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Live Drama Highlights the Ultimate Sacrifice for Religious Freedom

EVENT: *Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz*, the professional live production that tells the dramatic story of one man who stood up to the evil forces of Nazism, holds a powerfully relevant message for our culture, at a time when religious freedom and moral values are under serious attack. This one-man drama stars well-known actor Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions.

DETAILS: Thursday, October 24 @ 7:00 p.m., St. Hyacinth Church in LaSalle. Admission will be a free-will offering. Sponsored by the LaSalle Catholic Parishes and the Sheen Endowment.

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION: *Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz* is a riveting production, featuring the polished skills of a talented actor who switches characters with a speed and believability that amazes audiences. The drama, which is being performed across the country, includes technological artistry in the form of a majestic orchestral soundtrack, theatrical lighting, and a video backdrop that sets the story in a historical yet relevant context.

Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz is an inspiring dramatic portrayal not to be missed. The production runs ninety minutes, and is suitable for ages 10 and up.

ABOUT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE: The drama poignantly illustrates the life of Polish Catholic priest Maximilian Kolbe, whose courage in the face of attacks against his faith led to his imprisonment in the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. He was forced into slave labor, tortured and finally came forward to take the place of a married man, who was condemned to death by starvation. Forty-one years after the heroic act of sacrificing his life for another, he was canonized by Pope John Paul II who called him “the saint of our difficult age.”

ABOUT THE ACTOR: As founder and president of Saint Luke Productions, Leonardo Defilippis has for 33 years produced numerous one-man and one-woman plays on the lives of the saints and the Gospels, and has created feature films, television and radio/internet programming. The company’s popular live production *Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy*, is also currently touring the country. “We live in an exciting, challenging time, and we need heroes to show us the way we should live in an increasingly secular world,” said Defilippis. For more information about Saint Luke Productions, visit www.stlukeproductions.com.

INTERVIEW CONTACT: Leonardo Defilippis, actor, president and founder of Saint Luke Productions, is available for interviews by appointment and by phone. Contact Janice Gonzalez, Media Relations for Saint Luke Productions, 360-487-9979, pr@stlukeproductions.com.

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St. Hyacinth Church

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