

Why not give the Legion of Mary a try? Attend one or two meetings. You will find the duties are simple and the tasks are being done by ordinary men, women, and children just like you.

The Legion of Mary is the largest lay apostolic movement in the Church with around 10 million active members and many more auxiliary members. The Legion either exists or is being formed in parishes all over the world, including yours.

We invite you to attend a meeting. Ask a Legionary to write the necessary information below:

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Day \_\_\_\_\_

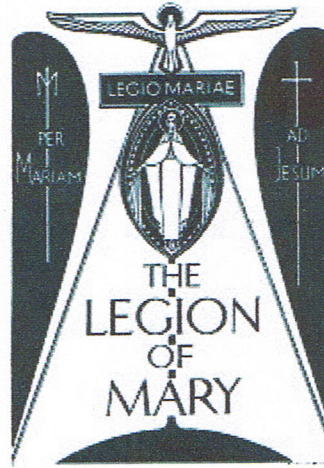
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For additional information call:

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**COME AND SEE!**

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# Men and The Legion of Mary

## THE LEGION OF MARY IS FOR ALL - MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN.....

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Approach a man about joining the Legion of Mary; tell him it is engaged in performing apostolic work, and chances are he will say, "That's women's work!" Strange, because the carefully-ordered system, the discipline, and the military-like organization should be particularly appealing to most men.

Why, then, do we find more members of the Legion of Mary are women than men? God sent his only begotten Son, through the Blessed Virgin Mary, to begin his work of salvation, concluded on Calvary.

What solemnity attaches to his last words? In his "last testament" he sent EVERYONE into the world to tell the Good News. (cf. Mk 16:15) He did not say, "just the women," or "women and children only," he said EVERYONE.

WHEN CHRIST SAID ALL HE MEANT ALL. He actually had before his eyes each, individual one of us. "No one must evade the search for souls lest the gentle Jesus frown upon us." (LOM-HB p308)

The Legion of Mary is an organization set up for just that purpose - the individual approach to every soul. Our Lord, it will be noted, did not say that every person must be converted, but only that approach be made to every one.

The Second Vatican Council and Canon Law makes our mandate clear. (cf. *Lumen Gentium, Articles 60-65*) "Since lay people, like all Christ's faithful, are deputed by baptism and confirmation, they are BOUND BY THE GENERAL OBLIGATION, and they have the right, whether as individuals or in associations, to strive so that the divine message of salvation may be known and accepted by all people throughout the world." (Can. 225)

Every pope from Pius XI to Benedict XVI has endorsed the Legion. Pope John XXIII said, "The Legion of Mary presents the true face of the Catholic Church."