

Legio Mariae

The Legion of Mary

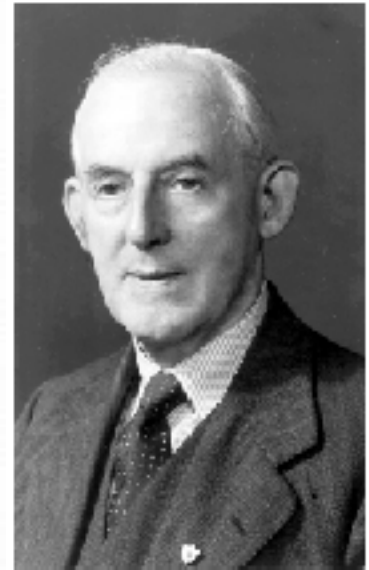
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History

- Organizational
 - Founded in Dublin, Ireland in 1921
 - Lay Catholic Organization – Voluntary Service
 - Active & Auxiliary Members
 - Active – Meet Weekly
 - Prayer Intermingled With Reports
 - Auxiliary – Pray For The Actives
- The Legion Sees As Its Priority:
 - Spiritual/Social Welfare Of Every Individual – How?
 - Thru Various Works of Service Performed Weekly



Works Of Service - An Opportunity For Encounter And Relationship

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Encounter and Relationship



Legion Spirituality

- Centered on the Holy Spirit
 - Centered on Christ
- Our Delightful Guest
 - Our Supreme Director
 - God's Gift To Us
 - Fills Us With Love
 - Transformation Into Christ



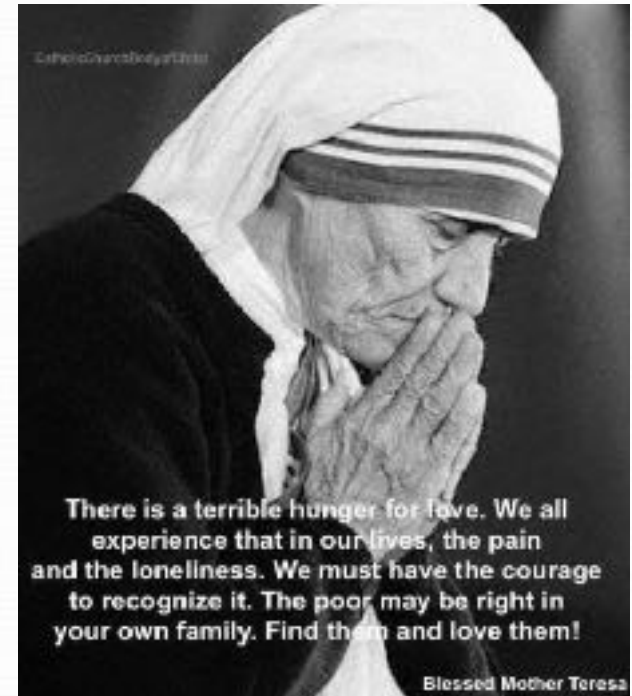
- The only Shepherd that can feed us
- The only Physician that can heal us
- The only Way that can lead us

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Encountering Suffering – St. Teresa of Calcutta

“We have houses all over Europe and the United States and other places where there is no hunger for a piece of bread. But there’s tremendous hunger for love, a feeling of being unwanted, unloved, shut in, rejected, forgotten. There are people who have forgotten what is a human smile, what is a human touch...”

“Another time I was walking through the streets of London in a poor area...I saw a man in a truly terrible condition sitting there looking so sad and alone. So I walked up to him and took him by the hand and asked him how he was. When I did this, he looked up at me and said, ‘Oh, after such a long time, I feel the warmth of a human hand. After such a long time, someone is touching me.’”



Legion of Mary – Encountering Souls, Establishing Relationships, and Journeying With Them

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Works of Mercy

‘The Joy of the Gospel’ by Pope Francis (released late 2013)

Pope Francis offers several characteristics of an evangelizing community for us to consider:

1. Taking the initiative to seek those who have fallen away.
2. An endless desire to show mercy.
3. Getting involved in people’s daily lives.
4. Patient, apostolic endurance.
5. Filled with joy.

Be Merciful as Your Father is Merciful (Luke 6:36)

We are not only to receive the mercy of God, but to use it by being merciful to others through: **OUR ACTIONS, OUR WORDS, and OUR PRAYERS.**

Corporal Works

Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked
Shelter the homeless
Comfort the prisoners
Visit the sick
Bury the dead

Spiritual Works

Teach the Ignorant
Pray for the living & dead
Correct sinners
Counsel those in doubt
Console the sorrowful
Bear wrongs patiently
Forgive wrongs willingly



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Everyday is a new opportunity to do Works of Mercy!

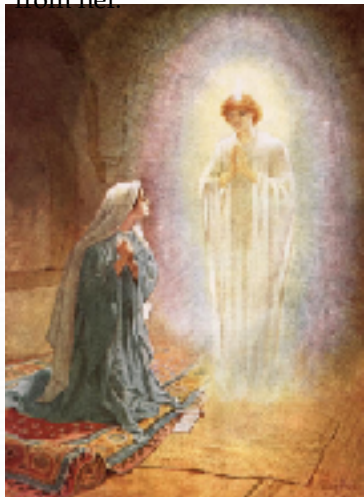
Mercy is to feel compassion at the suffering of others and to reach out to help them.

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Mary – Responding To God’s Call

THE ANNUNCIATION

38 Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.



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THE WEDDING AT CANA

3 When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” 4 [And] Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” 5 His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.”

ADVOCACY

THE CRUFIION OF JESUS

25 Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala.

26 When Jesus saw his mother* and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.”

27 Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

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Question / Answer

