



# LEGION OF MARY MATER ECCLESIAE SENATUS OF HOUSTON

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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## Spiritual Reading

Legion of Mary Handbook

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Prayers of the Legion

“Mary’s faith surpassed that of all men and all angels. She saw her Son in the stable at Bethlehem and she believed that he was the Creator of the world. She saw him fly from Herod and she never wavered in her faith that he was the King of kings. She saw him born, and believed him eternal. She saw him poor and without even the elemental necessities, and nevertheless she believed him to be the Master of the universe. She saw him lying on straw, and her faith told her that he was the All powerful One. She saw that He spoke not a word, yet she believed that he was the eternal Wisdom itself. She heard Him cry and she believed that He was the Joy of Paradise. And in the end she saw Him dying, exposed to all manner of insult, affixed to a cross, and though the faith of all others was shaken, yet Mary persevered in her unhesitating belief that he was God.”

(St. Alphonsus Liguori)

**LEGION OF MARY**  
**MATER ECCLESIAE SENATUS OF HOUSTON**  
**New Spiritual Director**  
**Fr. Vincent Vuong-Quoc Nguyen**



## Allocutio

Fr. Vincent introduced himself as Pastor of St. Clair of Assisi Catholic Church. He said that he was approached by, at the time, Very Rev. Fr. Brendan Cahill who was Spiritual Director of the Houston Senatus, about taking on that position. Fr. Vincent said that he would be honored, but that since they were in the process of building a new Family Life Center that he asked to postpone it until September. He said, he is here now to serve as our new Spiritual Director. He was warmly welcomed by all in attendance.

## Our Lady of the Rosary October 7<sup>th</sup>



The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was instituted to honor Mary for the Christian victory over the Turks at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. Pope St. Pius V and all Christians had prayed the Rosary for victory. The Rosary, or the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is one of the best prayers to Mary, the Mother of God.

## QUARTERLY REPORTS DISTANT COUNCILS

### SAN ANTONIO COMITIUM

The Comitium continues to do well with their officers - Sr. Sylvia Molina president, Br. Rene Trevino vice president, Sr. Estella Foster treasurer, and Deacon Zarnora as Spiritual Director. Meetings continue to be held in Mary's House. The Comitium officers have been encouraging their Praesidia to promote Pilgrim Virgin visitation as a means of encouraging home visitation and recruitment of new members. Visitation of attached Praesidia is ongoing. Sr. Cres Wellman was appointed president of **Our Lady of the Lamp** Praesidium and Br. Ray Ranzau was appointed secretary of **Holy Mary Mother of God** Praesidium. Sr. Mary Flora was ratified as 2nd term secretary for **Our Lady Queen of Peace** Curia.

Reports were given by **Our Lady of Unity** Curia with four Praesidia attached. They report works including Door to Door visitation, Pilgrim Virgin visitation as well as Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, jail visitation and visitation of the homes of children needing the Sacraments. **Our Lady Queen of Peace Praesidium** reports having three attached Praesidia and works including consolation work, CCD and Pilgrim Virgin visits. Their Spiritual Director Dcn Charlie King passed away in May. **Our Lady of Good Counsel** Curia reports increasing membership among its Praesidia **Mary Gentle Mother Praesidium** reports two Pilgrim Virgin statues in circulation. The Comitium is making plans for a summer outing and attendance at the Holy Spirit Conference in October.

### RIO GRAND VALLEY COMITIUM

(Formerly Pharr Comitium)

**THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY COMITIUM** (formerly Pharr Comitium), Sister was pleased to inform us that Deacon Frank Flores has been appointed as their new Spiritual Director; Deacon Frank is very familiar with the Legion of Mary.

Sr. Doris plans to encourage extension work and Praesidia visitations this month Annual report was received this quarter from **Maria Immaculata Concepcion de Monte Alto**. They have five active members and seven auxiliary members and their regular works include nursing home, hospital and homebound visitations. **Maria Auxilio de los Cristianos**, gave the 4th annual report. They have 14 active members and 23 auxiliary members and 2 on probation. Their works include visits to the hospital, nursing home, homebound, teach CCE and lead the Rosary at Funerals.

**BROWNSVILLE CURIA** have six attached Praesidia, they meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

### MCALLEN CURIA

McAllen Curia - has four attached Praesidia and one Jr. Legion. They meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. Elections were held in July for Curia President and Vice President. Both Sr. Denia de los Reyes, President Second Term and Sr. Cynthia Herrera, Vice President, Second Term won by acclamation.

Praesidia visitations will begin in the fall and Sr. Denia is working on extension work. The officers are planning a retreat.

### AMARILLO CURIA

#### Our Lady of Divine Mercy

The June meeting was sparsely attended due to summer activities. The Secretary Br. Oscar Olvera was out for the summer and Mary Helen Flores was unable to send the Minutes for July and August. Br. Oscar has since returned so things should be getting back to normal. Their June retreat had to be cancelled due to flooding in the area and has been rescheduled for October. This correspondent has made a number of recommendations for enhancement of their agenda and hence their meetings and hopefully these will now be implemented. There are presently eight attached praesidia.

### ALBUQUERQUE COMITIUM

Congress in July - scheduled a session in Spanish. Outdoor function to Chimayo on August 22. Rosary Rally at Isotope Stadium Oct 4. Meeting with the new Archbishop. Acies 2016 at St. Anne March 19-extended invitation to Archbishop. Visited Carlsbad Curia. Our Lady's Rosary for America - One Hail Mary for each state. Checking to see if the Curiae have EIN numbers on their checking accounts. . Wonderful promoter of Frank Duff, Br. Manuel. Report highlights:

**Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity** - distributed over 200 Miraculous Medals to mothers after Mass on Mother's Day!

. Santa Maria de la Vida - Promote 33 Day Preparation for Total Consecration. **Our Lady Queen of Angels** schedules an annual retreat where they invite auxiliaries. **Our Lady of Fatima** has completed 23 of 61 scheduled Enthronements of Sacred Heart.

### TYLER COMITIUM

#### Immaculate Conception

The Tyler Comitium has a new Spiritual Director, Father Morgan White appointed by Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Strickland, Bishop of Tyler, and effective date was June 1, 2015. Fr. White has recommended the Tyler Comitium have their meetings at the Chancery which has been approved by the Bishop. He believes the meetings at the Chancery will demonstrate the importance of the Legion. They will still meet on the third Sunday of the month unless it is a Holiday.

Fr. White is enthusiastic about his new assignment and wants to extend the Legion of Mary to every parish in the Diocese of Tyler. He was a legion member before he was a seminarian. He wants every member to become a better Legionary.

Fr White has asked legionaries to submit a brief history of their legion, works, members, and events to be compiled for the Diocese Magazine, The Nuestra Senora Curia submitted their quarterly report they have made 21 P.V. Statue visitations, distributed 108 M/Medals, and 192 pieces of literature.

**FORT WORTH KOREAN CURIA**  
**Mother of God**

The Curia has four attached Praesidia with four officers and SD Fr. Austine Park. The Curia has 22 active and 46 auxiliary members. Apostolic works include, visits to indifferent believers, hospital and home visits, caring for catechumens, caring for parish families, nursing home visits, taking care of disable person and family, reaching out to atheists, distributing weekly bulletins, other works include, teaching Sunday school, and funeral home visits.

**LOCAL COUNCILS**

**HOUSTON KOREAN CURIA**  
**Mother of Fatima**

The Curia has four officers and SD Fr. John Lee, the Curia has seven attached Praesidia, with 49 active and 152 auxiliary members, one praetorian and 2 Junior Praesidia with 11 active and 22 auxiliary members. College Station Parish (composed of international Students at Texas A&M). It has two attached Praesidia with 16 active and 22 auxiliary members.

The Houston Curia works include visiting nursing homes and praying with the residents, visiting patients at their home and the hospital, advising to inactive Catholic member to encourage reconciliation, leading the Lady of Fatima pilgrimage to the home and praying Rosary, Mass, distributing Sunday sermon CD to the General Public at Korean groceries and restaurants, recruiting Active and Auxiliaries Members, reaching out to atheists and inviting to preparation for the Sacraments, visiting seniors who is living alone pray with them, volunteering at Fatima House once a month, joining in a litany for the dead and visiting funeral Homes, caring for New Parishioners from Korea or other States, visiting the recently bereaved families.

**College Station Parish Presidia** works include advising to Inactive Catholic member to encourage reconciliation, recruiting Active and Auxiliaries Members, reaching out to atheists and inviting to preparation for the Sacraments, visiting and helping the sick, caring for new comers/students both of believers and nonbelievers from Korea and helping them get settle in. As a special note: On August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015, three Legionaries visited Dallas Comitium and Fort Worth Korean Curia with Senatus President Sharon and Vice President Barbara.

**NORTHWEST CURIA**  
**Our Lady Undoer of Knots**

Our first meeting was held on January 24, 2015 & our elections were held at our second meeting in February, where we filled all 4 offices & chose our curia name, **Our Lady, Undoer of Knots**. We were affiliated on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2015. We consist of 6 Presidium, we average about 75% attendance from Praesidium officers at each meeting.

This quarter we had one Praesidium report given by **Mary, Queen of Peace**. They have 14 active members and 21 auxiliary members. Their active works include hosting Communion Services at nursing home, teaching CCE.

In efforts to recruit new members and auxiliary members they participated in St. Cyril's Chili cook off calling themselves Pillar of Fire & distributing over 50 Pillar of Fire booklets & Miraculous metals. All of their active members participate in the Association of the Living Rosary & their goals for this next year include obtaining a Spiritual Director, increase PVS & Home Enthronement & increase Auxiliary membership.

Our goals for this next quarter are to continue to work on our Supply store, and start the process of speaking with the Pastor of St. Matthew the Evangelist Church for possible extension work & schedule to meet with the pastors of St. Bartholomew & Our Lady of Walsingham. They have requested to have an English presidium started. Being a new Curia, we have a lot to learn about running an effective meeting and the works required of Curia officers but with the help of our Blessed Mother and Senatus we know that we can accomplish all that is required of us. We look forward to seeing what our Blessed Mother has in store for us.

**LOCAL ATTACHED PRAESIDIA**

**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart** Praesidium was founded the week of the Queenship of Mary, August 22, 2006 by the late Msgr. Francis G. Wearden and Holly and Charlene McQuitty.

There are 15 active and two probationary members. Regular works include: Fatima House - 6-10 members are assigned to the Sunday morning apostolate to the homeless every Sunday morning from 8:30 -10. The Fatima House is a house of hospitality and prayer for the homeless and marginalized.

One of our members plays the harp prior to praying the Rosary We have upgraded the movies shown by being able to access the internet thanks to the Senatus officers. St. Dominic Nursing Home - working together with St. Christopher legionaries, we visit the nursing home every Saturday morning leading the Rosary and conducting a Communion Service. 35-40 residents at ten including several priests and nuns. Visitation of the Homebound - We visit the homebound of the parish bringing Holy Communion per our pastor's request. Door to Door. Pilgrim Virgin Statue /Enthronement of the Sacred Heart - we take the Pilgrim Virgin Statue to homes. Patricians - beginning our fall session the third Tuesday of each month. Cafe Catholica and Young Adult Catholic Ministry Our younger members recruit at these events with a table, literature, and our new Legion Banner!

- Hosted the 2014 Annual Reunion, attended the Acies, have November Mass for deceased legionaries.

Highlight - The president received a surprise invitation from Fr. Chacon and Deacon Chavez to conduct a PPC in Farmington, New Mexico last September.

**ATTENDANCE**

There were 61 people present including 8 guests

All Senatus Officers present, SD Fr. Vincent Vuong-Quoc Nguyen and visiting priest Fr. Anthony SD, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

100% attendance

Northern Curia and the Spanish Comitium.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Charlie Jackson, 1<sup>st</sup> term, VP, Our Lady Queen of All Hearts  
 Alfred Vanprin, 1<sup>st</sup> term, Pres, Our Lady Queen of All Hearts  
 Marcelia Castro, 1<sup>st</sup> term, VP, Laredo Praesidium  
 Carmon Mendoza, 1<sup>st</sup> term, Sec, Laredo Praesidium

**EXPIRATIONS**

Ethel Kayte, 2<sup>nd</sup> term, Pres, Gallup Curia  
 Darlene Bitsio, 2<sup>nd</sup> term, VP, Gallup Curia  
 Stella Shirley, 2<sup>nd</sup> term, Treas, Gallup Curia  
 Charlene McQuitty, 2<sup>st</sup> term, Pres, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
 Holly McQuitty, 2<sup>st</sup> term, VP, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

**RATIFICATIONS**

Cheryl Duplechain, 1<sup>st</sup> term, Pres, Northeast Curia  
 Laura Razicha, 1<sup>st</sup> term, VP, Bay Area Curia  
 Maria Carmen Rodriguez, 1<sup>st</sup> term, Pres, El Paso Curia  
 Elisa M. Salas, 1<sup>st</sup> term, VP, El Paso Curia  
 Maria Inez Poritie, 1<sup>st</sup> term, Sec, El Paso Curia  
 Josefina Arreola, 1<sup>st</sup> term, Treas, El Paso Curia  
 Leah Manelo, 1<sup>st</sup> term, Pres, South West Curia  
 Sarafina Alo, 1<sup>st</sup> term, Sec, South West Curia  
 Marilyn Saccomanno, 1<sup>st</sup> term, Sec, Southern Comitium

**VISITATIONS**

Korean Curia Fr. Worth by Sharon Reese, B. Chauvin, Maria Yoon, John Cho. Vietnamese Curia Arlington by Sharon Reese and Sr. Rose LaDet, St. Stanislaus, Anderson by Jerry Weyant, Sharon Reese, Barbara Chauvin, Holy Family Praesidium by Sharon Reese

**HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE**

**2015 Year of Consecrated Life**

**“WAKE UP THE WORLD”**

**Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 10:00 AM**

**Celebrant - Fr. Roy Tvrdik SMM**

**Concelebrant Fr. Jojo Cal-Ortiz**

**St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, 1511 Highway 90 S,  
 Anderson, TX 77830.**

**OCTOBER REPORTS**

**Attached Praesidia:** Mother Most Merciful

**Local Councils:** Northeast Curia, Southern Comitium, Southwest Curia, Vietnamese Curia, Northern Curia

**Distant Councils:** Arlington Vietnamese Curia, Austin Comitium, Corpus Christie Curia, Dallas Comitium, Gallup Comitium, Southwest curia

**Next Meeting: October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Fatima House 3PM**

**Host: Mother Most Merciful and Vietnamese Curia**

**CAUSES**

Servant of God Frank Duff

Venerable Edel Quin

Servant of God Alfie Lambe

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**All Night Vigil**

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

Holy Family

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**PATRICIANS**

. The Patricians- A Catholic Discussion Group

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Cathedral Centre, 1701 San Jacinto@ Jefferson

Houston, TX 77002

**October 2015**

- 2 All Night Vigil, Holy Family  
1510 5th St., Missouri City, TX 77489-1298
- 11 **Senatus - Fatima House, 3pm**
- 12 Columbus Day
- 20 The Patricians - Cathedral Centre
- 31 Holy Spirit Conference – 10 AM  
St. Stanislaus Catholic Church  
1511 Highway 90 S  
Anderson, TX 77830

**November 2015**

- 01 All Soul’s Day
- 06 All-Night Vigil --TBA
- 07 DD Frank Duff
- 08 **Senatus - Fatima House, 3pm**
- 17 The Patricians - Cathedral Centre

**December 2015**

- 04 All-Night Vigil-- TBA
- 05 AGR Fatima House
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13 **Senatus - Fatima House, 3pm**
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day