



# Legion of Mary – St. Augustine Curia

## Suggestions for Assignments

### A. General Principle

As a principle, every praesidium should be doing some work which can be called heroic. Even at the beginning it should not be impossible to find two members with a heart for such adventure, and let them be assigned to it. Then their example will be a headline towards which their fellow members will almost automatically ascend. When the general level has in this way been lifted, the original intrepid two should again be sent in pursuit of the heroic. This progressive pioneering provides a means of continually raising standards. For the natural limitations do not exist in the supernatural order. The more one plunges into God, the wider become the horizons, and the greater the possibilities. (*Handbook* Chap. 37)

### B. Some Types of Works Approved by Concilium

In September 2000 the *Concilium Legionis Mariae* revised its list of approved works. The following is based on those 35 suggestions. No works have been added or omitted. We have categorized them and modernized the terminology. These suggestions are just examples and are not all-inclusive. You can see that the works are **substantial and active**. Mere attendance at events, services, or prayers, no matter how substantial, do not fulfill the active work requirement. Needless to say, works must be done in pairs (or more) whenever possible.

#### C. Conversion – Evangelization

- Home visitation door-to-door.
- Crowd contact work, (Examples: Book barrow, fairs, park rosaries, flea market booths, etc.) but must be done by two or more and be promoting religion and/or the Legion. If items are sold, it must be without profit.
- Side walk counseling in front of abortion facilities, but NOT picketing. Work must be done in pairs in a non aggressive manner.
- Distribution of Catholic literature at bus depots, train stations, hospitals, doctors' offices, nursing homes, etc.
- PPC, *exploratio dominicolis*, Sunday search for souls, etc
- Preparing people to receive the Sacraments, including marriage encounter type training
- Setting up and/or teaching Bible studies.
- Probation counseling for delinquent children.
- Counseling children or adults for substance abuse.
- Follow-up on children or adults seen in prison or juvenile facilities

#### D. Conversion – Instruction

- Organizing and conducting instructions for children and adults; such as, RCIA, CCD, etc., as long as no pay is involved.
- Lecturing by Legionaries for right-to-life or similar topics at schools, workshops, etc.

#### E. Consolation

- Home visitation other than door-to-door evangelization.
- Nursing home and hospital visits
- Visitation of people in institutions of any kind - jails, mental wards, group homes, retirement homes, handicapped facilities, etc.
- Communion for the sick and shut-ins (but not serving at Mass.)
- Recruiting members for parish organizations (however work performed for other organizations cannot be counted as legion works.)

## **F. Para-liturgical Events – Religious Services**

- Conducting para-liturgical services when no priest is available.
- Promoting Enthronement of the Sacred Heart and conducting enthronement exercises.
- Leading Rosary or wake services at funerals (if assigned by praesidium.)
- Organizing and promoting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue.
- Organizing Rosary Groups and teaching how to make Rosaries.
- Organizing and leading holy hours or all-night adoration. (Again: The mere attendance at such events, no matter length of time, does not constitute active work.)
- Setting up and/or leading retreats, days of recollection, or evening of reflections, primarily for auxiliaries.

## **G. Works of Service**

- Transporting those in need to church, doctors, shopping, etc. (Be sure to check if this permitted by your parish and/or diocese.)
- Baby sitting (without pay) so parents or caregivers or other family members members (not your own family) can attend church, shopping, doctors, etc.
- Conducting youth clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.
- Serving dinners for funerals (if assigned, and especially if no one else is available.)
- Preparing homes of the blind or sick for visitation by the priest.
- Service in soup lines (the Legion is not to provide the food.)

## **H. Legion Promotion – Extension and Recruiting**

- Visiting priests to urge starting a Praesidium.
- Invitation Drives.
- Recruiting Auxiliaries.
- Visitation (after care) of Auxiliaries.
- Training a new Praesidium.
- Staffing and promoting Patricians.
- Serving as officer for Juniors (if member of a senior Praesidium.)
- Contacting auxiliaries or shut ins by phone. (This work should be done by those who are not able to do more active work.)

## **I. Additional Considerations**

Any other works requested by the pastor that does not involve regular collection of funds or material aid should be assigned by the praesidium.

Exceptions are made for the elderly and/or handicapped. Whatever they are capable of doing and find challenging may be assigned.

If your curia or higher council has approved other works they may be added here. If your curia or spiritual superiors has forbidden any of these suggested works, you must obey them.