



Legion of Mary **SENATUS OF LOS ANGELES**

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 778th meeting of the Senatus of Los Angeles was held on July 17, 2025, Thursday, in the School Parish Hall of Christ the King Catholic Church.

Highlights of the Concilium Correspondence dated August 19, 2025

- Sr. Patricia congratulated and thanked Sisters Elin and Elisa for generously allowing themselves to go forward for another 3 years of service to our Lady as President and Vice President, respectively.
- Sr. Patricia is sorry to learn about the continuing situation with the new immigrant issues and will be praying for all legionaries that are affected by this. She said that it is possible to do the legion prayers, handbook study, Frank Duff prayer meeting or Bible study; if there are legionaries doing this, please continue to do so.
- During Covid, the Legion in Dublin started a nightly rosary and legion prayer via zoom, which still continues. Those who wish to join may use ID 81140833503 and PC 876433; the problem is the time, which is at 8pm Irish time. It is called Mary's channel of Grace. We can also do something similar to this.
- Sr. Patricia would like to thank you for your prayers for her recovery.

Feedback on the Annual Report of Our Mother of God Praesidium (quoted from the letter)

San Diego Comitium. I was delighted to see you have 13 praesidia. Attendance at Comitium is fair and maybe the officers could be encouraged to try to make it more often. Remember to remind them that Our Lady is present. Frank Duff always said that he was not the founder of the Legion of Mary because Our Lady was present at the meeting. Wow. Don't miss out on that. Keep exploring the possibility of having juniors, nothing more beneficial you can do for the young people. On your street contact and book barrow, make it your desire to talk to young men and all young adults. Keep moving until you find a place that they congregate. Thank you also for supporting praesidia with low membership, do not wear yourselves at this but offer the graces to others also.

Santa Monica Curia. The attendance at 79% at your curia meeting is good. It is great that 2 praesidia do home to home. Perhaps some other praesidia might be able to work with them occasionally to get a chance to learn how easy it is to do homes visitation. I was wondering what it meant that 6 praesidia closed but you are keeping the officers in office? If they are closed then the officership is also. They will need to join the legion a fresh, take the promise and start again as officers. Could you make it an immediate plan to talk to the Pastors about restarting? The difficulty to getting members to do Book Study, is this different to handbook study? Because the handbook is not an option and must be studied each week and that means by all. Other books are ok if they don't want to do that. Well, it will of course increase their knowledge but can't be forced. The handbook is something 'other' and if this is the case, they will need to move on and just do it.

Phoenix Comitium. 18 senior praesidia and 4 juniors attached. Four new due to an extension drive. It just goes to show, members are there and it can be done. Again, encourage more to do home to home and crowd contact. I was very disappointed to see that some do not go to the Comitium and if they do, leave early. How long is your meeting? And maybe see what suggestions those leaving can make to having it at a time and place that suits them to stay for all of it assuming it is not too lengthy. What I have said above about Our Lady's presence is true for all legion meetings. What a pity to be unable to realise this. I will draw your attention to the words of the Promise, for inspiration. Alfie Lambe prayed this every day. It might be a suggestion?

East San Fernando Valley Curia. You have a very good attendance also at the Curia. I think it is hard to have such a small number as with 4 praesidia, then the meeting can potentially have at max 16 and going on the attendance, 12 would appear to be normal. Could you get some praesidia from another Curia? Or could you with help do some extension work in a few parishes and try to increase in this way? You have wonderful works and 5 legionaries working with 250 children teaching them catechism is so wonderful. Do give some thought and prayer to extension. I am not sure what you mean that OLM officers are not parishioners, maybe you could enlighten me. Thanks.

West San Fernando Valley Curia with 23 seniors and 386 members. 81% attendance of praesidia officers. Well, this is just fabulous. I wonder how long your meeting is and if you have any chance of maybe splitting or having another sister curia? You have wonderful works and the Pilgrim Virgin is certainly visiting so many homes with 4983 visits. Frank Duff is doing well also with 8 prayer groups. Thank you for this tremendous work.

Allocutio: Keeping The Faith Alive (2Tim4:7) – July 17, 2025
By Fr. Matthew Tuurosang

As a Christian what kind of legacy would you like to leave behind when you are going? How will you want to be remembered?

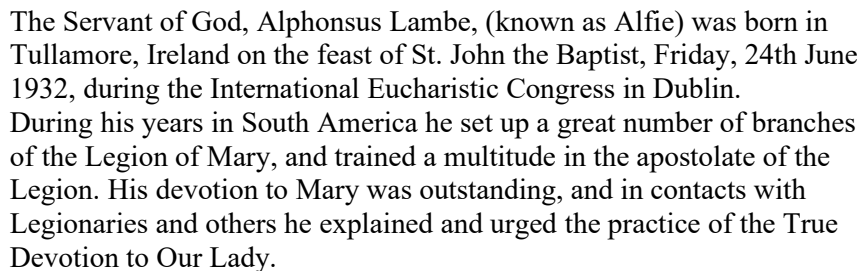
Telling Timothy, St Paul said "I have kept the faith. I was able to preserve it from contamination and from impurity. I want people to remember me as somebody who in my lifetime kept the faith that I received from the apostles in spite of all the challenges I had. I have kept the faith. That is a legacy."

What does it mean I have kept the faith? There are two things involved: First of all, Paul was able to preserve the faith that he received and preserved it from contamination and preserved the faith in its purity. Paul was able to keep the faith he received so that worldly desires and other things will not contaminate it; Second thing, he was able to transmit the faith to share with other people. By these, he kept his faith alive. Paul said that he wants to be remembered as someone who has kept the faith from contamination and for keeping the faith alive by transmitting it.

As a missionary, Paul travelled the entire world preaching and was able to establish a community. He wrote almost half of the new testament; 14 of the 27 books of the new testament. These are some ways he transmitted the faith in spite of his struggles.

Fr. Matthew asked the question, "What do you like to be remembered by, as a legionary, as a Christian, as a disciple? What legacy would you like to leave behind to the church, to your children, to the society where you live. He said that as legionaries we can transmit our faith through door to door and RCIA, and other apostolates we do.

He also mentioned that the world does not approve teachings of Christ and the Church. He gave examples of abortion, marriage and divorce, same sex marriage, and sexual immorality. These are challenges we face today and whether we can keep the faith alive from contamination that the earth offers us. We must preserve the faith and teach it the way it is. We have to believe what our church teaches. Ask our Mother Mary to guide us.



O God, who by your infinite mercy inflamed the heart of your servant, Alphonsus Lambe with an ardent love for you and for Mary, our Mother; a love which revealed itself in a life of intense labour, prayer and sacrifice for the salvation of souls, grant, if it be your will, that we may obtain, by his intercession, the following favour....., a favour which we cannot obtain by our own merits. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Legion of Mary ACIES held on March 22, 2025 at Santa Clara Chapel.



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Announcements

- **Confidentiality of Paramount Importance:** “It is treachery to the Legion to repeat outside matters of a confidential nature learned or discussed at the Praesidium/Council meetings.” (LH, Chap 19, Sec 20)
- **Congress** scheduled on September 20, 2025 (Save the Date), from 8 to 3:30 pm for the Senatus attached praesidia, at Christ the King Church. Mass at 8:00 am
- **Congress program announced.** Topic outline and content assigned to the following praesidia are now due for submission to the Executive Board.

Overall Lead Person: Sr. Purificacion Santos

- i. Leader: Sr. Stephanie Moore: Spirituality** – Topic on Hope, Humility, and Joy. Assigned to Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of Knock, and Our Lady of Hope.
 - ii. Leader: Sr. Tessie de Mata: Membership** – Assigned to Queen of the Universe, Mother of the Holy Family, and Mary Spouse of the Holy Spirit.
 - iii. Leader: Sr. Luz Sta Cruz: Legion Works** – Assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Akita, and Mary Immaculate.
 - iv. Leader: Sr. Concepcion Galang Amador: Extension and Recruitment** – Assigned to Mother of Divine Grace, Mother of God, and Our Lady of Confidence.
- **Website development for Los Angeles Senatus.** Br. Anthony Calayag continues to build the LA Senatus website. Those who have not registered, please do so as there is a lot of invaluable information.
 - **Status of In-house Auditing of Senatus Finances 2023 and 2024.** Report will be presented in the Senatus Meeting.
 - Please email the Asst Secretary at “Princess41260@yahoo.com” for any **request pertaining to forms**.
 - No postponement of **Annual Reports**. Please email report if for some reason you cannot attend the Senatus Meeting on your assigned report date.
 - **Extension/Recruitment** a priority for Curiae with less than 6 praesidia attached. Aim for 12.
 - Please **email Monthly Minutes** (with Treasurer’s report) to Senatus Secretary and Asst. Secretary for filing.
 - Subscribe to **Maria Legionis**. Please complete and mail your subscription forms.
 - **Full membership rosters** from each attached Praesidia and Councils should be submitted together with the rendering of Annual Report. Please email Sr. Elisa the information on excel file.
 - **Prayer Requests:** Please continue to include in your prayers, the health and healing of Srs. Elisa Pazirandeh, Norma Gonzalez, Sheila Daly, and Patricia O’ Donaghue.
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August Annual Reports:

Praesidium

Our Lady of Confidence

Comitia/Curia

Fresno Comitium

South Bay English Curia

Praesidium and Council Visitation: (Brief report on completed visitations will be included in the minutes)

Praesidia/Councils Visited

- ❖ Sr. Mary Szachman and partner of the Immaculate Heart of Mary visited Mary Queen of the Universe
- ❖ Br. Ramir Montealegre & partner of Long Beach Curia visited LA Northeast Curia

Praesidia/Councils TO BE VISITED

- Sr. Mary Concepcion Galang & partner (Our Lady of Knock) to visit Our Lady of Hope
- Sr. Kazuko Ono & partner (Our Lady of Akita) to visit Mother of God
- Br. Mitch Yueh & partner (San Gabriel Valley Chinese Curia) to visit San Gabriel Valley English Curia
- Senatus Officers to visit Korean Comitium on Aug 24th and Our Lady of Perpetual Vietnamese on Sep 13
- Proposed visit of Sr Alma Mercado and Sr. Tessie de Mata to Honolulu Comitium in September
- Sr. Zenaida Sta Catalina and Sr. Flor Esguerra to visit Ventura Curia in September

Upcoming Events (Save the Date)

- **Executive Board Meeting** – September 4, 2025 (Thursday) at 9:30 am, Br. Dan Dunkins’ residence
- **Senatus Meeting** – September 18, 2025 (Thursday) at 7:00 pm, School Parish Hall, Christ the King Church
- **Correspondents’ Meeting** – October 18, 2025 (Saturday) at 2:00 pm, St Dominic Community Center