

## *Peace and all Good!*

### ***The Means Of The MI.***

*"We are merely an instrument in the most loving hands of the Immaculata, and only in this way can we expect to reach our ultimate purpose, which is not only the greater, but the greatest glory of God. Hence, all our efforts must be directed to this: that we allow ourselves to be led, that we do nothing of ourselves, but only what she wants in the way she wants it.*

Maximilian Kolbe, in article: The Making of a Knight.

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### ***Going on Vacation***

From Vatican City on July 3, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI urges us when packing for vacation, to leave space in our suitcases for the Gospel (Zenit.org.)

### ***Meeting Days:***

Our regular meeting days are the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Meeting days for this quarter are:

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**August 11<sup>th</sup>**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

***Dates for monthly Masses and Eucharistic Adoration ending with our devotions and Benediction, are as follows:***

**Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

### ***On Fasting before Communion:***

Fasting is before communion and not before Mass. However, if out of a sense of reverence and devotion someone desires to extend the fast beyond the minimum required, this is a praiseworthy custom. The hour's fast is from all edible food and drink other than water, taken by mouth and swallowed. Chewing gum as such would not break the fast but swallowing the juices and flavors released by the chewing process would do so. Since the food must be received by mouth, a sick person being fed by a tube does not violate the fast. Not does any medicine.

The discipline of fasting before communion has a long history, as Pope Pius XII states in

his 1953 apostolic constitution, "Christus Dominus":

"From the very earliest time the custom was observed of administering the Eucharist to the faithful who were fasting. Toward the end of the fourth century fasting was prescribed by many Councils for those who were going to celebrate the Eucharistic Sacrifice. So it was that the Council of Hippo in the year 393 issued this decree: 'The Sacrament of the altar shall be offered only by those who are fasting.' Shortly afterward, in the year 397, the Third Council of Carthage issued this same command, using the very same words. At the beginning of the fifth century this custom can be called quite common and immemorial. Hence St. Augustine affirms that the Holy Eucharist is always received by people who are fasting and likewise that this custom is observed throughout the entire world.

Before the time of Pius XII the Eucharistic fast was from midnight onward and included water. This also meant that Masses were only celebrated in the morning. (*Excerpts taken*

*from "Fasting before Mass" ROME, JULY 5, 2011 (Zenit.org).*

(To be continued in the next issue).

## ***Militia of the Immaculate***

### ***General Statutes:***

We continue our review of our General Statutes.

"The statutes are not only to be studied – and then filed away – but are to be put into "operative dedication" to renew the MI.

They are meant to better prepare us, to "respond to the expectations of the Church at the threshold of the new millennium". -

Father Eugenio Galignano, OFM CONV. (International President, 1997).

***Article 7*** states:

After the example of Mary, Virgin in prayer, Virgin Mother, Virgin offering (cf ***Redemptoris Mater 17-20***). members of the Militia of the Immaculate recognize the fundamental value of listening to the Word

of God, of the liturgical celebration, of prayer, of charity towards others, of offering one's own being, in order to collaborate with Christ in the salvation of the world.

### ***MI. Conference:***

Our 4th Annual MI Conference on June 18th was well attended. Evaluations indicate that it was a success. Fr. Stephen McKinley, Rector of the Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe and one of the speakers of the day, opted to do the entire day's conference on the historical development of the Mass and the up-coming changes within the Mass. Those members unable to attend this year's conference should plan to attend next year's conference as Fr. McKinley has promised to return to "feed us" with another treat.

### ***Regrets:***

With regrets we have to announce the the Teens Summer Retreat Camp which has been in effect for a number of years, has now been cancelled due to among other things, lack of sufficient funds.

### ***Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe:***

This year the Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, August 14th will be on a Sunday. Since it is an immovable feast, we will not be able to have our public celebration on the Sunday, as the Sunday Mass is priority. However, we encourage all members to do something in memory, e.g.: a novena leading up to the day; ask St. Maximilian to offer up the Mass to Our Lord for us.

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