

Benefits of Membership

- ◆ **Help save souls!** Scripture says converting a soul or returning a fallen-away Catholic back to the faith will cover a multitude of sins and save your own soul as well.
- ◆ **Fulfil your Catholic duty.** Canon Law obliges all Catholics to be apostolic. *“Since all lay people are assigned to the apostolate by baptism and confirmation, they are bound by the general obligation to strive so that the divine message of salvation may be known and accepted by all”* (Canon 225). Our Lord Himself tells us: *“Going therefore, teach ye all nations; baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”* (Matt 28).
- ◆ **Learn your faith.** Spiritual formation of members is based on the Legion handbook, Legion prayers, spiritual reading and discussion, and the talk by the Spiritual Director. The Meeting and the life of legionaries is imbued with Catholic doctrine, particularly that of the Mystical Body of Christ.
- ◆ **Grow closer to the hearts of Jesus and Mary.** Enrich your prayer life and relationship with Our Lord and his Mother through increased devotion, zeal, and by becoming a docile instrument in the sanctifying work of the Holy Ghost.
- ◆ **A well prepared Judgement.** What a great blessing it would be to hear Jesus say to us, *“Come, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for when I was sick in a nursing home you visited me. When I was in prison, you came to see me. When I was hungry for the Truth you brought me back to the Church. When I was thirsty for love, you came and comforted me.”*



You are warmly invited to come and see what the Legion life can offer you at the following locations:

Our Lady of Lourdes, Oxley
1113 Oxley Rd, Oxley QLD

Adult Preasidia:

- ◆ Our Lady of Sorrows - Tuesday 6:40pm
- ◆ Our Lady of Good Success - Sunday 8:30am
- ◆ Our Lady Queen of Martyrs - Sunday 8:30am

Young Adult Preasidium (age 13-17 years)

- ◆ Notre Dame du Lau - Sunday 8:30am

Junior Preasidium (age 8-12 years)

- ◆ Morning Star - Sunday 8:30am

Corpus Christi, Tynong

15 Granite Lane, Tynong VIC

Adult Preasidium:

- ◆ Our Lady Queen of the Rosary - Monday 6:30pm

Are you Acquainted with the Legion of Mary



“I am all thine, my Queen, my Mother, and all that I have is thine”

The greatest movement of the lay apostolate in history

Mission of the Legion

The Legion of Mary is a band of Catholics, who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, have formed themselves into a Legion for service in that perpetual struggle to save souls: our own, and those of our brothers and sisters in the world.

Objectives of the Legion

The object of the Legion is the sanctification of its members by prayer and active co-operation, under ecclesiastical guidance, in Mary's and the Church's work of crushing the head of the serpent and advancing the reign of Christ.

Spirit of the Legion

The Legion of Mary is nothing other than Catholic Action founded on Mary. The secret of the Legionary apostolate is recognising from the very outset the role and influence of Mary in the dual work of personal sanctification and the apostolate, then submitting oneself fully to this maternal influence, through intimate union with the Mediatrix of all grace and thus becoming an instrument of conquest in her hands.

Short History

The Legion of Mary was born in the back room of a house in a poor neighbourhood of Dublin on the eve of Our Lady's Nativity, September 7, 1921. A priest, a layman, and fifteen women gathered around a table with a statue of Our Lady of Grace, two candles and two vases of flowers. Frank Duff, the layman and St. Vincent de Paul member suggested the group form a little association to perform spiritual works of mercy. They would start by visiting the sick in a large Dublin hospital.

Membership

Active

Active members meet weekly to pray the Rosary, plan and discuss pertinent good works and receive spiritual formation. They then undertake two hours of active work in union with Our Lady as decided at the meeting.

Legionary duty requires from each Legionary:

1. Punctual and regular attendance at meetings;
2. Daily recitation of the Catena;
3. Performance of allocated work, in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary;
4. Preserve the confidentiality of information discussed at meetings or learned in connection with Legionary work.

Auxiliary

Auxiliary members pray the Rosary and the prayers of the Legion (the Tessera) for the intentions of Our Lady and to support the efforts of active members without which they would soon come to nought. They are not required to attend any meetings.

Who Can Join?

Any Catholic over 18 who is

1. Faithfully practicing the Catholic faith;
2. Animated by the desire to participate in the Church's apostolate;
3. Willing to fulfil the required duties.

Junior branches for those under 18 are also available.

How Do I Join?

You can begin by visiting a Legion Meeting as a guest and observe its workings from the inside. If you wish, you can also perform a work assignment. Membership does not require great talents or intelligence or confidence in your abilities; only the willingness to sacrifice a little time and effort for the greatest reason of all: the love of God.

Types of Active Works

Works focus primarily on Spiritual Works of Mercy while being at the complete disposal of the parish priest for any and every form of social service and Catholic action in the salvation of souls. Works are performed in pairs. Examples include:

- ◆ Visitations to the sick, elderly and dejected
- ◆ Visitations to parishioners (current or not)
- ◆ Propagation of Catholic literature
- ◆ Door-knocking
- ◆ Distribution of sacramentals, in particular, miraculous medals, scapulars, and rosary beads
- ◆ Organising public professions of faith
- ◆ Establishing friendly contact with non-Catholics
- ◆ Teaching catechism to children and adults
- ◆ Running groups and activities for the youth
- ◆ Transporting the sick or elderly to Mass
- ◆ Fostering devotions within the parish including:
 - ◇ St. Louis de Montfort's True Devotion
 - ◇ Enthronement of the Sacred Heart
 - ◇ Promotion of Confraternities, Sodalties and Third Orders

Typical Meeting Format

Legionaries meet weekly for approximately an hour. The format is as follows:

1. Prayer to the Holy Ghost
2. Five decades of the Rosary
3. Spiritual reading (5 mins)
4. Minutes of the previous meeting read
5. Treasurer's Statement
6. Reports of the members
7. Handbook discussion
8. Recitation of the Catena (prayers of the Legion)
9. Allocutio (short talk by the Spiritual Director)
10. Allocation of works and secret bag collection
11. Concluding prayers