

The History of the Maidens of the Miraculous Medal

The Maidens of the Miraculous Medal were established in the Summer of 2012, shortly after the beginning of the Celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass at the Church of St. Anthony in Hamilton, NJ. The MMM were placed under the patronage of the Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal when it was discovered that the first Traditional Latin Mass for this Community (November 27, 2011) was also the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

Under the direction of Rev. Brian Patrick Woodrow, Father Director of the MMM and Liaison to the Extraordinary Form for the Diocese of Trenton, the MMM have grown to nearly sixty young ladies in one year. The Maidens meet monthly, and process in all Solemn High Masses, as well as Holy Days and special events. Their reverent worship of Almighty God, their prayer for our Bishops and priests and their service to the Mass Community has been a powerful witness to the beauty of femininity.



The Maidens of the Miraculous Medal, pictured with His Excellency David M. O'Connell, C.M., Bishop of Trenton, the Sacred Ministers and the Altar Servers after the November 27, 2012 Pontifical Solemn High Mass, celebrated at the Church of St. Hedwig in Trenton, NJ.

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"O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee"

The Maidens of the Miraculous Medal (MMM)

Who are the Maidens?



Girls and Young Ladies

Young ladies aged 8 through 22 are invited to join the MMM. Girls currently in the Second Grade are invited to participate in the crowning of our Blessed Mother in May.

Ranks

The MMM are organized into four ranks: **Junior Maidens, Senior Maidens, Captains, and Head Captain.** All girls under age thirteen enter as Junior MMM, while those thirteen and over enter as Senior MMM. The Father Director selects Maidens to assume leadership roles as Captains of the five Teams (Procession, Prayer, Mass Table, Pilgrimage, and Convivium and Special Events). One Maiden is chosen as Head Captain, and is responsible for the organization and coordination of all activities.

Dress

The Maidens wear a distinctive dress that reflects their dedication to the Blessed Mother and their reverence for Almighty God. Their dress consists of a white dress (or skirt and blouse), white veil and gloves, and a light blue sash. A large blue corded Miraculous Medal is presented to each Maiden after she is enrolled in the Miraculous Medal. Rank pins are worn on the blue sash. The Maidens of the Miraculous Medal also carry their distinctive banner in every Liturgical procession.

What is the focus of the MMM?

There is a triple focus for the MMM: **worship** of Almighty God, **prayer** for the Pope, our Bishops and priests, and **service** to their Parish and Community.



Why is this group so important to the life of the Catholic Church today?

The Maidens fill a vital role in the life of the Church today. This MMM provide a new and exciting opportunity for girls and young women to give witness to traditional values and authentic femininity while having fun and making a difference in their Parish and Community. Their love for beauty, reverence and the Sacred is drawing new members daily to this rapidly growing group!

The Triple Focus (Worship – Prayer – Service)

The main focus of the Maidens of the Miraculous Medal is threefold: to worship, to pray and to serve. Special MMM teams are associated with each focus. Each team has tasks and jobs to do, and the Maidens do all for the honor and glory of God through the model and patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Worship of Almighty God

As Catholic young ladies, we aspire to give glory to God through the model of authentic femininity. The witness of the Maidens of the Miraculous Medal is given as an example of holiness.

The **Procession Team** coordinates all of the Maiden's processions. This team assists with attendance at the Masses, and helps all of the girls to get ready.



Prayer for the Pope, our Bishop and Priests

The Maidens are dedicated to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. We pray for the Holy Father, our Bishops, and our priests under the patronage of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

The **Prayer Team** sets up and leads the prayers at all meetings. They are also involved in the preparation of monthly prayer cards, and the coordination of the Miraculous Medal Novena.



Service to the Church

Our third focus as the Maidens is to serve the Church and we do so through service to our Mass Community.

The **Mass Table Team** offers "holy reminders" (Missals, Catholic books and devotional items) to the Community. This team sets up, offers items, and is in charge of inventory.



The **Pilgrimage Team** organizes spiritual trips and special pilgrimages for the Maidens as well as for the Altar Servers and the Mass Community. This team is in charge of all trip details, including event planning and transportation.

The **Convivium and Special Events Team** assists in the setup and clean up of our weekly Conviviums, which are opportunities for food and fellowship after most of the Masses. This team also coordinates special community events such as our Annual Family Picnic and special social gatherings.