

Militia of Immaculata Okanagan

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What are some of the combat tactics of MI?

They are prayer, mortification and love for one's neighbour. For the sake of brevity, this excerpt will focus on "Prayer."

First and Foremost, *prayer*.

Unfortunately, to Catholics less educated about the work of perfecting their souls, the very opposite often sings true. Work, action: that is what they believe the gist of their activity is all about. However, it is not.

Prayer, prayer in particular, is the effective weapon in the struggle for the freedom and happiness of souls.

And why?

Because a supernatural goal may be attained only by supernatural means. Heaven – the divinization of souls, so to speak – is a supernatural reality in the fullest sense of the word. Therefore, it cannot possibly be attained by natural means. What is indispensable here is also a supernatural means, namely divine grace, which is obtained through humble and trustful prayer. Grace, and only grace, which enlightens the intellect and strengthens the will, is the cause of conversion, that is, the freeing of the soul from the bondage of evil.

But a prayer raised up to God *through the hands of the Immaculata* cannot possibly remain unanswered, as it is said in the invocation of St. Bernard: “Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, was left unaided by thee.” First and foremost, the, humble, confident, constant prayer.

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