

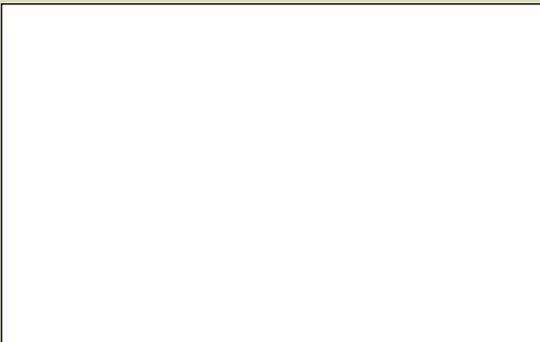
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*Do you want to...*

- ✦ *Learn more about the Catholic faith?*
- ✦ *Enrich your prayer life?*
- ✦ *Grow closer to Jesus and His Mother?*
- ✦ *Take part in the church's mission of evangelisation?*

**COME AND SEE**

*We invite you to come and see what the Legion way of life has to offer you.  
A local Legion meeting is held at:*



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*Legio Mariae*

# THE LEGION OF MARY



*“I am all yours my Queen, my Mother, and all that I have is yours.”*

## WHAT IS IT?

The Legion of Mary is an association of dedicated Catholics serving under Mary, our Mother and Queen. It is the largest organisation of lay people involved in apostolic works in the Catholic Church, with well over three million active members in almost every country of the world.

The Legion of Mary was founded by Frank Duff in Ireland in 1921. It has been in Australia since 1932.

## WHAT DOES IT DO?

The object of the Legion of Mary is the sanctification of its members by prayer and active apostolic work in union with Mary.

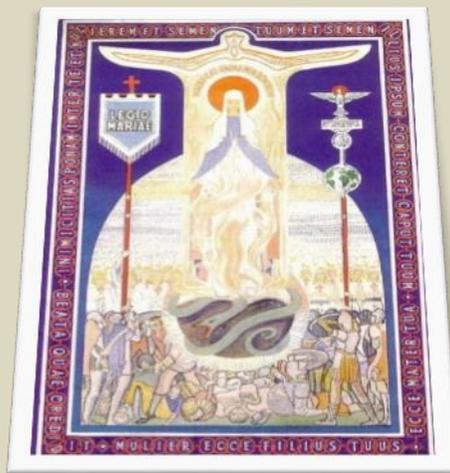
Members cooperate in close union with the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth through a balanced program of prayer and service in evangelizing and performing works of mercy as Jesus commanded.

*"The Legion of Mary presents the true face of the Catholic Church."  
Pope John XXIII*

## MEMBERSHIP

The two grades of membership are active and auxiliary. Active members meet weekly around an altar of Our Lady to pray the Rosary and Legion prayers, plan and discuss good works and receive spiritual formation. They then undertake two hours of works of service in union with Our Lady, as decided at the meeting.

*Auxiliary members* pray the Rosary and the prayers of the Legion of Mary (the Tessera) for the intentions of the Blessed Mother and to support the efforts of the active members through their prayers. They are not required to attend any meetings.



The Tessera

## THE LEGION AND THE CHURCH

The Legion is sanctioned by the Church. Pope after Pope has urgently called the laity to pray and work in the organised lay apostolate.

## THE LEGION AND OTHERS

Legionaries seek to see the face of Christ in their fellow members and in all those with whom they come in contact. The Legion has no politics, no class distinctions, no racial discrimination. Information learned at meetings or during active work is strictly confidential.

## WHO CAN BELONG?

The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholics aged 18 and over who:

- ✘ faithfully practise their religion;
- ✘ are animated by the desire to participate in the Church's apostolate through membership in the Legion;
- ✘ are prepared to fulfil each and every duty which membership in the Legion involves.

There are also junior branches of the Legion of Mary.

Some examples of work are:

- ✘ visiting the sick and lonely
- ✘ teaching catechism to children or adults
- ✘ hospital and nursing home visitation
- ✘ transporting the sick and elderly to Mass
- ✘ propagation of Catholic literature and sacramentals, in particular the Miraculous Medal and the Rosary.

Visitation is always done in pairs.



The Miraculous Medal