

WHO MAY JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY?

All practicing Catholics, men and women married or single.

Who wish to play their full part as lay members of the Church.

And who are prepared to follow the Legion system.

For membership of an adult group the candidate must be over 18 years of age.

Those under 18 may join Junior or Intermediate groups.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

If for some reason you cannot become a full Active Member you may become an Auxiliary Member. As an Auxiliary Member you will support the work of the Legion by your prayers. You will undertake to say daily the prayers contained in the Legion prayer-leaflet. These include the Rosary. If you already say the Rosary every day there will be no obligation to say a second Rosary. You could help the Legion greatly by becoming an Auxiliary Member.

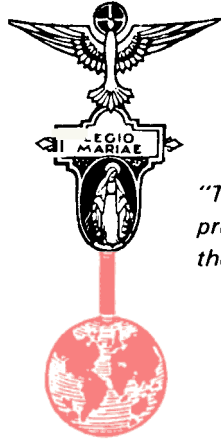
AS A LEGIONARY you will be expected –

To attend a local group meeting each week.

To spend at least two hours on active work each week.

To say a short prayer each day.

You may in your generosity do more. Indeed many Legionaries do.



"The Legion of Mary presents the true face of the Catholic Church."

POPE JOHN XXIII

HOW TO JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY

You join a local group called a Praesidium.

You are taken on probation for at least three months.

During that time you sample the Legion system and take part in Legion works.

At the end of the probation period you can decide whether or not you wish to take on full membership.

Additional information may be obtained by writing to:

THE LEGION OF MARY
BOSTON REGIONAL SENATUS
27 Isabella Sreet
Boston, Massachusetts, 02116

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DO YOU REALIZE

- * That Hunger is one of the world's greatest problems today.
- * That spiritual starvation is more widespread and more serious than physical hunger.
- * That it afflicts even the richest countries and that you will find it on your own doorstep.

† That you who have faith have something very precious to share.

† That working for others can give a new meaning to your life.

† That Christ expects you to play your part in His work.

THE LEGION OF MARY WILL HELP YOU

To see Christ in others and to serve Him there.

To develop a closer relationship with Christ yourself.

To work hand in hand with Mary our Queen and Mother.

To submit yourself to the Holy Spirit as an instrument in His work.

With the help of the Holy Spirit to do great things for God and for the salvation of souls.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO . . .

Follow the Holy Father's exhortation to evangelize the unchurched by visiting door-to-door in the parish and extending an invitation to become acquainted with the Catholic Church?

Provide catechetical instructions in the home.

Welcome new parishioners to the parish.

Visit homes to encourage Sunday Mass attendance, enrollment of children in CCD if not attending Catholic school.

Visit the sick and elderly in their homes, hospitals or institutions; visit prisoners in jails.

Promote religious devotions in homes, especially the rosary; acquaint parishioners with various parish activities, such as adult education programs.

These and many others are the opportunities that can be yours as an Active Member of the Legion of Mary.

The only good work that is excluded is the giving of material help. Several other organizations provide that type of assistance.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY

Christ has no hands but your hands to do His work today.

He has no feet but your feet to lead men in His way.

He has no tongue but your tongue to tell men how He died.

He has no help but your help to bring men to His side.

Christ needs you today to do His works of mercy.

If you fail to do your part, part of His work will remain undone.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Let thy power overshadow me, and come into my soul with fire and love.

And make it one with Mary's love and Mary's will to save the world:

So that Christ my Lord will grow in me through Thee:

So that I with her, His Mother, may bring Him to the world and to the souls who need Him;

So that they and I, the battle won, may reign with her forever in the glory of the Blessed Trinity.

(From the Legionary Promise)

THE VATICAN COUNCIL says . . .

"All Christians are responsible for making the message of Christ known and accepted throughout the world."

"Those who fail to help the growth of the Church are of no benefit either to themselves or to the Church."

That's worth thinking over.