



Conclusion of the Reflection: Father Kolbe,  
Witness to Joy

We gather a few fragments of joy from the rich vocabulary of Father Kolbe's life.

“The goal of the Militia of the Immaculata is to conquer the whole world, and every person for the Queen - not only of heaven, but of the earth." Its goal is to give true happiness to those poor unhappy people who search for it in the passing pleasures of this world.”

Father Kolbe's thought flows immediately into an apostolic strategy and the involvement of others in his dream of giving happiness. "The earth must be inundated with a flood of Christian and Marian printed matter, in every language, in every place, in order to drown in truth every manifestation of error that is found in the more powerful presses. Cover the earth with the written word, words of life..."

Father Kolbe spoke to the members of the MI about the wonders that God accomplished in the Immaculata and of the need to know how to rejoice and turn to her with the greatest trust and love.

It can truly be said that Father Kolbe lived to give joy to the entire world and every person that he met along the way. "Everyone felt help just by being with him - it wasn't important what one was doing," recounted Prince Drucki Lubecki.

Faith is contagious and our generation is fascinated by testimonies of men and women with hearts enflamed with love. Father Kolbe's heart burned with love for God, the Immaculata, and the entire world. Joy is something contagious that has in itself the energy for expansion. This is why joy becomes an apostolic and missionary duty for Christians.

In this world where there is so much sadness and superficial joy, let us move quickly to carry the light of the Gospel to the world. Let us carry to all the uncontainable joy

of the presence of the Lord Jesus. God is enamored by us. This is enough to make one cry with joy. We must become persons of joy, smiles, and good humor in order to become apostles of a new ministry, that of good humor and Christian optimism.

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[1] SK 97.

[2] SK 180.

[3] Cf. CMK 56.

[4] SK 935.

[5] Bruno Borgowiec.

[6] Paolo VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi, 80.

[7] Rallegratevi, Lettera ai consacrati e alle consacrate, n.8.