



### What others have said:

“You are a movement of lay people who propose to make faith the aspiration of your life up to the achievement of personal sanctity.”

—**Pope John Paul III**

“I say you have anticipated the Vatican Council — the future of the Church”

—**Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**

“Its name speaks for itself.” —**Pope Pius XI**

“Indeed the spirit of the Legion of Mary, while properly drawing fruitful nourishment from the strong interior life of its members, from their discipline, their dedication to the salvation of their neighbor, their unflinching loyalty to the church, nevertheless is distinguished and characterized by an adamant confidence in the action of the Blessed Virgin — recognizing in her the model, the guide, the joy, and the support of its members....” —**Pope Paul VI**

### *How can I join?*

Submit your name, address, phone number and parish to any active member. You will be placed on a “probationary roll” for three months. After that you will be contacted to see if you have been able to say the prayers. If you have, you will be placed on a “permanent roll.” Or you will be given an extension to try again.

### *Other suggestions:*

To help understand the Legion of Mary:

1. Subscribe to *Maria Legionis* magazine. Write Maria Legionis, 5109 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19141. (Current price, 2009, is \$8.00 a year.)
2. Read books such as Demontfort’s *True Devotion*, the life of Frank Duff or Edell Quinn. Ask a member for more recommendations.
3. Attend functions, Patrician meetings, talk with the members.

I wish to find out more about the Legion of Mary in my parish.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

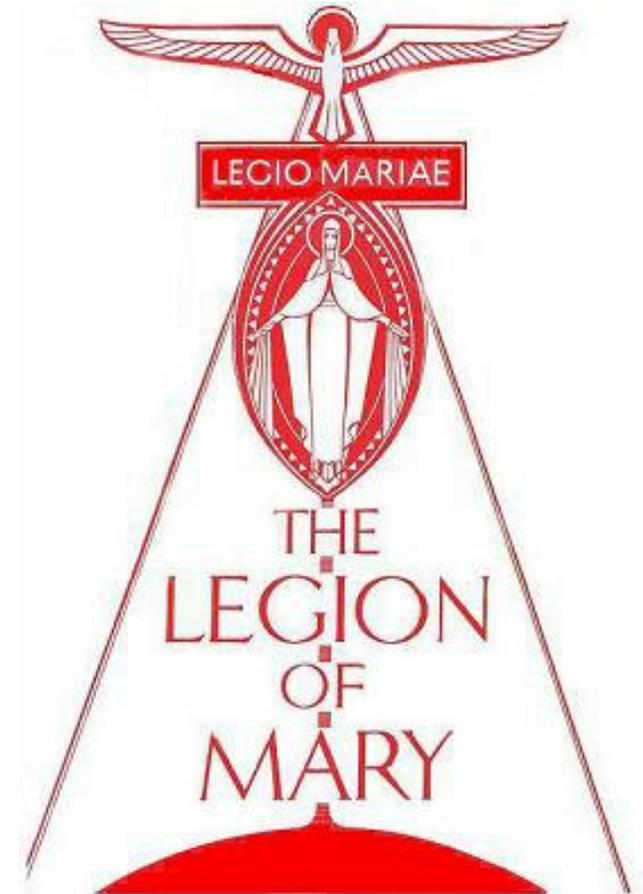
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Parish \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in:

- Auxiliary Membership  
 Senior Active Membership  
 Junior Active Membership (Under 18)



### **AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP**

**“The Legion of Mary reflects the true face of the Catholic Church” —Pope John XXIII**

**For more information visit:  
<http://www.jaxcuria.org>**

# Legion of Mary

## *What is it?*

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church with approximately 10 million active members worldwide — men, women, and children who offer their services to their pastor to aid him in performing spiritual works in the parish. The Legion is in almost every country in the world. The Legion has been approved by the past eight popes, and was endorsed by the Second Vatican Council.

## *Origin and Objectives*

September 7, 1921 the first meeting was held in Dublin Ireland and began to spread around the world. November 27, 1931 the first praesidium (parish group) met in the United States at Raton, New Mexico. It was composed entirely of men.

The objectives of the Legion of Mary are:

1. The personal sanctification of its members who, taking Mary as their model endeavor to imitate her virtues, especially her faith, charity, and humility
2. The performance of apostolic work (spiritual works of mercy) under the guidance and in cooperation with the priest.
3. To rise the spiritual level of the entire community through direct contact with and interest in every member and

potential member of the Mystical Body of Christ.

4. To accomplish this through Mary, Mother of Souls and Mediatrix of All Graces. This includes spreading of devotion to Mary, primarily by encouraging the recitation of the Rosary as Mary has requested.

## *Types of Membership*

Active members — seniors and juniors — and auxiliary (praying) members. (Active members must attend a weekly meeting and perform a weekly work obligation.)

## *Purpose of Auxiliary Membership*

Auxiliary members supply prayer-power which is needed for all the active works of the Legion.

## *Degrees of Auxiliary Membership*

1. Ordinary **auxiliary** membership consists of those persons, religious or lay, who recited five decades of the Rosary daily and the prayers contained in the Legion prayer leaflet called the “tessera.”
2. The **adjutorian** degree of auxiliary

members consists of those persons, priests, religious, or lay, who in addition to the ordinary prayers of an auxiliary participate in Daily Mass and Receive Holy Communion. In addition to which they recite daily some form of office approved by the church.

*I already say a Rosary or Office, do I need to add another one?*

No, just add the prayers of the Tessera.

*Are there dues or meetings?*

There are no dues, and the auxiliary members are not required to attend any meetings. (Of course, you are always welcome at Legion meetings.)

Once a year you are asked to take part in a ceremony of consecration to Our Lady called the “Acies.” Some times you will be invited to other functions so the auxiliary members can get to know the active members and what work they are doing.

*Who can belong?*

Anyone who is willing to say the required prayers. There are no age restrictions. Submit the form on the back page.