



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 780th meeting of the Senatus of Los Angeles was held on October 16, 2025, Thursday, in the School Parish Hall of Christ the King Catholic Church.

Concilium Highlights from Sr. Patricia O' Donaghue – October 13, 2025

- Sr. Patricia is urging us to recruit, recruit, recruit as she reads that most of our reports says that we are getting older. She is asking us to organize Columban drives in every parish in the Senatus and in all the attachments of the Curiae and Comitia.
- If your Pastor does not wish you to visit homes, then go onto the streets and talk there. It is much easier to find young people that way.
- Do Exploratio Dominicalis and visit homes where it is allowed.
- Try to get the Pilgrim Virgin into a new home every week, keep her moving. In the gospel of Matthew, the angel who came to St. Joseph was always told to take the child and His mother and flee or return or whatever. Jesus is always found with His mother.
- Sr. Patricia is encouraging us to join the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary (read Appendix 7 of the Legion of Mary Handbook.
- Also, read Chapter 34 on the duties of Officership as she sees that many officers are not even attending their presidia meetings. How can a council work without the officers attending? They are the governments. Do they know this? It is important to explain to officers their duties and ask some questions before appointing them.
- **KEEP READING THE HANDBOOK IN ALL YOUR NEEDS.**
- Well done to the Correspondents who had a 100% attendance. This is wonderful. Sr. Patricia thinks that the attendance has improved so keep on reminding everyone.

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

- **Mary Immaculate of Montebello.** It was great to see you have 9 active and also 2 on probation. The attendance of the 2 officers is very low and I wonder if the Senatus could visit them and see what is happening? I am sure also they could fill the other officership. It appears you have 6 Pilgrim Statues if I read

this right. Well done in moving all of the statues every week, it appears that 6 members work in pairs to move them every week.

- **Our Lady of Knock.** I was delighted to see you have 14 members and 4 of them are new and on probation. You also have 3 praetorians. That is wonderful. If you want to thrive, then promote the Praetorian membership. Your attendance at your meeting and at Senatus is also very good. Keep up your apostolate to individuals and meeting the homeless and anyone on the street you can contact. Keep recruiting, there are never enough possible Saints in the making. It would be a good idea to have a retreat or maybe you could organise the 33 days preparation to Consecration to Jesus through Mary?
- **Ventura Curia.** It is great to have 10 praesidia and though the attendance at council meetings is only very fair you are at least trying to re-establish a closed praesidium which is great. You also helped on 2 Columban Drives, so now it is time to start some more for yourselves.
- **Honolulu Comitium.** I was delighted to see you have a junior praesidium and 16 seniors and that 2 of them have done Exploratio Dominicalis, I am sure many more will take the plunge this term. It is also possible for 2 praesidia to join together especially if they are small and this could give them a little boost. I see you also need to do more Columban Drives, it really is good to just get out there and ask people and tell them about what we do.

Allocutio – Gospel of the Day from Luke 7:36-50 (September 18, 2025)

Fr. Joseph Dass

- The gospel was about the story of Jesus when He was invited to the house of Simon the Pharisee. A sinful woman in the city came bringing an alabaster flask of ointment. She began to bathe Jesus' feet with her tears, wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. The guests were disturbed knowing the woman was a sinner. But Jesus told them that because of the woman's great love, her sins have been forgiven and that her faith has saved her. Brief message from the Allocutio is that God forgives because to err is human, to forgive is divine. However, only God forgives. God uses human nature to forgive sins. The Priest can forgive sins through the power of God, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist, so we can always be in the path of holiness.

Announcement

- **CONGRESS. Postponed to middle of next year. Tentative date: June 13 or June 27 from 8:00AM to 3:30PM for the Senatus attached praesidia, Christ the King Church.**
 - 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, and Our Lady of Hope.
 - Leader: Sr. Tess de Mata: Membership – Mary 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 (Montebello).
 - Leader: Sr. Concepcion Galang: Extension and Recruitment – Mother of Divine Grace, Mother of God, Our Lady of Confidence.

Old and New Business

- Audit of Senatus Finances from 2023 and 2024 completed and submitted to the Concilium last month.
- Website updates and organizational chart (work in progress).
- Los Angeles Korean Comitium follow-up of status of organization effort upon recommendation of the LA Officers who visited them (work in progress).
- Guidelines for council for opening checking account will be written after a new bank account for LA Senatus is opened.

- Please continue to pray for the health and healing of Sisters Patricia O' Donaghue, Elisa Pazirandeh, Norma Gonzalez, Melba Muyco, Josie Baril, Sheila Daly, and Lydia Aceves.

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