled in India (Palayamkottai, Tuticorin, Bombay). At the end of the national traditional pilgrimage in the Philippines the Militia Immaculatae was established in this country and the first 483 knights were enrolled.

At the end of the traditional pilgrimage to Akita (Japan) on the 6th of May another 37 consecrated themselves as "instruments in the

hand of the Immaculata" (act of consecration of the Knights). This means, that we have now in the Asian district 870 knights. Other enrolments will take place within the next weeks in India (Bombay, Goa, Yercaud retreat center, Chennai) and in the Philippines (General Santos, Davao, Manila, Cagayan de Oro, Butuan, Illigan City, Cebu etc.). In the month of May we want to cast to the feet of our heavenly queen many generous souls who want to answer to Her anxious request: "Please do help me to save many souls from eternal fire in hell and open him the way to the unique truth and life, to bring them to My Divine Son, so that they may be eternally happy in heaven".

2. MI PHILIPPINES:

Because of the important number of faithful who desire to join the Militia Immaculatae, I appointed Reverend Father Timothy Pfeiffer, prior of the priory Saint Joseph in Davao as the national moderator of the MI in the Philippines. He holds the national register of the MI Philippines, issues the materials (fliers, booklets, catechisms, certificates, enrolment forms, ceremony sheets etc.), and is responsible for the translation of the newsletters and other materials into the main Filipino languages. In the Philippines are established 3 main offices of the MI: Manila, Iloilo, Davao. Furthermore in the major centers will be established REGISTRATION STATIONS, where the future knights can register for future enrolments.

3. PILGRIMAGES:

As mentioned, many new knights were enrolled during the pilgrimages in Bohol (16 - 19. April) and Akita (2 - 6 May). The themes of the pilgrimages focused around the importance of Our Lady in our life, especially in the latter times. Many pilgrims understood that they have an important task to accomplish in their life, and that there is nothing greater to do on earth than to LOVE, that is: to do good, to contribute, to wish effectively our friends, relatives, neighbours "ALL THE BEST". But that "all the best"

does not exist here on earth, where everything is limited and comes to an end. Man wants to be happy for ever, the human heart wants to love and never stop, never diminish, never cease to love and to be loved. But this exists only in heaven as a gift from God. To bring many people to that happiness and at the same time to prevent them from eternal unhappiness and despair, this is, what Mary asks us to do: to become instruments in Her hands so that She can use us to touch the hearts of many, as She said in Fatima: "Pray and do sacrifices, for so many people go to hell because there is nobody, who would pray and do sacrifices for them".

Often we get the following reflection from pilgrims: "Father, I did not know, that I can do so much on earth! I did not know, that my life is so important, that on me depend the infinite life and happiness of so so many people. Oh, yes, I wish to be HER knight!"

We are thankful for the enthusiasm, the Immaculata gave to these faithful, and we are sure, that many of them being now KNIGHTS OF THE IMMACULATA will generously try to bring many others to HER.

4. FATIMA 2017:

In my last newsletter I informed you about our desire to prepare very specially the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady in Fatima: when the enemies of Our Lord will celebrate their anniversaries (500 years protestantism, 300 years Freemasonry, 100 year communism), we want to gather at Her feet at least 100 000 generous knights to form a small spiritual army, She may use it to "crush Satan's head" and "to vanquish all heresies over the world". But for that we need apostles, generous knights, who want to make known to the people the great message of Our Lady in Fatima, who want to excite them to join this small army, even though they would just work for the salvation of souls with some prayers and sacrifices.

Therefore you will receive in the next newsletters many items of information about Fatima. You may not only use them for your own sanctification, but study them so thoroughly, that you would be able to tell them to others. In that way you will become "Apostles of Fatima", and you can be sure that your reward will be immense, as SHE has promised it.

First of all I ask you to pray often the PRAYER OF THE ANGEL OF FATIMA:

ANGEL'S PRAYER (Given to the three children by the Angel who preceded Our Lady's first appearance to them.)

***MY GOD, I believe, I adore, I trust, and I love Thee!
I ask pardon for those who do not believe,
do not adore, do not trust and do not love Thee.
MOST Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee
profoundly.
I offer Thee the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and
Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the
world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and
indifference by which He is offended. And through the
infinite merit of His Most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate
Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.***