



Legion of Mary
SENATUS OF LOS ANGELES
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Newsnotes

IMPORTANT

We wish to inform our councils that it has always been strictly forbidden by the Concilium to reproduce copies of the actual council minutes and then send these copies to other councils, except the higher council to which they are attached and the correspondent. We wish to stress that the Newsnotes are an extract of our actual minutes and would contain a brief summary of few items that would be of proper interest to our lower councils and praesidia. If you have important events or news that you would like to share, please send it to the Senatus Board.

Dear Sisters and Brothers.

May these Newsnotes of the Senatus of Los Angeles find you all doing well. The 787th meeting of the Senatus of Los Angeles was held on April 16, Thursday, in the School Parish Hall of Christ the King Catholic Church.

Concilium Letter (Message from Sr. Patricia O' Donaghue)

Sr. Patricia noticed that the attendance of the officers of the praesidia attached (who are the governing body) is low, often less than 50%. Being an officer is such a privilege and also a responsibility. I know it can be the same here and it is a struggle to try to get legionaries to realize their duty. Maybe we can help each other with ideas of how to address this situation. I do think that when a person's name is put forward for officership, then they should be met and it should be explained to them that coming to the Council meeting is the first duty. I look forward to your comments and suggestions. We need to help each other in this. Thank you.

She was delighted to read that you are having the audit done and look forward to getting a copy to share with Concilium. They do this checking of audits usually in September when the visitors to Concilium from other countries is less and they have more time. I assume that you are also asking all your councils to do an audit each year? Praesidia do it with the annual report. Thank you also for your contribution to Concilium. Know that this money is spent well for the whole world. Every month they are requests for help from poorer countries for just necessities, like tesserae, handbooks, items for the altar.

Feedback on the Annual Reports (quoted from Sr. Patricia's letter)

Immaculate Heart of Mary. It was great to read that you have 10 members. It would be so wonderful if every praesidium had this many and more to spread the Good News. Could more members be allocated to home to home or street work? At least 2 every week and of course you are doing CCD/RCIA which I

guess takes up 4 or more members. It is indeed wonderful news that you will restart the Juniors. Make plans for that this summer and get going in September maybe?

Tucson Comitium. You have 11 praesidia but how many members? You mention needing more and also officers, so I guess you are short of both. Could you manage to organize a few Columban Drives over the summer? Again, could all praesidia endeavor to do home to home or street work. If on the street and elderly bring a folding chair and sit with a big notice “come and leave your prayer petitions” and a box. One legionary could sit while the other invite people to stop. Medals could be given in this way also. Put it down as First work, then the homeless and then those in nursing homes.

San Gabriel Valley English Curia. You have only 4 praesidia, this is very small, could you amalgamate with another Curia? I don't know the geography, but it is hard to have a meeting with the potential of 16 people and it seems you only get 59% and even the Curia officers are not attending. Do pray to the Blessed Mother and Frank Duff for this intention. Could the Senatus help with Columban drives? I see a visit is planned and hopefully you will be able to help and give them the encouragement and hope that they need at present. Remember that every member is responsible for promoting legion membership. Maybe have a special leaflet or a little card with details on it to give to the people you come into contact with. Everyone is welcome and Our Lady will cull those not called to this.

As she sees the visitation is mainly done by other legionaries, she was wondering how do you get a report from these visitors? Do you fill out a form and get some feedback as well? Again, this is a learning curve for us all. Thank you.

She prays for Orange County and San Bernardino and she hopes that you will be visiting or at least talking to these councils this coming month with an interpreter so that all can be heard. Our Lady Queen of Angels, send your Angels now to these places to help.

She looks forward to seeing this Lovely name on the minutes going forward. What an apt name for Los Angeles.

Allocutio by Fr. Joseph Dass

After Pentecost, Peter and the Apostles filled with the power of the Holy Spirit began proclaiming the Word of God, bearing witness to the glorious Resurrection of Jesus. Naturally they met with opposition, especially with the Sanhedrin, the highest governing body at that time. Peter and the Apostles were arrested once earlier.

Today's reading taken from the 5th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles speaks of the 2nd arrest of Peter and the Apostles. The Sanhedrin ordered that the Apostles be locked up and locked up they were. But when the officers arrived they did not find Peter and the Apostles in the prison. They found the prison door shut with all the security and the guards standing at the door, but when they opened the doors they found no one inside. (During the night an Angel of the Lord came and released Peter and the Apostles.) The next day the guards found the Apostles in the Temple, teaching the people. The Captain and the officers once again brought them in front of the Sanhedrin. The High Priest questioned the Apostles: “We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that Name, i.e., the Name of Jesus. Yet, you've filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us.” But Peter said in reply: “We must obey God rather than men. In other words, St. Peter was saying: “We cannot refrain from speaking of the Holy Name of Jesus, His glorious Resurrection and His Ascension into heaven. Jesus in today's gospel of John says: “The one who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of earthly things. But the one who comes from heaven is above all.”

St. Augustine makes a distinction between worldly thing and spiritual things, i.e., material things and things of spiritual realms. What is the difference between material things and spiritual things? Material things attract us when we don't possess them. But once we have possessed them, they leave us empty and

void. Spiritual things on the other hand don't attract us when we don't possess them, but once we have possessed them, they leave us serene and at peace.

Jesus says, "I will give you a peace which the world cannot give, nor can it take it away from you. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and the rest will be added unto you."

Old & New Business

- **ACIES** for the Senatus attached praesidia were held last March 21st, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. It started with the blessing and sharing of meals brought by individual praesidium; followed by procession of legionaries inside the Church; recitation of the Legion prayers; homily by Fr. Roberto Rueda; the individual and communal consecration; and Benediction. Group pictures were taken with Fr. Roberto Rueda.
- Senatus Officers visited Our Lady of Perpetual Help Vietnamese Curia last March 14, 2026. Follow up visit will be done in the coming months. Concerns brought up will be discussed with the Orange County Comitium.
- Follow up visit to our Lady of Perpetual Help Vietnamese Curia to be made in the coming months. Dialogue with the Vietnamese Curia of Orange County to be scheduled.
- Some councils have assigned titles of our Lady as suggested by the Concilium. The Senatus has assigned the title, "Our Lady, Queen of the Angels".
- Census of Membership ongoing as required by the Concilium.
- Senatus in communication with an insurance broker to cover liability for meetings, events. Sr. Elin will update the body on how much it will cost.
- Audit for 2025 being done by Sr. Emelyn Pascual and Br. Michael Ciculi. The audit is being done upon the request of the Concilium.
- 105th Anniversary of the Legion in September
- Prayer requests for the health and healing of Srs. Patricia O' Donaghue, Elisa Pazirandeh, Norma Gonzalez, Melba Muyco, Josie Baril, & Sheila Daly

Announcement

- **Extension Committee Volunteers needed: Goal – Establish 6 new praesidia within the year.**
- **Congress** on June 13th, from 8 to 3:30 pm for the Senatus attached praesidia. **Venue:** Christ the King Church. **Deadline for submission of paperwork for the Legion Congress** is Feb 19 (date of Senatus Meeting). Please submit all paperwork to Sr. Purificacion (Overall Lead Person) who will collate them for review of the Board.
- **105th Anniversary** celebration @ Christ Cathedral tentatively set on Sept 5 or Sept 7. There was a comment that Sept 7 which is Labor Day is a family day. Sr. Elin said that family day can be planned at the Christ Cathedral. Mass will be at 10am. Sr. Elin asked all the officers to attend and convince their members to be represented in the 105th anniversary celebration.

Praesidium & Council Visitation

- **Praesidium Visitation:**
 - Sr. Gloria Lacson & partner of Mary, Queen of the Universe to visit Our Lady of Akita
 - Sr. Josielyn and partner of Mary Mother of the Holy Family to visit Our Lady of Knock
 - Sr. Mary Szachman and partner of Immaculate Heart of Mary to visit Our Lady of Assumption
 - Sr. Edna Vance & partner of Our Lady of Divine Grace to visit Mary Spouse of the Holy Spirit
- **Council Visitation:** (Visited recently: [WSFV Eng. Curia by Foothill](#) & [ESFV English Curia by Santa Monica Curia](#))
 - Br. Mitch Yueh and partner of San Gabriel Valley Chinese Curia to visit San Gabriel Valley English Curia
 - Sr. Lucena Sakumoto and partner of Long Beach Curia visited Lynwood-Whittier English Curia

Upcoming Event
 Executive Board
 Senatus Meeting
 Correspondent Meeting

Date / Time
 June 4, 2026 at 9:30 am (Thu)
June 18, 2026 – 7:00 pm (Thu)
 June 20, 2026 – 2:00 pm (Sat)

Location
 Br. Dan Dunkin’s Residence
 Christ the King Church
 St. Dominic’s Community
 Center

DONATIONS FROM COUNCILS/PRAESIDIA FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026			
Tucson Comitium	\$200.		Mother of God Praesidium \$60.
Los Angeles Northeast Curia	\$200.		Mary Immaculate (Montebello) \$25.
Foothill Curia	\$100.		Immaculate Heart of Mary \$40.
LA Spanish Curia	\$100		Our Lady of Confidence \$20.
Lynwood-Whittier English Curia	\$100.		
Foothill Curia	\$100.		
LA Spanish	\$100.		
Lynwood Whitter English Curia	\$100.		
Ventura Curia	\$500.		
East San Fernando English Curia	\$200.		
West San Fernando English Curia	\$ 1,200.		