

# The Miraculous Medal

a powerful tool for evangelization

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# How did these people use the Miraculous Medal?

Mother Teresa

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Fr. Carl Pieber, C.M.

Steve Dawson (National Director, St. Paul Street Evangelization)

Donald Andre Bruneau (a lay Catholic/Pro Life Activist)

Fr. James Deery (an Augustinian priest)...

**let's hear their stories...**

# Mother Teresa

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“As we met her for the first time, Mother Teresa handed each of my family members and me a blessed Miraculous Medal after devotedly kissing them. [...] A few years into our friendship, Mother Teresa gave me another blessed Miraculous Medal when I was on bed rest with a high-risk pregnancy. She instructed me to wear the medal and pray to Mother Mary. I am grateful for Mary’s intercession, as that child is now 22 years old.”

- Donna-Marie Cooper O’Boyle, N.C.  
Register Correspondent

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# Mother Teresa

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“Queues of people would form outside her convents, when word would spread that Mother Teresa had come to town. One by one she would welcome young and old, the sick and the needy, lay and clergy, the significant and the insignificant. Rarely would any leave without Mother pressing Miraculous Medals into their hands. On her last visit to the South Bronx of New York in June 1997, sitting in a wheelchair less than three months before her death, Mother cradled a full basket of these medals on her lap. Her sisters kept refilling the basket as Mother gave sizable quantities to each priest greeting her after Mass. Noteworthy was the reverence with which she handled these religious sacramentals, and the earnestness with which she suggested they be used as tools for spreading the gospel message of love.”

Father James McCurry, O.F.M. Conv.



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# St. Maximilian Kolbe

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St. Maximilian believed in the power of the Miraculous Medal as a simple means of apostolate and effective tool for evangelization. He called the Medal: "Our weapon with which to strike hearts," and "A bullet with which a faithful soldier hits the enemy, that is evil, and thus rescues souls."



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# Father Carl Pieber, C.M.

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"Perhaps there could be no better tool for evangelization than the Miraculous Medal," he said.

"With her arms outstretched," Mary "embodies the love of God the Father for all of us, calling us to embrace this love. But the medal could be nothing but this — because Mary embodied the love of God the Father in Jesus Christ in her womb, and it is he who calls us to embrace the Father's love, too. What a great medal and tool for telling others the real Good News."



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Anticipating opportunities for evangelization, Father Pieber said, "As a priest and director of the Miraculous Medal Shrine, I always carry a few medals in my pocket."

Recently, when enjoying a concert by the Children's Choir of Philadelphia, he spoke with the couple sitting beside him during intermission. He commented that he thought the concert was wonderful. "In the conversation that followed," he explained, "I gave them all a medal." The woman immediately stated that she was Jewish. The priest replied: "This is the image of a great Jewish mother in our faith. With her hands extended, she will help you whenever you ask her."

"Having listened to the brief story of the medal, she thanked me for the gift and said she would treasure it with her in her purse always," the priest recalled. "I thought to myself, 'Mary will do the rest.'"

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# Steve Dawson, National Director, St. Paul Street Evangelization

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I want to tell you my experience with evangelization and the Miraculous Medal of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After my conversion to the Catholic faith over 10 years ago, I felt strongly that God wanted to use me for the conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls. I wanted to get involved with evangelization, to respond to the mandate of Jesus to preach the Gospel to all nations, but I had no idea how I should go about doing it.



The method I employed was simple. When I was at the grocery store, gas station, or any random place, I would pick a person and would casually ask if they would like a free Miraculous Medal. Most of the time they would say “No thank you”, and I would answer, “OK God bless” and walk away. Yet, sometimes they would accept. As I would give them the medal I would say, “Here you go. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine in 1830 and promised that whoever wore this medal would receive great graces from God. So many miracles occurred because of it that it became commonly known as the Miraculous Medal”. That simple.

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[...] sometimes, that simple gesture would start further conversation that God was able to use to bear fruit. For example, I was with some friends at a restaurant and I offered our waitress a Miraculous Medal, which she accepted. This started a conversation about the Catholic faith, which led to a conversation about abortion and other moral teachings of the Church. We talked for about 10 minutes in total and we left, thinking we would never see her again. 6 months later I went back to that restaurant and the waitress was there and she recognized me. She ran up and proceeded to tell me that the day we talked the first time, she had just found out that she was pregnant and that she was going to have an abortion, but after we talked, she knew that we were sent by God as a sign for her to keep her baby. Of course I responded by saying: “Great! We’re gonna get that baby baptized right?!”



Now what is the point of all this? It was at this moment that I realized that God could use us to change hearts through short and simple conversations with people that we had never met before. That baby is alive today because of the Miraculous Medal and a 10 minute conversation that I had with a person who was a complete stranger.

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# “Why I Wear My Cross AND The Miraculous Medal To Evangelize.”

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“Personally I wear the ‘Miraculous Medal’ of which Saint Maximilian had such an appreciation for because it is truly MIRACULOUS and brings many GRACES both to the one who wears it and to the one who ‘sees’ it!”

- Donald Andre Bruneau (Senior, married, Catholic, Pro Life activist, evangelist)



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# Fr. James T. Deery, O.S.A.

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Father Deery was born in St. Louis, and grew up near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. During his more than 50 years as an Augustinian priest, Father Deery taught science and religion at Catholic high schools in Washington, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania.

He had a great devotion to the Virgin Mary, and for years he was known for giving children Miraculous Medals that he had strung on dental floss.

He loved the Jersey Shore, and assisted priests in churches in Ocean City, N.J., every summer. He would chat with people on the beach and give them Miraculous Medals.



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with the Miraculous Medal...**

# Evangelizing with the Miraculous Medal

*(from The Militia of the Immaculata, a worldwide evangelization movement founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe in 1917)*

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1. Pray for the opportunity to evangelize

(a) Ask Jesus to bring someone to you that needs Him

(b) Ask Mary to let you know when the time is right to make action



2. Offer them the Miraculous Medal

3. If they want to talk, listen and try not to say too much. At this point, they're sharing their heart with you, so it's advisable to see where they are in their spiritual life.

4. If they are Catholic, speak of benefits, prayer life, connected community.

5. If they are another Christian denomination, ask them to consider the connection between a mother and child (Jesus expressed His love for His mother during the wedding at Cana. He answered her request, as she tells us "Do whatever He tells you"). Ask them to consider asking Mary for her help. Ask them to wear the Miraculous Medal as a sign that they are being prayed for by their spiritual brothers and sisters everywhere.

6. If they are not a believer, ask them to consider wearing the medal, as it carries great blessings for them.

7. Let them know that you will be praying for them.

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May the Miraculous Medal  
inspire us to bring others to  
Jesus through Mary.

May we see the Miraculous  
Medal as a tool for  
evangelization, spreading the  
Gospel message of love.

