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!

Another saint whose special intercession we will be invoking this year is **St. Maximillian – Knight of the Immaculata**.

This year, January 8 was the **130th anniversary of the birth of Fr Maksymilian Maria Kolbe** - founder of the Knights of the Immaculate, the monthly "Rycerz Niepokalanej", Radio Niepokalanów and the friary in Niepokalanów, and at the same time a space and military enthusiast, media expert, missionary and martyr.

Our dear Friends, we can say that St. Maximilian is a man for our times. His writings are simple and yet deeply profound, and he speaks with a wisdom that can



come only from the Holy Spirit. Undoubtedly, his words will stir you to greater love for God, his Immaculate Mother, and for all mankind. St Maximilian lived in dark times and died in a very dark place, yet wherever he went, **he radiated the light of God's love and mercy like a blazing torch**.

The inspiration of his whole life was **the Immaculata**. To her he entrusted his love for Christ. His life teaches us to entrust ourselves to our loving Mother, Mary Immaculate, and through her to lead both our souls and the souls of others to the happiness of union with God. **Dear friends, may we all, like Him, illuminate the darkness of this world with the same "fire of love".**

St. Maximilian cared about the lives of other people on earth and for the salvation of human souls. In this way, during the novena, we will ask St. Maximilian, to help us in our earthly efforts. We will ask God to enkindle us all with the same love and zeal that was in the heart of St. Maximilian. We will ask that we would be able to draw people to the path of salvation through Christ our Lord by the testimony of our own life, by faith and deed, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 NOVE-NA to ST. MAXIMILIAN. 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 9 Masses, with the Franciscans, the entire *Rosary Hour Family* and *the Companions of St. Anthony*, who will entrust all your special intentions to God through the intercession of St. Maximilian and the Mother of God.

On the enclosed reply form, please note your individual intentions. Offer your gift of PRAYER and 9 HOLY MASSES. Please send the card with your intentions together with the monetary gift. Today, without your help, it would be very difficult to preach the Good News about Jesus for the Franciscans.

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 – If you would like to receive a brochure with a **Novena to St. Maximilian write to us or** mark it on the return card. At your request, we would be happy to send it to you. When you send your intentions **REMEMBER to write YOUR NAME and ADDRESS**.