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# THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

## To Be A Saint!

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Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe was a Catholic priest and Martyr who lived in Poland during the first part of the 20th century. Father Kolbe had a *tremendous* devotion to our Blessed Mother! Here is the second part of our two-part lesson from Father Kolbe, based on his writings: *...When you belong to the Immaculate (consecrating - giving yourself to Mary), all that you can call your own becomes hers. You become her possession and property (her child, her servant) always and in everything you do, and all your actions belong to her in a special way. God sees you in no other way than as belonging to her, as a child of Mary. And although you truly belong to her, you must remember that she belongs to God, and all that is hers is God's. For this reason, she with her whole heart wants you to belong to Him. You must therefore let her guide you and inspire you to go to God, and to do so without fear. Know that your consecration to her does not come at the price of your relationship with God or the Saints. When you pray, it is under her guidance that you do so - and because you belong to her, you can pray directly to the Father, to the Son, to the Holy Spirit, to the Angels or to any of the Saints. You can do so not only without the least scruple (worry), but with all the greater confidence, because you are always praying with her and in her. You are a member of a loving family in which there is no jealousy. When you pray to Our Lord, know for a fact that it is the Immaculate who is inspiring you to pray to Him. When you pray to her, know that you bring great joy to Our Lord: it is He who inspires you to pray to her. Be rid of your limited, human way of thinking, so tainted by the experience of human misery and sin, so full of jealousy, rivalry and competition. Let her guide you in your devotion, always remembering that you are a member of a loving family, the family of God, where there is no strife or competition...*

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## Immaculate Mary by St. Maximilian Kolbe Part 2

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*...Your first consecration to the Immaculate happened on Calvary, not in the midst of consolation but in pain and sorrow. It was done by the agonizing Jesus and it was received by His Sorrowful Mother. Picture in your mind the scene of Calvary: see how she stands there, strong and courageous, at the foot of the Cross, without succumbing to the immensity of suffering that engulfs her. See how she lovingly accepts you as her child. The Mother of Sorrows herself, triumphant over suffering, becomes your own Mother! You therefore have nothing to fear from your own sufferings: with her, you will be able to withstand them...You will see Our Lady's astounding victories in your life, if you let her guide you and do not pull back. Fear nothing and stay close to her. Let her carry you in her arms wherever she leads, even in the midst of the fiercest battles. She will always conquer because she is always victorious!*