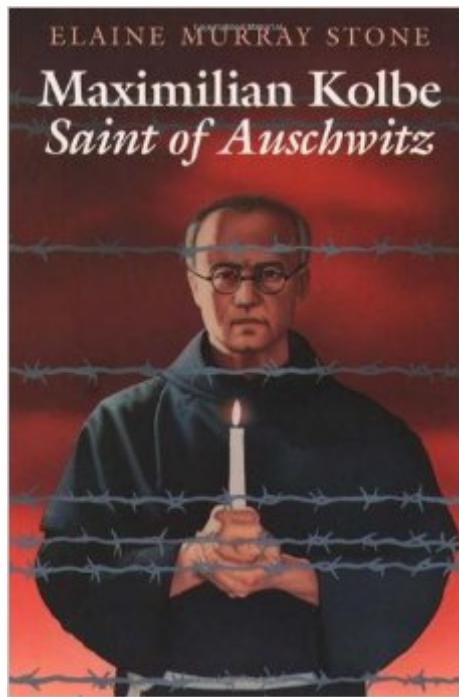


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Maximilian Kolbe: Saint Of Auschwitz



Synopsis

A biography of the Polish friar, canonized in 1982, who founded the Militia of the Immaculate, wrote numerous periodicals and newspapers, and while imprisoned in Auschwitz, sacrificed his life for another man.

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This book is a substantial biography which, while sold as a middle school book, is most accessible and available and comprehensible to every reader. Please do not be dismayed by its label as juvenile literature, as it truly and deeply covers every aspect of this great modern Saint's life, including his mission to Nagasaki, and is graced with excellent pencil illustrations drawn from the most famous photographs of the Saint, including the one I most dearly remember, his prison photo without glasses in Auschwitz, the one which stood above my desk in the monastic cell in France over ten years before his canonization. This is the tenth anniversary of the publication by the great Paulist Press of this excellent and comprehensive biography written by Dr. Elaine Murray Stone (author as well of Elizabeth Bayley Seton, An American Saint) is an excellent time to acquire this treasured volume for your spiritual and Hagiographic library. An excellent and comprehensive and factual introduction to this Saint, augmented by a comprehensive bibliography and suggestions for further reading. Good at any age!

Love, love, love this book. I bought it when I was researching Kolbe, not only because it has first person accounts, but it was written for young adults/middle grade readers, so I figured I'd get a quick overview of the life of the saint. Fuggedaboutit! Stone easily matches any adult level biography for information and outshines most for writing skill. Highly recommended for religious education teachers or for anyone wanting to know more about this remarkable man.

Learned more of St. Maximilian Kolbe's life--all I knew before reading this book is that he gave up his life for another prisoner but didn't know about his many works of hard labor done with much love for the Immaculata despite the debilitating tuberculosis.

I bought this book to read first and then give to my 8 year old grandson for his namesake's feast day, Aug. 14. I have not given the book to him yet, but intend to. I think the book will be easy enough for him to read, yet not too simple. He will be interested in reading about the saint whose name he bears. The author keeps the story interesting for a young reader by giving stories from Maximilian's life as a child first, and later as a priest. It tells about the family's living conditions and the privilege it was to be able to go to school--things that are often taken for granted, or wasted now. I think this book will give him a deep appreciation not only for the sacrifice St. Maximilian Kolbe made in giving his life for a man he did not know, but in the sacrifices that preceded this biggest sacrifice.

Specializing in the biographies of saints Elaine Murray Stone presents here a pious but readable study on the life and Christian dedication of a Polish priest during World War II: Father Maximilian Kolbe. Using simple syntax and headlines within chapters the author offers interested readers a clear timeline of the events and challenges experienced by this devout Franciscan in wartorn Poland. The Paulist Press chose artist Patrick Kelley to provide illustrations, in muted gray and charcoal tones, based on actual photographs taken during the future saint's ecclesiastical career. The cover, in limited colors, depicts a serious man holding a lighted candle (representing God's eternal truth and Jesus' promise of salvation) standing behind rows of barbed wire. Potential readers are immediately drawn to learn more about this model of piety and humility. In boyhood Raymond Kolbe dedicated his life to the special service of Mary, the Mother of Our Lord; he willingly accepted--in a miraculous Vision--the double crowns of purity and martyrdom which she offered him. As Mary's lifelong ardent champion he created an order of Knights of the Immaculate, and eventually founded two monasteries: the City of Mary in eastern Poland and later one in Nagasaki,

Japan. Facing every challenge with simple grace, he relied on divine intervention to prosper his self-assigned work in the name of the Blessed Mother. His widely circulated THE KNIGHT Catholic newspaper (and later radio broadcasts) helped inspire thousands of Catholics in their faith and many to accept the Calling. Canonized in 1982 after his heroic but humble self sacrifice at Auschwitz, Father Kolbe is credited with many miracles of healing. His life exemplified quiet acceptance of his Nazi tormentors, and extreme compassion for his fellow sufferers--regardless of their religious beliefs. To the end he urged Christians to forgive their tormentors and to rejoice in the holiness of performing their duty to God.

Great and inspiring read. The story of this Saint will change your life. This book is written in very simple language, which makes it very easy to read. It takes me a long time to read a book and I was through this one in about a week.

This book received 5 stars because it is an engaging and factual telling of St. Maximilian Kolbe's life. What an inspiration to lead a life that is faithful in daily activities! This book is a must for anyone interested in St. Maximilian Kolbe's story.

An easy to read autobiography about a Saint of a man who placed God first, as we all should, during the awful reign of the Nazis. Saint Maximillian Kolbe is a man who gave his life so another man could live through the atrocities of Hitler, but survive with his wife and children. A "must" read!

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