

Semi-Annual Report

February 25, 2018 thru August 25, 2018

Presented to Queen of Victory Curia

**On behalf of the
Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish Praesidium
Topeka, Kansas**

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I.	General Information	

a. Time of meeting: 1 p.m. Place: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish Center/Lower Level/Room 8

b. Names of Officers:

Officer	Name	Address	Phone	Apt. Date
Spiritual Director	Fr. Greg Hammes	1800 S.W. Stone Ave. Topeka, KS 66604	785-272-5590	10/2014
President	John Grabauskas	2534 S.W. Stutley Ct. Topeka, KS 66614	785-250-2744	11/2017 1 st Term
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Secretary	Gail DeFord	501 S.W. Franklin Ave. Topeka, KS 66606	785-217-0039	11/2017 1 st Term
Treasurer	Niashia Baker	5851 SW Candletree Dr. #11 Topeka, KS 66614	785-554-4129	11/2017 1 st Term

a. Membership

Member Type	Total
New active members (on probation)	0
Active members	6
New auxiliaries	3
Total auxiliaries	164
New Adjutorians	0
New Praetorians	0
Transfers/withdrawals	0

Active recruiting: 54 contacts (*see 4a below for details*)

I. Specific information regarding activities of period covered

Number of meetings: 23 (e.g.; number of times Praesidium met)

Average attendance: 83%

b. Activities (Visits may be total for reporting period or weekly average)

No.	Activity	Total
1	Census	0
2	Nursing home communities visited [?] Our Praesidium formed a collaborative relationship with the parish's Ministry to the Aging. This collaboration allows for both ministries to share information about individuals in need of spiritual care. The total represents the many souls (Christians, Catholic, lapse Catholics, etc.) consistently visited, week in/ week out, in a variety of care facilities. The visits were in both a group setting as well as individually.	836 visits For a total Of 5,842 Contacts
3	Hospital	21 visits
4	Extension (New Praesidium)	-----

	<p>a) <i>Recruiting.</i> Includes the following:</p> <p>i. Conversations about the LOM</p> <p>ii. Asking individuals to join the LOM.</p>	<p>☐ 37</p> <p>☐ 17</p>
	a) <i>Training/ Consultation</i>	0 hours
	a) <i>Promotion (New Praesidia).</i>	0
	a) <i>Promotion</i>	0
5	Outreach- (Benedictine College, KU/St. Lawrence Catholic Campus, MPH M LOM, FOCUS, ICare, St. John The Evangelist, Other Parishes)	28 hours
6	Participate in Catechumenate Program (e.g.; RCIA)	6 hours
7	Participate in Columbian Drive	0
8	Special home visits:	-----
	a) FAC (fallen-away Catholic)	0
	a) Extension (new active members)	0
	a) Auxiliary	16
	a) CCD enrollment	0
	a) Lay minister communion calls	568
	a) Special home visits Contacts ----- >	5842
	a) Death Consolation	9
	a) Pilgrim Virgin Statue	0
9	CCD teach – class or individual basis.	0
10	Other works of service	-----
	a. Evangelization	-----

	1. Catholics	70
	2. Non-Catholics	52
	3. Fallen-Away Catholics	7
	4. Non-Christian	7
	5. Atheist	0
	6. Lax Catholic	0
	7. Mason	0
	8. Pro-life conversations	7
	9. Phone calls to check on sick people	8
	10. Defending the Catholic faith	0
	11. Defending the Legion of Mary	0
	Evangelization Total	151
	a. Distribution of literature (e.g.; Rosaries, Scapulars, Literature, etc.) Est.	650 pieces
	a. Transporting Individuals. Our Praesidium transports individuals to/from a few locations, including: doctor, pickup medicine, grocery store, or to/from Mass/iCARE Mass	96 transports
	a. Weekly Rosary Group/First Apts. One member helps lead the weekly rosary group at First Apts.	20 times

	<p>a. Total Consecration. Annually, our praesidium coordinates a Total Consecration program on behalf of our parish. The parish uses the book titled '33 Days to Morning Glory'.</p>	0
	<p>a. Pursuing Potential Active Work.</p>	-----
	<p>a. Is It Really In The Bible & Spiritual Warfare. One member from our Praesidium attended 2 Classes at First Apts. -13 times. (For both classes.)</p>	26 hours (approx.)
	<p>a. Christ Life</p>	39 hours
	<p>a. Kairos Prison Ministry Prison Visits ----- > Individual Contacts ---- ></p>	48 998
	<p>a. Kairos Retreat Training</p>	15 hours
	<p>a. Let's Help Soup Kitchen</p>	0
	<p>a. Meals On Wheels</p>	214 meals
	<p>a. Bible Study</p>	30 hours
	<p>a. Public Rosary</p>	1 hour
	<p>a. Divine Mercy 2018 – For MPHM Parish</p>	18 hrs
	<p>a. Baptism Preparation</p>	1 hour
	<p>q. KOC Honor Guard</p>	2 hours

I. Results: **NOTE:** *President's opportunity to provide perspective on how the Praesidium did.*

I inherited a well-organized, well ran Praesidium. This is due in large part to the past presidents. All our active members are more than willing to do the Blessed Virgin Mary's work on Earth.

We have found some minor differences between the way our meetings were conducted and the way the handbook suggests. When these non-standard practices were pointed out, our Praesidium eagerly, earnestly and willingly changed; we are trying only to be obedient to the LOM.

We continue striving to spread the word through evangelization. As can be seen by the above numbers, we spend a lot of time one on one and with small groups to change hearts and minds. Our focus is on winning that one soul for Christ.

Our Pastor, Fr. Greg, and Sr. Ann (Ministry for the Aging), along with all other Pastors in the Topeka area are pleased with the efforts the Legion accomplishes each week.

IV. Miscellaneous

- a. *What recommendations were given to you at your last visitation?*
There were no Curia visits during this 6-month period. However, as a response for some guidance from our past President, we had a visit from Rebecca Mitalski, the President of the Comitium. She gave us several suggestions on how our meetings could run more efficiently and how to keep the meeting within the hour and a half time frame, suggested in the Handbook. And we corrected our errant ways.
- a. *Do you have any new works planned in the future?* There are currently no new works planned. We have permission, from Fr. Pilcher, to start a Praesidium at Mater Dei, but are still gauging support.
- a. *How many members of your Praesidium receive the Maria Legionis?*
 - i. *All 6 active members.*
- a. *Our problems and difficulties:*
 - i. Recruitment of Active and Auxiliary membership.
- a. *Interesting cases:*

- ☐ There have been at least **28** referrals to Fr. Greg, Fr. Jonathon, Sr. Ann and area priests for anointing of the sick, death consolations and last rites.
- ☐ Our Praesidium gave a 50-minute Presentation at the Shepherd's Center, about the works that we do. [The Shepherds Center is a diverse community ministry sponsored by over 20 Protestant and Catholic congregations for people 55 years old and older.]
- ☐ Our Praesidium created a Web Page about our LOM in the MPH M parish website.

- ❓ There was a Facebook account created to research how to best use FB to communicate about our various works, etc.
- ❓ One Legionary has been reaching out to Colleges and Universities in the area. They had an initial meeting with Patti Lyon, Director of the Washburn University Catholic Campus Center about starting a LOM. The preference of the Director was to initially mention the LOM to the students and encourage them to consider the LOM at MPH. M.
- ❓ One Legionary continues to grow, spiritually, while working with Kairos Prison Ministry, in the Prayer and Share Program, with the ladies at the Topeka Correctional Facility.
- ❓ Two Legionaries were Baptismal Sponsors for a Resident at Villa Village, in Nortonville, Kansas. She has since been relocated to a Facility in Topeka and plans to attend RCIA this Fall.

V. IN MEMORY OF:

- a. Deceased Auxiliary Members -----> **0**
- b. People visited – Now Deceased ----- > **23**

Summary: The Blessed Virgin Mary has shown us how to serve others with ‘Love and Joy’. We try to follow her example in our prayers, in our words and in what we do. When we fall short, we get back up and continue trying. We refuse to disappoint Our Lady by giving up.

Our Mission is to serve all people that we see each day as Mother Mary served her son, Jesus.

Total Secret Bag Collected:	\$ 591.25
Total Curia Donation	\$ -----
Treasurer’s Report: (Balance on hand)	\$ 271.00

President – John Grabauskas

Secretary – Gail Deford