



THE KNIGHT OF THE IMMACULATA

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PATRON OF FAMILIES

St. Maximilian Kolbe had a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and promoted family values. His strong emphasis on faith and unity within the family, along with his writings and teachings, resonate with family life.

PATRON OF JOURNALISTS

St. Maximilian was a prolific writer and publisher. He founded and operated a number of publications, including the magazine *Knight of the Immaculate* (Rycerz Niepokalanej), through which he spread Catholic teachings and Marian devotion.



RESILIENCE & LOVE FOR HUMANITY

PATRON OF PRISONERS

St. Maximilian is perhaps best known for his imprisonment at Auschwitz, where he offered his life to save another prisoner. His ultimate sacrifice embodies hope and faith in the midst of extreme suffering.

PATRON OF PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT

His heroic act of self-sacrifice, laying down his life so that a fellow prisoner would survive,

provides all a witness to emulate in defending the unborn and others whose lives are threatened.

PATRON OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

Before becoming a saint, Kolbe established a radio station in Poland to spread the Christian message. His pioneering work in using media for evangelization makes him an ideal patron for those in this field.

NOVENA PRAYER SEEKING THE INTERCESSION OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Greater love than this no man has that a man lay down his life for his friends," through the intercession of St. Maximilian Kolbe, whose life illustrated such love, we beseech you to grant us our petitions, . . . (mention special requests.)

Through the Militia of the Immaculata movement, which Maximilian founded, he spread a fervent devotion to Our Lady throughout

the world. He gave up his life for a total stranger and loved his persecutors, giving us an example of unselfish love for all men, a love that was inspired by true devotion to Mary. Grant, O Lord Jesus, that we too may give ourselves entirely without reserve to the love and service of our Heavenly Queen in order to better love and serve our fellow man in imitation of your humble servant, Maximilian. Amen.

[Three Hail Marys & a Glory Be.]

A BEACON OF HOPE FOR RECOVERY

PATRON OF DRUG ADDICTS

Kolbe's dedication to helping others and his ability to endure great suffering make him a powerful intercessor for those who struggle with drugs and any other addiction.

PATRON OF PEOPLE WITH EATING DISORDERS

Again, Kolbe's self-denial, suffering, and spiritual fortitude provide inspiration for those struggling with eating disorders,

demonstrating that hope and recovery are possible amidst the most difficult times we can face.

