



## Novena to St. Maximilian Kolbe

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Dear Friends of the Rosary Hour!

Praised be Jesus Christ!

We invite you to participate in a novena to St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe, which will begin on the 5th of August and conclude on the 13th, on the eve of his martyrdom in the Nazi starvation bunker in 1941. By the grace of God through the intercession of Mary and her knight, St. Maximilian, The „Rosary Hour” family can accomplish great things.

St. Maximilian has been the patron of the „Rosary Hour” for 39 years. I hope he will become yet closer to you, thanks to this year’s Novena that will last from August 5th until the 13th. He gave his entire self to Mary and he trusted Her without hesitation. He wanted “to be a tool in the hands of the Immaculate, because She, as a Mother of God, possesses the unlimited power of the Creator” (Conferences, 118).

Fr. Maximilian Kolbe became a true “knight of the Immaculate,” using all possible re-sources to spread devotion to the Mother of God, giving up his life for the life of a co-prisoner. How similar to him was Fr. Justin Figas, the founder of the „Rosary Hour”! He preached the word of God using the most modern mass medium – the radio. He even said about himself: “I am the soldier on duty. My post is the radio.”

The deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary which Fr. Justin received at home during his childhood made the “Rosary Hour” a Marian voice for Polonia in the United States and Canada. In accordance with St. Maximilian’s wish, the „Rosary Hour” became like another Niepokalanów (Marytown – City of Immaculate), for he believed that Niepokalanów should be established in every country. This is a special center “in which and through which the Immaculata is to be in charge by way of even the most modern means” (Selection of writings, 165).

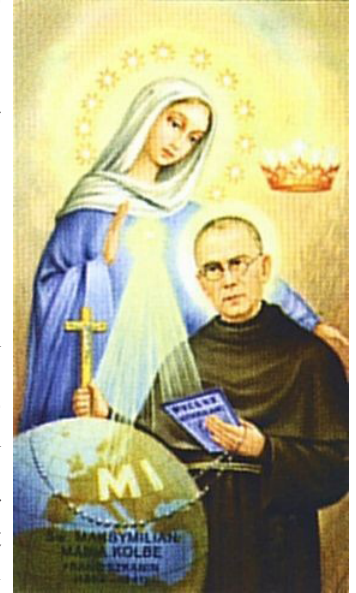
Therefore, we are asking for your spiritual help: please send today your intentions on the enclosed form. May Mary together with Her knight – St. Maximilian – obtain for us the necessary graces. For he said that “Every prayer through the intercession of the Immaculate and every act of doing Her will brings glory to God and adores Him in the most perfect way” and that “the Immaculate is [...] the cohesion and uniting lever binding us to God” (Conferences, 180).

We also ask for your financial help. Your offering will help us cover some expense, and will ensure the Marian voice of the “Rosary Hour” to be heard this summer... and in the future!

Please join the Franciscans today in prayer. Our friend Maximilian, will hear what lies in the heart of every one of us. In common prayer and celebrated Masses, through the intercession of St. Maximilian, we will ask for all the graces you need. Through his intercession we commend all of your intentions to God. As a visible sign of your participation in the novena your prayer intentions may be written and sent together with your offering to help continue the “Rosary Hour” Apostolate for Polonia.

By the example and intercession of St. Maximilian let us entrust ourselves to the Immaculate. May she lead, direct and assist us in the daily hardships of earthly life. *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.*

*Yours in Mary Immaculate,*



Fr. Marcel Sokalski and the “Rosary Hour” community

PS – On the occasion of this Novena, I would like to invite you to join the “Militia of the Immaculate” founded by St. Maximilian (provided you don’t already belong to this association...) Please write to us, we can send you the brochure. It will help you or someone you know to give himself/herself to the Immaculate – in the same way St. Maximilian did, Fr. Justin did... and many of us as well.