



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 781st meeting of the Senatus of Los Angeles was held on November 13, 2025, Thursday, in the School Parish Hall of Christ the King Catholic Church.

Feedback on the Annual Reports of (quoted from the letter)

Antelope Valley Curia.

It is very good to have 6 praesidia attached and I see that three extension works were performed and I wonder if they gave you any fruit? It is wonderful also to see that you have four of your praesidia that do door to door evangelisation. It really is a wonderful way to meet people. I wonder what approach you use and if you find that you have much work for your Pastor after the visits?

Thank you Fr. Dass for your wonderful allocutio. We sometimes under appreciate our faith that great gift that we have received. Surely, as we do our legion works and also even among our own families and friends we see a great drought of faith. We must remember to thank God every day for giving us this grace.

Well done on organising a reunion and also to have your minds set on a Congress. It sounds wonderful and I look forward to learning more about it. Do try and get as many praesidia as possible involved in the preparation, that too is part of the Congress and enlightens all. Mark out all the places in the handbook that reference these topics and assign them out so that many are preparing for this event.

You are really good at keeping the visitation of praesidia and councils going and it is so vital for us all and a great means of learning and also maybe a little correction and that's ok too.

Allocutio – The Righteousness of God (Romans3:21-30)
By Fr. Joseph Dass

For the last 4 days, our first reading at Mass has been from St. Paul's letter to the Romans. Throughout his letter, St. Paul uses two words frequently: LAW and FAITH. It is important that we understand those two words as St. Paul intended.

First, the Law – refers to the Law of Moses; It is also called the Torah. St. Paul insisted to the ancient Jews, especially to the Pharisees, that simply observing the Mosaic Law does not make you holy or make you righteous or justified in the eyes of God. By “justified” St. Paul means that you are being raised to the former status of being children of God.

The second word St. Paul frequently used is Faith. We are saved by grace through faith; “it is the gift of God.” (Eph 2:8-9). By faith – St Paul means much more than the intellectual acceptance of truth which God has revealed in Christ. For example: A person may believe that his wife is a wonderful person who loves him. That is a kind of faith. But if his faith in her goes no further than that, they will not have much of a life together. If he gradually came to ignore her, came home from work always late, spent less and less time with her, and allow himself to be absorbed in his work, or perhaps with other women, then his profession of faith in his wife, could be meaningless; the relationship will soon fall apart. He will still believe in her love, but his faith is hollow and baseless. In a word, we can say he has not been faithful.

Being truly faithful to God is what St. Paul is concerned with. A person of true faith is so full of his belief in God that it becomes a driving force in his life. His entire life is absorbed by his faith in God. It colors all his thinking and determines all these actions. To put it in another way – the kind of faith St. Paul writes, cannot be separated from the love of Christ. St. Paul in I Cor 2:16 says: “We have the mind of Christ.” In other words, St Paul is here saying, “I have the mind of Christ, that is, I think as Christ thinks, I will what Christ wills, I forgive as Christ forgives, and above all, I love as Christ has dearly loved us, even to the point of laying down his life on the Cross for us. Then we can truly say: “I live, no not I, Christ lives in me.” Announcement

Old and New Business

- General Reunion for the Senatus attached praesidia will be on January 4, 2026, Sunday from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Praesidia assigned: Our Lady of Knock and Our Lady of Confidence. **SAVE THE DATE.**
- Congress postponed to middle of next year. Tentative date: June 13 or June 27 – from 8 to 3:30 pm for the Senatus attached praesidia. Venue: Christ the King Church.
- **CONGRESS Topic Assignment: Overall Lead Person - Sr. Purificacion Santos Leader: Sr. Stephanie Moore : Spirituality**–Topic on Hope, Humility, & Joy: Our Lady of Assumption, Our Lady of Knock, & Our Lady of Hope
- **Leader: Sr. Tessie de Mata : Membership**–Queen of the Universe, Mother of the Holy Family, Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit
- **Leader: Sr. Luz Sta. Cruz: Legion Works** – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Akita, Mary Immaculate
- **Leader: Sr. Concepcion Amador Galang: Extension & Recruitment** Mother of Divine Grace, Mother of God, Our Lady of Confidence.
- This December, the Senatus Meeting will be held on the second Thursday, Dec 11 due to the Christmas traditional celebration starting Dec 15.
- **Praesidium and Council Visitation:** The 2026 visitation schedule will be posted in the website. Please contact Sr. Purificacion Santos (email dite16@yahoo.com) for any questions.

Upcoming Events (Save the Date):

- Executive Board Meeting – Nov 6, 2025 (Thurs), 9:30 AM, Br. Dan Dunkin’s residence
- Senatus Meeting – Nov 13, 2025 (Thurs), 7:00 AM, Christ the King