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Date's to remember

Child Safety documentation: is completed and will be launched at Summer School in February

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The ALLOCUTIO was given by Fr. Demetri Roh.

Prayer

What does it mean to neglect prayers - in detail?

We feel that we do not pray as we don't know the exact meaning of prayer, so we feel bad and confess. Prayer is time with Jesus. This includes sending time reading the Word of God. If we don't understand something, we can read Bible complementarians and obtain further detail from other texts that explain the Bible. So, there are no excuses for not being educated in the Bible. We should not neglect the Work of God. Things happen in our lives and we can neglect it for the 'new wine', so to say. Guardian angles can relieve us and give us 'new wine', a new light to show us God. Our faith is nothing if we can not come to God's word and remember or recite it when we are in times of struggle. We can them meet difficult circumstances with the disposition of God, not with anger or frustration. Let him be our source of strength in the transformation to become perfect. Without imagination or ability to reconsider we cannot absorb the word of God fully. This is the ability to accept things we do not fully understand.

The ALLOCUTIO for December 2018 was given by Br. Tony Pitchford from All to Jesus Through Mary, Volume 3, no.27.

On the Joy of Christmas

And the angel said unto them. 'Fear not, for behold, I bring unto you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.' (Luke 2:10-11)

How could Almighty God be more gracious and show His favour more impressively to the lowly and friendless, than by hastening to confide the great, the joyful secret to the shepherds keeping watch over their sheep by night.

"The shepherds said one to another, 'Let us go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass.'" Let us too go with them, to contemplate that miracle - the Nativity of Christ. St. Luke says of the Blessed Virgin, "she brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger." What a wonderful sign is this to all the world and laid in a manger." The God of heaven and earth, the Divine Word, who had been in glory with the eternal Father from the beginning, He was at this time born into this world of sin as a little infant. He at this time lay in His mother's arms, to all appearance helpless and powerless, and was wrapped by Mary in an infant's bands, and laid to sleep in a manger. The Son of God Most High, who created the worlds, became flesh, though remaining what He was before, He became flesh as truly as if He had ceased to be what He was, and had actually been changed into flesh. He submitted to the offspring of Mary, to be taken up in the hands of a mortal, to have a mother's eye fixed upon Him, and to be cherished at a mother's bosom. A daughter of man became the Mother of God - to her, indeed, an unspeakable gift of grace; but in Him what condescension! What an emptying of His glory to become man! And not only a helpless infant, though that were humiliation enough but to inherit all the infirmities and imperfections of our nature which were possible to a sinless soul. What were His thoughts, if we may venture to use such language or admit such a reflection concerning the Infinite, when human feelings, human sorrows, human wants, first became His? What a mystery is there from first to last in the Son of God becoming man! Yet in proportion to the mystery is the grace and mercy of it; and as is the grace, so is the greatness of the fruit of it.

Let us steadily contemplate the mystery and say whether any consequence is too great to follow from so marvellous a dispensation; any mystery so great, any grace so overpowering, as that which is already manifested in the incarnation and death of the Eternal Son. We told that the effect would be to make us as Seraphim, that we were to ascend as high as He descended low - would that startle us after the Angel's news to the shepherds? And this indeed is the effect of it: men we remain, but not mere men, but gifted with a measure of all those perfections which Christ has in fullness, partaking each in his own degree of His Divine Nature, so fully, that the only reason (so to speak) why His saints are not really like Him, is that it is impossible - that He is the Creator and they His creatures. Surely in

proportion to His glory is his power of glorifying, so that to say that through Him we shall be made all but gods - though it is to say we are infinitely below the adorable Creator - still is to say,, and truly that we shall be higher than every other being in the world, higher than Angels or Archangels, Cherubim or Seraphim - that is not here, not in ourselves but in heaven and in Christ - Christ, already the first - fruits of our race, God and man, having ascended high above all creatures, and we through His grace tending to the same high blessedness, having the promise of His glory here, and)if we are found faithful) the fullness of it hereafter.

If all these things be so surely the lesson of joy which the Incarnation gives us is as impressive as the lesson of humility. St. Paul gives us one lesson in his epistle to the Philippines: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant ,and was made in the likeness of men" (2:5, 7). And St. Peter gives us the lesson of joyfulness: "whom having not seen, you love, in whom though you see Him not, yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."

Take these thoughts with you to your homes on this festive day. Let them be with you in your family and social meetings. It is a day of joy, it is good to be joyful - it is wrong to be otherwise. For one day we may put off the burden of our polluted consciences, and rejoice in the perfections of our Saviour Christ, without thinking of our own miserable uncleanness, but contemplating His glory, His righteousness, His purity, His majesty, His over-flowing love. We may rejoice in the Lord, and in all His creatures see Him. We may enjoy His temporal bounty and partake of the pleasant things of Earth with Him in our thoughts; we may rejoice in our friends for His sake, loving them most especially because He has loved them. "God has not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that we should live together with Him." Let us seek the grace of a cheerful heart, an even temper, sweetness, gentleness, and brightness of mind, as walking in His light, and by His grace. Let us pray Him to give us the spirit of ever-abundant, ever-springing love, which overpowers and sweeps away the vexations of life by its own richness and strength, and which above all things unites us to Him who is the fountain and the centre of all mercy, loving kindness, and joy.

- Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman

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Greetings Legionaries

I hope you all had a gracefilled Christmas with family and friends and that the blessings of the newborn child flow into your days all year. On behalf of the Executive I thank all who gave/sent in Christmas cards and wishes.



A HUGE thank you must be given to all who attended the Lake Monger Rosary Procession for Our Lady of Lourdes. We had a lovely group of approximately 300 gather to either sit at the gazebo or walk and pray the Rosary for Our Blessed Mother's intentions. A thank you must be given to Philip and Mignonne Goes, Jeevan Frank, Linda Westwood, Fr Doug Harris, Fr Demetri Roh and the Seminarians who did little chores, led the singing and rosary to make us seen and heard. There were many others who assisted with pushing the trolley, ensuring that the group stayed together, drove those who were weary, pushed the wheelchair, carried the crucifix, packed and unpacked the truck, helped with the mail out, took photographs and manned the piety stall. Thank you. I would like to say a very special thank you to Mr and Mrs D'Marco and Mr and Mrs Pranata who through their personal generosity have given us our beautiful statue. Mr and Mrs Pranata travelled from Jakarta to join us this year and plan to return next year.

As you can see from this list there is much work that goes into making this procession happen and as the people who attended by vote want it next year please feel free to offer your assistance in 2020.

I would like to advise of Sr Judy Woodward's progress following her operation on the 9th January 2019. Judy came through the first operation with flying colours. Unfortunately, she had a leakage which caused an infection, and this set Judy back a long way. With the great work of her doctors and the staff at Hollywood Private hospital and ALL the prayers that have been offered for her she is now on the road to full recovery. Today 11/2/2019 she is hoping to be able to go home. Judy wanted me to tell you that on many occasions she felt your prayers and is most grateful for them. Please continue to remember her in your daily prayers.

I received the sad the "little" Nora McKenzie went to the Lord on Saturday. Nora was a founding member of the Belmont Praesidium until age and poor health caused her to be moved to a Nursing Home. Nora celebrated her 100th birthday and was 1 month away from her 101st birthday. Please keep her soul in your prayers.

In reply to the request to include The Fatima Prayer at our meetings this is the reply **Concilium has advised that "saying of the Fatima Prayer at Legion meetings has not been approved by Concilium. While quite a few countries are saying the prayer and it would be too hard to ask them to stop, so those already saying it could continue, but no other councils were to start (even if the Bishops encourage it). This request would have to go to the worldwide Legion for approval, like we did with the prayer to include St Raphael".** At this point in time we will not be saying the prayer at the Comitium meeting but will include it in any Rosary that we pray at our functions.

I was extremely disappointed with the attendance at the January meeting. Unfortunately, I had booked a holiday without looking at my calendar so was not present. We are told in the handbook that it is our duty to attend Higher Council meetings. Over the past 12 months the attendance has been steadily dropping. I am aware that we are all aging, but I am sure Our Blessed Mother would not have used that as an excuse not to attend a meeting she was required at. Reading the minutes, I see that the attendance was 30%. I would like to list the Praesidia who attend faithfully every month, but I am sure they would not be happy with that recognition. I ask that all Praesidia make a real effort to take their commitments seriously and attend the meeting monthly.

A request for someone to take on the role **Treasurer** has been made each month since July and we are given a blank look. This role is not a hard one but is necessary as it puts a strain on the other officers who must keep our books up to date. Please look among your members for possible people.

The Working with Children paperwork will be released at Summer School. I hope that all Legionaries will abide with what is asked of us. Paperwork regarding this matter will be made available. Should you feel you cannot abide by what is asked we will have no other avenue but to ask that you cease being an Active Legionary and become an Auxiliary Member.

Finally, I thank you for your continuing work being the face and hands of Jesus and your parish priest.

God bless

Rosemary

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

Maria Annunciata, Thornlie

Our Lady of the Mission, Willetton

Praesidium Report

Name: Maria Annunciata

Report from: 20th December 2017 to 12th December 2018

Spiritual Director: nil

Membership

Active Membership: 5

Probationary: nil

Praetorians: nil

Auxiliary Membership: 49

Adjutorian: nil

Officerships

President: Sr. Joy Stoddart

Vice President: Sr. Mary Wilson

Secretary: Sr. Jennifer Farrugia

Treasurer: Sr. Bernadette Aitken

Place and Time of Meeting: Foley Centre, Sacred Heart Parish, Thornlie, Wednesday at 9:15am.

Mailing Address: Mrs. Joy Stoddart, 7 Osterley Retreat, Canning Vale 6155

Works Undertaken

Two legionaries continue with Catechist work, with one on a roster in two parishes for Sunday Liturgy classes.

Approximately 110 homes were visited over the year, including 31 homes from the mid-week religion classes. Holy pictures and parish bulletins were left at all homes. Rosary beads and Miraculous Medals were given to some parents who were home. A lot of parents who were home attend Sunday mass.

Auxiliary members are regularly visited, along with the sick and house-bound parishioners.

One legionary made 588 rosaries at home over the year.

Holy pictures were given to the parish confirmandi.

Before mass on the feast of the Miraculous Medal, Fr. Minh-Thuy blessed the medals and leaflets with approximately 100 taken.

Several funeral masses were attended by legionaries, praying the Rosary.

A November mass was offered for deceased legionaries (beforehand).

Works and Other Legion Works Undertaken:

One legionary volunteers weekly at the Blind Society.

One Legionary is on a weekly roster for Adoration in a neighbouring parish.

One legionary conduct a weekly parish cenacle and is the co-ordinator for a pilgrim Schoenstadt picture.

*A monthly mass is offered for the Legion's intentions.

Extension and Recruitment:

Four people were approached to become auxiliary members, with two accepting so far.

A weekly advert is placed in the parish bulletin giving meeting day, time, contact person and hone number.

Comitium/Praesidium Functions Undertaken:

One legionary attended the Annual Retreat.

Three legionaries attended the Annual Mass.

Ten names of deceased active members has been passed on to Comitium for mass intentions during 2019.

Problems/Concerns of Praesidium:

Active and auxiliary membership still needs to be increased.

Praesidium Report

Name: Our Lady of the Mission

Place and Time of Meeting: Sts. John and Paul Parish Centre, Willetton at 2m every Friday

Report from: 24th November 2017 to 7th December 2018

Spiritual Director: Fr. Thai Vu

Membership

Active Membership: 14

Probationary: nil

Praetorians: nil

Auxiliary Membership: 42

Adjutorian: nil

Officerships Vacant: nil

Works Undertaken:

Members pay regular visits to nursing homes. Special house visits to the elderly, sick, lonely and the auxiliary members are made once in two or three months.

One member man's the St. Vincent De Paul's piety stall at St.'s John and Paul Parish before and after mass on Sundays when rostered.

One member teaches Catechism every Tuesday during school term.

Two members are rostered weekly to be at attendance during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Jude's Parish, Langford.

For another member, Rosary making is ongoing.

Two members administer Holy Communion at individual's homes when required to.

One member prepares meals for the elderly, 'Growing Vine', once monthly when rostered during the school term.

Two members are also rostered to clean the internal church premises.

Members also help with preparing and serving morning tea after the 7.30am mass on the first Sunday of the month, when rostered.

Two members man the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre every third Wednesday of the month, as rostered.

Members promote the Rosary devotion in homes and as part of the prayers for the repose of souls at wakes, when requested.

Office bearers of 'Our Lady of the Mission' take turns to attend monthly Comitium meetings held at the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre at Windsor Street.

The Annual Auxiliary Get Together was held on 15th September 2018.

The Annual Mass for the deceased legionaries was offered on 28th November 2018.

Almost all members have attended the major functions held by the Comitium. i.e. The Annual Mass for Frank Duff, the Annual General Reunion, filled with Christmas joy, the torchlight procession at Lake Monger, the inaugural Solemnity of Mary, Mother of the Church, the one day retreat at St. Bernadette's Parish, Glendalough, the ACIES held at St.s John and Paul Church, and the 48 hour Rosary Bouquet to honour Our Lady's birthday held at St. Joachim Parish on 8th September.

The recruitment drive is on-going for 'Our Lady of the Missions'.

Plans for the Year:

To continue:

1. Visiting parish homes, nursing homes and the retirement villages.
2. Showing our appreciation to our auxiliary members by organising the get-together.
3. Promoting the Rosary devotion in homes and as part of the prayers for the repose of the souls at wakes when requested.
4. Promoting the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in members homes.
5. Making rosaries.

6. Being involved in extension and recruitment.
7. Being involved in visiting other praesidia.

Report of Council to Senatus

Council	<i>Perth Comitium</i>
Officerships Vacant	<i>Treasurer</i>
Meeting Place & Time	<i>Venerable Edel Quinn Centre 36 Windsor St Perth. 3rd Monday of the Month at 7pm</i>
Number of Praesidia attached to Comitium	10 Senior Praesidia, Metro Area, 4 Praesidia Country Area, 4 Curiae Metro,
Total Number of Praesidia in Western Australia	7 NDC, 11 EDC + 1 Junior, 9 Fremantle + 2 Junior, Vietnamese 3
Officerships Vacant	6
Active Members	85 Total Western Australia 300
Auxiliary Members	432 Total Western Australia 1245
Period of Report	Report May 2018 – December 2018

Reports were given by	<p>Northern District Curia. Mary Assumed into Heaven</p> <p>Eastern District Curia Our Lady Help of Christians</p> <p>Fremantle Curia: Immaculate Conception</p> <p>East Victoria Park: Our Lady Help of Christians</p> <p>Busselton: Star of the Sea</p> <p>Canning Vale: Ark of the Covenant</p> <p>Victoria Park: Our Lady, Queen of Patriarchs</p> <p>Thornlie: Maria Annunciata</p> <p>Willetton: Our Lady of the Missions</p> <p>Queens Park: Mary Immaculate</p> <p>Geraldton:</p>

Visitations were made to	Eastern Districts Curia: Our Lady Help of Christians Northern Districts Curia: Mary Assumed into Heaven Cloverdale: Regina Coeli Victoria Park: Our Lady, Queen of Patriarchs Eastern Districts Curia Busselton: Star of the Sea Willetton: Our Lady of the Missions Manning: Our Lady of the Way Canning Vale: Ark of the Covenant Thornlie; Maria Annunciata
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Extension:

- Legionaries have gained new members by personal contact and through the weekly Parish bulletin. This approach has seen success in several Praesidia who have had new members take their promise
- Eastern Districts Curia were able to open a praesidium in the Armadale Parish and they are having good attendances at their meetings. They were approached by the new Parish Priest to undertake this task.
- Eastern Districts is working hard to extend into new parishes. They plan on giving talks in the Gosnells Parish and to revisit reopening in Kalamunda Parish. The executive is working hard at shoring up already functioning Praesidia and expanding into new areas.
- Comitium was please to hear from the Margaret River Praesidium asking if they could restart as they were now in a position to hold the weekly meeting. They had continued with many of there works but due to the fact that there were only 2 Active and one of those had to nurse her terminally ill husband they had to forgo the meeting. They were now able to recommence. An Executive officer will visit them in January.

Events during the past six months

- **Annual Mass:** this year we celebrated this at the parish of Manning. Fr Demtri Roh was our Celebrant. Father gave us a very moving homily on the importance of our

Marian devotion and the need for a stronger growth of this devotion. The Mass was followed by a shared luncheon hosted by the Our Lady of the Way Praesidium. It is wonderful to see Legionaries gather to share and connect.

- **48 Hr Rosary Bouquet for Our Lady's Birthday 5th Sept – 8th Sept. was once again a wonderful success. This year we were approached by the organisers of The International Pilgrim of Our Lady of Fatima to have her at her birthday Mass and party. There were approx. 450 people who attended and joined the party and cutting of the cake. Approx 1700+ Rosaries were prayed over the 48hrs. We were very pleased to have many from Victoria join us in this gift as well as people from Malaysia and the United Kingdom also involved.**
- Our proposed Congress has been deferred but we are waiting to take notes from the Summer School

Coming Events for the next six months

- **We will once again hold the Lake Monger Rosary Procession on the 9th February. Invitations and notices will be sent out next week to all parishes and individuals.**
- **We hope to hold our Annual One Day Retreat on the 25th May at St Bernadette's in Glendalough.**
- **We also plan to have the Congress in the first 6 months of the year.**

Other Relevant Information

- We are planning on having Perth Comitium represented at the Summer School but the cost of the airfares is some what of a hindrance. We will discuss this at the Executive level when all return from holidays.
- Our Rosary making continues with many parishes asking for Rosaries to give at Special Masses, Mother's Day, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. To date we think we have made in excess of 20,000 Rosaries for distribution. We have calls from schools for supplies to make Rosaries at Staff retreats and for children who are making their Sacraments to make. Slowly but surely we are spreading the good news of the Rosary.
- Fr David Watt calls on us for Scapulars into which we stitch the Miraculous Medal and for the MM and Scapular Medal on chain. He distributes these to those who visit his chapel in Malaga.
- We also continue with our work with the Aboriginal Chaplaincy supplying Rosaries and Miraculous Medals for them to distribute in the hospitals and outreach centres.

- We continue to hold our monthly Seniors Concert afternoon tea on the 3rd Sunday of the month. This continues to be very popular with those who attend.
- Our Rosary making workshop on the 2nd Saturday of the month is slowly dwindling in numbers but many of the ladies and gentlemen who attended are now making their rosaries at home and only come in to pick up supplies. Sr Mignonne and Sr Lena continue to faithfully come each month.

Sr Cynthia Gucci has been working very hard with keeping our webpage up to date and ensuring Legionaries have spiritual items at their fingertip through our facebook page. Legion of Mary Western Australia.

Unfortunately the position of Treasurer still remains unfilled. Each meeting it is mentioned and encouraged but blank eyes look back at us. My daughter is doing the bookwork for us at the moment but she is not in a position to become a Legionary. We are grateful that she keeps the accounts paid and the money banked.

We were saddened with the passing of Fr Eugene McGrath, a former Spiritual Director of Perth Senatus. Father continued to support us by attending our One Day Retreat always leading us in the Rosary and Opening Prayers. Father was profoundly deaf but loved to be with us. The Comitium held a 40 day Month Mind Mass for Father where all Legionary Prayers were said. His family had not wanted this done at his vigil Mass but we felt that he deserved them as he was so faithful to us. A side point, Father Eugene's brother Fr Jim was a Spiritual Adviser to Frank Duff. In 2015 I was able to return original letters to the Concilium which Fr Eugene has passed on to us.

We ask for prayers for Sr Judy Woodward who will be undergoing major surgery on the 9th January for Bowel Cancer. Sister has been a great supporter and worker with the Executive and her health has seen her pulling back. We miss her attendance and words of wisdom. We ask prayers that she be able to return to good health and work with us.

We were delighted to host Sr Sue Hyde, Br Michael Palma and Sr Maria Palma for our bi-annual visit and hope they enjoyed the little time they could share with us.

- **The members of Comitium sincerely thank to all members of the Senatus for their encouragement and warm friendship and we are very appreciative of the encouragement given by the Executive of the Senatus. We particularly thank Michael Palma for his encouragement and monthly letters that make us feel very much attached to the Legionaries of Victoria**

- **Thank you to the Executive of Senatus for allowing us to defer the report. I hope that when our June report is due will not be as tardy in my duties.**

May God Bless and keep you safe.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick:

(For all who have been on previous lists), Celestine Tay Fernandez, Judy Woodward, Henry Tay, Elsa Barizza.

Repose of the Souls:

Patrick Kelly, Ray Jackson, Ian Scott.

Special Intentions:

Nil



The 3 Causes for Beatification

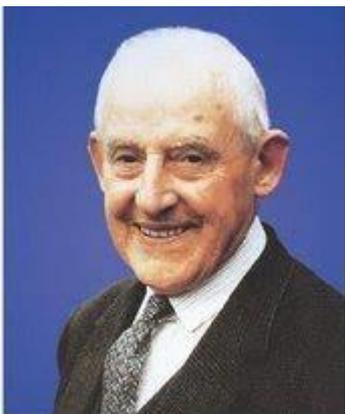
**Servant of God Frank Duff (1889-1980) Founder of the Legion, who attended the Second Vatican Council as a Lay Observer
Servant of God Alfie Lambe (1932-1959) Legion Envoy to South America**

O God, who by your infinite mercy inflamed the heart of your servant, Alphonsus Lambe with an ardent love for you and for Mary, our Mother; a love which revealed itself in a life of intense labour, prayer and sacrifice for the salvation of souls, grant, if it be your will, that we may obtain, by his intercession, what we cannot obtain by our own merits. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen



**Venerable Edel Quinn (1907-1944) Legion Envoy to East Africa
Eternal Father, I thank you for the grace you gave to your servant, Edel Quinn, of striving to live always in the joy of your presence, for the radiant charity infused into her heart by your Holy Spirit and for the strength she drew from the Bread of Life to labour until death for the glory of Your name in loving dependence on Mary, Mother of the Church. Confident, O Merciful Father, that her life was pleasing to you, I beg you to grant me, through her intercession, the special favour I now implore, and to make known by**

miracles the glory she enjoys in Heaven, so that she may be glorified also by your Church on earth, through Christ Our Lord, Amen



God our Father, You inspired your servant Frank Duff with a profound insight into the mystery of Your Church, the Body of Christ, and of the place of Mary the Mother of Jesus in this mystery. In his immense desire to share this insight with others and in filial dependence on Mary he formed her Legion to be a sign of her maternal love for the world and a means of enlisting all her children in the Church's evangelising work. We thank you Father for the graces conferred on him and for the benefits accruing to the Church from his courageous and shining faith. With confidence we

**beg You that through his intercession you grant the petition we lay before You .
..... We ask too that if it be in accordance with Your will, the holiness of his life may be acknowledged by the Church for the glory of your Name, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.**

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Sunday 24th March 2018
Manning
2.30pm

Followed by fellowship in the Parish Centre
(please bring a small plate of food to share)

**I am All your
My Queen and my Mother
And All that I have is Yours**

