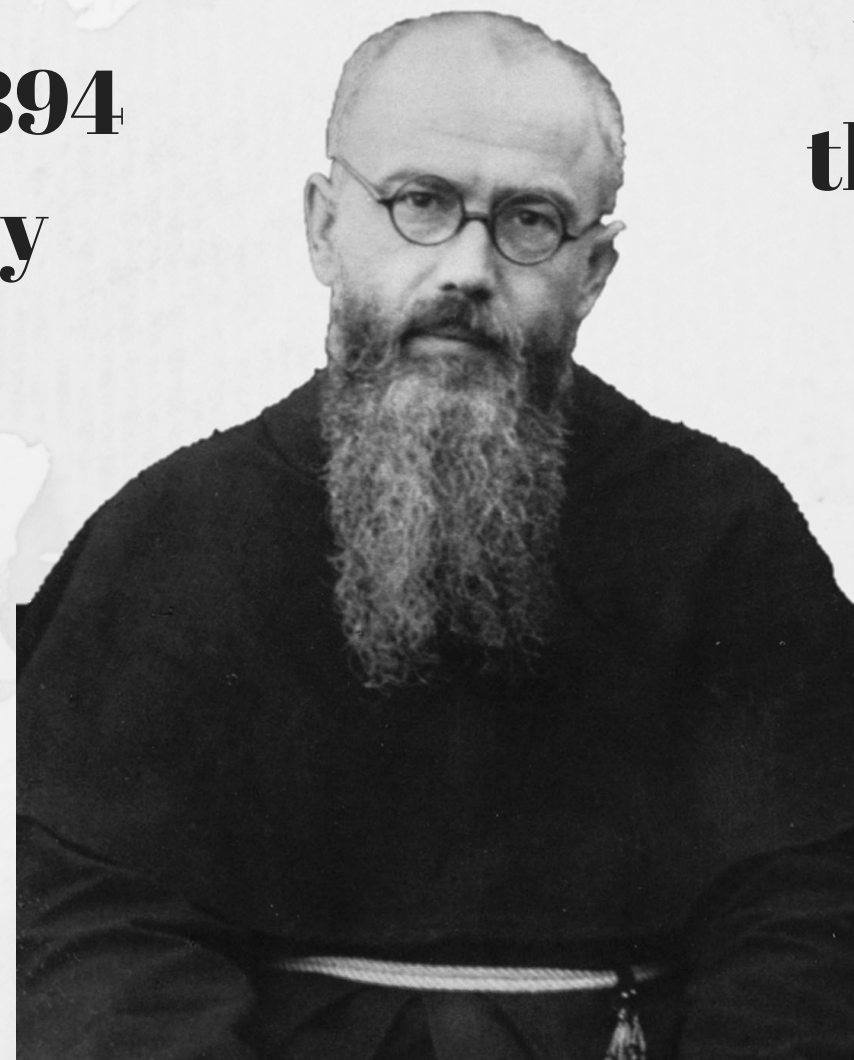3 Saints
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St Maximilian Kolbe

St Maximilian Kolbe is most famously known for offering his life in the place of a young father in Auschwitz Concentration Camp.
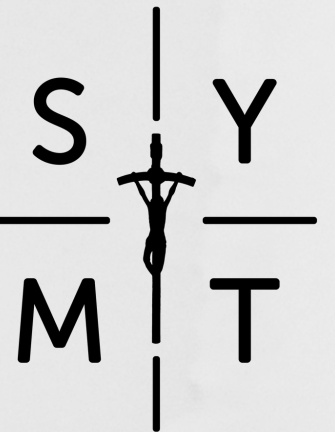
He was born in Poland in 1894 into a poor farming family

After getting told off by his mother one day as a child, he asked Mary what would become of him. He recounted this...

" Then the Virgin Mother appeared to me holding in her hands two crowns, one white and one red. She looked at me with love and asked me if I would like to have them. The white meant that I would remain pure and red that I would be a martyr. I answered yes, I wanted them. Then the Virgin looked and me tenderly and disappeared. "
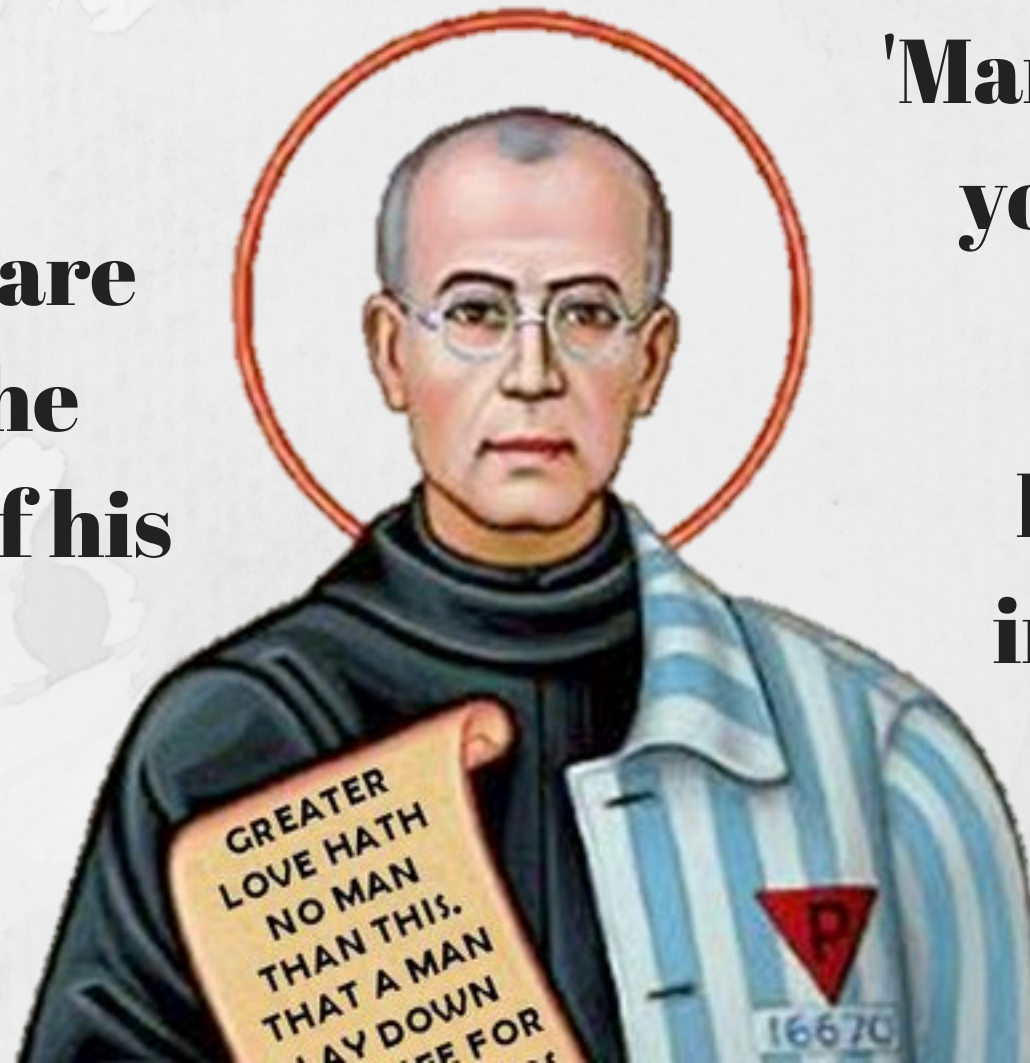
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St Maximilian became a Franciscan friar and spent his whole life encouraging his fellow religious brothers, and the whole world in fact, to bring the whole world to God through Christ using Mary as an example in faith.
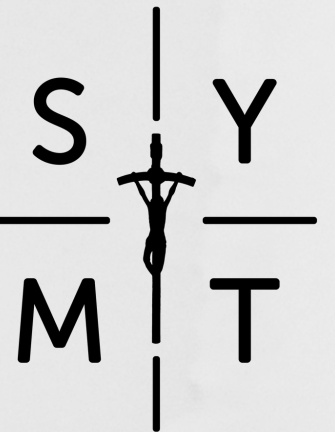
As part of his life's mission to share his love for Mary he founded the 'Militia Immaculata' with some of his classmates in the seminary.

His passion for leading people to Jesus through Mary took him all the way to Japan to found a monastary.

He often prayed: 'Mary, let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands.'

In 1941 he refused to go into hiding, was arrested by the Gestapo and taken to Auschwitz.

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St Teresa of Calcutta

Born in 1910 in Macedonia as Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, she felt called to missionary work from an early age. At 18 she travelled to Ireland and joined the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto sisters). Sr Teresa was soon sent to Calcutta and spent more than a decade teaching.

Several years later she felt 'a call within a call' and founded the Missionaries of Charity.

In prayer St Teresa saw herself looking at Jesus on the Cross with Our Lady standing next to her. In these visions Mary was helping St Teresa to hear the desires of Jesus' heart and to see the suffering of the crowd around them.

St Teresa said:
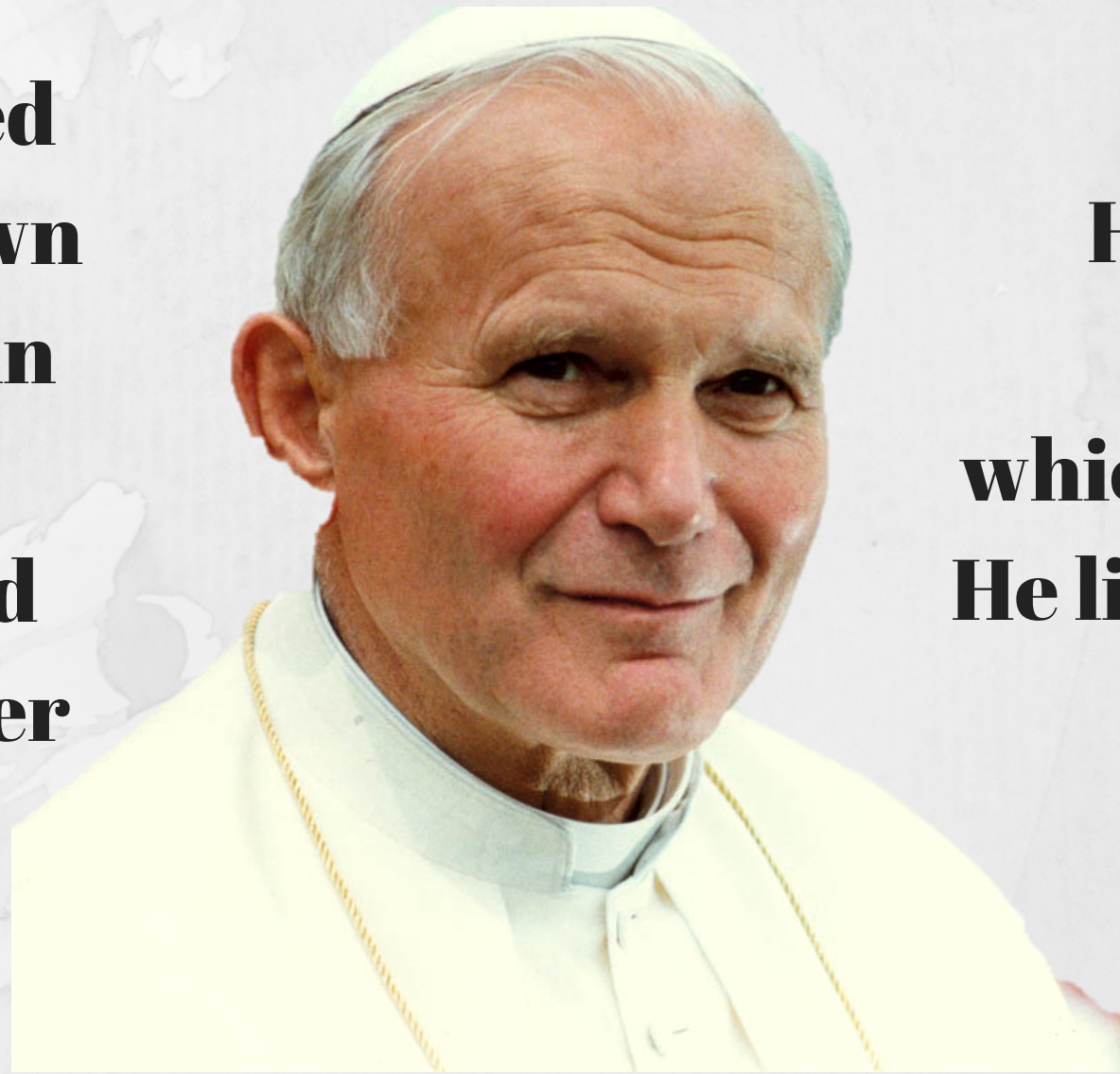'Our Lady's role is to bring you face to face... with the love in the Heart of Jesus crucified.
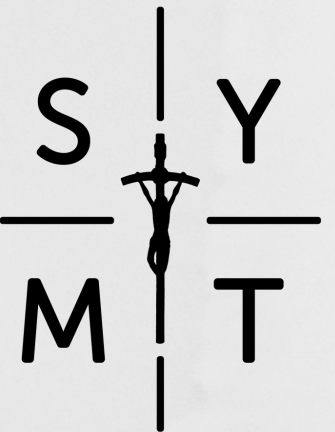
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Pope St John Paul II

Pope St John Paul II is even known as the 'Marian Pope' because of all he did to deepen the Church's understanding of devotion to Mary.

His devotion to Mary started at a young age, he lost his own mother aged 9, Pope St John Paul knew Mary would protect him from harm and help him to endure whatever sufferings he faced.

Pope St John Paul II understood deeply the motherhood of Mary. He knew that by being close to Our Lady, she would lead him closer to Jesus and His Church.
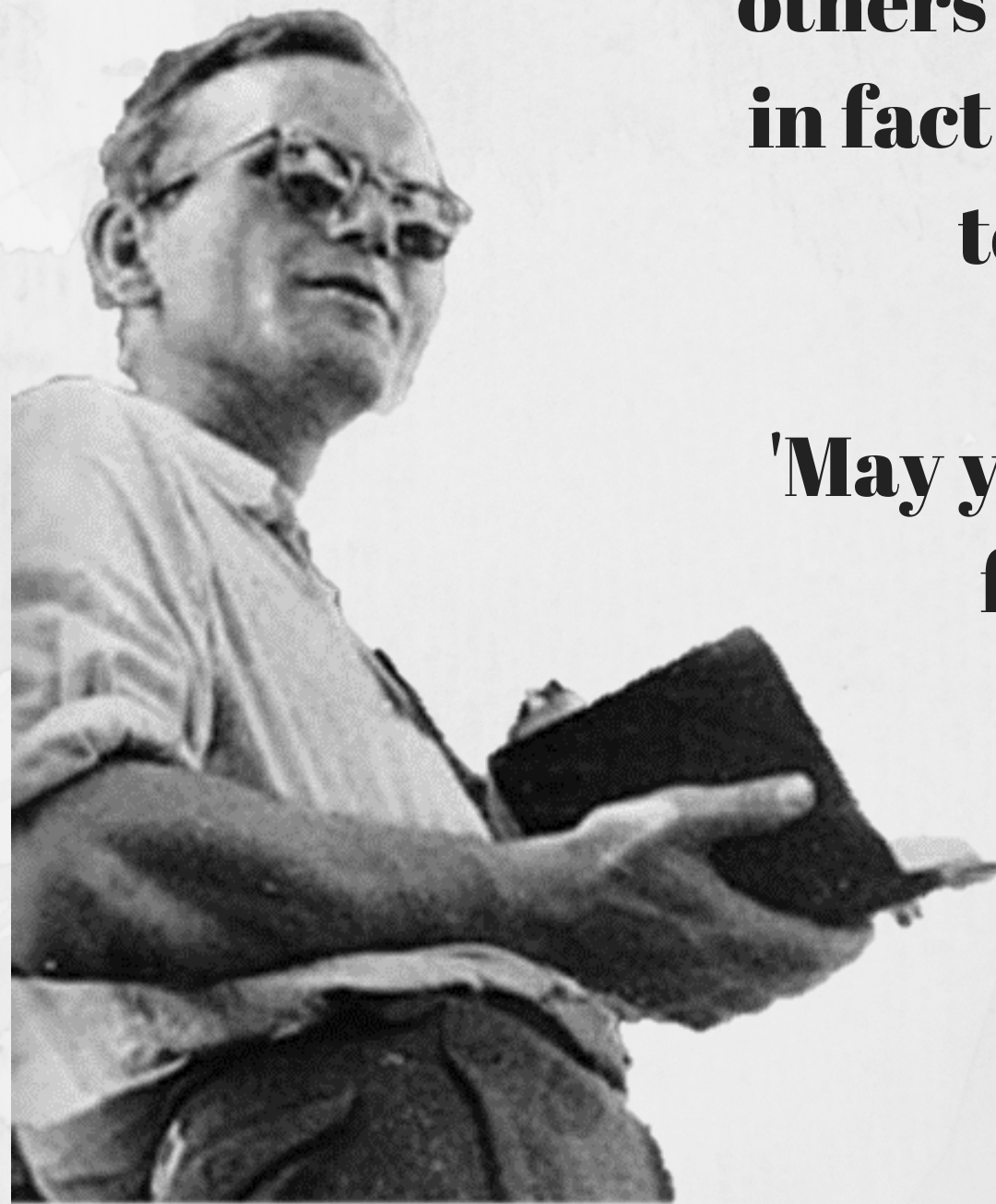
His Papal motto was: 'totus tuus' which means 'totally yours'. He lived his life decicated to Our Lady.
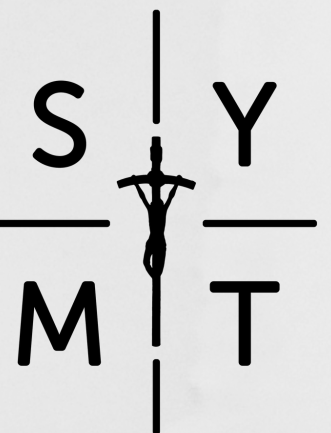
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Pope St John Paul
II attributes surviving an
assassination attempt to
Our Lady of Fatima.
In 1981 he was shot at in
St Peter's Square, the
bullet narrowly missed the
main artery.
He said 'One hand fired,
and another guided the
bullet.'

Pope St John Paul II encouraged
others to 'entrust' their lives to Mary,
in fact he entrusted the whole world
to her Immacualte Heart.
He prayed:
'May your Immaculate Heart reveal
for all the light of Hope!'

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