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### A Kiss on the Cheek

I would like to share a gift and or message from a very holy priest in the Hill Country. Last week, he was at the ordination of Bishop Cepeda from the archdiocese of San Antonio who was being transferred to the Detroit archdiocese. He is now the youngest Bishop in the United States. During the Mass he asked for Jesus to give him a message and not on any particular topic or person. What he saw when he elevated the host as his recollection to me was this:

He said that during this Mass, as he elevated the host, he saw Maximillian Kolbe in the most Blessed Sacrament with inmates at his feet. He felt that Saint Maximillian Kolbe was or should be one of the patron saints of prisoners. What he next saw was very humbling to say the least and that was that he saw my face over his shoulder. He said all he saw was my face and not my body. What he interpreted this to me was that our prison ministry was very important and also very fruitful. That God was using us in a special way and to completely trust in Jesus and our mission. What strength and hope this gives to all of us in our mission of service.

What also is so significant about Maximillian Kolbe is that this is the saint that we have named our evangelistic ministries after including our CD ministry as well as other evangelistic ministries that not only I have been involved in, but many others throughout the Hill Country. Another significant fact, was that at a prayer meeting several months ago, a very spiritual daughter of Christ had a vision during the Rosary of another individual in the Hill Country in which Saint Maximillian Kolbe was in his cloak or protection. He just happened to be leading an ACTS retreat the following week in which guess who was the patron saint, but St. Maximillian himself. Neither of these two holy people had any idea of the role in which Saint Maximillian had been involved in our evangelical ministries.

All of these mystical insights from very Holy people are confirming to me that our prison ministry is extremely important and that we are not alone! What a wonderful blessing it is to have these powerful saints at our side such as St. Maximillian Kolbe to lead us on.

God Bless!!