



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 779th meeting of the Senatus of Los Angeles was held on August 21, 2025, Thursday, in the School Parish Hall of Christ the King Catholic Church.

Concilium Highlights from Sr. Patricia O' Donaghue – September 15, 2025

September Feasts

- September 13 - Remembering Our Lady's visit to Fatima on this day
- September 14 - Triumph of the Cross (Edel Quinn's birthday)
- September 15 – Remembering the Sorrows of Our Mother, a day to keep her company while going over the sad times in her life when she was not spared the hard times

Sr. Patricia thanks everyone for the donation to the Concilium. You really do make a difference to the finance of running that Concilium office and they are very grateful to you.

Attendance has gone up and she is very happy to see this. Many saints are in the making when we attend our Council meeting out of obedience and help to run the legion in your Diocese. How pleased Our Lady is when legionaries roll up their sleeves and do the jobs that need doing.

What the Concilium have been up to the past week.

CONCILIUM ARE KEPT BUSY WITH THE YOUNG ADULTS-

They had a wonderful time here at the Concilium offices at our Frank Duff Summer school. Men's conference last Friday with 170 attending, of course Keith Fahy footballer and former Man united player, now a Dominican Fr. Philip Mulryan had a good following. Most of the men were not legionaries all on knees praying the Rosary (God help them they had probably not prayed this in a long time)..... Young adults conference (aged between 18-40) was on Saturday with 120, and a Quiz on Sunday night had 60 taking part. Even last Sunday saw 27 at 1pm to hear Mary Murphy, Paddy Fay, Noel Lynch, and Brendan from Cork give remembrance of Frank Duff. They also conclude with Mass in Francis St with Bishop Noel Dempsey. What a wonderful few days for the very busy Concilium Officers.

They also heard too that 3 young legionaries have taken up the challenge of a vocation, one to the Benedictines and 2 to the Dominicans. Keep all our priests and seminarians in your prayers.

Feedback on the Annual Reports (quoted from the letter)

Our Lady of Confidence.

It was great to see that you have increased in membership from last year to 12 members. I was sorry to see that home to home seems to be difficult with many homes/apts locked and occupants as it were under siege. But the good news is that you didn't leave it there and instead went out onto the streets to the bus stops and laundromat. Well done to you for making 479 contacts in this way. I hope you managed to offer a medal to all. It is great to see the Pilgrim statues moving, you have 6? Did I get that right? I guess that with 3 pairs on this every week, it was no wonder that 63 families received a visit. Finally, your apostolate to the homeless, do keep that up and you recruited an auxiliary from someone who lives in a car. You can imagine how terrible that is and now that person is saying the rosary and please God it will lead onto more and even a home. We must all keep this wonderful person in our prayers.

I love your Goal to recruit the young. Maybe when on street apostolate, it would be good to approach the young as much as you can and offer them membership, maybe by asking them to come visit the homeless with you.

South Bay Curia.

It was great to see that you have 10 seniors and 1 junior. The average attendance at the Curia however is very low and perhaps it might be an area you could focus on over next months to try to help legionaries understand how vital they are in running the South Bay Curia area. I hope that your Congress has gone well and that you will see many fruits from it.

We are all aware that our members are aging and it is time to replace ourselves with younger people, it is something to strive for and I think that like you we must all do Columban drives. Could you organise one a month?

Allocutio – The Parable of the Wedding Banquet (Matthew 22:1-14)

By Fr. Joseph Dass

In the parable we just heard, James says that “The kingdom of Heaven may be likened to a king who gave a Wedding Feast for his son.

Sometimes we may wonder – one day we all get to Heaven – what would life be in heaven? Is it going to an eternity of praising God, chanting canticles and singing hymns of praise endlessly? St. John in the Book of Revelation (Chap 19) writes about the Vision he had of the new Heaven and New Earth.

“Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, crying Hallelujah – for the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory. For the marriage of the lamb has come and His Bride has made herself ready, clothed with fine linen, bright and pure.”

So in heaven, there's going to be a celebration of a Wedding Feast. The lamb (Jesus), the Bridegroom in the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ – will be the Bride pure and chaste. That's why Jesus in this Parable likens the kingdom of Heaven to a king who gave a Wedding Feast for His Son. So the king stands for God the Father who prepares a heavenly banquet for His Son – i.e. Jesus. The marriage imagery is used to depict the Nuptial union between God and His chosen people. The invited guests stand for the Israelites the chosen ones. When the banquet is ready – the king sends His servants – the servants being the Old Testament prophets – but the Israelites not only rejected them, but they even became hostile to the king's servants, insulted them and even killed some of the Old Testament Prophets.

List of Prophets Killed

1. Isaiah – killed with a saw severing his body into 2.
2. Zechariah – slain in the temple
3. Jeremiah – stoned to death in Egypt – Jews

4. Ezekiel – slain in Chaldea
5. Habakkuk – stoned to death
6. Amos – Tortured and killed by the priest of Bethel

When they did that to His servants, the king was indignant and destroyed their city, Babylon. That was Jeremiah by Nebuchadnezzar in 70 A.D

So now we come to the New Testament era. The king sent His servants again this time, it is the Apostles – to go to the highway and by ways and invite everyone to the Wedding Feast. We belong among the substitute guests - now the kingdom of Heaven is open to everyone - both Jews and the Gentiles.

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)**EW DATE for CONGRESS: June 2026 –from 8 to 3:30 pm** for the Senatus attached praesidia.
Mass will be at 8 am. 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

September Annual Reports:

Praesidium

Mary Immaculate of Montebello
Our Lady of Knock

Comitia/Curia

Honolulu Comitium
Ventura Curia

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

Praesidium visitation:

- **Praesidium Visitation:**
 - Sr. Mary Szachman & partner (Immaculate Heart of Mary) **visited** Praesidium Mary Queen of the Universe
 - Sr. Concepcion Galang & partner (Our Lady of Knock) to visit Praesidium Our Lady of Hope
 - Sr. Kazuko Ono & partner (Our Lady of Akita) to visit Praesidium Mother of God
- **Council Visitation:**
 - Br. Ramir Montealegre & partner (Long Beach) **visited** LA Northeast Curia
 - Br. Mitch Yueh & partner (San Gabriel Valley Chinese Curia) to visit San Gabriel Valley English Curia
 - Senatus officers to visit Korean Comitium on August 24th & Our of Lady Perpetual Vietnamese Curia on Sep 13th
 - 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.
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Columban Drive conducted at St. Bernard by Mary, Queen of the Universe Praesidium. Per Gloria Lacson they had 13 contacts: 1 started attending and the rest signed up for auxiliary membership.

Supplies Order & Status: Please order through our website: www.la-senatus.org two weeks prior to meeting

Upcoming Events (Save the Date)

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