



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 789th meeting of the Senatus of Los Angeles was held on June 18, Thursday, in the School Parish Hall of Christ the King Catholic Church.

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

Correspondents training on Google docs, is this something like zoom? How wonderful to keep on top of helping the correspondents help their councils. I am so please that you are taking extension so seriously and have dedicated legionaries to try to contact Pastors and keep expanding. Frank Duff tells us that the conversion of the whole world and nothing less should be our aim. He asked in his final talk to legionaries on 25th October 1980 just 12 days before his passing to God for us to dream big with Mary, we must think of the apparently impossible, the conquest of the world of souls. Mary will make this dream come true.

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

Mother of Divine Grace. Well done on having 6 active members which I think is an increase of 1. You have 11 auxiliaries and I am sure that you are constantly trying to recruit. Many church's have a daily rosary before or after Mass, the people who stay are prime people to ask to become auxiliary. I see you are hoping to do a Columban Drive, I am sure that you will get help. Plan a possible date and ask your Pastor, put some flesh on the hope you have. One new member or 1 or 2 auxiliaries are great feats, keep striving for this. Maybe you could read the section in the handbook about praetorian membership. Maybe some of you might consider this call. Prayer is so vital. Frank Duff called it his oxygen. Not possible to live without it.

Our Lady of Hope. You also have 6 members and 1 probationary member. That's great news to have someone on probation. I see you have 1 praetorian member, maybe someone else would like to take on this also? You have a great attendance at your council meetings of 80%, that is super. The council depends on you to help govern. It is so good that you can be so generous. RCIA you say just one member does this, could that legionary get a partner? To work with them is vital, the learning that this brings will enhance your praesidium. You are getting a good response from visiting with the Holy Communion to homes and nursing homes. Well done. I am sure there is a good reason why only 3 of you could attend the Acies. Perhaps some were sick? Well done on doing the book barrow in August, this is a great work. Maybe some other legionaries near you will join with you. Contacting people is vital. It is great to have an auxiliary event planned, I look forward to hearing about it. I wonder what you are doing in October, I am sure it has something to do with the Rosary. Keep planning, not everything will be good but keep doing it anyway. Get yourself out there in your parish as a group that is active.

San Bernadino/Riverside Comitium. You have 9 praesidia attached with 40 members. I see you have great plans for extension. That's great news. Start with 2 parishes and get permission, don't overwhelm yourself. I wonder about the Spiritual needs of the community. Is that the legion community or the parishes you are present in? You call it an urgent problem, but you have not yet named the need? It would be good to set aside 10 minutes at your council meeting for a few months to throw out ideas of these urgent needs whether it is in the legion groups or the wider community? I wonder what an abbreviated monthly meeting is? Could you manage to have something before or after your council meeting if it is not too late or people are not too tired? How long are these abbreviated meetings? It is hard to discuss visitation or have time for plans without some time to meet and talk and pray. Do encourage having some contact/evangelisation works.

80 in attendance at your Congress was a great turn out. I wonder if you could share the agenda used with me as things like that are a great resource that I can share with others.

I am glad that you are going to visit with the Vietnamese Curia and Orange County soon. Try to schedule a time.

I look forward to getting the audit/census and news on Insurance for legionaries (public liability).

I like the idea of tapping into the youth. Go to any conferences in your area and have a stall or table with information. There are many youth ministries in your dioceses. Look up the websites and see what they are doing. Have a retreat for teens or young adults.

I do hope that you can do a PPC this coming year. Do read up in the handbook what is involved. I will get a copy of a report from one of our legionaries who was in Bristol in Britain last week. I will email it when I get this.

It is lovely to see all the visitation of your praesidia and councils being done. It is a vital way to share grace with these groups.

Allocutio by Fr. Joseph Dass

In the gospel of Matthew, we heard Jesus say: "This is how you are to pray and gave us the perfect prayer: The Our Father."

Paul Harvey, a writer, gives us this beautiful anecdote about a 3-year-old boy who accompanied his Mom to the grocery store. Before they entered the store the Mom gave instructions to her little boy; "Now you are not going to get any chocolate chip cookies. So don't ask" She put him on the child's seat and off they went, up and down the aisles. The little boy was doing fine until they came to the cookie section. Seeing the chocolate chip cookies, he said, "Mom, can I have some chocolate chip cookies?" "I told you, not even to ask. You are not going to get any at all," said the mother. They continued down the aisle but in their search for a certain item, she had to back track and they ended up on the chocolate chip cookie aisle and once again the boy pleaded, "Mom can I please. I told you, you cannot have any. Now sit down and be quiet."

Finally they arrived at the check out counter. The little boy sensed that the end was in sight that this might be his last chance. So, he stood up in his seat and at the top of his voice shouted, "In the name of Jesus, may I have some chocolate chip cookies, please?" Everyone in the checkout lane laughed and applauded. Do you think that little boy got his cookies? You bet. The other shoppers, moved by the little boy's plea pooled their resources. As a result, the little boy and his mother left the store with 23 boxes of chocolate chip cookies.

The disciples said to Jesus: "Lord teach us how to pray." We notice something here. When did they make this request? Was it after Jesus had given them the lecture on prayer? Or was it after Jesus had preached a powerful sermon on the power of prayer? – NO. St Luke says, the disciples observed Jesus praying by himself at a distance and when He had finished they said to Him, "Lord, teach us how to pray." They saw the power in Him. They saw how important prayer was to Him.

According to a Gallup Poll:

87% of all Americans pray; 50% pray for petitions; and 70% claim their prayers are answered. The French philosopher and Mathematician, Blaise Pascal says, "Prayer is one of the ways God has chosen to share his infinite power with us".

The three forms of prayer, namely: Vocal, Meditation, and Contemplation are summarized in these simple words. **Vocal Prayer - To talk with God, No breath is lost:** Talk on! **Meditation -To walk with God, No strength is lost:** Walk on! **Contemplation – To wait on God, No time is lost:** Wait on!

Bishop Sheen used to say: The person who thinks of himself says the prayer of Petition. The person who thinks of his neighbors says the prayer of Intercession. The person who thinks only of loving and serving God says the prayer of Abandonment to the will of God, and that is the prayer of Jesus in Gethsemani and that is the prayer of the saints.

Reminders:

- Please complete and submit requested Praesidia information to support development of the Senatus Website Praesidia Locator.
- **105 Anniversary of the Legion of Mary Mass at Christ Cathedral on September 7.**
Program: 10:15 am – Procession Assembly
10:45 am – Procession
11:00 am – Welcome and Announcement
11:10 am – Opening Prayers & Rosary
11:30 am – Mass

Old & New Business

- Congress of the LA Senatus praesidia was held on June 13, 2026 at Christ the King Church. Close to 80 members were in attendance. Sr. Purificacion collected the "action" sheets and will provide a summary of the results.
- Census of Membership ongoing as required by the Concilium. Lead person to follow-up or document was assigned to Sr. Teresita Orcini.
- Audit for 2025 ongoing by Sr. Emelyn Pascual and Br. Michael Cutuli. Sr. Emelyn recently sent an additional request to the Treasurer, Sr. Carmelene. Audit of Councils Treasury for Calendar Year 2025 needed by September 2026.
- Tapping Youth Conferences/youth recruitment: 'Do you know of any youth conferences?' was the question asked by Sr. Elin. Some members voiced out ways and means of tapping youths to join the Legion. Some suggestions were: Attend National Youth Conferences and get involved, introduce the Legion of Mary to youth ministries; Do brainstorming, evangelization; partner with a youth ministry praying the rosary with them.

Sr. Elin mentioned the Office of Vocation of the Archdiocese where they guide young men to be closer to God. You can also learn from You Tube's how to do a youth conference. More can be done by combining all of our ideas on how to reach out to the youth.

- Lucena asked what the legion can do to involve the pastors. Looking at different areas for PPC next year. Last year it was planned for Fresno but for some reason was canceled. She will try to tap on Fresno again this year. PPC is usually done around October.
- Prayer requests for the health and healing of Srs. Patricia O' Donaghue, Elisa Pazirandeh, Norma Gonzalez, Melba Muyco, Josie Baril, & Sheila Daly
- Prayer for the eternal repose of Juanita Alabastro, former President of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium

Praesidium & Council Visitation: Visitation report must be sent to Sr. Purificacion Santos

- **Praesidium Visitation:**

Visited recently: Our Lady of Knock by Mary Mother of the Holy Family.

To be visited:

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

- **Council Visitation:**

Visited recently: Lynwood Whittier by Long Beach Curia; San Gabriel Valley English Curia by San Gabriel Chinese Curia

To be visited:

- Sr. Nini Moore & partner of LA Northeast to visit Long Beach Curia on July 25th
- Sr. Jasmine Concepcion & partner of Lynwood-Whittier English to visit South Bay Curia on July 25th
- Sr. Ana Rodriguez & partner of San Gabriel Valley English Curia to visit San Gabriel Valley Chinese Curia

May 2026 Comitua/Curiae/Praesidium Donations:

Comitia		Curiae		Praesidia	
Orange County Comitium (CK 1482)	\$ 300.00	Los Angeles Northeast Curia	\$ 200.00	Mother of God Praesidium	\$ 50.00
San Diego Comitium (CK 1351)	\$1,000.00	Long Beach Curia (CK 1594)	\$ 300.00	Mary Immaculate Praesidium (Montebello) (CK 6906)	\$ 25.00
Honolulu Comitium (CK 3081)	\$ 200.00	Foothill Curia	\$ 50.00	Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium	\$ 60.00
San Bernardino & Riverside Comitium (CK 109)	\$1,000.00	South Bay Curia (CK 1011)	\$ 300.00	Our Lady of Confidence Praesidium	\$ 20.00
Phoenix Comitium (CK 1708 & 1710)	\$2,000.00 \$1,000.00	Los Angeles Spanish (MO 19-827698068)	\$ 250.00	Our Lady of Hope Praesidium	\$ 30.00
		Santa Monica Bay Curia (CK 1350)	\$ 200.00	Our Lady of the Assumption Praesodium	\$ 50.00
		Ventura Cura (MO 55-206712578)	\$ 500.00	Mary Spouse of the Holy Spirit	\$ 45.00
		West San Fernando English Curia (CK 1218)	\$1,200.00	Mary Queen of the Universe Praesidium (CK 759)	\$ 40.00