

# A Legion of Mary



## *Song* *Book*

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**“The Legion should be a way of living,  
and recreation is a vital part  
of living.**

**The legionaries should not be slaves  
to the conventional forms  
of entertainment  
but should make their own.  
Legionaries should be a jolly lot!”**

**- *Frank Duff, 1961***

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# THE HEART OF MARY

(Tune: The Sound of Music)

## Verse

All over the world,  
Wherever you chance to be,  
The Legion if there  
For people like you and me,  
And once you discover the Legion  
Your heart will know there and then  
Our Lady is using the Legion  
To tend her Son,  
To mother everyone in the world again.

## Chorus

The Legion's alive  
With the heart of Mary,  
All over the world  
You can hear her name;  
From far away Spain  
To the vales of Derry,  
Wherever you go  
It will be the same.

Each meeting we come to kneel  
And somehow feel  
She is there by our side,  
And as we go  
Our way we know  
She is there as our guide;

And when the shadow of the cross  
Brings its sorrow and fear  
She sings in our hearts  
Till the sorrow and fear disappear!

(Continued)

If we leave our lives  
In the hands of Mary  
Till meetings are through  
And the work is done,  
On that day we'll find  
That the heart of Mary  
And our hearts are one.

## **WHEN YOU SAY YOUR LEGION PRAYERS**

(Tune: When You Wish Upon a Star)

When you say your Legion prayers,  
Though your heart be filled with cares,  
In new grace the Legion shares  
Because of you;

With our world so much in need  
Cherish every prayerful bead,  
That will prosper every deed  
You'll ever do.

You will find  
The more you give with love  
The more you're getting of  
Love Eternal!

So with every passing day  
You must work and you must pray,  
Mary's army in array  
Till life is through –

Then she will welcome you!

By: Richard Currie

## **THE SPIRITUAL READING**

(Tune: Some Enchanted Evening)

Every legionary  
Needs some inspiration  
For his visitation  
To all the souls in town,  
The handbook provides  
Ideals that we need  
So at every meeting these pages we read.

Every legionary  
Has an obligation,  
Has an obligation  
To seek souls in town;  
The handbook will show  
The ways that we can,  
And so we must read it again and again.

Who will explain it to the ones in doubt?  
Read and digest it, learn it inside out?

If you know the handbook  
You will know Our Lady,  
You will hear her call you  
To share her love for souls;  
So fly to her side  
And make her your own,  
And all through your life you will not be alone!

Once you have found her  
Never let her go;  
Once you have found her  
Never let her go!

# THE SEVENTH OF SEPTEMBER

(Tune: Kevin Barry)

On the seventh of September  
Back in nineteen-twenty-one  
In the holy town of Dublin  
Something wondrous was begun;  
Gathered round a simple altar  
At the closing of the day  
Knelt the first of Mary's Legion  
Who had met to plan and pray.

Then inflamed with True Devotion  
With a faith so firm and sure  
Went those first of legionaries  
To the suffering and the poor,  
And returning told the story  
Of the things that they had seen  
And they knew what they had witnessed  
Was the presence of their Queen.

O those first of legionaries  
Could they know what was in store?  
Could they dream their tiny Legion  
Would be reaching every shore?  
For the spirit of Our Lady  
Which had sweetly led them on  
Spread to all the waiting countries  
Like the coming of a dawn!

Let us thank her for this wonder  
How the Legion was begun  
In the holy town of Dublin  
Back in nineteen-twenty-one,  
For around that simple altar  
In the weary world somewhere,  
Every day at every moment,  
Legionaries kneel in prayer

(Continued)

And inflamed with True Devotion  
With a faith so firm and sure  
Go our many legionaries  
To the suffering and the poor,  
And returning tell the story  
Of the Christ who lives again,  
Of the presence of that Mother  
Loving him as she did then!

## **FOLLOW OUR LADY**

(Tune: Climb Every Mountain)

Follow Our Lady,  
Follow her far,  
Through your darkest journey  
You will see her star.

Follow Our Lady,  
Through any land,  
When your road gets lonely  
You will find her hand;

A hand that can hold  
All the trust you can give,  
All the days of your life  
For as long as you live;

Follow Our Lady  
Through every land,  
All roads lead to heaven  
When you take her hand!

# TRY TO REMEMBER

(Tune: Same Title)

Try to remember a time in September  
So many Legion years ago,  
Try to remember a time in September  
When Legion life began to glow,  
Try to remember that time in September  
When we were like embers about to billow,  
Try to remember and as you remember  
Then follow, follow, follow, follow.

Try to remember a time in September  
A time of grace for me and you,  
Try to remember that time in September  
When we were just a very few,  
Try to remember that fire of September  
That spread through our world that was dark  
    And hollow,  
Try to remember and as you remember  
Come follow, follow, follow, follow.

Every September it's good to remember  
That time so many years ago,  
Every September it's good to remember  
How Legion life began to grow,  
Every September it's good to remember  
That we're still an ember about to billow,  
Every September it's good to remember  
And follow, follow, follow, follow.

## **MAY THE LEGION GROW**

(Tune: Que Sera Sera)

Back when the Legion first began  
Frank Duff and others had found a way  
To serve Our Lady, to serve her well,  
Here's what they had to say:

### Chorus

May the Legion grow  
All over the world today,  
Our Lady has shown the way –  
May the Legion grow,  
May the Legion grow!

### 2nd Verse

And when our envoys crossed the sea  
To serve in countries so far away,  
In very mission, in every town,  
Here's what they all would say: (Repeat Chorus)

### 3rd Verse

And we of (Insert own name)  
All know the graces that come our way  
Serving Our Lady, serving her well,  
So we all too should say: (Repeat Chorus)

## **THE LEGION SONG IS A LOVE SONG**

(Tune: Hi Lili, Hi Lo)

The Legion song is a love song  
So sing it wherever you go,  
The Legion song is Our Lady's song  
So sing it high and low!  
The Legion song is a love song  
That each can claim as his own,  
So as you go singing the Legion song  
Remember you're never alone –  
Remember when singing Our Lady's song  
You'll never be singing alone!

## **AROUND THE WORLD THE LEGION'S GROWN**

(Tune: Around the World in Eighty Days)

Around the world the Legion's grown,  
It traveled down from Dublin town  
To France and Spain and Rome;  
It came to London too one day,  
The Netherlands and Switzerland  
And to the U.S.A.  
Edel gave all in Africa  
And Alfie Lambe and many more in South America,  
'Twas heaven-sent to all the Orient  
It's grown around the world for you!

By: LaVerne Stecher

## **LEGIO MARIAE**

(Tune: Too-ra Loo-ra Loo-ral  
An Irish Lullaby)

Over in old Ireland, not too long ago,  
Something wondrous started  
And wondrously did grow,  
And with humblest of beginnings  
Like the flicker of a flame  
Took Our Lady's love across the world  
And gave her this new name:

Legio Mariae  
Everyone must hear,  
Legio Mariae  
Brings Our Lady near;  
For her legionaries  
On their Legion way  
Legio Mariae  
Is the name to sing every day!

## **LOOK TO YOUR LEGION SPIRIT**

(Tune: Look for the Silver Lining)

Look to your Legion spirit  
Whenever crosses come into view,  
Remember somewhere, Our Lady's smiling  
And so the right thing to do is smile  
As she would do;  
A heart full of True Devotion  
Can always banish worry and fears,  
So always look to your Legion spirit  
And you'll go smiling  
Through your Legion years!

## **IF YOU EVER GO ACROSS THE SEA TO IRELAND**

(Tune: Galway Bay)

If you ever go across the sea to Ireland  
Then surely at the closing of the day  
You will see the many Irish legionaries  
Just come from meetings or just on their way.

You will see them dealing with the many problems,  
The sin and suffering every city holds,  
And as you are left to share these very problems  
The spirit of the Legion soon unfolds.

O the Irish Legion truly is an army  
And when you've seen it in its full array  
You will pray that every other legionary  
Will have the joy of being there someday.

## **MARY, OUR QUEEN**

(Tune: Somewhere My Love)

Mary, our Queen  
There will be souls to save,  
For we are told  
There's life beyond the grave;

Gather them all  
Into your Legion care,  
So on that Day  
They'll be assembled there.

Someday, we'll meet somewhere I know,  
Somewhere, beyond the aurora's glow!

We'll come to you  
Out of this vale of woe,  
With every soul  
White as the drifted snow!

Mary, our Queen  
Pray for us now and then,  
God speed the day  
When Christ will come again!

By: Charles A. Fairbanks

## **HYMN OF ST. BERNARD**

(Tune: All the Things You Are)

Following Her, you shall not wander;  
Invoking Her, you shall not despair.  
Thinking of Her, you shall not blunder;  
Upheld by Her, you shall avoid the snare.

If She is shielding you, you shall not fear;  
If She is guiding you, you grow not wear-ry.

(Continued)

Favored by Her, you reach the finish,  
And so my Queen, my Mother, I am all Thine,  
And all the things I have ...  
... are Thine.

By: Michael J. Miller

## **MARY'S THERE**

(Tune: Same Title)

Nothing's quite so peaceful as Mary at the meeting,  
All through the rosary I feel her presence there;

Softly in the praying that graces every meeting  
Mary seems, from her altar, to smile at me;

And as I kneel I seem to feel her close beside me  
And I thank the Lord for giving her for me to love  
And serve her daily;

Nothing's quite so holy as Mary at the meeting,  
Her hands extended, graces flowing out to me,

She fills my soul with joy; I know I'll love her always,  
Until I'm called above where I'll see her face to face;

Yes Mary's there,  
Through sunny days or stormy weather,  
She'll always care

For every day the love we share  
We share together,  
For Mary's there, yes Mary's there, yes Mary's there!

By: Frank Baranyai

# OUR LEGION SAINTS

(Tune: Edelweiss)

Our Edel, Our Edel,  
Envoy extraordinary,

Our Edel, Our Edel,  
Gave her whole self to Mary.

Model of all who would do the same,  
Perfect legionary;

Our Edel, Our Edel,  
Pray for each legionary!

Alfie Lambe, Alfie Lambe,  
Envoy extraordinary,

Alfie Lambe, Alfie Lambe,  
Gave his whole self to Mary.

Model of all who would do the same,  
Perfect legionary;

Alfie Lambe, Alfie Lambe,  
Pray for each legionary!

Brother Duff, Brother Duff,  
Founder extraordinary,

Brother Duff, Brother Duff,  
Showed us how to love Mary.

Model of all who would bear the name:  
“Faithful Legionary”,

Brother Duff, Brother Duff,  
Pray for your legionaries!

## **IF YOU LOVED HER**

(Tune: If I Loved You)

If you loved her,  
Time and again you would do and say  
All she's wanting you to;

If you loved her,  
Graces would come in an easy way,  
There is so much you'd do

Wanting to please her till the day you die,  
Letting no golden chances pass you by;

Always love her  
And on you'll go when your life is through,  
Ever ever to know  
How she loved you –  
How she loves you!

## **AS LONG AS SHE NEEDS ME**

(Tune: As Long As He Needs Me)

As long as she needs me,  
I know where I must be,  
I'll go on steadfastly  
As long as she needs me;

As long as life is long  
She's with me right or wrong,  
I know that I'll be strong  
As long as she needs me.

Though I may stumble along the way,  
With her to guide me I'll never stray;

(Continued)

In her I put my trust,  
With heart and soul I must,  
And so I'll go on just  
As long as she needs me.

**HERS**  
(Tune: More)

More than the greatest love  
The world has known,  
This is the love she holds  
For you alone

When, in the simplest words  
You try to say:  
"I am all yours, my Mother,  
Come what may";

More than you'll ever know  
Her love will enfold you so  
Your life will be in her keeping  
Waking, sleeping,  
Laughing, weeping,

Far past the day  
When breath no longer stirs,  
Far, far beyond forever  
You'll be hers;

So give you're all to her  
And know  
As the seasons come and go  
No one else could love you so!

# BATTLE HYMN OF THE LEGION

(Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

Our eyes have seen the glory of the rising  
of the dawn,  
She is lovely as the moon and she is brilliant  
as the sun,  
More awesome than the armies all the world  
has gazed upon -  
Her Legion marches on!

## Chorus

All is in the hand of Mary,  
In the mighty hand of Mary,  
All is in the hand of Mary,  
Her Legion marches on!

## 2nd Verse

In the member's daily building of the Body  
of the Lord,  
In the effort of the envoy off in country  
unexplored,  
In the courage of the martyr facing prison  
or the sword –  
Her Legion marches on! (Repeat Chorus)

## 3rd Verse

We will forge ahead united with her standard  
high unfurled,  
We will follow her to battle for the conquest  
of the world,  
We will fight till very evil to the depth of  
hell is hurled –  
Our Legion marches on! (Repeat Chorus)

## **LEGION HEART**

(Tune: Wooden Heart)

When you sky's overcast  
And it seems the storm must last,  
Soon it will be past  
If you trust with your Legion heart;

When the road that you wend  
Hardly seems to show a bend,  
You will see the end  
If you look to your Legion heart.

For there is no mountain you can't climb  
If you're Mary's own from the start,

And as the years come and go,  
Should your Legion flame burn low,  
You will catch the glow  
If you trust to your Legion heart.

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When there's no hand to hold  
And the day turns dark and cold,  
You will find its gold  
If you seek with your Legion heart;

When you've journeyed so far  
And you've lost your guiding star,  
You'll know where you are  
When you look to your Legion heart.

And there is no ocean you can't cross  
If you're Mary's own from the start,

And when earth's day is done  
And you face your setting sun,  
Joy will overrun  
All the love in your Legion heart.

## **LIVE THE LEGION**

(Tune: Oklahoma)

Live the Legion, let Our Lady come alive in you,  
Yours must be her hands,  
Her loving hands,  
In a world she's building bright and new!

Live the Legion, let your love become a living flame,  
Let the whole world know  
That Christian glow  
At the very mention of her name!

We know that a new world will rise  
As the evil and selfishness dies,

And when we say,  
"Legionary on your way!"  
We're really saying,  
"Give all you've got to Our Lady,  
Live the Legion, and live!"

## **THE TIME HAS COME**

(Tune: I Left My Heart in San Francisco)

The time has come  
To say farewell now,  
Soon we'll be gone  
And on our way;

We know we never will forget  
This meeting when we met  
Part of our Legion family,  
And you'll see

We'll share again  
At every meeting,  
In every work  
And every prayer:

(Continued)

So long as we remain one with Mary,  
We'll find our Legion family there!  
So long as we remain one with Mary,  
We'll find our Legion family there!

## **WE'RE IN THE LEGION OF MARY**

(Tune: O What a Beautiful Morning)

### 1st Verse

Every day's a good day in the Legion,  
Every day's a good day in the Legion,  
Our problems may come but they won't mean a thing:  
They're just one more reason for members to sing:

### Chorus

We're in the Legion of Mary  
We're in the Legion to stay,  
We've got a beautiful future –  
Everything's going God's way!

### 2nd Verse

We all know there'll be some disappointments,  
We all know there'll be some disappointments,  
Come pain or come sadness, come failure or loss –  
We know these blessed things bear the mark of the Cross!

(Repeat Chorus)

### 3rd Verse

We care not for what's coming tomorrow,  
We care not for what's coming tomorrow,  
We'll live for today and will offer her all:  
With trust in Our Lady we'll stand strong and tall!

(Repeat Chorus)

### 4th Verse

Through the Legion we prove love for Mary,  
Through the Legion we prove love for Mary,  
We'll give her our joys, all our trouble and trial  
And know that the Legion lives under her smile!

(Repeat Chorus)

## **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

### **BALLAD OF THE UNSUSPECTING LEGIONARY**

(Tune: On Top of Old Smokey)

The Legion of Mary came over the sea  
Way back in the twenties and finally got me.

I used to be happy, knew joy every day,  
And then Father \_\_\_\_\_ took my joy away.

He said, "There's a meeting this evening at eight,  
I want to see you there, and don't you be late!"

So I went to the meeting, O I'm telling you,  
When it's excommunication, what else can you do?

And there at the meeting, guess what did I see:  
A room full of ladies and just one man – me.

But I sat back to listen, and what did I hear?  
I heard my assignments for the whole coming year!

Now I said, "O but Father, I've been doing my best;  
I give good example and let God do the rest."

Then the president told me that souls I should seek,  
It would all be so easy, just two hours a week.

I then picked a partner and hoped to begin  
But they quickly told me, "You'll work with men!"

So I did visitation with a member named Jack –  
If I'd had some sense then, I'd have never gone back;

For the awful happened in that pray-sid-ee-oom:  
I came as a bachelor and wound up a groom!

The Legion of Mary as you plainly see  
Means nothing but trouble, but I'm glad it got me!

## **THE JUNIORS' SONG**

(Tune: They Try to Tell Us We're Too Young)

They try to tell us we're too young,  
Too young for their praesidium,  
They say the Legion's run  
For something more than fun,  
And that the rectory's not a stadium!  
We'd like to tell them they're too old,  
Too old and also very glum:  
O it is very hard to see  
They were once as young as we!

## **WE ARE JUNIOR LEGIONARIES**

(Tune: Yankee Doodle)

We are junior legionaries,  
Legion members we've become,  
Nieces, nephews of our Uncle Duff,  
We know where we're coming from;  
We will learn that Legion handbook  
And get used to all those names:  
As for certain senior members –  
Well, it didn't matter –  
Well, it didn't matter –  
We joined the Legion just the same, yeah,  
We joined the Legion just the same!

We'll be faithful legionaries,  
Legionaries do or die;  
Real live siblings of our Sister Quinn  
Our Legion spirit flies high!  
We will fight Our Lady's battles  
Living life the Legion way:  
So today we're here to tell you  
We'll be legionaries  
Just like the senior ones today, yeah,  
Just like the ones we see today, yeah,  
Just like the ones there are today!

## **ME AND MY PARTNER**

(Tune: Me and My Shadow)

Me and my partner  
Had some door-to-door to do,  
Me and my partner  
Weren't sure that we could see it through;  
We tried a certain block,  
Tapped on a door,  
Knew we should knock  
Or do something more, so  
Me and my partner  
Blessed ourselves and courage grew!

Me and my partner  
Had new Legion work to do;  
Me and my partner  
Had a former parish name or two;  
And at a certain house  
We climbed the stair,  
Scared as a mouse  
Someone would be there, but  
Nobody answered –  
What more can we say to you!

## **TREASURER'S SONG**

(Tune: With Plenty of Money and You)

O brothers and sisters here's what we do  
With all of the money that comes from you,  
We buy the supplies and the altar things –  
It all depends on just how loud that old bag rings!

And then there are envoys who must be sent  
To spots like the faraway Orient,  
O they can't do without us  
Down at the senatus

(Continued)

So I'm certain members  
That you will be generous  
When that secret bag comes to you!

And then there are bills from the president,  
A new suit of clothes which is evident;  
The officers beer and tobacco too –  
And who makes all this possible? Y-O-U!

There's flowers and candy to help us click  
When we do our calling upon the sick,  
So we hope you'll be willin'  
To drop a big bill in  
When that secret bag comes,  
When that secret bag comes,  
When that secret bag comes to you!

## **THE LEGION, THE LEGION**

(Tune: My Darling, My Darling)

The Legion, the Legion,  
They wanted to sell me the Legion  
For many and many a day,

The Legion, the Legion,  
Whenever I thought of the Legion  
My courage just melted away!

Then all at once it happened,  
Now there's not a thing I'm sane enough to say –

Except the Legion, the Legion,  
I'm now in the Legion of Mary –  
And in to stay!

## **THE STANDING INSTRUCTION**

(Tune: The Girl that I Marry)

The Standing Instruction you'll always hear  
The first of the month, that's twelve times a year;  
We always come on time  
And the missing of meetings is worse than a crime!  
We give a report of the work we've done  
The daily Catena's for everyone,  
And we're never found repeating  
What we learn through our work or our meeting –  
Let all members red-line  
The words on page one hundred nine!

## **THE LAST TIME I SAW KELLY**

(Tune: The Last Time I Saw Paris)

The last time I saw Kelly  
Was inside cell block ten,  
The day we said the rosary there  
And mingled with the men;

I still can see him standing  
With inmates in a row  
Just as the prison warden came  
And it was time to go.

I went ahead of Kelly  
As we approached the stair,  
When I got down I looked around  
But Kelly wasn't there.

The last time I saw Kelly  
Was up in cell block ten,  
I've got a funny feeling  
We won't see him again!

## **THE STANDING INSTRUCTION II**

(Tune: When You're Sixteen Going on Seventeen)

### Verse

You wait, Brother Jones, on an empty stage  
For faith to turn the light on;  
Your life, Brother Jones, is an empty page  
The Legion soon will write on:

### Chorus

See the handbook page one-o-nine  
Points numbers one through four,  
To be a very  
Good legionary  
These things you can't ignore;

In the Legion page one-o-nine  
Keeps everyone in line,  
So long as all do  
What they are called to  
Everything works out fine.

Work and a meeting every week  
Catena every day,  
Of the reports you never speak  
Except to those you may;

You need something stronger and wiser  
Telling you what to do-oo,  
Read the handbook page one-o-nine –  
That will take care of you!

# LEGIONIS

(Tune: Maria [Sound of Music])

## Verse

I must say with the Legion I am very much impressed,  
You tackle all your work with great efficiency and zest,  
And though I know I'm here in the capacity of guest  
There's something that I cannot keep from pondering:  
You mentioned adjutorian and spoke of tessera,  
And certain ones were called upon about a curia  
And evidently there are things you call praesidia  
So really I just cannot keep from wondering;  
Although I understand your works and aims –  
Where did you get those names?!

## Chorus

Where did you get a name like Legionis?  
What's a comitium I'd like to know,  
Where did you get a word like a vexillum  
And what in the world is an allocutio?  
What do you do with things like a senatus,  
What does it mean to say concilium?  
You put me in a daze  
With words like acies  
Catena and of course "vexillum"  
Oh where did you get a name like Legionis,  
Why do you call yourselves "praesidium"?

## 2nd Verse

Your vocabulary's strange  
Far beyond my mental range  
And to understand it all I can't begin;  
First I found it all amusing  
Now it's thoroughly confusing  
And I'm not quite sure what century I'm in;

(Continued)

Though I try to feel at home  
In this group from ancient Rome  
Every other word you speak is Greek to me!  
If you only spoke in English  
Then perhaps I could distinguish:  
Is this century twenty-one or still B.C.?  
(Repeat Chorus)

## **IT'S BEEN A LONG, LONG TIME**

(Tune: Same Title)

We haven't had new members since  
We can't remember when,  
It's been a long, long time!

They'll visit once or maybe twice  
And never come again  
It's been a long, long time!

We wonder why they don't come back again to see us  
(We have a sinking thought it just might be us!)

We hope and pray there'll be a day  
When we have nine or ten  
It's been a long, long time.

You'll never know how many dreams we dream about them,  
Or just how empty meetings seem without them

We hope and pray we'll see the day  
When they come back again  
It's been a long, long time,  
It's been a long, long time!

# NAMES

(Tune: Mame)

Verse (Spoken)

We've got a legionary tag  
For simple things like a secret bag  
And prayer called Catena for spirits that sag –  
Names!

We run our special titles through  
For all the things that members can do  
For instance Patricians and Acies too –  
Names!

And you want to be sure yuh  
Know what a curia  
And what a comitium are;

And we wouldn't kidyuh  
In all the Praesidia  
Is where the "Vexilliums" are;

And there's this about us  
Besides a senatus  
We've got a Concilium too!

They come in every size both old and new:

Chorus

One thing we legionaries don't lack – Names!  
We've got a list to Dublin and back – Names!  
We've got a name for everything  
That a member ever ought to know  
And Brother that's inclusive from  
Acies to Allocutio!

They help the Legionary to click – Names!

(Continued)

You'll find they give the Legion its kick – Names  
And once you've started using them  
Nothing in your life will be the same:  
You'll find they're conversational  
What's more they're inspirational  
We think they're just sensational –  
Names! Names! Names!

## **THEY SAY IT'S WONDERFUL**

(Tune: Same Title)

They say the Legion of Mary's wonderful  
It's wonderful,  
So they say,

And with the meeting each week it's wonderful  
It's wonderful,  
So they tell me;

They say that once you've met it  
You simply can't forget it,  
They let you know the Legion's in every land  
And

That with the handbook to read it's wonderful,  
Wonderful,  
In very way,  
So they say.

They say that once you're in it  
You're happy every minute  
They say it's something heaven alone has planned  
And

The thing that's known as the Legion's wonderful,  
Wonderful,  
In every way -  
So they say.

## **WE'RE ALWAYS CHASING MEMBERS**

(Tune: I'm Always Chasing Rainbows)

We're always chasing members  
Watching crowds passing by,  
We speak to people every week –  
How we try and try!  
Some say they're really gonna be here  
And that's when we all shout Hurray!  
But they're the ones we never see here  
It seems to always go that way  
Believe us  
We're always chasing members  
Waiting to find a new addition someday.

## **C-A-T-E-N-A**

(Tune: M-O-T-H-E-R)

C is for the councils of the Legion  
A for Active members one and all;  
T is for the Thanks we owe to Mary  
E Extension workers out on call;  
N is for the never-ending blessings  
A stands for Auxiliaries far and near:  
Put them all in line they spell Catena  
The prayer Our Lady loves to hear!

# THIS IS THE LEGION

(Tune: This Is the Army)

This is the Legion, Brother Jones,  
And what we never hear are groans,  
We take assignments the way they come  
And believe me they come and they come!

This is the Legion once again,  
And what the Legion builds is men;  
It brings you sorrows, it brings you joys  
And it's definitely not for boys!

Bow to the Legion's command,  
You're job's to follow and not understand!

This is the Legion, Brother Jones,  
And once the Legion's in your bones,  
You will be certain, you'll never doubt  
It's the one thing you can't do without.

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This is the Legion, Sister Brown,  
You took shopping trips to town,  
You had lots of free time before  
But your time won't be free anymore!

Take your assignment, Sister Brown,  
Although you'd like to turn it down,  
Though you may worry, though you may fret  
In the Legion you take what you get!

Choosing is out of your hands  
You're in the Legion to meet its demands!

This is the Legion, Sister Brown,  
And though we hate to see you frown,  
Sooner or later you'll have no doubt  
It's the Legion you can't do without!

## **ONCE YOU'RE IN THE LEGION**

(Tune: Once in Love With Amy)

Once you're in the Legion  
Always you're in the Legion,  
Ever and ever fascinated by it  
Brother once you try it you'll see;

Once you're in the Legion  
Always you're in the Legion,  
Ever and ever captivated by it  
Brother don't deny it, you'll see.

Now you may be an apostolic rover  
So zealous and bold  
Who visits once and later thinks it over  
Then just stops cold

But once you're in the Legion  
Always you're in the Legion,  
Ever and ever activated by it  
Brother once you try it you'll find  
There's nothing but the Legion on your mind!

## **EVERY DAY IS LEGION DAY WITH ME**

(Tune: Every Day Is Ladies Day With Me)

Every day is Legion day with me  
And I'm at its disposal all the while,  
It's a joy to keep repeating  
My attendance at the meeting  
And I cherish each and every precious mile  
Of visitation;  
I wish that I had joined it long ago  
For I'd be so much further on the way,  
O I pray the time will never come

(Continued)

When I am separated from  
The Legion that I'm loving every day!

Every day is Legion day with me,  
I'm at Our Lady's every beck and call  
And I'm right there on the double  
When I learn of souls in trouble  
For I know that soon the grace will start to fall  
Right out of heaven!  
There's something that I think I must admit:  
I'm not the legionary I would be,  
But so long as I have done my best  
I know Our Lady does the rest  
Oh, everyday is Legion day with me!

## **APOSTOLATE TO THE CROWD II**

(Tune: That Old Gang of Mine)

There's a team down on the corner  
Have you heard the tale they tell?  
Their Legion ways are breaking up  
The Devil's clientele;

They will stop you for a moment  
Then before you can withdraw  
You're talking deep and thoughtful things  
Like love and God and law!

A spark is lit, a soul is reached  
Think of what happens then:  
God's grace ignites to living flame –  
The Legion strikes again!

O the Devil's breathing fire,  
And he's screaming, mad as hell  
At legionaries breaking up  
His favorite clientele!

# LET THE LEGION IN

(Tune: Let the Sunshine In)

## 1st Verse – Legionaries

There is something, Father  
You really ought to know,  
It's a way of helping Catholics  
To be holy and to grow;  
Apostolic action is wearing mighty thin  
So we're hoping you'll consider  
Letting Mary's Legion in:

## Chorus

Oh let the Legion in  
Help the Church to win  
Think of all the souls  
It will save from sin  
Oh let the Legion in  
Take it with a grin  
Open up your parish  
Let the Legion in!

## 2nd Verse – Priest

I must tell you frankly  
The Legion has to wait,  
I can see the situation  
That its members could create;  
They would be resented  
And thought fanatic too  
And for many other reasons  
I must answer "No" to you. (Repeat Chorus)

## 3rd Verse – Legionaries

In your parish, Father  
Are more than just a few  
Who will do the work you give them  
In the way you want them to:  
They will share your priesthood  
And you will have their aid  
To make all the many contacts  
That you never could have made! (Repeat Chorus)

4th Verse – Priest

What you say's impressive  
But really I must state  
This is one of those occasions  
Where the Legion's just too late!  
I have many workers,  
Organizations too;  
If we were to start the Legion  
There'd be nothing it could do! (Repeat Chorus)

5th Verse – Legionaries

Father, we will wager  
There's much not being done,  
Even though with countless workers  
Your rectory's overrun;  
Think of all the people  
Outside the one true fold  
And the Catholics in your parish  
Whose devotion has grown cold! (Repeat Chorus)

6th Verse – Priest

You've been quite persistent  
But then respectful too  
And although I'm somewhat leery  
This is what I think we'll do:  
You can start the Legion,  
Just name the time and day –  
But it will have to prove itself  
So you better start to pray! (Repeat Chorus)

Priest

I opened up my parish, let the Legion in!

# APOSTOLATE TO THE CROWD

(Tune: The Lord Is Counting On You)

When the envoy came from Concilium  
His address was firm and loud:  
He said we must go to every soul  
As apostles to the crowd;  
If we want the Church to be great and strong  
We'll have to follow through,  
So he asked us all to go right along  
And he told us what to do:

## Chorus

Go to the byways  
Down on the highways  
Tell 'em that you're their friend,  
Tell 'em the Church is open  
They're welcome to come in!  
Walk up to everyone  
Talk up with everyone  
Don't stop at one or two,  
Go heavy on the How-dee-do  
For the Legion's counting on you!

## 2nd Verse

We want to thank Brother visitor  
His address was a stirring one;  
We admit just the thought of it  
Made us want to turn and run!  
But he pinned us down  
To a time and town  
So we had to follow through,  
But now we state that we think it's great  
And in turn we say to you:

(Repeat Chorus)

## I'M IN THE LEGION NOW

(Tune: Among My Souvenirs)

There's nothing left for me  
Of days that used to be  
Free time's a memory  
I'm in the Legion now;

I'm out eight nights a week  
So many souls to seek –  
But then I cannot speak –  
I'm in the Legion now.

My Legion leaflets rest  
Right here inside my vest  
And though I know I'm blessed  
On visitation,

I know I'll always pine  
For that old room of mine  
Where I no more recline –  
I'm in the Legion now!

I never see a show  
Nor to a concert go  
My TV doesn't glow  
I'm in the Legion now;

My parents stare at me  
When I drop in for tea,  
They say, "Hey, who is he?"  
I'm in the Legion now!

I hasten to admit  
Though I be far from fit  
I'd be the last to quit  
As legionary –

But every now and then  
I wonder where and when  
I'll see my home again!  
I'm in the Legion now!

## **LONG WAY FROM PHILADELPHIA**

(Tune: Long Way to Tipperary)

We're a long way from Philadelphia  
That's a long way to roam,  
But you've made us from Philadelphia  
Feel so very much at home (like the U S A)  
How can we all repay you  
For this week you planned?  
Here's a great big thanks from Philadelphia  
To I-I-er-land!

We invite you to Philadelphia  
Won't you come for a stay?  
Come on over to Philadelphia  
We will gladly pay your way (from the secret bag!)  
Give us the chance to show you  
Phil-a-delph-i-ay-  
It may not be as Legion as your Dublin  
But it's on the way!

With our visit here with you in Dublin  
We're well on the way!

So a great big thanks we give to Dublin  
From Philly, P A!

## **MY BLUE HEAVEN**

(Tune: Same Title)

Just Mary and Me  
My partner makes three  
The Legion is my blue heaven.

Out most every night  
But then that's alright  
The Legion is my blue heaven.

You'll see my smiling face  
And not a trace of blues or gloom,  
I never sigh when I'm with my  
Pray-sid-ee-oom!

Just partner and me  
The handbook makes three  
I'm happy in my blue heaven!

## **THE HAPPY LEGIONARY**

(Tune: The Happy Wanderer)

I love our old praesidium  
We are a happy throng,  
With each report we keep it short  
And sing this happy song:

Chorus

Legio, Le-gio, Le-gio –  
Le-gio-ho-ho-ho-ho-ho  
Legi, Le-gio,  
We sing this happy song!

(Continued)

I love our Legion president  
And he can do no wrong,  
He gives us no allocutio  
But he sings this happy song: (Repeat Chorus)

I love to go a-visiting  
My partner by my side,  
For as we roam from home to home  
We sing this song with pride: (Repeat Chorus)

The curia sends visitors  
We're glad to have them come;  
What they don't know is when they go  
This happy song we hum: (Repeat Chorus—hum this chorus)

I was a sorry one until  
The Legion came along,  
Now life's worthwhile and I can smile  
And sing this happy song: (Repeat Chorus)

## **THANK HEAVEN FOR SECRET BAGS**

(Tune: Thank Heaven for Little Girls)

Thank heaven for secret bags  
The secret bags get fuller all the time;  
Thank heaven for secret bags  
O how we love to hear that silver chime!

The bag is passed just once at every meeting  
A worthy custom that we feel bears much repeating

Thank heaven for secret bags  
Thank heaven for them all  
The light ones and the heavy too –  
Without them what would treasurers do!

## I'M PART OF THE PRAESIDIUM

(Tune: Can't Help Lovin' That Man)

Fish gotta swim and birds gotta fly  
I gotta meeting right up till I die –  
I'm part of the praesidium!

I can't arrive as late as late as I please  
And if I do it's down on my knees –  
I'm part of the praesidium!

When on meeting ni-ight  
I'm out like a li-ight  
Dreaming in my cozy room alone –  
They telephone!

There may be ice and there may be snow  
It doesn't matter I still gotta go –  
I'm part of the praesidium!

Whether there's peace or whether there's war  
I'll be assigned to go door to door –  
I'm part of the praesidium!

There are some visits I'd rather not make  
But they're the ones I'm expected to take –  
I'm part of the praesidium!

If I thought to shir-irk  
My week's Legion wor-ork  
Cause pneumonia put me out of use –  
That's no excuse!

Maybe I'm lazy, maybe I'm slow  
Maybe I'm crazy for all that I know  
But I'm part of the praesidium! O Yeah!

## **THE PATRICIANS**

(Tune: Take Me Out to the Ball Game)

Let's all start the Patricians  
It's so easy to do;  
We'll need a chairman and priest of course,  
Topics that we can discuss till we're hoarse,  
don't for –  
Get the main thing is members  
So go and gather them in:  
O bring one, two, three six or ten  
And let's all begin!

Bring someone to Patricians  
It's just held once a month;  
They'll find a lot they can talk about  
Soon they will see that they can't do without  
all they  
Get from being Patricians  
They'll never be quite the same:  
So bring one, two, three friends along  
They'll be glad they came!

## **THAT'S MY WEAKNESS NOW**

(Tune: Same Title)

They meet every week  
I never cared for every week  
But they meet every week  
And that's my weakness now!

They do assignments too  
I never cared for what they do  
But they do assignments too  
And that's my weakness now!

(Continued)

O me, O my-y  
And to think that I'm a member till I die!

They're called "Holy Joes"  
I'd never like being one of those  
But they're called "Holy Joes"  
And that's my weakness now!

## **ROLL OUT THE BARROW**

(Tune: Roll Out the Barrel)

Roll out the barrow  
From early morning till night,  
Roll out the barrow  
Show forth your faith like a light;  
Speak to the people  
Show them that true Christian cheer –  
Legionaries roll the barrow  
Where the crowds appear!

Roll out the barrow  
In rain or snow or in sun,  
Roll out the barrow  
So many souls to be won;  
Stock up with booklets  
We have so much we must share:  
Legionaries roll the barrow  
To the public square!

Roll out the barrow  
We have a barrow of Truth,  
Roll out the barrow  
Reach out to adults and youth;  
Don't waste a minute  
Show what the Legion can do:  
Legionaries roll the barrow  
Down the avenue!

## **IT'S A GOOD TIME FOR SINGING**

(Tune: It's a Grand Night for Singing)

It's a good time for singing  
A happy Legion song,  
A good time to show  
Everybody we know  
We know where our hearts belong;  
It's a good time for singing  
So let's all sing along:  
We'll start with the best  
Then sing some of the rest  
Decide on another and then –  
Sing it, sing it again!

## **HANDBOOK SONG**

(Tune: Side by Side)

Oh, we don't give presents or money  
People may think that that's funny  
But whatever the old handbook says  
That we do!

Although some would like knowing  
We never tell where we're going  
For whatever the old handbook says  
That we do!

Through all kinds of weather  
What if the sky should fall  
We'll do work and meetings  
It doesn't matter at all!

When we're worn out and weary of trying  
And time comes for finally dying  
Then whatever the old handbook says  
That we'll do –  
Whatever the old handbook says  
That you'll do!

## **MARIA LEGIONIS**

(Tune: Marie Elena)

Maria Legionis is your magazine  
Maria Legionis is the one I mean;  
Each legionary should subscribe both now and here,  
You know the price is just a mere eight bucks a year;

Auxiliary members also should be made aware  
Of what the Legion is and what it is they share,  
And so we think you know just what we mean:  
Maria Le-gionis is your magazine!

## **MARY'S MAGAZINE**

(Tune: Allouette)

### Chorus

Le-gi-o-nis  
Ma-ri-a Le-gi-o-nis  
Le-gi-o-nis  
Mary's ma-ga-zine!

### 1st Verse

Articles about our saints?  
Alfie Lambe Edel and Frank.  
Legion saints?  
Legion saints.  
Legion saints?  
Legion saints.  
O-o-o (Repeat Chorus)

### 2nd Verse

Lots of news so in-t'resting?  
Lots of news so in-t'resting.  
Legion saints?  
Legion saints.  
O-o-o (Repeat Chorus)

(Continued)

### 3rd Verse

Can you get it for eight bucks?  
You can get it for eight bucks.  
For eight bucks?  
For eight bucks.  
Int'resting?  
Int'resting.  
Legion saints?  
Legion saints.  
O-o-o (Repeat Chorus)

### 4th Verse

Send i-de-as news and pix?  
Yes, i-de-as news and pix.  
News and pix?  
News and pix.  
For eight bucks?  
For eight bucks.  
Int'resting?  
Int'resting.  
Legion saints?  
Legion saints.  
O-o-o (Repeat Chorus)

## **HELLO DUBLIN**

(Tune: Hello Dolly)

Hello, Dublin  
Well hello, Dublin  
It's so great to be here where it all began;  
We say hello, Sister  
And hello, Brother  
We have come to get to know you  
And learn all we can.  
You're lookin' swell, Dublin

(Continued)

We can tell, Dublin  
You've been busy since the year of twenty-one  
So –  
Open up, Dublin  
We're gonna fill our cup, Dublin  
Really be legionaries when we're done!

So long, Dublin  
Well so long, Dublin  
It's been great to be here where we all belong;  
Though it's farewell, Dublin  
We can tell, Dublin  
If we're back in fifty years you'll still be  
Going strong.  
Our hearts are numb, Dublin  
Time has come, Dublin  
Time to sing the sad old song "Remember When"  
So –  
Au revoir, Dublin  
Stay just the way you are, Dublin  
Heaven protect you till we meet again!

## **O HOW WE WERE BUBBLIN'**

(Tune: Carolina in the Morning)

O how we were bubblin'  
To get over there to Dublin with the Legion.  
How our hearts were troublin'  
To get over there to Dublin with the Legion;  
How we'd count the moments  
Till the big day came,  
There we were in Dublin –  
We'll never be the same!  
What a deep desire we all had to get to Eire  
with the Legion,  
Hearts were all on fire to get over there to Eire  
with the Legion,

(Continued)

If we were Concilium for only a day  
We'd pass a rule and here's what we'd say:  
Members should be troublin' to get over there to  
Dublin with the Legion!

O how we were bubblin'  
To get over there to Dublin with the Legion,  
How our hearts were troublin'  
To get over there to Dublin with the Legion;  
How we'd count the moments  
Till the big day came,  
There we were in Dublin –  
They'll never be the same!  
What a deep desire we all had to get to Eire  
with the Legion,  
Hearts were all on fire to get over there to Eire  
with the Legion;  
If we ever get the chance to do it again  
We'll multiply our members by ten for  
Nothing can inspire like a trip to Dublin Eire  
with the Legion!

## **LEGION HOLIDAY**

(Tune: Jolly Holiday [Mary Poppins])

We're on a Legion holiday with Mary,  
Mary keeps our spirit bright,  
Whether days be gray or ordinary  
She makes everything just right;

And now that she has gathered us together  
We'll share the joys that she will send our way;  
It matters not where we  
May chance to be  
We know that we are one big family

(Continued)

We're on a Legion holiday with Mary  
The Mother of the Legion that we love!  
The Mother of the Legion that we lo-o-ve,  
The Mother of the Legion that we love!

## **PEREGRINATIO SONG**

(Tune: Jolly Holiday [Mary Poppins])

### Verse

Time for vacation is here,  
That special event of the year,  
The days of P P C  
And as we go our way  
You'll hear us say:  
Come share the Faith with me –

### Chorus

We're spending our vacation days with Mary,  
Reaching out to everyone;  
Mary calls to every legionary:  
"Come and help me serve my Son!"  
And while we knock from door-to-door together  
It's Mary that we'll all be thinking of:  
It matters not where we  
May chance to be  
So long as we can be on P P C!  
We're spending our vacation days together  
To tell the world it's Mary that we love!  
To tell the world it's Mary that we lo-o-ove  
To tell the world it's Mary that we love!

# LEGION TALK

(Tune: Happy Talk)

## Chorus

Legion talk keep talkin' Legion talk,  
Talk about Legion things we do;  
We gotta have a talk  
If we don't have a talk  
How will Mary's hopes and dreams come true?

## 1<sup>st</sup> Verse

Talk about our prayers  
Said the Legion way,  
Getting in some extra rosaries;  
Talk about our prayers  
Say them every day,  
Kneel till we have bumps upon our knees!

(Repeat Chorus)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse

Talk about our work  
Done the Legion way,  
Visiting or going door-to-door;  
Partner by our side  
Facing come what may,  
Take assignments and come back for more!

## Chorus

Legion talk keep talkin' Legion talk  
Talk about Legion things we do;  
We gotta have a talk  
If we don't have a talk  
How're we gonna take on something new?  
If we don't have a talk  
A good old Legion talk  
Mary's hopes and dreams may not come true!

# I'LL DO ANYTHING

(Tune: I'd Do Anything)

I'll do anything  
For Mary,  
Anything  
For Mary,  
Anything at all;

I know that

I'll go anywhere  
She asks me,  
Anywhere,  
I'm always  
At her back and call;

I would offer her  
Anything,  
Be an officer,  
Anything,  
Go on door-to-door,  
Anything,  
All my strength outpour –

And so much more, Oh

I'll do anything  
For Mary,  
Anything,  
For Mary's everything,  
Everything  
To me!

## HE BELONGS TO THE LEGION OF MARY

(Tune: Wonderful Guy)

He belongs to the Legion of Mary  
He is definitely one of those,  
Each time you look he is reading that book  
And he preaches wherever he goes;

He is in the Legion of Mary  
He's a most peculiar guy,  
What's more emphatic  
He's quite a fanatic  
More "holy" than mere you or I;

He goes visiting night after night  
Every man, every woman and child,  
Minding everyone else's business –  
Jehovah Witness gone wild!

He belongs to the Legion of Mary  
What that is I really can't say,  
All that I know can be summed up just so:  
He belongs, he belongs, he belongs, he belongs,  
He belongs to the Legion today!

I belong to the Legion of Mary  
I am fortunately one of those,  
Each time they look  
I'll be reading that book  
And I'll read it right under their nose!

I am in the Legion of Mary  
There has not been a luckier guy,  
What's more emphatic  
I'm Mary's fanatic  
And as such fanatic I'll die!

(Continued)

I'll go visiting door after door  
Every man, every woman and child,  
Minding Our Bless-ed Lady's business  
So humble, so meek and so mild!

I belong to the Legion of Mary  
After that what more can I say?  
One thing I know and that's I love it so:  
I belong, I belong, I belong, I belong,  
I belong to the Legion to stay!

## **BROTHER MALONE**

(Tune: Molly Malone)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Verse

In Dublin's fair city they once sang a ditty  
About an old member called Brother Malone,  
Through streets broad and narrow  
He'd wheel his bookbarrow  
Calling "Legion of Mary Alive Alive-O!"

### Chorus

Alive Alive o-o, Alive Alive o-o  
Calling "Legion of Mary Alive Alive-O!"

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse

The council got word of this thing quite unheard of:  
To think of a member out working alone!  
Out pushing a barrow  
through streets broad and narrow  
Calling "Legion of Mary Alive Alive-O!"

(Repeat Chorus)

(Continued)

3<sup>rd</sup> Verse

Oh he was a gruff one, indeed quite a rough one  
And none could correct this old Brother Malone,  
Through streets broad and narrow  
He'd push his bookbarrow  
Calling "Legion of Mary Alive Alive-O!"

(Repeat Chorus)

4<sup>th</sup> Verse

They finally told him, one day they did scold him  
They laid down the law to old Brother Malone:  
No more the bookbarrow  
Through streets broad and narrow  
And no more of "Legion Alive Alive-O!"

(Repeat Chorus)

5<sup>th</sup> Verse

Now after the scolding 'twas no more beholding  
The sight or the sound of old Brother Malone,  
The streets broad and narrow  
Were searched for the barrow  
And listened in vain for "Alive Alive-O!"

(Repeat Chorus)

6<sup>th</sup> Verse

So down to this da-ay, so some people sa-ay  
If ever you're tempted to working alone,  
You'll get no bookbarrow  
For streets broad and narrow –  
You'll face the same treatment as Brother Malone!

Chorus

"Alive Alive" No-o, "Alive Alive" No-o  
Want to work by yourself? Legion says, "No! O No!"

## **WORK AND MEETING**

(Tune: Love and Marriage)

Work and meeting  
Work and meeting  
Go together just like drum and beating  
This we tell you Brother:  
You can't have one without the other!

Work and meeting  
Work and meeting  
Go together like lunch and eating  
This is certain Sister,  
As sure as Mrs. goes with Mister.

So you'd like to separate them?  
Out of the question;  
May we offer you this very per-  
tinent suggestion?

Work and meeting  
Work and meeting  
It's a habit that you'll love repeating  
Sister dear and Brother,  
You can't have one  
You can't have one  
You can't have one without the other!

## **DOUBLE THE MEMBERS**

(Tune: Seventy-six Trombones)

Double the members of your praesidium  
Double the membership right away;  
How can the Legion do what it's destined to  
If we're not recruiting every day?

Double the number of the praesidia  
Double the curia right away;

(Continued)

There is so much to do  
And so very very few  
So recruit, recruit without delay!

Bring the Legion up with every one you meet,  
Talk it up, talk it up, every change you get;  
Everyone who passes you along the street  
Stop and greet  
Whether or not you've met!

In your place of work or on a bus or train,  
Bring it up, bring it up everywhere you go,  
Take each opportunity  
To contact the community  
And make the Legion really grow!

(Repeat first two stanzas)

## **OUR LEGION THINGS**

(Tune: My Favorite Things)

Statue with flowers in bright silver vases  
Candles and candlesticks right in their places  
And the Vexillum with symbolic wings –  
These are a few of our Legion things;

Handbook and tessera to make us stable  
Notebook and pencil right out on the table  
And the supplies that the treasurer brings –  
These are a few of our Legion things;

General Reunions that come in December  
Functions we hold round the eighth of September  
Then there's the Acies held every spring –  
That is a very inspiring thing!

The assignment and the meeting  
May demand a lot

(Continued)

But when we consider our Legion things  
We find it's a lot  
We've got!

There's the Catena that binds us together  
Duty that puts us in all kinds of weather  
The doorbell I or my partner rings –  
These are a few of our Legion things;

The Legion Promise and all that it mentions  
Safe Legion system that bars interventions  
And all the joys that our membership brings –  
These are a few of our Legion things;

Our Blessed Lady's miraculous graces  
Promised successes in each and all places  
True Legion spirit that deep in us sings –  
These are a few of our Legion things!

When the spirit's kind of laggin'  
When we're under par  
We merely remember our Legion things  
To see just how blessed we are!

## **DO RE MI**

(Tune: Do Re Mi [The Sound of Music])

(Treas) We have here a serious problem  
Each treasurer has to face.  
Though the handbook's complete from  
A to Z  
It could deal a lot more with Do Re Mi  
(Group) Do Re Mi  
(Treas) Do Re Mi  
In great demand just happens to be  
Do Re Mi  
(Group) Do Re Mi  
(Treas) Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti – wait. Let me put  
it to you this way: (Continued)

## Chorus

Do is needed in the bag  
Raise a lot of it we must  
Meet the one who spends it all  
For we'll never get on trust  
So it's Do we're looking for  
Lots of secret bags are low  
Teach the members to give more  
That will bring us lots of  
Do Do Do Do

(Group)	Do
(Treas)	Is needed in the bag
(Group)	Raise
(Treas)	A lot of it we must
(Group)	Meet
(Treas)	The one who spends it all
(Group)	Far
(Treas)	We'll never get on trust
(Group)	So
(Treas)	It's Do we're looking for
(Group)	Lots
(Treas)	Of secret bags are low
(Group)	Teach
(Treas)	The members to give more
(All)	That will bring us lots of
(All)	Do is needed in the bag
	Raise a lot of it we must
	Meet the one who spends it all
	Far we'll never get on trust
	So it's Do we're looking for
	Lots of secret bags are low
	Teach the members to give more
	That will bring us lots of Do!
	Do Re Me Fa So La Ti Do – More Do!

# **DON'T START THE BOOKBARROW**

(Tune: People Will Say We're in Love)

Don't start the bookbarrow,  
Our group's not steady yet,  
This town isn't ready yet –  
People would think we were nuts!

Let's wait a year or so,  
Members must be mature,  
Right now is too premature –  
People would say we were nuts!

Start by debating things,  
Hear all the ifs ands and buts;  
They'd be intimating things –  
People would say we were nuts!

Don't start the bookbarrow,  
People would stop and stare  
As though we're from space somewhere –  
People would say we were nuts!

Can't you just hear them now  
Asking how business is,  
Jehovah's new Witnesses –  
People would say we were nuts!

Stick to the humble things,  
This is no Legion that struts  
They'd soon start to mumble things –  
People would say we were nuts!

Go start the bookbarrow,  
Lose your human respect,

(Continued)

That's what members should expect –  
Let people think that you're nuts!

Go start the bookbarrow,  
Go do it right away,  
Go chase your fright away –  
Let people say that you're nuts!

Go do dynamic things,  
Take yourselves out of your ruts;  
Go do panoramic things –  
Let people say that you're nuts!

## **THE LONELY LEGIONARY**

(Tune: The Lonely Goatherd [The Sound of Music])

### 1<sup>st</sup> Verse

High on a hill stood a legionary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle ay hee hoo  
Far down below was a soul unwary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle oo  
How to approach the soul unwary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle ay hee hoo  
Was the concern of the legionary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle oo

### Chorus

Oh Oh lay hee odle ee ho  
Oh Oh lay hee odle ay  
Oh Oh lay hee odle ee ho  
Lay hee odle ee ho lay!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse

Now you must know that the soul unwary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle ay hee hoo  
Was quite a handsome guy named Jerry  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle oo

(Continued)

The legionary's name was Mary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle ay hee hoo  
She had a wedding eye on Jerry  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle oo (Repeat Chorus)

3<sup>rd</sup> Verse

If she would shout thought the legionary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle ay hee hoo  
It might make him less unwary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle oo  
If she would toss a stone or berry  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle ay hee hoo  
It could make him quite contrary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle oo (Repeat Chorus)

4<sup>th</sup> Verse

To climb down to the handsome Jerry  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle ay hee hoo  
Would take much too long thought Mary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle oo  
What must be done for the souls unwary  
Lay hee odle ay odle ay hee hoo  
Give her all knew the legionary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle oo (Repeat Chorus)

5<sup>th</sup> Verse

Off like a bird in the open airy  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle ay hee hoo  
Jumped the courageous legionary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle oo  
Into the arms of wary Jerry  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle ay hee hoo  
She never knew she could be so darey  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle oo (Repeat Chorus)

(Continued)

## 6<sup>th</sup> Verse

Be this a sign to each soul unwary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle ay hee hoo  
If you should meet a legionary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle oo  
Be on your guard and extremely wary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle ay hee hoo  
Single life is temporary  
Lay hee odle ay hee odle oo (Repeat Chorus)

## **A LEGIONARY COUPLE**

(Tune: An Ordinary Couple [The Sound of Music])

A legionary couple  
Is what we like to see,  
For nowhere in the handbook  
Does it say you can't mar-ry;

A legionary couple,  
It makes us very proud  
To send them out together  
As apostles to the crowd;

They work on the bookbarrow  
And if they marry soon  
We let them take the barrow  
On their honeymoon!

A legionary couple  
It's great what they become:  
The legionary parents  
Raising their praesidium –  
A legionary couple.

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A legionary couple  
Is what we like to see,  
For there is nothing finer  
Than a Legion family;

(Continued)

A legionary marriage  
We highly recommend  
As meetings and assignments  
Fill the time they have to spend;

They're out recruiting members,  
Go on extension too,  
And for their recreation  
Read the handbook through!

Yes legionary couples  
Are Legion to the core  
And as the years go by  
May there be many, many more  
Legionary couples!

## **THE LONELY PARISHIONER**

(Tune: That Old Gang of Mine)

Not a soul down on the corner,  
That's a pretty certain sign –  
Legion spirit's breaking up  
That old gang of mine!

All the boys are taking census,  
They've no time to harmonize –  
The Legion spirit's got them hooked,  
It seems to mesmerize!

Here I stand, all alone,  
Feeling so sad and glum –  
No more guys, they're all gone  
To their 'praesidium!'

O I get that awful feeling  
I'll be lonesome on the shelf –  
I guess I'll have to join the crowd  
And be a Legion guy myself!

By: Dorothy E. Shea

# SONG FOR NEW MEMBERS

(Tune: Consider Yourself)

Consider yourself at home,  
Consider yourself in the praesidium;  
We've taken to you so strong  
It's clear  
We're  
Going to get along!

Consider yourself well in,  
Consider yourself one of the family,  
There isn't a lot to do  
Just come,  
Chum,  
We'll keep an eye on you!

If it should cross your mind  
That you should find  
It's not for you  
That's not for you to say;  
Fact of the matter is  
That even though you wanted to  
You can never get away!

Consider yourself our mate,  
We're not gonna have a fuss  
For after no consideration we can state:  
"Consider yourself one of us!"

## TO OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

(Tune: Wonderful, Wonderful Copenhagen)

Wonderful, wonderful dear Director  
Gee but it's great that you're here,  
As the weeks go by  
And the meetings fly  
It's so good when you appear;

Wonderful, wonderful is the meeting  
When in the business you chime,  
But if you're away  
It's a dismal day  
So we'll all be pray-ay-ing  
That you'll be stay-ay-ing  
With us all the time!

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Wonderful, wonderful dear Director  
We are like wax in your hand,  
If you're so inclined  
Share your priestly mind  
For your gifts are in demand;

Wonderful, wonderful dear Director  
"Use us" your members implore:  
By your priestly grace  
Send us every place  
For each legionary  
Ble-es-ses Ma-a-ry  
For Di-re-ec-tors!

Yes, each legionary  
Blesses Ma-a-ry  
For Di-re-ec-tors!

## **WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL**

(Tune: Wonderful, Wonderful Copenhagen)

Wonderful, wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ Legion (fill in with Name of Place)  
Another of our Legion towns,  
Where Our Lady's name  
Sets your hearts aflame  
With a love that knows no bounds!

Wonderful, wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ members  
Gee but it's great that you're here;  
If there's any place  
That is full of grace  
It is here in \_\_\_\_\_  
Wonderful, wonderful \_\_\_\_\_

## **LEGION'S BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER**

(Tune: June Is Bustin' Out All Over)

Legion's bustin' out all over  
All over the good old U S A,  
In the town of Cincinnati  
Everybody's Legion batty  
And it's true of old St. Louis and L A;  
Legion's bustin' out all over  
You'll find it in each United State:  
In the state of ol' Virginia  
To the Legion they will win ya'  
And out Chicago way recruiting's great!  
Recruiting's great, it's just great!  
Legion is in every state!

2<sup>nd</sup> Verse

Legion's bustin' out all over  
All over the good old U S A,  
Nothing's silly there in Philly

(Continued)

And there's nothing willy-nilly  
In Boston, Houston or in F L A;  
Legion's bustin' out all over  
You'll find it no matter where you go:  
You should see the way they fatten  
All the roll books in Manhattan  
And San Francisco's up and on the way!  
They're on the way, Mary's way,  
U S Legion's here to stay!

3<sup>rd</sup> Verse

Legion's bustin' out all over  
All over the land of Canada,  
Legion spirit turns them o-on  
Over there in Edmonto-on,  
In Ottawa the spirit's just the same!  
Legion's bustin' out all over  
You'll find it no matter where you go:  
In the council of Toronto  
Everybody's latching onto  
Every Legion handbook they can find!  
That they can find! Bear in mind,  
Canada's the Legion kind!

4<sup>th</sup> Verse

Legion's bustin' out all over  
The length and the breadth of Canada,  
Why they say in Montrea-al  
From the winter through to fa-all  
Legionaries set the place on fire!  
Legion's bustin' out all over  
You'll find it no matter where you are:  
Oh the Legion's a prime mover  
From the councils of Vancouver  
All across the way to Newfoundland!  
Yes, Newfoundland, it's that grand!  
Canada's a Legion land!

## **RECRUITING SONGS**

### **SPIRITUAL APPROACH**

(Tune: Pretty Baby)

If you want to rate in heaven  
This is what you ought to do:  
Join the Legion,  
Join the Legion;

You can bring along your father  
Mother, sister, brother too,  
Join the Legion,  
Join the Legion;

Won't you come and let Our Lady  
Shower graces on you,  
To help you work and pray?

If you want to rate in heaven  
And we're very sure you do –  
Join the Legion today-ay,  
Join the Legion today!

### **SWEET APPROACH**

(Tune: Let Me Call You Sweetheart)

Come and join the Legion,  
It is meant for you,  
Come and join the Legion,  
It's the thing to do;  
Just a weekly meeting,  
Hours of work just two –  
Come and join the Legion  
It is meant for you

## **SOCIAL APPROACH**

(Tune: Pretty Baby)

If congenial friends you're seeking  
And some socializing too,  
Join the Legion,  
Join the Legion:

There are picnics and Reunions  
Days of Recollection too,  
Join the Legion,  
Join the Legion;

Come and let Our Lady make  
A joyful Catholic of you,  
The proven Legion way;

If you want to please Our Lady  
And we're very sure you do –  
Join the Legion today-ay,  
Join the Legion today!

## **FIRM APPROACH**

(Tune: Dark Town Strutters Ball)

We'll be down to take you to the meeting, Brother,  
You better be ready by half past eight  
And Brother don't be late:  
We gotta be there when the gang starts prayin';  
Just remember when you get there, Brother,  
All that's heard and said is mum,  
And we'll expect you every week,  
So willing and so meek,  
That's Wednesday night at the old praesidium!

## **RECRUIT'S RESPONSE**

(Tune: Pretty Baby)

O you can't be apostolic  
When you've got so much to do  
Besides the Legion,  
Besides the Legion;

There is laundry and the dishes  
And the television too –  
No time for Legion,  
No time for Legion;

Then there's bowling and the movies  
And some classes to take,  
Just busy every day:

O you can't be legionary  
When you've got so much to do!  
But the Legion's O K-ay  
But the Legion's OK!

## **RECRUIT'S RESPONSE**

(Tune: Dark Town Strutters Ball)

I'll be there to greet you for the meeting, Brothers,  
I'll be ready right at half past eight,  
I'm sure I won't be late  
I want to be there when the gang starts prayin';  
I'll remember when I get there, Brothers,  
All that's heard and said is mum –  
You can expect me every week  
So willing and so meek,  
That's Wednesday nights at the old praesidium!

## **RECRUIT'S RESPONSE**

(Tune: Let Me Call You Sweetheart)

I can't join the Legion  
I confess to you,  
Every week a meeting  
That I just can't do;  
May I ask a question  
As we bid adieu?  
Must I join the Legion  
To get rid of you!

## **I JOINED THE LEGION**

(Tune: You Made Me Love You)

I joined the Legion –  
I didn't wanna do it,  
I didn't wanna do it,

I joined the Legion –  
And all the time she knew it,  
She knew she'd lead me to it;

It made me happy sometimes,  
It made me glad,  
But there were times when  
It left me feeling sad:

I couldn't see that  
My place was in the Legion,  
My place was in the Legion,

But now I know it's true  
Yes I do, 'deed I do, I know I do:  
Yes now I know it's what I needed  
And though I gave her trouble  
Yet she still succeeded –  
Mary, you made me love you!

By: Frank Baranyai

# NO DOUBT ABOUT IT

(Tune: No Way to Stop It)

## INTRODUCTION

V.P.            Although your lack of courage is quite evident  
                  You must remember that you are the president  
                  And though you're very much inclined to fear and doubt  
                  An allocutio we cannot do without –  
                  So go right ahead –

Pres.           I should go right ahead

V.P.            You can give a short and simple commentary

Pres.           How can I even think of the thing that I dread?

V.P.            You don't have to think to be a Legionary!  
                  On Our Lady you must put your full reliance  
                  You will never gain a thing by this defiance ...

## 1<sup>st</sup> Verse

V.P.            The general in the ancient Roman Legion  
                  Would tell his soldiers all they had to know  
                  At every battle he would stand before them and give  
                  His allocutio

## Chorus

O there's no doubt about it  
No there's no doubt about it  
If in spirit the Legion is to grow  
That you can't do without it  
No you can't do without it  
Every meeting has its allocutio!

2<sup>nd</sup> Verse

Pres. I'm in a very serious predicament  
Since Father to the meeting couldn't go  
Just think what duty falls upon the president –  
The allocutio! (Repeat Chorus)

3<sup>rd</sup> Verse

V.P. Some members may have problems being punctual  
While others may be feeling kind of low  
In any case the Legion has a remedy  
The allocutio! (Repeat chorus)

4<sup>th</sup> Verse

Pres. I've solved the problem facing me as president  
When Father somewhere else may have to go  
Each member from now on shall be prepared to give-  
The allocutio! (Repeat Chorus)

## LEGION BUDDIES

(Tune: Bosom Buddies [Mame])

We'll always be Legion Buddies  
Friends, brothers and pals,  
We'll always be Legion Buddies –  
When others reject Yuh  
There's me to respect Yuh!  
And if I say you're not too careful with some Legion laws  
It's simply that who else but a Legion Buddy  
Will point out your obvious flaws!

We'll always be Legion Buddies  
Friends, brothers and pals,  
We'll always be Legion Buddies –  
When others ignore Yuh  
There's me to adore Yuh

And if I say your Legion style's as far off as your youth  
It's simply that who else but – a Legion Buddy  
Will sit down and tell you the truth!

We'll always be Legion Buddies  
Friends, brothers and pals,  
We'll always be Legion Buddies –  
When others can't stand Yuh  
It's praises I'll hand Yuh  
And if I say your disposition's far worse than a bear's  
It's simply that who else than a Legion Buddy  
Will show you how deeply he cares!

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We'll always be Legion Buddies  
Friends, brothers and pals,  
We'll always be Legion Buddies –  
When others can't take Yuh  
I'll never forsake Yuh  
And if I think you're over-perfect, want things done too well  
It's simply that who else but a Legion Buddy  
Would tell you just go to ----!!

Just turn to your Legion Buddy  
For aid and affection, for help and protection,  
For loyalty, love and forsooth,  
Remember that who else but a Legion Buddy  
Will sit down and level will  
Give you the devil will  
Sit down and tell you the truth!