



LEGION OF MARY  
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### August 15th Feast of the Assumption

First, in discussing the assumption, the *Catechism* affirms that Mary did not suffer from original sin but was conceived full of grace. According to this doctrine, known as the Immaculate Conception, God's supernatural life dwelt in Mary from the very beginning of her existence.

It is important to emphasize that from a Catholic perspective, the Immaculate Conception is not simply about Mary. This doctrine, which has its roots in early Christianity, ultimately is about the mystery of Jesus Christ. God became man in Mary's womb. Since Jesus truly is the all-holy God, the Second Person of the Trinity, Catholics we believe he is worthy to dwell in a pure vessel, a holy temple. Thus, it is fitting that God would prepare Mary as an immaculate dwelling place, full of grace and not stained by sin, for the God-man.

The annunciation in Luke's Gospel. The angel Gabriel greets Mary, "Hail, full of grace." The Greek word in Luke's Gospel for "full of grace" (Luke 1:28) is in a perfect passive participle form, which would indicate that Mary already has been filled with God's saving grace, even before Jesus was conceived in her womb. As we will see, the Immaculate Conception will serve as a basis for understanding Mary's assumption.

She perseveres in faith throughout her life. She gathers with the apostles for prayer even after her son's ascension (see Acts 1:14). Thus, the New Testament presents a clear portrait of Mary as the first and preeminent disciple of Christ, who hears the word of God and keeps it in her heart.

Allocutio by Fr. Victor Perez SD

Spiritual Reading p. 205-206 Cha. 33 section 13a

In the Legionary life we are to be people of prayer and we are to be striving to be saints. God has given to us a great way of serving Him in the Legion to bring people closer to Him, to minister to Christ and those who suffer, to evangelize and show compassion, Mary's compassion to Her children. But we also need to receive. We need to allow the Lord to minister to us. Therefore, we need to recite the prayers of the Tesseria and the Rosary every day, and we need our own prayer time, mental prayer is so important. In this way we will be like Mary who pondered these things and kept them in Her heart meditating upon them. We need to read the Scriptures, as well and Frank Duff encourages reading the New Testament. We need to read the Scriptures and mediate on them a little at a time. It's not a race to see how much you can read, it's about treasuring each word, like what is God telling me and talking to the Lord about it. Also, it's important to read good spiritual books that bring us into contact with God and not just books about Catholic themes, but real spirituality. For example, we can read books by Father Gabriel Amorth and spiritual classic like *Introduction to Devout Life*, *St. Teresa of Avila*, *Soul of the Apostolate*, and *I Believe in Love*. That is the good thing about a Legionary for Mary. You are encouraged and free to read spiritual classics and we are invited to have the best of what the Catholic

Church offers us as long as it is Catholic. The Scapular is encouraged. Frank Duff says do not neglect the use of the scapulars, medals and badges approved by the Church. The brown scapular is the livery or habit of Mary. Some interpret literally the text that if you die wearing this habit, your soul will not be lost. Saint Paul de Colombier said one may lose one's scapular but one who wears it at the hour of death will be saved. So, Frank Duff has a deep faith in the brown scapular which is cool! Sacramentals have power, they are good for us, and they are more popular than ever right now! Prayer should be a dialogue, a friend to a friend as a relationship with God. Mary helps bring us closer to Her Son. We need this direct contact with the Lord, heart to heart. We can do this also by using our imagination, putting ourselves with Jesus in the Scriptures. For instance, in the boat, if that's the passage, feeling the waves, the smells, seeing the Apostles talking with Jesus. Also, sometimes, we will read the Scriptures slowly and a word will jump out at you. That's called **Lectio Divina** (a monastic practice intended to promote communion with God, does not treat scripture as text to be studied, but as the living word). This Friday we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and we ask for Her prayers. The Carmelites were the first religious order that was just devoted to Mary. The brown scapular is a powerful thing like the Consecration to Jesus through Mary. We remember the great Saints and their devotion and prayers to Mary like Saint Teresa of Avila and Saint John of the Cross. What Saint Teresa of Avila teaches us is that we should not go past Jesus to get to God the Father or to pray like you do not need Jesus anymore. (Continue next page.)

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She says that Christ is the Way to the Father. So never think meditating on Christ's humanity is authentic prayer. God gives us the gift of contemplation, of meditation. Sometimes it means just resting in God which is a gift that God gives us. Prayer, mortification, and the sacraments are the three pillars for a Christian life, and they are interconnected. Which is the best for you? Probably the scarcements! The more you pray the more you will appreciate the sacraments, the more you will want to mortify yourself. The Legion enables us to immerse ourselves in Catholic tradition and prayer life and reading about the Saints. The more we have contact with the Saints, the more we will imitate their virtues. The Legion gives us a way to make our faith comes alive by serving, because we know that faith without works is dead. So, anybody can serve but the Legion says, "come and see, we will show you how to do it". How blessed we are to have a good way to serve the Lord so that our faith continues to grow through our prayer life.



Venerable Edel Quinn from book by Leon-Joseph Suenns page 4

The big day of peaceful and happy childhood was that of her First Communion. She made it in Cahir on June 1st, 1916, the feast of the Ascension. We know nothing about that first meeting between Edel and the God of the Eucharist; we know only that it left an indelible mark. At every stage of her life, witnesses remark on her craving for Communion. Devotion to Mass and Holy Communion was her special mark. From the first contact, her faith went to the heart of the Sacrament. Later she would perform feats of mortification and effort in order not to miss Mass.

### Quarterly Reports ~ Distant Councils

**Curia Central Hispana Inmaculado Corazon de Maria (Austin, Texas) ~ Comitium Quarterly Report**

Curia & Praesidium, Comitium officers are making phone calls to all Curiae & Praesidia to encourage to meet via Zoom or conference calls if not meeting in person. Radio Encuentro recruit couples to pray the Rosary through radio Encuentro (Spanish) The Austin Comitium officers meeting with Morning Star Curia May 15th, 2021 at St. Paul Chong Hasang in Harker Heights, TX Austin Comitium began meeting in person June 13th (St. Albert the Great Church) Austin, TX  
 Queen of Peace at Sacred Heart Austin, TX  
 Southern Curia ~ Gate of Heaven Dripping Springs, TX  
 Morning Star Curia Killeen, TX.  
 Queen of Apostles at St. Theresa Austin, TX  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary at St. Paul Austin, TX  
 Queen Assumed into Heaven at St. Ignatius Austin, TX  
 Nuestra Senora del Rosario at St. Elizabeth Pflugerville, TX  
 Congratulation to New Austin Comitium Secretary Jennifer Bonanza

**Our Lady of Unity Curia (Beaumont, Texas) ~ Quarterly Report**

Currently meeting in person, Happy 41st Anniversary to Fr. Paul Sumler keep him in your prayers currently is ill.

Congratulations to Curia 1st term Vice President Br. Wesley Strickland

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church (Vidor, TX) 5 attached praesidia**

New praesidium have started up at Infant Jesus Church.

Congratulations to 2nd term President of Our Lady of Lourdes

Br. Mike Dearing

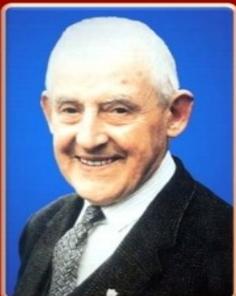
Praesidium Our Lady of all Hearts at St. Henry Church. Due to pandemic Legion work are limited, not able to visit nursing homes or hospitals.

Distribute Holy Communion to the homebound. Reached out to auxiliaries members to check if materials are needed. One member now certified volunteer Chaplain assistant has returned to maximum security prison to conduct Holy Communion services with the catholic. Distributed 372 literature, 186 rosaries, 6 brown scapulars and 87 Miraculous Medals.

Curia continue to promote the 3 causes:

Frank Duff, Edel Quinn & Alfie Lambe.

Also promotes the Maria Legionis Magazine.



Frank Duff, Servant of God, pray for us...

Alfie Lambe, Servant of God, pray for us...

Venerable Edel Quinn, pray for us...

### Quarterly Reports ~ Local Councils

**Southwest Curia, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart ~ Quarterly Report** Southwest Curia continues with 18 Praesidia meeting virtually via Zoom. Notre Dame Church held 1st in person meeting on June 27, 2021. Two more praesidia has begun meeting in person.

**Our Lady of Good Remedy Praesidium** (Corpus Christi Church) 11 active members, 12 auxiliary members. During the pandemic, one taught CCE via zoom, Miraculous Medals were distributed, evangelized with parishioners in public, visited the sick, distributed rosaries, literature, praying the rosary at funerals.

**Queen of the Apostles Praesidium** (St. Mark the Evangelist Church) 10 active Members, 71 auxiliary members. Before the pandemic, hosted All Night Vigil, currently done virtually, Pilgrim Virgin Statue, visit nursing homes, home bound, praying the rosary at funerals, distributed 75 rosaries, Miraculous Medals and various literatures. Celebrated Mass for deceased Legionaries in November. A member attended May crowning 2021, several members attending the Senatus Acies at St. Joseph March 20, 2021 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Praesidium (St. Albert of Trapani Church) meeting via conference calls. Two members began to meet in person.

**Northeast Curia ~ Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ Quarterly Report** 6 attached Praesidium and 2 Jr. praesidia. Congratulation to new treasurer Juanita Unate.

O Mary Conceived Without Sin Praesidium (St. Martin de Porres Church) 8 active members began in person meeting Jun 17, 2021 First Communion child received rosaries and scapulars. Also distribute Miraculous Medals and literature to families and parishioners.

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Praesidium** (St. Andrew Church, Channelview) 9 active members and 1 probation member began in person meeting May 2021

Congratulation to new president Ben Lintag

**Mary, Queen of Peace Praesidium** (St. John Church, Baytown) 6 active members. Has been meeting in person since October 2020. Resumed visits to the homebound and nursing homes to distribute Holy Communion.

**Mary, Mother of Priests Praesidium** (St. Joseph Church, Baytown) 6 active members. Distribute Holy Communion to the homebound when requested, visit nursing when allowed.

**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Praesidium** (St. Dominic Church) 6 active members. No update

**Mary, Help of Christians Praesidium** (St. Andrew Church, Channelview) 2 active members, 28 auxiliary members. Began meeting in person June 8th Distribute Holy Communion to the homebound, Pilgrim Virgin Statue, Distribute rosary and literature.

**Two Jr. Praesidia**, will restart to active status soon.



### Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort's 33 Days Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary

Start of 33 Day Plan	Marian Feast You've Chosen	Feast / Consecration Day
August 6	Birth of Mary	September 8
August 10	The Most Holy Name of Mary	September 12
August 13	Our Lady of Sorrow	September 15
August 22	Our Lady of Walsingham, England	September 24

#### Who was Alphonsus Lambe?

When the wife of farmer Lambe who lived near the town of Tullamore gave birth to her eighth child on June 24th, 1932, there was nothing to predict a great future for the boy. The family was respected by all who knew them, but these acquaintances were not numerous. In the home reigned that atmosphere of genuine Christian devotion which is still frequently found in Ireland. It is a devotion which as nothing sugary or exalted; it simply know how to accept the Will of God humbly and quietly, whatever it may be. When little Alfie, who was pale and delicate but a very clever child, was able to read, his brothers would tease him because from an early age he preferred religious books. But he was by no means a kill-joy. His comrades always found him ready for fun. He loved the days when his father took him rabbit hunting. Accompanied by his dog who was more faithful and intelligent than highly bred, Alfie would then roam through the fields of the Tullamore countryside. When little Alfie, who was pale and delicate but a very clever child, was able to read, his brothers would tease him because from an early age he preferred religious books.

**Taken from the book Alfie Lambe Envoy Extraordinaire By Hilde Firtel**



# Mater Ecclesiae Senatus of Houston



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## Mass of Thanksgiving for the Legion of Mary Centenary

**Date: Saturday September 11, 2021**

**Time: 2:00 P M**

**Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Church**

**Celebrant: Cardinal Daniel DiNardo**

**Concelebrant: Rev. Victor Perez SD**

**1111 St. Joseph Hwy Houston, TX  
77002**

RSVP: Victoria Jacobs, Senatus Vice-President

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In thanksgiving for the abundant graces received through Legion Membership, there will be a **33 Day Preparation for True Devotion to Mary Consecration** beginning on 5th August 2021 and finishing on 7th September 2021 with the Consecration on the 8th September which is the Feast of Our Lady's Nativity. During the 33 days, daily TDM reflections and prayers will be led by Dublin Legionaries on

**Zoom ~ Mary's Channel of Grace  
Meeting ID 81140833503, Pass Code 876433  
at 20:00 Hours GMT**

If Legionaries wish to renew the True Devotion to Mary  
All are Welcome!



**1,080 PPC packets were made! Six bins filled Thank you!**

Bruce (Co-Cathedral P. President), Katherine, Carolina Pena, Charlene and Holly M. (Co-Cathedral members) Brenda Powell (NW Curia Secretary) Mary Helen Juarez (Resurrection P.) and Connie (VP, St. Leo the Great Church)



After July's Senatus Meeting, Fr. Victor held ceremony Invested Brown Scapulars.



# Thank you!

## DONATIONS to Houston Senatus

Ending 6/30/2021

*Thank you for your generous donations, a portion of these donations are sent to the Concilium for works all over the World.*

**Local Praesidia:** Mary Queen of All Hearts,  
Mary Queen of All Nations  
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

**Local Councils:** Bay Area Curia  
Southwest Curia  
Northeast Curia

**Distant Councils:** Beaumont Curia  
Arlington Vietnamese Curia

**Please send donations to: Houston Senatus Legion  
of Mary**

**PO Box 1181 Houston, Texas 77251**

Regarding updated pandemic protocols, our Diocese Daniel Cardinal DiNardo announced beginning with the celebration of the Vigil Mass of Pentecost on the evening of Saturday, May 22, 2021 social distancing no longer needs to be maintained during liturgical celebrations. Parish churches and chapels may be filled to 100% of the building's occupancy load. Masks will not be required, but they are encouraged. Beginning June 13, 2021 Senatus meeting, we will be set chairs 3ft apart instead of 6ft and mask are encouraged.



### ALL NIGHT VIGILS

Friday Sept. 3 ~ Saturday Sept. 4, 2021

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Lead by Juliette Carroll ~ Southwest Curia

Via Zoom meeting ID# **353 602 3013**

Passcode: AVE MARIA

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(Houston)

Begins at 10PM

Prayer Vigilantes let us meet again on zoom, Friday and be united in our prayers, the world badly needed in our present time. Praying for our country, for our church, Community, and for our family. Many ask and are relying on our prayers. Let us continue to persevere in prayers and in faith. Pray with Jesus, let us meet at the foot of the cross. All to Jesus thru Mary.

### NEXT SENATUS MEETING:

**Sunday September 5, 2021 @ 3:30 PM**

#### Praesidia Annual Reports:

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Praesidium

**Local Council:** Korean Curia, Northwest Curia,  
Vietnamese Curia

**Distant Council:** Albuquerque Comitium, Amarillo Curia  
Rio Grande Valley Comitium,  
San Antonio Comitium, Tyler Comitium

August 9th,

*Quote by Frank Duff*

“When we serve, We rule;

When we give, We have;

When we surrender ourselves, We are victors.”



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# How to Prepare for Our 100th Anniversary:

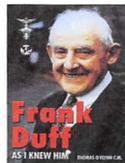
## A Checklist for Legionaries

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This year, the Legion of Mary is celebrating the 100th year anniversary of its first meeting in Myra House, Francis Street, Dublin, Ireland. On 7 September, 1921. the group was comprised of a priest, Father Michael Toher; some fifteen women, and Frank Duff. In preparation for this historic event, we would like to offer some suggestions to help make this event memorable and blessed.

1 Study the charism of our founder: When religious orders have a special anniversary, it is customary for them to reflect on the spirituality and vision of their founder. As lay legionaries, we can learn more

about our founder, Br. Frank Duff, during this centenary year by reading some of these treasures available for purchase:



**Frank Duff As I Knew Him** by Thomas O'Flynn CM: An informative and personal biography of our founder.



**A Man for Our Times** by Hilde Firtel: A biography of Frank Duff written by a close personal friend. Hilde Firtel was a pioneer of the Legion in Germany.

Legion in Germany.

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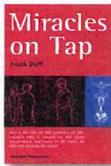
**Mary Shall Reign** by Frank Duff: This treasure contains original articles by our founder.

2 Learn more about the early days of the Legion of Mary: Every legionary should know the inspiring stories of our beginnings. These suggested books are essential for every good Legion library:



**Frank Duff In His Own Words** – the Dublin Interviews: This book contains transcripts of interviews

with Frank Duff about his life and the development of the Legion. The interviews were done by a team of legionaries from the United States, led by Msgr. Charles Moss in 1979, the year before Frank Duff died. This book is a MUST HAVE for every legionary!



**Miracles on Tap, the Legion Story:** The exciting and inspirational story of the early days of the Legion and the miracles that resulted

from the faith of the founding members. It reads like a novel but every word is true!

3 Delve deeper into the Legion Handbook: The best legionaries are those who know and live the principles described in our handbook. We are blessed to have two wonderful companions to the handbook written by priests with many years of Legion experience:



**Insights of a Legion of Mary Priest** by Fr. Francis Lendacky: Fr. Lendacky joined the Legion as

a seminarian in 1960 and remained active until his death in 2016. He was spiritual director of the Philadelphia Senatus for many years. In this book Father provides a comprehensive study of the handbook and expands on all of its important points. A great source for material when preparing to lead a handbook discussion or give an allocutio!



**Inside the Legion of Mary** by Fr. Fran Peffley, the spiritual director of the Arlington Regia and longtime Legionary since the age of ten. This book provides many practical ideas for members.

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### Begin the 33-Day Preparation for Consecration

Begins the 33-day period of consecration. St. Louis-Marie breaks these days into sections of days, each section having its own prayers, and each particular day having its own brief readings with which to fill the mind for that day (the readings come from Sacred Scripture, "The Imitation of Christ," and "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary"). Don't just read the readings, internalize them; don't let your lips just mouth the prayers, truly pray them.

First comes a 12-day preparation period that consists of emptying oneself of the spirit of the world in penance and mortification. For those 12 days, we pray the Veni Creator, the Ave Maris Stella, the Magnificat, and the Glory Be. Then follow 3 weeks, each week having a specific focus.

The first week focuses on offering up our prayers and devotions for the purpose of coming to understand ourselves and our sins; humility is the key, and the prayers the Litany of the Holy Ghost, the Litany of Loreto, and the Ave Maris Stella help us.

During the second week, we ask the Holy Ghost to help us better understand the Blessed Virgin; we pray the Litany of the Holy Ghost, the Litany of Loreto, the Ave Maris Stellis, the prayer to Mary by St. Louis-Marie, and 5 decades of the Holy Rosary each day for assistance.

During the third week, we seek to better understand Christ through meditation and the Litany of the Holy Ghost, the Ave Maris Stella, and the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus, Montfort's prayer to Jesus, and the prayer O Jesus Living in Mary.