



NOVENA TO ST. MAXIMILIAN

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Dear Friends and Benefactors of the Rosary Hour,

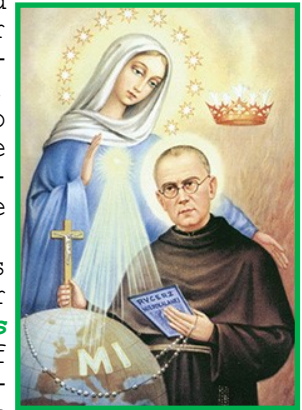
Dear Devotee of St. Maximilian,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

The day of priestly ordination always remains in the memory of presbyters. At the end of April 2018, we commemorated **the 100th anniversary of the ordination of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe**, who was received in Rome on April 28, 1918 in the Basilica of St. Andrew of the Valley.

St. Maximilian always wanted to save the world through the Immaculate Mary and therefore he completely entrusted himself to Her. He even often said that if She wanted, She could let him die. St. Kolbe wanted to gain the world for Immaculate Mary, so his life and death were providential in the perspective of what happened later. Let's think: Primate Wyszyński entrusted Poland to Mary, and John Paul II entrusted Russia and the whole world to Her. One can say that St. Maximilian was a kind of an igniter and the great flame spread just after his death.

His complete entrustment to Immaculate Mary is inscribed in the history of Mary's protection over Poland and the world. A new movie titled **Two Crowns** released last October - on the 100th anniversary of the apparitions in Fatima and on the 100th anniversary of establishing *the Knight of the Immaculate Mary* you have the opportunity please watch this movie. The film shows that Fr Maximilian was a volcano of positive energy and fully enjoyed life.



He was a man who went far beyond his time and schemes. Watching "Two crowns", you will wipe your eyes by surprise to see what Fr. Maximilian was interested in, what ideas he had and what he was trying to implement in life. For example this movie shows how Fr. Maximilian goes to Japan, without knowing this exotic language at all and financial security, and after a month of his arrival there, he published the 'Knight of Immaculate Mary' in Japanese, which has been published till today.

St. Maximilian is our master and guide in the recognition and worship of the Immaculate.

Soon we are approaching **August 14th, the feast of St. Maximilian** - a man beloved especially by every Pole and Polish American. A Novena of prayers through his intercession will precede it. Franciscan like St. Maximilian wish to serve mankind, the Mother of God, and the Most High God through evangelization and catechizations of succeeding generations of Polonia, spread beyond the boundaries of the USA and Canada, encompassing the whole world. To be able to realize this we need the help of each of you.

We sincerely invite you to take part in our Novena to St. Maximilian, which lasts from the 5th to the 13th of August. Please send your intentions on the enclosed card. May Mary along with her knight intercede in having your requests fulfilled.

May God listen to our prayers through the intercession of Saint Maximilian and reward you a hundredfold for your kindness and generosity to our Franciscan apostolate. Entrusting all of you to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the intercession of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe we send you our most sincere greetings and wait for your reply.

In the Immaculate, with a prayer and gratitude,

Fr. Marcel Sobalski

Fr. Marcel and the Rosary Hour Community