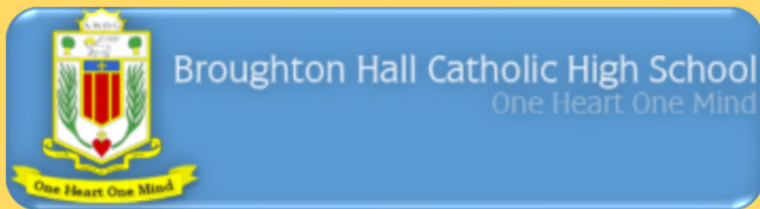


We Begin Our Prayer With The Sign Of The Cross

Leader: Let us remember that we are in the presence of God

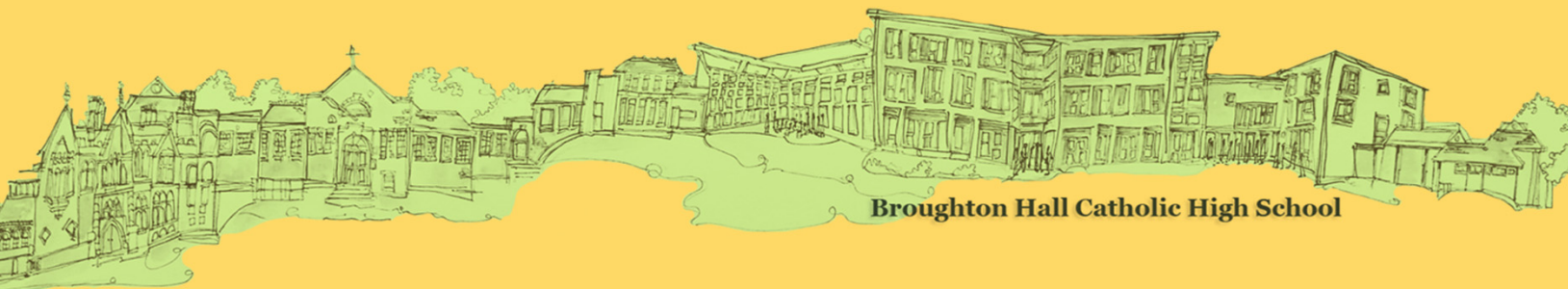
ALL: Let us adore him.



Prayer & Liturgy

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Wk. Beg. 14th October 2024



Broughton Hall Catholic High School





As we gather

Let us Pray



Dear God,

May our hearts be filled with Peace and Love, Each day, help us to learn.
Remind us, 'Mercy is your way', compassion for the world.
You have shown us how to live, one heart, one mind, together.
For Christ, His hands and feet we'll be. Your servants Lord Forever.

Amen.



St. Maximilian



Feast Day: August 14

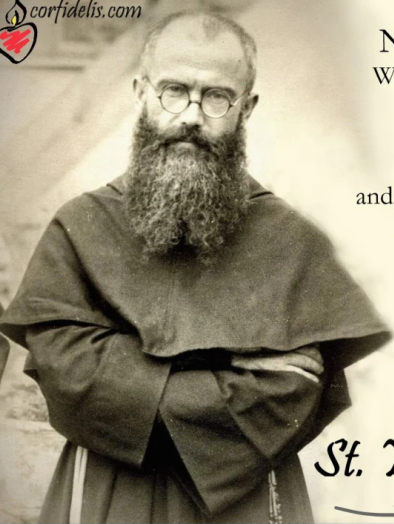
Canonized: October 10, 1982

Beatified: October 17, 1971

Venerated: January 30, 1969

What did St.
Maximilian say?

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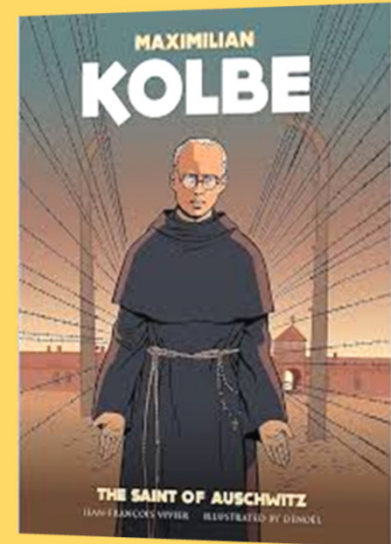


No one in the world can change truth.
What we can do and should do is seek it
and serve it when it is found.
The real conflict is inner conflict.
Beyond armies of occupation
and the catacombs of concentration camps,
there are two irreconcilable enemies
in the depths of every soul:
good and evil, sin and love.
And what use are victories
on the battlefield
if we ourselves are defeated
in our innermost personal selves?

St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe



The Story of St. Maximilian



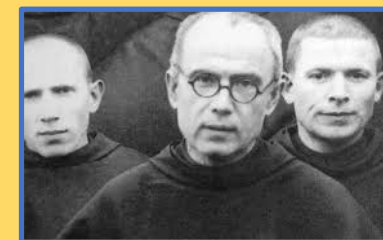


St. Maximilian

Raymund Kolbe was born in Poland in 1894. His family was very poor, but they were rich in spirit. In 1914, his father was captured and killed by the Russians for fighting for Polish independence.



Young Raymund had a great faith and strong devotion to the Blessed Mother. He went to school to be a Franciscan priest and was ordained in 1918, taking the name Maximilian Maria. After studying in Rome, Maximilian returned to Poland in 1919. He used modern printing presses to spread the Good News through monthly, and eventually daily, religious publications. He also spent six years as a missionary in Japan.

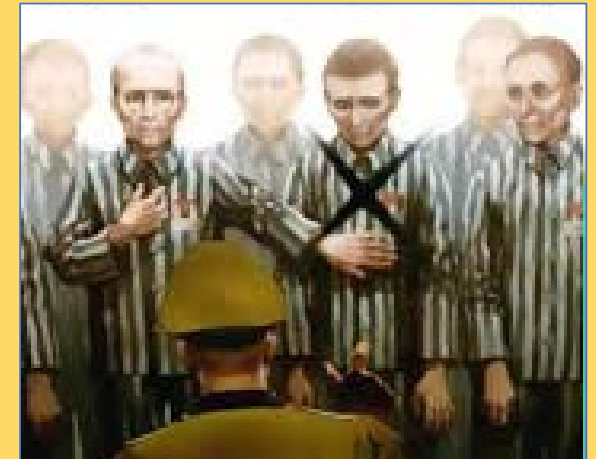
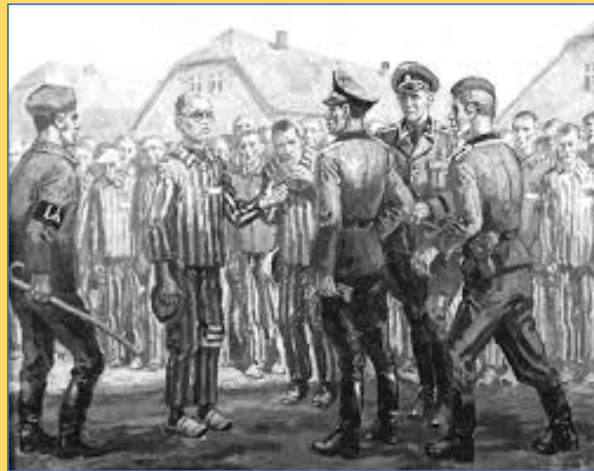


During World War II, Father Kolbe hid as many as 2,000 Jewish people and Poles, who were also persecuted, in his Polish monastery. In 1941, Maximilian was arrested by the Nazis, who soon sent him to Auschwitz concentration camp. This was a terrible place where the Nazis killed many people.



St. Maximilian

In July of that year, several prisoners escaped, and as punishment, the camp commander picked 10 men to be starved to death. Franciszek Gajowniczek, a husband and father, was one of these sentenced to death. Father Maximilian Kolbe offered his life in the man's place. Each day, he celebrated Mass for the other starving prisoners and prayed and sang with them. When he outlived many of the other men, he was killed by lethal injection.



Maximilian gives up his own life in place of Franciszek Gajowniczek



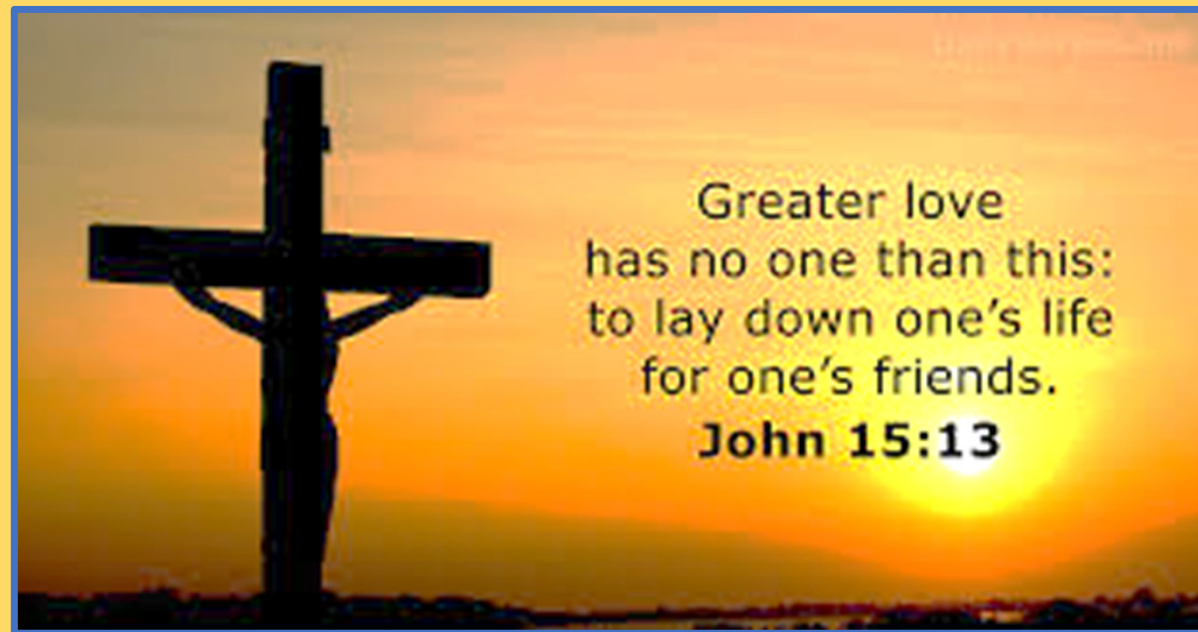
St. Maximilian



On October 10, 1982, Pope John Paul II canonized Maximilian Kolbe as a “martyr of charity.” Present at the ceremony was Franciszek Gajowniczek, the Auschwitz prisoner whose place Maximilian had taken in giving his own life. Gajowniczek lived for 54 years after St. Maximilian Kolbe had taken his place in death.



Franciszek Gajowniczek lived for 54 years. This is Franciszek with Pope John Paul II





St. Maximilian



What is most impressive about St. Maximilian?

Record some key words about St. Maximilian on the mind cloud provided. After discussing, click on for suggestions.

Faith in God

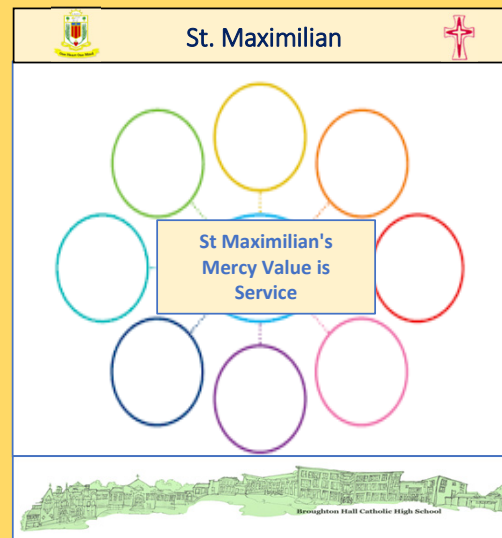
Friendship

Sacrifice

Resilience

Service

To serve all made
in the image of the
One God



Sister Catherine McAuley's Intercessions

May the God of Mercy bless and protect us all
All: Amen

May the God of Peace comfort us in times of trial
All: Amen

May the God of Love shine forth in our lives
All: Amen



We finish our prayer with the sign of the cross

