

# Saint Luke Newsletter

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## WE ARE INVINCIBLE

“Our families were so close, especially my brother and Charlie,” explained the German woman who took me aside after my performance of MAXIMILIAN: SAINT OF AUSCHWITZ to tell me her story, still fresh after 70 years.

A crowd gathered around her, listening attentively. “Charlie’s family lived next door to ours, and the two boys walked to school together every day. One day our family watched in horror as the Nazis dragged away our dear Jewish neighbors. They were taken to the concentration camp, where Charlie, just 13 years old, was sent to the gas chamber.”

We were all silent, as we recognized the evil to which mankind can descend. What a counterbalance are the life and martyrdom of Saint Maximilian Kolbe! Only through faith in the ever-present love of God and of His Immaculate Mother could he have had the courage to say, “We should even thank our executioners, and show our thanks from Heaven by obtaining from the Immaculate One the grace of their conversion. In short, we are invincible!”

This is the kind of faith needed right now! We, in the United States of America, in 2012, face threats to our freedom of religion that can only be answered by a courageous profession of faith. Pope Benedict XVI sees it, and because of this, he’s declared a Year of Faith, since it is only through faith that we will see a transformation in our culture. That’s why Saint Luke Productions is answering the call to dramatically proclaim the Faith.

God is using your prayers, your contributions, and your missionary zeal to produce new works that truly evangelize the culture.



### *Here is a snapshot of what’s happening right now, and what we envision in the future:*

- We’re producing MAX MOMENTS, a new television/radio series which will reach individuals in their homes, cars, and everywhere they access the internet.
- We’re developing new live dramas on women saints - Saint Clare, the future Saint Kateri, and a mystery saint are in the works.
- We’re equipping and expanding our studio to produce programs not just for our ministry but for other Christian media organizations as well.
- We’re positioning Saint Luke Productions for another feature film, building on the knowledge and grassroots support we gained from the THÉRÈSE movie.

Let’s harness the immense power of the media – theater, film, radio, television, internet, smartphones – for the Kingdom of God! Join me, and together we’ll stand courageous, defend the Faith, and fearlessly proclaim the Truth of Jesus Christ in the public square.

Please pray for us, and send whatever you can to fund these ambitious projects. Thanks for your trust.

God bless you,

*Leonardo DeFlippis*

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# WE NEED YOU FOR OUR NEW VIDEO SERIES

We're launching a new video production:

## MAX MOMENTS

And we need your help!

Maximilian Kolbe engaged in a cosmic struggle against the evil of his time. This same battle is being fought for souls in our world today, and he holds the key - devotion to Mary the Mother of God.

Think about the good these video reflections can do! Maximilian's words are riveting, and he will draw people in with his contemporary message. By utilizing every possible media outlet - television, radio, YouTube, smartphones, and other web pathways - we'll do our best to reach, as Maximilian Kolbe so longed to do, "every soul that breathes on the face of the earth."



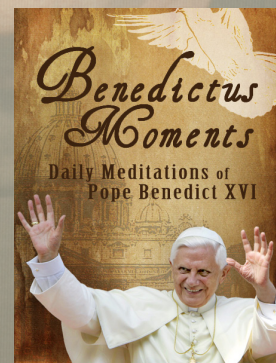
Here's how your donations can help us with production costs:

- HD camera: \$5,000
- Script writing: \$3,000
- Musical score: \$3,000
- Post production: \$3,000
- Steady-cam: \$1,800
- Green screen \$1,000
- Dolly system: \$1,000
- Crane: \$1,000
- Teleprompter: \$500
- Film lighting fixture: \$500

God bless you for your generosity to souls!

BENEDICTUS MOMENTS is currently being broadcast on all major Catholic radio networks, on the internet, and on mobile devices all over the world. All this is thanks to you who contributed to this production.

Listen everyday at [stlukeproductions.com](http://stlukeproductions.com)



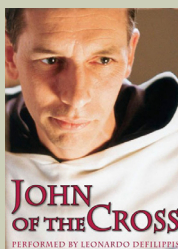
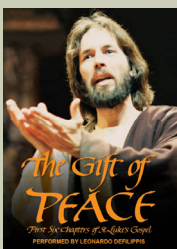
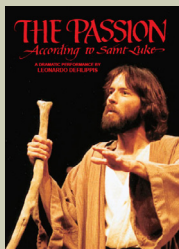
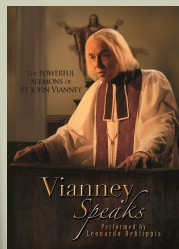
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# MAXIMILIAN 2012 Tour Dates



## 2012

**Sept. 11** -  
**Hamburg, NY**  
*SS. Peter &  
Paul Church*

**Sept. 12** - **Olean, NY**  
*St. John's Catholic Church*

**Sept. 13** - **Elma, NY**  
*Annun. of the Bl. Virgin Mary Church*

**Sept. 14** - **Auburn, NY**  
*Saint Mary's Church*

**Sept. 15** - **LeRoy, NY**  
*Our Lady of Mercy Church*

**Sept. 23** - **Mundelein, IL**  
*Mundelein Seminary/USML  
Auditorium*

**Sept. 24** - **Charleston, IL**  
*St. Charles Church*

**Sept. 25** - **Springfield, IL**  
*Christ the King Church*

**Sept. 26** - **Quincy, IL**  
*Blessed Sacrament Church*

**Sept 27** - **Jerseyville, IL**  
*St. Francis Xavier Church*

**Sept. 28** - **Wildwood, MO**  
*St. Alban Roe Catholic Church*

**Sept. 30** - **Florissant, MO**  
*St. Angela Merici Church*

**Oct. 3** - **Everett, WA**  
*St. Mary Magdalen Church*

**Oct. 4** - **Bremerton, WA**  
*Star of the Sea, Camerman Hall*

**Oct. 8** - **Sioux Falls, SD**  
*O'Gorman High School*

**Oct. 9** - **Sioux Falls, SD**  
*O'Gorman High School (Private)*

**Oct. 10** - **Kimball, SD**  
*St. Margaret Church*

**Oct. 13** - **Omaha, NE**  
*St. Cecilia Cathedral*

Spread the  
**WORD**  
**BRING OUR DRAMAS**  
to your area!

**Oct. 15** - **Aspen, CO**  
*St. Mary's Catholic Church*

**Oct. 16** - **Centennial, CO**  
*St. Thomas More Catholic Parish*

**Oct. 17** - **Fort Collins, CO**  
*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church*

**Oct. 18** - **Aurora, CO**  
*Queen of Peace Catholic Church*

**Oct. 19** - **Fort Carson, CO**  
*Soldiers' Memorial Chapel*

**Oct. 21** - **Colorado Spgs, CO**  
*Corpus Christi Catholic Church*

**Oct. 29** - **Houston, TX**  
*St. John Vianney Church*

**Nov. 2** - **Houston, TX**  
*Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart*

**Nov. 4** - **Houston, TX**  
*St. Maximilian Kolbe Church*

**Nov. 14** - **Wenatchee, WA**  
*St. Joseph Church*

**Nov. 15** - **Ellensburg, WA**  
*St. Andrew Catholic Church*

**Nov. 16** - **Richland, WA**  
*Christ the King Catholic Church*

**Nov. 18** - **Milwaukie, OR**  
*TBA*

**Dec. 2** - **Gervais, OR**  
*Sacred Heart Church*

## 2013

*We're planning tours in these areas.  
Contact us for more information!*

**January 21 - February 1 (MAX)**  
**Southern California**

**February 21 - March 1 (PASSION)**  
**Oregon & Washington**

**March 4 - 8 (PASSION)**  
**Illinois**

**March 11 - 15 (PASSION)**  
**Pennsylvania**

**March 18 - 27 (PASSION)**  
**Oregon & Washington**

**April 15 - 26 (MAX)**  
**Michigan & Ohio**

**May 13 - 24 (MAX)**  
**Southeast USA**

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for the most up-to-date information.

## SCHEDULING MAXIMILIAN AND THE PASSION FOR 2013 by Karissa Stone

It's certainly a busy time in the SLP office! Our fall schedule filled very quickly, and I expect the 2013 dates to do the same, so now is the time to secure your date! Will you help us bring MAXIMILIAN and THE PASSION all over the country?

You've heard testimonies from those who have seen our productions. Perhaps you've witnessed the impact that Leonardo's performance has had on your community. Now you've read how MAXIMILIAN is so crucial in our fight for religious liberty.

Step out in faith and schedule a performance in your area! We help you through the whole process and provide you with everything you need to make the performance a success, financially and spiritually.

I would love to work with you, so please contact me at 360-687-8029 or [livedramas@stlukeproductions.com](mailto:livedramas@stlukeproductions.com) for more information.

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UPCOMING TOUR PLANS IN PERSON

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STORY IN PERSON

# THE ATHEIST



questions about my own life, and I directed the conversation to the parallels between the state of affairs in Max's time and the spiritual hunger of our own era. Finally I asked him what led him to interview me. He was curious about who Maximilian Kolbe was, he said, since he had never heard of him, and, as a lover of history, was intrigued by his story. He reminded me again, however, that he was an atheist. I turned the focus of the interview back to the sacrifice that Maximilian made for a complete stranger, and I could tell he was drawn in, puzzled yet fascinated. As we parted I invited him to the performance.

When this young man showed up that night, and even brought his mother, I was very surprised. Oddly enough, he sat right in the second row, where the intimacy and intensity of the experience was the greatest. God's grace flowed that night as I prayed especially for this man. I could feel the spiritual presence of our Blessed Mother in the room.

After the show was over I had a chance to talk with him. I could tell he was deeply moved. When I asked him his impressions, he focused on my performance, but I brought him back to the story. Why was the drama so

impactful? He answered thoughtfully, "I think Maximilian's story resonates with people because we live in such an artificial and distracted society...and deep down people are desperate for something authentic and truly courageous. In our heart we all long to have courage and be a person that faces and conquers fear. It was tough to see him die the way he did, but what sacrifice!"

I was struck by his insight. My sense that night was that God can open the heart of anyone, if He is given the chance. I believe my newfound friend was touched by meeting such a holy soul as Saint Maximilian. May his life be changed, and may a spark be ignited in his soul to desire the beauty of the Truth, and spread this beauty through his work in the media.

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Recently, while I was on tour with MAXIMILIAN, a reporter interviewed me for the county newspaper. He was pleasant and upbeat, and introduced himself as an atheist, who had no real interest in religion. Immediately upon hearing this, I recalled the stories of Maximilian and the loving attention he would give to such a soul. I invoked his assistance and intercession, because he was well-known for his personal efforts to reach out to non-believers. He was constantly getting into friendly, if sometimes heated, discussions about the Faith, sharing with everyone he encountered the happiness and truth found in the practice of religion. The reporter asked me all the typical



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**O**ur garden is prolific this year. When I came home two days ago from visiting my parents in Texas with Lucy and Gabriella, our two youngest, the kitchen table was covered with tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, artichokes, eggplants, and of course zucchini. Not to mention everything still out there on the vine and in the ground. It was beautiful, but daunting, especially in the midst of all there was to do - unpacking from the trip, writing this newsletter, and getting the girls ready for a new school year. But we do want to eat the fruits of our labor this winter, so I dove into blanching and freezing six gallons of beans. Just as I zipped up the last bag, Leonardo walked in the door with another



giant bucket full of beans! Instead of feeling gratitude, my heart sank at the prospect of still more abundance.

Seems like an allegory for my life. Here I am surrounded by bounty, and still worrying about how I can get it all done, how it will all work out for our kids, for our work, for the world. Take a breath, Patti. Trust.

I can't possibly do all that needs to be done, but if twenty-nine years of marriage has taught me anything, it's that "God can do everything. And He willingly gives to the soul who is consecrated to Him." Those words of Maximilian Kolbe's echo in my mind and remind me to take one

thing at a time, and more importantly, to hand all these tasks, even the beans, to Him, so that He will give me the time and energy to accomplish all that He wants me to do. Prayer is what is sustaining my kids, and the world anyway, and if I can take a few minutes daily to commend all problems to Him, the results are amazing.

Thanks, Lord, for all this abundance of life everywhere I look. I place all the weight of the world in Your loving hands.



## MEET JOHN DEFILIPPIS



*John Defilippis is currently enjoying the adventure of touring with Leonardo, his father. He is taking a semester off from his pursuit of a Bachelor's*

*Degree in Art in order to serve God through ministry, and spend time in prayer and discernment.*

**How have you seen God at work through the MAXIMILIAN show?**

At each performance, I see people arriving with no idea what to expect, and leaving with the courage one receives from an encounter with Mary, the Immaculate Conception. At one performance, a woman came up to my dad telling him how troubled she was, and how moved she had been by the show. My dad told her,

"Don't worry; the Immaculata loves you very much," and she broke down in tears. This is a common story after the shows. The courage shown through the sacrifice of Saint Maximilian has given me the desire to become closer to the Mother of God.

**What was the strongest influence on your faith?**

The strongest influence on my faith has been the saints. They were so happy, while in our eyes they had nothing, sacrificing everything that one clings to. Their examples have made me reconsider my goal of winning the hearts of men and instead encouraged me to pursue what the saints possessed: God's love.

**What has been your favorite part of traveling with MAXIMILIAN so far?**

The people that help with the set up, the priests, and the community within each parish have such a fire in their hearts. Touring has shown me how many people are amazingly thoughtful and filled with a desire to be a part of the Church! Before every show

I always have several volunteers constantly asking me how they can help. I am struck by how pious and humble they are, just wanting to help. It deepens my understanding as to why I am doing this in the first place: to energize the people by showing them what God has in store for them, which energizes and renews my faith as well.

**What was it like to grow up in the family of traveling Catholic actors and filmmakers?**

This company has been a part of my whole life. My first memory is of the crew break room during the filming of the St. Maximilian Kolbe movie. Inside the room were all the normal refreshments you find on the set of a movie, but as a four year old, all I saw were cookies, fruit, candy and other snacks that I couldn't reach! I also remember staying in many convents and monasteries when my dad was making the John of the Cross film. All of my older siblings have helped my dad with the shows, and finally it's my turn. After so many years on the sidelines, I now get to become fully a part of it.







MAXIMILIAN  
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PRAISE FOR 'MAXIMILIAN'

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---MICHAEL O'BRIEN - AUTHOR

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---FORMER ARCHBISHOP RAYMOND BURKE

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*According to Saint Luke*  
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