

MI TEEN SUMMER PROGRAMS

"Rejoice in the Lord always!"

Phil. 4:4

Grow in faith through: daily Mass, games, friendships, discussions and confession.

MI TEEN GIRLS (13-17 Y.O.)
Kamp Kuper, Escondido, CA
July 15-20, \$215

\$50 non refundable deposit due with registration **ASAP**. Download registration form at www.miyouth.org

MI TEEN BOYS (13-17 Y.O.)
Kamp Kuper, Escondido, CA
July 22-26, \$195

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ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

**Saturday,
September 8, 2012**

To benefit our missionary outreach

Save the date!

KOLBE CELEBRATION

ANNUAL MASS

In honor of St. Maximilian Kolbe

Saturday, August 11, 3pm

St. Christopher Church, West Covina, CA

Celebrant and Homilist:

TBA

All Priests are welcome to concelebrate

The bi-lingual celebration includes a solemn Act of Total Consecration to the Immaculata

Preparation meetings are offered on

Thursday, August 2 & 9, 7-8:30pm

at the Fr. Kolbe Missionary Center – Please, RSVP

Finger food reception follows in the Parish Hall
Donations welcomed

For additional information, please call:

Ann or Ada,
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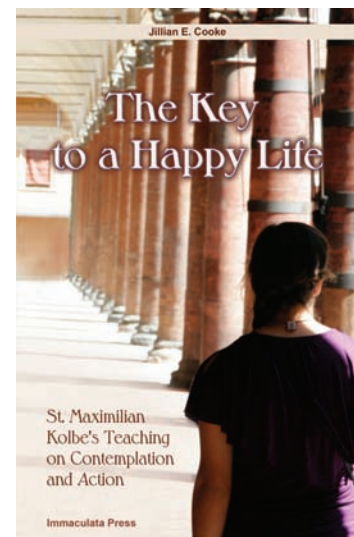
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NEW RELEASE

In our times even devout Catholics have trouble coming to peace and to the kind of joy God wants for us even as we live in this "valley of tears." Jillian Cooke's book, *The Key to a Happy Life*, based on the teachings of St. Maximilian Kolbe, makes the insights of this remarkable Franciscan saint available to us.

- Dr. Ronda Chervin



Jillian E. Cooke

The Key to a Happy Life

St. Maximilian Kolbe's Teaching on Contemplation and Action

Soft cover. 75 pp.
\$9.95 plus S/H

For orders, please contact:



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From May 13 to May 27, our consecrated family gathered for its 8th General Assembly in Italy. The thirty six Missionary delegates from the communities in Italy, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, the United States, Luxembourg, and Poland elected the Missionaries who will lead our Institute for the next six years. Anna Brizzi, our local directress for the past six years, has been elected to the General Council. Please continue to support us as we embrace with renewed enthusiasm the journey that opens before us after this special time of evaluation, discernment, and planning!

Desde el 13 de mayo al 27 de mayo, nuestra familia consagrada se ha reunido para su 8ª Asamblea General en Italia. Misioneras delegadas de todas nuestras comunidades han elegido a las Misioneras que van a liderar nuestro Instituto durante los próximos seis años. Anna Brizzi, nuestra directora local de los últimos seis años, ha sido elegida para el Consejo General. Nos gustaría pedirle que siga apoyandonos mientras abrazamos un nuevo camino después de este tiempo especial de evaluación y planificación!

NEW GENERAL DIRECTION



GIOVANNA VENTURI General Directress—top center
RAFFAELLA AGUZZONI Vice-General Directress
ELISABETTA CORRADINI General Councilor
ANNA BRIZZI General Councilor
ANNA MATERA General Councilor
ANNA MARZANO General Administrator

**Father Kolbe
Missionaries
of the Immaculata**

Vowed to love and give service to God and others through the Immaculata
Consagradas para amar, donar, servir a Dios y a otros a través de la Inmaculada

CELEBRATING JUBILEES

25 YEARS OF LIFE & MISSION

A four year old girl once looked up at me and asked, "What's a missionary?" Her question has followed me throughout thirty years with the Fr. Kolbe Missionaries of the Immaculata and twenty-five years of vows. I would have to say, my answer to her then is the same I would give today. "A missionary is someone who has fallen in love with our Lord Jesus Christ and wants everyone in the world to know Him."

My missionary life has taken me to many countries in the world and to a very special nine years in the shadow of Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland where Fr. Kolbe became the Martyr of Charity. Throughout these years I have experienced the grace of being called and loved by Christ – "I have called you by name: you are mine" (Is 43:1). I have known the grace and power of being sent, by the lawful authority of my Institute and in the name of the Church, – "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15). "Our missionary activity springs forth from a vision of faith oriented toward the living God Who wishes all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth" (cf. 1 Tm 2:4) (Constitutions 16).

They have been rich and challenging years of service and self-discovery in the mystery of life with Christ. The Blessed Virgin Mary has guided me and I have sought to share her wonders with all I have met. In honesty I can say that I am often overwhelmed at all that Our Lord has done in my life.



Please continue to pray for missionaries and for missionary vocations to the Church – for those called, sent and loved by Christ. So many people await them to bring the grace of Christ into their lives. "Glorify the Lord with me, let us together extol his name. Look to him that you may be radiant with joy." (Psalm 34)

Una vez, una niña de cuatro años me miró y preguntó: "¿Qué es un misionero?" Su pregunta me ha seguido a lo largo de treinta años con las Misioneras de la

Inmaculada–Padre Kolbe y por veinticinco años de mis votos. Yo diría que mi respuesta a ella en aquel entonces es la misma que le daría hoy en día. "Un misionero es alguien que se ha enamorado de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, y quiere que todo el mundo lo conozca."

Mi vida misionera me ha llevado a muchos países del mundo y en especial a nueve años en la sombra del campo de concentración de Auschwitz en Polonia, donde el Padre Kolbe se convirtió en el Mártir de la Caridad. A lo largo de estos años he experimentado la gracia de ser llamada y amada por Cristo – "Te he llamado por tu nombre: tú eres mío" (Is 43,1). He conocido la gracia y el poder de ser enviada, por la autoridad legítima de mi Instituto y en nombre de la Iglesia, – "Id por todo el mundo y predicad el Evangelio a toda criatura" (Mc 16,15). "Nuestra acción misionera nace de una mirada de fe hacia el Dios viviente, el cual quiere que todos los hombres se salven y lleguen al conocimiento de la verdad" (cf. 1 Tm 2,4) (Constituciones 16).

Han sido años ricos y con retos de servicio y auto-descubrimiento en el misterio de la vida con Cristo. La Santísima Virgen María me ha guiado y he tratado de compartir sus maravillas con todos los que he conocido. Con honestidad, puedo decir que estoy a menudo abrumada por todo lo que Nuestro Señor ha hecho en mi vida.

Por favor, continúen orando por los misioneros y por las vocaciones misioneras a la Iglesia - para los llamados, enviados y amados por Cristo. Muchas personas los esperan para traer la gracia de Cristo a sus vidas. "Glorifica al Señor conmigo, juntos exaltaremos su nombre. Mira hacia El, que seras radiante de alegría." (Salmo 34)

–Ann O'Donnell



MI Family Village, Escondido

On April 15th the MI Family Village in Escondido, CA celebrated 25 years of work for the MI in the Diocese of San Diego, reaching out to 100's of families. Joe and Sue O'Donnell, convinced of the gift of the total consecration to Mary as a key to unity in the family, began their Village in 1987, which throughout the years has sponsored monthly Village prayer, study and socializing, annual preparations for total consecration, children's summer programs, teen and couples gatherings, and many other outreaches. St. Maximilian Kolbe said that we will be richly rewarded whenever we bring a soul to acknowledge Our Lady. Thank you for all you have done to bring families together in the gift of Mary!

25th Annual MI Family Picnic



Thank you for your contribution to the 25th Annual MI Family Picnic! If smiling faces are any way to measure success, then it was a very successful day. We may never grasp the importance of gathering as a family of families to honor the Blessed Mother, remember the Veterans, and celebrate life in the faith. The MI Family Picnic may seem something small, but it is as "big" as what we honor, remember and celebrate – and no assistance in bringing it to families is small either. Thank you, for your great help and all your prayers!

