

Ajax Militia of the Immaculata

Peace and all Good!

“Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know You, a heart to seek You, wisdom to find You, conduct pleasing to You, courage to trust in You, faithful perseverance in waiting for You and a hope of finally embracing You. Amen” - - St. Thomas Aquinas

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We continue with our weekly Thursday evening meetings at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall, and encourage all consecrated members to attend whenever possible, for it is when we pray together that we succeed in our mission and good things happen.

Please keep in mind the dates for our monthly Masses and Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday, January 21st

Thursday, February 18th

Thursday, March 18th

Movie Thursdays:

Movie Thursdays will be cancelled during the Winter months and should begin once again in the Spring as the days become warmer and longer.

Highlights:

Thanks to all those who contributed in helping the Parish celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The general feedback was that it was certainly a memorable occasion. Although it was a cold, wintry night, there was a good turn out by Parishioners to honour the Blessed Mother. The Church seemed to echo with the participation in the Mass and rebounded with decades of the Glorious Mystery of the Rosary as it was led by the various Parish groups. Let us then make this a goal to which we *must* aspire to make next year’s celebration an even more memorable one by encouraging others to attend the celebration of this most auspicious Feast.

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General Statutes:

With the start of this new Year, it will be well for us to review 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 1 states:

The Militia of the Immaculate, founded in Rome by St. Maximilian Kolbe on October 16, 1917, with the Latin name Militia Immaculatae (MI), is a public association of the faithful that is universal and international. It is open to the laity and clerics and governed by the norms of canons 312-320 of the CJC (Code of Canon Law), by the directives of the Church and by the present statutes.

According to the thought of the founder, it can assume various names depending on different cultural and environmental exigencies, but consistently keeping the international abbreviation sign, MI.

Teens Summer Camp:

We have been asked to forego our plans to hold a raffle basket in aid of sending two teenagers to the Summer Youth retreat Camp this year. Instead, we are being asked to put our efforts and finances into the Parish Lunch and Breakfast planned for January 17th and February 14th, in aid of St. Augustine’s window restoration and the Rene Goupil House. Rene Goupil is the Infirmary on the Manresa compound that is home to those members of the Society of Jesus who are ailing and in need of care. These are both very worthy causes so let us be as generous as we possibly can in this year of the Priest, to help in making comfortable those who are both coming out to serve us and those who by their years of tireless dedication are preparing to leave us.

Our Teens:

It is with deep regret that Adam Soares was unable to attend the leaders camp at

Marytown at the end of the year. According to the immigration laws he is still too young to travel without adult supervision. Our Blessed Mother surely has something special set aside for him to make up for his disappointment.

Christmas Basket.

As with previous years, our Christmas gift baskets (and bags) were received with great excitement and thanks by the Retired Jesuits at La Storta who were on hand when we delivered them. A “Thank you” letter from Fr. Philip Shano, Superior, at La Storta, reads:

La Storta Jesuits,
December 29, 2009

To the members of the Ajax Village of the Militia of the Immaculata,

Thank you very much for your generous Christmas gift to us. Thank you, as well for your prayerful support of our ministry.

We pray in gratitude for our benefactors at all times. You are counted among that group. Thank you! We also pray in petition for your intentions and the needs and intentions of your families. May you always know the love and peace of God.

*With gratitude,
Fr. Philip Shano, S.J. & the Jesuits at La Storta*

Wishing that this New Year brings with it the Joys and Peace of Christ for you and your families.