
THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

To Be A Saint!

Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe was a Catholic priest and Martyr who lived in Poland during the first part of the 20th century - about 100 years ago. Here is an interesting picture of him getting ready to ride a bicycle (I sure hope his Franciscan habit didn't get caught in the wheels!) Father Kolbe had a *tremendous* devotion to our Blessed Mother and he will help you to love Our Lady as much as he did if you pray and ask him to obtain this grace for you. Here is the first part of our two part lesson from Father Kolbe, based on his writings: *...Always go to Jesus through and with Mary. Stop and consider that all the many thousands of Saints of the Catholic Church loved Mary Immaculate and let themselves be guided by her. Wherever Mary enters, she obtains the grace of conversion (that means deciding to stop sinning and follow Jesus!) The more you belong to Mary, the greater will be the work of sanctification (growing in holiness) that she accomplishes in you. Jesus will not dwell in a soul who rejects His Mother. Our Lady is the surest, safest and most beautiful path to Jesus. **She will help you become a Saint!***

Now concerning the Sacrament of Penance, when you prepare yourself to go to Confession, do so with great diligence and confidence. Examine your conscience on Calvary together with Mary. At the foot of the Cross, she received from Jesus the grace to know each and every child for whom she was suffering, and each and every sin for which she was expiating together with Him. She saw and knew you, and she saw and knew each and every one of your sins. She endured unspeakable suffering because of you, whom she loves so much, because you were the cause of the death of her Son. She, who knows your soul so intimately, can and will guide you in your examination of conscience if you do so in her loving presence.

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Saint Maximilian Kolbe

*When you examine your conscience, think most of all about the fact that it was your fully deliberate sins which pierced her heart the most. The Immaculate wants to help you discover your sins and have her same sentiments of **detestation** for them (detestation means disgust, dislike, loathing, aversion, hatred for...) But she does not wish you to remain there. She wants to fill your heart with trust that you can and will overcome them because she, together with Christ, has had full victory over them! Yes, she knew you and all your sins which filled her with bitter grief, but she also knew every single effort you would make to sin no more. And what an indescribable consolation this was to her motherly heart!... Next week we will have part two of our lesson from Saint Kolbe. He will teach us what it means to be consecrated to Our Lady. Saint Kolbe, pray for us! Please pray that I too will **be a Saint!***