Novena to St. Maximilian



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Dear Devotees of St. Maximilian

Friends, Benefactors and Patrons of the Rosary Hour,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

How happy we are, that the fourth Saint whose special intercession we will be invoking this year is St. Maximillian – Knight of the Immaculata.

The Franciscan saint, Maximilian, taught us to entrust our entire life to the Mother of God. So we should love Her without reserve, to become a "tool" in Her hand, to get to know Her ever more, and to make Her Queen of the hearts of all, beginning with oneself. Mary will lead us closer to God, and the more we walk with Her, it becomes easier to overcome our various difficulties. By giving honor to Mary, we also glorify God and give Him praise together with Her. Because She "is [...] the bond and uniting arm binding us to God." (Conferences, 180).



Together with St. Maximilian let us allow Mary to become our Mother and our Guide. The Blessed Virgin Mary will beseech Her Son to grant us every grace since Her motherly prayers have special power and efficiency. The only thing we need to do is trust Her completely...

As we write this letter, we wish you perseverance in doing God's will and living God's Love. May the example of St. Maximilian help you to deepen this special devotion to the Immaculata, and She will obtain for you graces from Her Son.

Summer is a particular time for rest, relaxation and renewal. But we all know there is no vacation from the Lord God nor from deepening our faith... so there is no vacation from the ministry of Franciscans.

At the beginning of the summer months, we strongly encourage you to take part in the **NOVENA to ST. MAXIMILIAN**. Trust in the never-ending Mercy of God and place all your hope that God will hear your requests with the intercession of St. Maximilian, the special Devotee of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

During the novena (August 5-13) and the feast of St. Maximilian (August 14), you will be spiritually united in the prayers as well as Masses, with the Franciscans, the entire *Rosary Hour Family* and *the Companions of St. Anthony*, who will entrust all your special intentions to the God through the intercession of St. Maximilian and the Mother of <u>God.</u>

On the enclosed reply form, please note your individual intentions that are very important to you, which will be included in nine days of prayer and Holy Masses. Please send the card with your intentions together with the monetary gift. Without your assistance, it would be very difficult for the Franciscans to preach the Good News about Jesus.

May the Merciful God bless you for your generous heart. May St. Maximilian and Mary Immaculate intercede for you to our merciful Lord.

We send you our most sincere greetings and look forward to your response.

With prayer and gratitude, entrusted in the Immaculata,

Br. Daniel Geary, OFM Conv.

Br Daniel Geary with the Fr Justin Rosary Hour community and the Companions of St. Anthony

PS - As a "thank you" for taking part in this Novena, you will receive a powerful *Litany of St. Maximilian.*