



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 791st meeting of the Senatus of Los Angeles was held on August 20, Thursday, in the School Parish Hall of Christ the King Catholic Church.

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

- Sr Patricia heard from Sr. Josie that the 105th anniversary Mass was a huge success in terms of numbers. She imagined it to be spectacular to see and hear the beautiful talk by the Auxiliary Bishop of Orange County. She looks forward to hearing more.
- There are many ratifications to 1st and 2nd terms this month. She wants to thank all these officers. She emphasized the privilege of being called to play one's part as officers, despite the pains attached to these officerships. But, leadership is so important, so do not worry about the difficulties as we are bound to be tempted as soon as you put your hand on the plough.
- She wants to thank the auditors and the Senatus for the audit which has been forwarded to the Concilium and look forward to receiving the other requests. She hopes that the Senatus have already sourced insurance for the members and for her to be informed about it.

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

Our Lady of Confidence. Well done on having 3 probationers. You have wonderful works; crowd contact is such a marvelous work. No matter how brief is the contact, take heart that Our Lady uses all our efforts. The results will come. Perhaps it would be a good work to focus your recruitment of young people, would you consider having a dedicated praesidium for young adults? With of course the help of your own members to train them. Bring them into your praesidium for 3 months so they can see how it works. Ask every young person you meet on street contact, have a flyer to give them or some handout with the meeting details. I wonder what the 10 Baptism cases involved? By death consolations calls are to the relatives after the funeral. This is a very important visit and does help those who receive it to have the opportunity to talk about their loved one. Maybe you get a chance to say a little prayer with them also. The Pilgrim Virgin is busy also.

Mary Immaculate. You meet in the afternoon which gives those retired an opportunity to attend. Your attendance could be better. I wonder if you could look at it and see if maybe it is becoming difficult for one or two of your members? Your works are good also and I like that you are doing home to home visits, how do you find this work? You have many special home calls also, well done on that. You had a double attendance at your auxiliary function from 40 to 80. It sounds like a good event to draw so many. Could you do something like it to attract active members? You are praying some auxiliaries will become active, but have you asked them?

San Diego Comitium. 13 praesidia attached and 3 Patrician group. Have you a large attendance at the Patricians and how do you find the topics? Do you have a stimulating discussion on them? I am delighted that you have 2 junior praesidia, do you find it hard to recruit juniors? What a foundation you are paving for these lovely young children. CCD/OCIA how many members are doing this work? I wonder about the seminar for baptism. Do these candidates for Baptism come from the OCIA? Maybe the suggestion I made to Our Lady of Confidence about recruiting younger people would help you also, we need to meet them, the streets are good to reach out to them. Also, the Church or any group attached to the Church to which young people attend. In Dublin they hold a Conference each year for young adults 18-40 age group. They get members from this, they also have other events, some fun with prayer. Pizza night, Film nights, games nights, music nights, pilgrimages and walks and other events focusing on the young. Keep praying and trying novel ways to recruit. Maybe social media will help too.

South Bay English Curia. You also have Patricians and juniors but the attendance at your Curia meetings is very low. I see no way that you can run a meeting with success and govern your area with so few present. I see that praesidia visit each other. Could one of the visitors be a Curia Officer? You might find that visitors who are themselves not attending the curia are not in a position to encourage and be a little strict with those who do not attend. Do try to do some of this visiting yourself also. If each officer took on one praesidium that has bad attendance and visit with another, that would be a good start. Well done on all the works you are doing.

I was delighted to see that you will approach Fr Justin Oh to meet and hopefully get a chance to start a recruiting drive in his parish. Make sure to ask him “What can the Legion of Mary do for you Father”. We want to help.

San Bernardino Vietnamese Curia is disappointing that you are not making contact. Are there other officers you can contact and visit this curia whether you are welcome or not? It is a matter of urgency.

We have been asked by the Concilium President Br Declan Lawlor to look at the cash in hands of councils. If it is too large, he wants to know what plans you have for this Legion of Mary Money. If you are not using it for Extension/Recruiting/etc he requests that it is forwarded to Concilium who need funds right now. The Concilium offices are being renovated to come up to present day standards, this has never been done and it is requested by Fire Safety and right now it is not up to present day standards. Each month there are requests for money from poor councils who cannot do extension because they have no travel funds or to visit their praesidia. You might give this some thoughtful prayer.

Allocutio by Fr. Joseph Dass

Gospel according to Matthew 22:1-14

In the Gospel we have heard, Jesus compares heaven to a great wedding banquet. The imagery was not new. 700 years before Jesus' time, Prophet Isaiah in his writings gave us the menu of that Heavenly Banquet. Prophet Isaiah wrote:

"On this mountain (he meant Mt. Zion, the Heavenly Jerusalem, the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich foods and choice wines, juicy, rich and pure, choice wines. Notice—not wine, but wines: Red + white and all kinds—white wine with lobster and red, with prime beef. Jesus in this parable described how the king, who is God Himself, made elaborate preparations for his son's wedding and then sent out his invitations.

Rev 19:9 - Blessed are those who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

Here, the king is God the Father and the son, is Christ.

When the wedding day is at-hand the king sends his servants to call those who were invited.

Ever since the call of Abraham (about 1800 BC), the Jews had been called to the Messianic Kingdom. The call had been repeated by the prophets and sacred writers of Old Testament.

Some ignored the invitation, others, went about their own personal affairs—They had no time for the king or his kingdom. Still some others were even worse. They maltreated the servants & even put them to death.

Here is a list of the Old Testament prophets killed by their own people.

1. Prophet Isaiah was killed with a saw by Mannaseh, king of Judah
2. Jeremiah - stoned to death in Egypt by the Jews living there
3. Ezekiel - slain in Chaldea by the Jews
4. Amos - tortured & killed by the priests of Bethel.

Jesus says, at this the king was angry and sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their cities. So, the wedding was ready but those invited were not worthy. It is not the King who excluded them, they made themselves unworthy because of their worldliness and wicked way of life. Msgr. Ronald Knox writes: "Worldliness in one form or another, killed the appetite for the celestial delicacies so long promised to them."

So they began to make excuses. Nevertheless, the wedding celebration, the marriage feast has to go on. And this time God's servants, the Apostles, the prophets, the Evangelists were sent to the crossroads and byways of the pagan world and announce the King's Banquet. These people (including you & me) paid heed, and came gladly to the marriage feast. Those are the people who accepted Christianity & became the new chosen people of God.

Now we turn to the surprise ending of the parable: when the King came into the Banquet Hall he noticed one particular wedding guest—not wearing a proper wedding garment. The King ordered the attendants to bind that guest's hands and feet and throw him out into the darkness. What was this wedding garment? We find the answer to that question spelled out in detail in another parable—The Parable of the Last Judgement.

At the end of time, at the Last Judgement two groups of people will stand in Judgement before the Great King of Heaven & earth. The King will say to those on his right. "Come you who are blessed by my Father inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world—For I was hungry—you gave me food thirsty, and you gave me drink, was a stranger, you welcomed me, naked, and you clothed me; in prison, you visited me. And to those on his left: Depart from me you accursed; for you never did one of these things for Me. For whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers you do unto Me.

And so the wedding garment, Jesus refers to in today's parable stands for Christian charity—the garment of salvation, the Robe of righteousness, as Isaiah calls it. St. Paul to the Colossians: "As God's holy ones clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness & patience; over all these virtues put on love.

Old & New Business

- **Update re Extension:** Sr. Elin to schedule a meeting with Fr. Justin Oh, Pastor of Christ the King Church and the extension committee representatives (Srs. Edna Vance, Aida Piring, Josielyn Angeles, Zenaida Sta Catalina, & Purificacion Santos).
- **Update on the Audit of Councils' Treasury** for Calendar Year 2025 is being compiled by Sr. Cathy Plattner.
- **Praesidia Locator:** Councils were reminded to complete and submit the requested praesidia information to support the development of the Senatus Website since there has been several inquiries interested in joining and would like to know the location.

- **San Bernardino Vietnamese Curia** – Sr. Elin is trying to reach out to Br. Mark Nguyen who for some reasons is unable to respond to her calls.
- **Status of Census of Membership** is being handled by Sr. Teresita Orsini.
- **Prayer requests** for the healing of Srs. Patricia O’ DonaghueM, Elisa Pazirandeh, Norma Gonzalez, Maria VictoriaLubas-Brayden, Melba Muyco, Josie Baril and Sheila Daily.

Praesidium & Council Visitation

- **Praesidium Visitation:**

Visited: Our Lady of Confidence by Mary Immaculate

To be visited as follows:

- Sr. Mary Szachman & partner of Immaculate Heart of Mary to visit Our Lady of Assumption
- Aida Piring & partner of Our Lady of Confidence to visit Mary Mother of the Holy Family
- Edna Vance & partner of Our Mother of Divine Grace to visit Mary Spouse of the Holy Spirit
- Sr. Zenaida Sta Catalina & partner of Mother of God to visit Mary Queen of the Universe.

- **Council Visitation:**

Visited: Long Beach by LA Northeast; South Bay by Lynwood Whittier English

To be visited as follows:

- Sr. Ana Rodriguez & partner of San Gabriel Valley English Curia to visit San Gabriel Valley Chinese Curia.
- Sr. Cathy Plattner & partner of East San Fernando Valley English to visit Foothill Curia
- Sr. Elisa Pazirandeh & partner of West San Fernando Valley English to visit Santa Monica Curia

July 2026 Comitia/Curiae/Praesidium Donations:

Comitia		Curiae		Praesidia	
San Diego Comitium (CK 1354)	\$1,300.00	Los Angeles Northeast Curia	\$ 500.00	Mother of God Praesidium	\$ 50.00
Phoenix Comitium (CK 1717)	\$1,000.00	Foothill Curia	\$ 100.00	Mary Immaculate Praesidium (Montebello) (CK 6913)	\$ 25.00
Tucson Comitium (CK 2024)	\$ 200.00	South Bay Curia (CK 1013)	\$ 300.00	Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium (CK 2833)	\$ 100.00
		Los Angeles Spanish (MO 19-827699656)	\$ 150.00	Our Lady of Confidence Praesidium	\$ 40.00
		Lynwood-Whittier English Curia (CK 1144 & 1143)	\$ 150.00 \$ 300.00	Our Lady of Knock Praesidium (CK 172)	\$ 60.00
		Santa Monica Bay Curia (CK 1402)	\$ 200.00	Mary, Mother of Holy Family (CK 3015)	\$ 50.00
		San Gabriel Valley Chinese Curia (CK 1104)	\$ 300.00	Our Lady of Hope Praesidium	\$ 30.00
		Ventura Curia (MO 55-206719438) & (MO 55-206721371)	\$ 500.00 \$ 800.00	Mary Spouse of the Holy Spirit (CK 4639)	\$ 50.00
		West San Fernando English Curia (CK 1232 & & 1224)	\$1,200.00 \$1,200.00	Mary Queen of the Universe (CK 310)	\$ 35.00
TOTAL DONATIONS COMITIUM	\$2,500.00	TOTAL DONATIONS CURIAE	\$5,700.00	TOTAL DEONATIONS PRAESIDIUM	\$ 440.00