

2015 5th Grade St. Max Timeline Notes

1	January 8, 1894	Raymond is born in Pabianice, Poland. He has an older (Francis) and a younger brother (Joseph). His parents (Maria and Jules) were weavers. Only his older brother got to go to school because they were so poor. He had two younger brothers that died as babies (Valentine and Anthony). Raymond enjoyed- inventions, outdoors (St. Francis), science experiments, armies/battleplans, cooking.
2	~1904	Raymond saw Mary at his church when he was about ten years old. He was asking Mary for help- "Mary, what will become of me?" Mary offered him two crowns- one white and one red. Raymond told his mom about seeing Mary. She found him crying in front of a picture of Our Lady Czestochowa.
3	~1905	Raymond impressed the pharmacist Mr. Kotowski with his perfect Latin. He offered to tutor Raymond and help him get ready for the school examinations. Raymond was able to go to school- very good at math and science. Kind, caring, smart, helpful, and friendly.
4	1907	Raymond and Francis attended a parish mission and told the priest Fr. Peregrine they wanted to be Franciscans. Raymond and Francis were able to attend Minor Seminary with the Franciscans in Lwow. (They had to sneak out of the country to do this)
5	1907	He was able to see a radio and ride on a train for the first time. He made good predictions about future inventions, including that man would land on the moon someday.
6	1910	Raymond had to decide between joining the Franciscans or becoming a soldier. His mother told him that his whole family was devoted to God. (Joseph came to the Franciscans and his parents left home and spent their lives in prayer.) 1911- Made his first vows as a Franciscan Brother- he was given the name Maximilian Nov. 1, 1914- Brother Max made his perpetual vows to be a Franciscan Brother.
7	1912	Brother Max was sent Rome, Italy because the priests could see that he had great potential. He was sent to Gregorian University. He showed great intelligence, but was also known for being very humble and helpful.

8	1914	<p>While playing soccer, Br. Max collapsed and coughed up blood. Brother Max had been very sick because of his tuberculosis, but had not complained, so no one knew. Doctors sent him to the hospital.</p> <p>In August 1920 he had a relapse- Max experienced a relapse of tuberculosis. It was so bad, that he was sent to a sanitarium. He was gone for a year and three months. He spent the time praying more, and he was very positive and didn't give up hope. He was even an inspiration to his doctor.</p>
9	1914	<p>WWI was raging in Europe. The Brothers prayed for the war to end. Max wanted to find a way to help.</p> <p>Brother Max's big plan about how to share Jesus, Mary, etc. with the world- Knights of the Immaculata. He got the idea when was sick and stuck in bed. He first invited Fr. Joseph and Br. Jerome to join him. They would be soldiers for Mary's Army.</p> <p>There were seven members of the Knights at first. The idea wasn't very popular with the other brothers. Max wanted to use media like movies, magazines, booklets, etc. to share the Gospel with people.</p>
10	April 29, 1918	<p>He was ordained a priest by the bishop.</p> <p>Had his first Mass the next day.</p>
11	1922	<p>Knights of the Immaculata published their first magazine. It was called The Knight of the Immaculata. No cover. They had no experience, no money, and no printing press.</p> <p>Fr. Max asked Mary's help to pay for a printing bill- and after Mass found an envelope with the exact amount of money near Mary's statue.</p>
12		<p>Fr. Cyman from America supported Fr. Max's idea and even sent him \$100 to help buy the press.</p> <p>Once they bought the press, the friars didn't want them at Cracow because there wasn't enough space, it would disrupt their schedule, and it would be too noisy- so they sent the Knights to an abandoned run down monastery in Grodno (on the other side of Poland.)</p>
13		<p>They had a printing press, but they had to run it by hand. They wanted a motor- Fr. Max asked Mr. Borowski (and prayed Hail Marys)- Mr. Borowski sold them the motor and installed it personally.</p> <p>Fr. Max asked Mr. Borowski to go pray in the church- but really, he was trying to get him to go to Confession. And he did!</p>
14	1926	<p>Fr. Max had another relapse and was in the hospital for 6 months. Fr. Max had a really hard time- felt like he was a burden, was afraid God had abandoned him...</p>
15	1920s and 1930s	<p>Fr. Max needed land to make more space. It was near Warsaw and was being sold by Prince Lubecki. Max put a statue of Mary on the land. He said he would let them have the land if they said Mass for his intentions. Max's superiors said No. Then prince just gave it to them anyways. Max named it "The City of the Immaculata" (Niepokalanow in Polish)</p>

16	1930	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Fr. Max and four brothers traveled to the Far East to share the Gospel there -Two of the brothers stayed in Shanghai China -Max and two of the Brothers stopped in Nagasaki, Japan -Max and the brothers learned the Japanese language (2000 characters) and started printing the magazine in Japanese -He had left his brother Joseph (Fr. Alphonse) in charge in Poland, but he died while Max was gone. -Fr. Max became ill again, and returned to Poland
17	1939	<p>Niepokalanow by 1939</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -500 Franciscans -own lumber mill, fire station, radio station -printed 1,000,000 copies of the magazine every month -while they worked, they prayed (very quiet) -chapel at center of town
18	1939	<p>Sept 1, 1939</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -WWII- Poland was invaded by Germany -Niepokalanow was attacked -Fr. Max had to send the Brothers away to safety, many didn't want to leave -about 450 left and 50 stayed to help (5 priests) -they all asked for Fr. Max to bless them as they left <p>Sept 19, 1939</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Max is arrested -sent to Amtitz Concentration Camp in Germany.
19	December 8, 1939	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Released from prison -went back to The City of the Immaculata and tried to rebuild -They welcomed refugees and hid hundreds of people from the Nazis
20	Feb. 17 1941	<p>Arrested- Sent to Auschwitz Concentration Camp</p> <p>Guard- Rosary- Do you believe?</p> <p>St. Max is beaten</p> <p>Treated harshly- carrying wood</p> <p>Gave away his food</p> <p>Heard Confessions and prayed with people</p>
21	July 1941	<p>Prisoner escaped, ten people chosen to die in their place. Max volunteers to die in the place of Francis Gajowniczek.</p> <p>Sent to starvation chamber.</p> <p>Singing and prayer were heard by the guards.</p>
22	August 14, 1941	<p>He is by killed lethal injection on</p>
23	1971 & 1982	<p>He was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1971</p> <p>canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1982</p> <p>His feast day is August 14th</p> <p>He is the Patron Saint of prisoners, journalists, the pro-life movement, drug addicts, and families</p> <p>St. John Paul II called him the "patron saint of our difficult century"</p>

