

Reflection on May MI Intention

O Immaculata, please intercede that
your example may urge us to be living signs
of the fruits of the Holy Spirit in this world.

*“His mother said to the servers,
‘Do whatever he tells you.’” (Jn 2:5)*

Our Lady’s power is impressive. When she directed the servers to do whatever Jesus would tell them, she did not mean to undermine His plan but rather to support its completion. Our Lady will always be the one who teaches us to do whatever Jesus wants of us. The wedding feast of Cana is an important paradigm as the Mother and Son are present. With her maternal attentiveness, she noticed the lack of wine for the feast and her tenderness moved her to foresee the consequences for guests and the spouses. She looked for the One who could help, Jesus. Perhaps, she had not seen a miracle performed by Him yet, but she treasured all things in her heart (cf. Lk 2:19). She knew who her Son was: the all-powerful God incarnate.

The Blessed Virgin Mary at Cana mirrors how we too are to live our lives and especially our apostolate. The Mother leads us to the Son. This is her mission. She always makes us aware that the most important thing in life is the presence of Jesus, our one and only Savior.

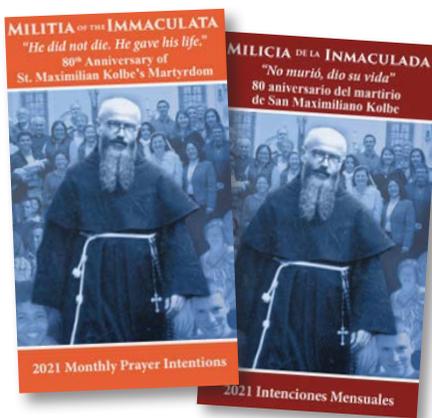
St. Maximilian Kolbe received as a gift an intimate understanding of the mystery and mission of the Immaculata as the most efficacious way to reach out to people and lead them to Christ. In his missionary zeal to make her known by everyone, he wrote, *“Many souls still do not know her, do not love her. They wander away from God, the source of happiness. That is our suffering. Let us strive, with her help, and by our personal sacrifice, to introduce her into hearts.”* (KW 927)

The goal of the Militia of the Immaculata and of each MI member is total consecration to her with apostolic, evangelical intentions. Our Saint emphasized that

we are to work with perseverance for the spiritual good of our brethren, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with Our Lady’s intercession. *“The Holy Spirit dwells in a just soul. Therefore, in the Immaculata, who is the most just creature, the Holy Spirit is present in the most perfect way possible. The Immaculata is not only ‘conceived without sin’ but is also the ‘Immaculate Conception’ (Lourdes). Therefore, the Holy Spirit reigns in her the most perfectly as possible.”* (KW 1286).

We should be convinced that the Holy Spirit makes known the mystery of our lives to us as He did Our Lady. Jesus promised that He would not ration the gift of the Spirit, Source of love, courage, and hope. Our Lady, our loving Mother, continues to introduce us to an ever-greater intimacy with Jesus who, in turn, wishes to have our assistance as He did with the servers at the wedding feast in Cana. This is why prayer and mission work are to be intertwined. May the Holy Spirit lead us to become fitting instruments for the spreading of the Gospel and for winning many people for Jesus through Our Lady.

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Act of Total Consecration to the Immaculata

(Prayer composed by St. Maximilian Kolbe)

O Immaculata, Queen of Heaven and earth, refuge of sinners and our most loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire order of mercy to you. I, (name), a repentant sinner, cast myself at your feet humbly imploring you to take me with all that I am and have, wholly to yourself as your possession and property. Please make of me, of all my powers of soul and body, of my whole life, death and eternity, whatever most pleases you.

If it pleases you, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of you: *“She will crush your head,”* and, *“You alone have destroyed all heresies in the world.”*

Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for introducing and increasing your glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the blessed Kingdom of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever you enter, you obtain the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through your hands that all graces come to us from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

V. Allow me to praise you, O sacred Virgin.
R. Give me strength against your enemies.