

WHAT IS THE LEGION OF MARY ?

THE LEGION OF MARY IS AN ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC MEN AND WOMEN WHO, WITH THE SANCTION OF THE CHURCH AND UNDER THE POWERFUL LEADERSHIP OF MARY IMMACULATE, MEDIATRIX OF ALL GRACES. HAVING FORMED THEMSELVES INTO A LEGION FOR SERVICE IN THE WARFARE WHICH IS PERPETUALLY BEING WAGED BY THE CHURCH AGAINST THE FORCES OF EVIL.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE LEGION OF MARY ?

THE LEGION'S AIMS ARE TO:

1. INCREASE THE PERSONAL HOLINESS OF ITS MEMBERS THROUGH THE IMITATION OF THE VIRTUES OF MARY.
2. FOSTER A DEEPER DEVOTION TO MARY AMONG ALL PEOPLE.
3. UNDERTAKE VARIOUS APOSTOLIC WORKS.

WHAT MUST ONE DO TO BE A MEMBER ?

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP: FIRST THE ACTIVE MEMBER WHO ATTENDS A WEEKLY MEETING AND DOES TWO HOURS APOSTOLIC WORK EACH WEEK, AND SECONDLY, THE AUXILIARY OR PRAYING MEMBER.

WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF AN AUXILIARY MEMBER ?

THE DUTIES OF THE AUXILIARY MEMBER ARE:

1. THE DAILY RECITATION OF THE ROSARY.
2. THE DAILY RECITATION OF THE PRAYERS CONTAINED IN THE LEGION PRAYER LEAFLET CALLED THE "TESSERA."

ARE THESE PRAYERS OFFERED FOR THE LEGION OF MARY ?

NO, THESE PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF OUR BLESSED LADY.

WHY DOES THE LEGION OF MARY NOT REQUIRE THAT THESE PRAYERS BE OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE LEGION ?

IT IS THE AIM OF THE LEGION TO FOSTER AND SPREAD DEVOTION TO MARY AND THIS IS DONE BY ASKING THE AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO OFFER THESE PRAYERS DAILY FOR OUR BLESSED LADY TO DO WITH AS SHE SEES FIT. THE LEGION FEELS THAT IN THE DISPOSAL OF THESE TREASURES, OUR BLESSED MOTHER WILL HAVE REGARD FOR THE NEEDS OF THE LEGION OF MARY.

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IF ONE HAS ALREADY PROMISED TO SAY A DAILY ROSARY FOR A CERTAIN INTENTION IS IT NECESSARY TO SAY ANOTHER ONE ?

NO, PERSONS WHOSE DAILY ROSARY IS FIRMLY BOUND TO PARTICULAR INTENTIONS MAY BECOME AUXILIARY MEMBERS WITHOUT SAYING AN ADDITIONAL LEGION ROSARY.

WHAT ADVANTAGES ARE THERE TO BEING AN AUXILIARY MEMBER ?

1. AUXILIARY MEMBERS SHARE IN ALL THE PRAYERS AND WORKS OF THE THOUSANDS OF ACTIVE MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
2. AFTER DEATH THEY SHARE IN THE THOUSANDS OF MASSES OFFERED EACH NOVEMBER BY ALL THE PRAESIDIA OF THE LEGION OF MARY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ALL ACTIVE AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE AUXILIARY MEMBER TO THE LEGION ?

THE AUXILIARIES OFFER THE LEGION THE PRICELESS BACKING OF THEIR PRAYERS. ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT IN THE ACTIVE RANKS, NEVERTHELESS THEY PLAY AN ESSENTIAL PART COMPARABLE TO

THAT OF THE AMMUNITION WORKERS AND SUPPLY TROOPS. IN THE ARMED FORCES, WITHOUT WHICH THE FIGHTING FORCES ARE POWERLESS.

ARE THERE ANY MEETINGS TO ATTEND?

No, THE AUXILIARY MEMBER IS NOT OBLIGATED TO ATTEND ANY MEETINGS, ALTHOUGH IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR EACH PRAESIDIUM TO PLAN A GET-TOGETHER ONCE A YEAR FOR ITS AUXILIARY MEMBERS SO THAT THEY CAN GET BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THE LEGION OF MARY AND WHAT IT IS ACCOMPLISHING.

IS THERE ANY AGE LIMIT TO MEMBERSHIP ?

No, PERSONS OF ANY AGE ARE ELIGIBLE.

DOES THE OBLIGATION TO SAY THE PRAYERS BIND UNDER PAIN OF SIN ?

No, THERE WOULD BE NO SIN INVOLVED IF ONE MISSED SAYING THE PRAYERS.

HOW DOES ONE BECOME AN AUXILIARY MEMBER ?

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP IS EFFECTED BY THE ENTERING OF ONE'S NAME ON THE ROLL OF A LEGION OF MARY PRAESIDIUM (PARISH UNIT). AT THE END OF A THREE MONTH PROBATION PERIOD THE ACTIVE MEMBER CALLS ON THE AUXILIARY

TO ASCERTAIN IF THE PRAYER OBLIGATION IS BEING MET. IF SO, THE NAME IS THEN ENTERED ON THE ROLL OF PERMANENT AUXILIARY MEMBERS.

THE PRIMARY DEGREE: AUXILIARIES

IT IS AN ESSENTIAL DUTY OF THE LEGION OF MARY TO RAISE UP AND PRESERVE AROUND ITSELF A STRONG BODY OF AUXILIARIES. AN ARMY DEPENDS FROM DAY TO DAY ON A GREAT SUPPORTING HOST OF WORKERS WHO FURNISH IT WITH MUNITIONS, FOOD, CLOTHING, AND MEDICAL AID. CUT AWAY FROM THESE SERVICES, WHAT WILL A FEW DAYS OF CONFLICT DO WITH THAT FINE BODY OF MEN! WHAT THAT SUPPORTING HOST IS TO A REGIMENT, THE AUXILIARIES ARE TO THE LEGION OF MARY. (HANDBOOK). BY THEIR DAILY ROSARY AND PRAYERS ON THE TESSERA (LEGION PRAYER CARD) THEY ARE SUPPLYING THE GRACE OF GOD THE ACTIVE MEMBERS NEED TO ACCOMPLISH HIS WORK OF SPREADING THE KINGDOM. THESE ARE THE LEFT WING OF THE LEGION OF MARY'S PRAYING ARMY.

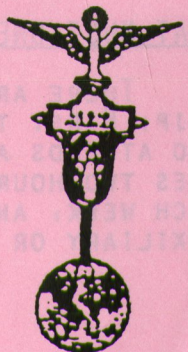
THE HIGHER DEGREE: ADJUTORIANS

THESE ARE THE RIGHT WING OF THE PRAYING LEGION. IT COMPRISES THOSE WHO, IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR PRAYERS AND ROSARY ABOVE, WILL AGREE TO ATTEND MASS, RECEIVE COMMUNION DAILY AND RECITE DAILY SOME FORM OF OFFICE THAT IS APPROVED BY THE CHURCH.

"GIVE ME A LEVER AND A SUPPORT FOR IT AND I WILL LIFT THE EARTH ITSELF." ARCHMEDES

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