



O Mary,
we crown thee with flowers today,
Queen of the Angels and
Queen of the May!

MI Monthly Intention for May

*Immaculata,
please intercede...*

that the action of
the Holy Spirit may
constantly sustain
consecrated
persons, so that
their work may be
a manifestation of
the divine plan.



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A letter from the MI National President

Dear MI Members and Friends,

Maximilian was a man who understood time. He was a man of history, as he knew the roots and traditions of the Church and the Franciscan Order, especially the place of Our Lady. He was a man of the present as he faced the social and religious issues of his time, from the Masons marching on the Vatican to the Nazis marching into Poland. In addition, he was a man of the future, as he was always looking forward, reaching for new ways to communicate and evangelize from the printed press to radio and beyond.

When we become trapped in one period of time, the past, the present or the future we become blind to the other periods of time in which the church and the world exists. The church and the world are constantly being shaped in the present by the actions of the past, which continually shapes the future decisions we make.

As members of the MI, therefore, we must understand the role that the past, present and future plays in our consecration and evangelization, as did St. Maximilian.

Pope Francis expresses this clearly in his encyclical, *Evangelli Gaudium* where he states, "At the same time, today's vast and rapid cultural changes demand that we constantly seek ways of expressing unchanging truths in a language which brings out their abiding newness. "The deposit of the faith is one thing... the way it is expressed is another."#41

"We see then that the task of evangelization operates within the



limits of language and of circumstances. It constantly seeks to communicate more effectively the truth of the Gospel in a specific context, without renouncing the truth, the goodness and the light which it can bring whenever perfection is not possible."#45

Terms such as "militia" and "spiritual bullet" no longer have the positive meaning today that they did at the time of Maximilian. Militias are now thought of as anarchists and terrorists. Society is plagued by school shootings and urban violence in such a way that the term "spiritual bullet" calls to mind moments and memories of violence.

Therefore, the MI, in the spirit of Saint Maximilian, who was the ultimate evangelizer, not of the past but of the present, encouraged his followers to speak in such a way that they can be heard, to influence the



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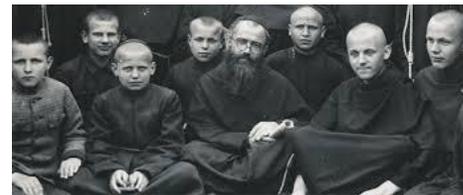
Because of this, the MI is transitioning to the use of the name "Mission of the Immaculata" to identify itself. While this does not exclude the term or use of "Militia of the Immaculata" and its historical and teaching of St. Maximilian and Pope Francis to speak in a way that can be heard and understood today.

While the term "Militia" may speak to members of the MI, the MI is called to evangelize non-believers and the unchurched or fallen away. To do this requires us to speak a language that does not dilute the message of the MI but that is understood by those to whom we preach and minister.

After years of continual discussion by the MI National Council of the United States about the use of the word "militia" to describe the MI in the United States, it has been agreed upon to begin to use the term "Mission of the Immaculata" to identify the Movement.

Therefore, the term "Mission of the Immaculata" will become the term by which the MI is known publicly in the United States and that bespeaks the "signs of the times" to which St. Maximilian, Vatican II and Pope Francis have called us.

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There will not be the May reflection by Fr. Raffaele Di Muro, MI International Assistant.



December 11-13, 2015 -- MI Pre Assembly for Leaders at Marytown

Fr. Patrick will write to all MI members in June the direction the MI is taking in preparation for the elective assembly.

Participants will receive a personal letter of invitation to the Assemblies. If you have an MI Village you must be registered with Marytown in order to participate in this process.

June 3-5, 2016 --
MI Elective Assembly at Marytown

A new MI National President and Board will be elected.

October 14-16, 2016 -- Opening of 100th Anniversary of Foundation of the MI at Marytown

October 13-15, 2017 -- Closing of 100th Anniversary of Foundation of the MI at Marytown