



A pilgrimage of the relics of St. Maximilian Kolbe will be stopping at Holy Cross March 4-6

A display of the relics of St. Maximilian Kolbe will be at Holy Cross as part of its pilgrimage to churches throughout the U.S., marking the 75th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

A Polish Conventual Franciscan friar, St. Maximilian demonstrated heroic charity by giving his life in place of a fellow prisoner - a man with a family - who was about to be executed at the World War II concentration camp in Auschwitz, Poland where both were held captive.

St. John Paul II declared St. Maximilian Kolbe the "patron saint of our difficult century" and a Martyr of Charity. He is the patron saint of prisoners, journalists, families, the pro-life movement and the chemically addicted. Read more about his life at Catholic Online [<http://www.catholic.org/saints/> ... then type in his name]

This pilgrimage is sponsored by the Franciscan Friars Conventual of the Our Lady of the Angels Province, in concert with Kolbean institutes and Franciscans worldwide.

Following are additional stops for this pilgrimage:

- Blessed Sacrament in Burlington (February 27-29)
- UNC at Chapel Hill (March 7-9)
- St. Julia at Siler City (Mar. 11-13)
- Our Lady of Mercy in Winston-Salem (March. 15-18).

Watch for details in our bulletin and our e-newsletter in the coming weeks about the display of the relics of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Holy Cross Church.