

The Legion of Mary Active Membership

What Is It?

It is a world-wide organization of the lay apostolate, in which Catholic men and women sanctify themselves through prayer and spiritual work in union with Mary, the Mother of God, under the guidance of a priest.

Origin

The Legion of Mary began in Dublin, Ireland, on September 7, 1921, and is now in every country of the world.

Purpose

1. To make its members better Catholics and to mobilize the Catholic Laity.
2. To raise the spiritual level of the entire community through direct contact with and interest in, every member and potential member of the Mystical Body of Christ.
3. To accomplish this through Mary, Mother of Souls and Mediatrix of All Grace.

Types of Membership

Active Members and Auxiliary (Praying) members.

Who May Belong

Any practicing Catholic who is willing to fulfill the obligations of membership in the proper spirit. Senior members must be 18 years of age. Junior members are those under 18.

Duties of Active Members

1. To attend a weekly meeting.
2. To do a minimum of two hours of Apostolic work each week with a partner. This work is selected by the priest and assigned at the meeting.
3. To recite the Legion prayer, the Catena, daily.
4. To follow the system of the Legion according to its official Handbook.

Some Types of Work Undertaken

- Visiting the sick in the homes and hospitals.
- Establishing friendly contact with non-Catholics.

- Following up the parish census.
- Instructing prospective converts and school children.
- Visiting families in the parish to foster Catholic devotions such as First Friday, missions, daily rosary, etc.

Reasons for Joining

1. Our Lady needs you. The Legion of Mary will give you a chance to dedicate yourself to her service. By actually working for her, your love for her will be translated into action.
2. You will grow in your Faith, and the gifts of grace you received in Baptism and Confirmation will be developed.
3. You will enjoy the friendship of your fellow Legionaries and the friendship of those for whom you work.

Not Required for Membership:

Great intelligence
Extraordinary talent
Confidence in your capabilities

Required for Membership:

A willingness to let Our Lady use you as you are. She needs your hands and feet, your lips and heart, your time and effort, for Legionaries are simply Mary's means of action in the world today. She will use what you give her to the best advantage, for although others may surpass your offering, they cannot replace it.

Interested? You may call: (703) 753-6700

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