



## THE LEGION OF MARY

### BULLETIN

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#### Diary Dates for 2015

##### **JANUARY 2015**

5th Centre reopens

5th Meeting of Committee  
for Rosary Procession

19th COMITIUM

##### **FEBRUARY**

6th Rosary Procession

9th COMITIUM

meeting

14/15th Summer School

##### **MARCH**

7th Talk by Dr Michelle

Jones on St Teresa of Avila

14th Rosary Making

15th EDC ACIES (Belmont)

16th Comitium meeting

22nd ACIES Comitium

NDC

Fremantle

##### **APRIL**

2nd The Supper of the Lord

3rd Good Friday

5th Easter Sunday

11th Rosary Making

12th Divine Mercy Sunday

20th Comitium

##### **MAY**

9th Rosary Making

18th Comitium

30th Rosary Making

##### **JUNE**

11th Rosary Making

15th Comitium

#### **. ALLOCUTIO December 2014, Fr. Justin Ford, Senatus Spiritual Director**

With the celebration tomorrow (8th December) of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, it's good to reflect on this great privilege of our Blessed Mother. We know that by the special gift of God, not only was Mary was free from all personal sin of any kind, but also, she received from the very beginning of her existence the grace of being kept free even from original sin. That is what is meant by the 'Immaculate Conception', defined as a dogma of the Church in 1854 by Blessed Pope Pius IX in these words:

'The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.'

So she is the All-Holy one, the perfect image of the holiness of the Church and the perfect image of what God desires for each of us.

To properly understand the teaching, we first need to recall what's meant by original sin. We know that God placed our first parents, Adam and Eve, in the state of grace. That is, they were given a supernatural share in God's own life. This life of sanctifying grace placed them in relationship with God, making them holy and heirs to eternal life. Now, if Adam hadn't sinned this same gift would have been given to every human being: each of us would have been conceived immaculate. But because of the rebellion of humanity's forefather, human nature is deprived of this gift. When we come into existence we're not in supernatural relationship with God – we lack the holiness that was God's original plan for us.

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As we know, Christ won back this grace for humanity in his Passion, Death and Resurrection, and individuals receive that grace primarily through the Sacrament of Baptism. The Immaculate Conception means that Mary was never without that grace – as though she was 'baptised' from the very start, indeed 'adorned from the first instant of her conception with the radiance of an entirely unique holiness' (Vatican II, *Lumen Gentium* 56). From the moment she was created she was sanctified, the dwelling place of the Holy Trinity.

The papal definition of the Immaculate Conception emphasised that Mary's preservation from original sin was 'by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race'. The pope wanted to make perfectly clear that the Immaculate Conception didn't mean that Mary had no need for a Redeemer. Rather, the very fact that she was conceived immaculate flowed from the foreseen merits of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Because Mary is a member of the human race, a descendant of Adam, she needed Christ as Redeemer like the rest of us. As she says in the Magnificat, 'My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.' In our case, redemption operates by cleansing us from sin. In her case, it operates by preserving her from sin in the first place, including even original sin. It's because of this that the Second Vatican Council describes Our Lady as being 'redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son' (*Lumen Gentium* 53). 'Redeemed, in a more exalted fashion': she is the first fruit of Christ's Redemption and the masterpiece of grace. The fear of negating the universality of Christ's Redemption had been one of the roadblocks that had prevented some theologians in earlier centuries from accepting the Immaculate Conception, so it was an issue that needed careful explanation. It was only gradually that the Church came to a fully explicit awareness and understanding, culminating in the pope's infallible definition in 1854. God's revelation was complete with the death of the last Apostle, but the Church is always being led by the Holy Spirit into a clearer understanding of that revelation. Not just the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception but all doctrines develop and crystallize in this way over time.

Anything which the Church teaches to be divinely revealed must in some way be contained in Scripture or in the Apostolic Tradition. It's not the job of each believer to verify this for each doctrine that has been defined – from the fact of the Holy Spirit guiding the Church, we know in advance that it will be so. We won't look today at the various sources in Sacred Scripture for the dogma, for example in Genesis, the Song of Songs, and the Apocalypse. Without going into issues of translation, we'll simply mention one key source in Luke's Gospel, the greeting of the angel Gabriel to Mary at the Annunciation: 'Hail, full of grace'. To be 'full of grace', to experience

God's grace as completely as possible, suggests that Mary received grace from the very beginning of her existence, and guided by the Holy Spirit, the Church's Tradition down the centuries has seen this meaning in the angel's words.

There are all sorts of reasons why the teaching on the Immaculate Conception can help us spiritually, but a central one is this: it helps us to see how beautiful and how perfect Our Lady is. That helps us love and honour her all the more, and helps us love and honour her Son, who gave her such an incredibly great gift, and gave us such a beautiful mother.

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**From the President**

**I wish each Legionary and their family many blessings in this new Year.**

**I also ask Our Lord and Our Lady for guidance and confidence for us all as we meet the challengers ahead, mainly that the positions of PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT and TREASURER are filled at Comitium level.**

**Is Our Lady calling YOU?**

**God Bless**

**Judy**

### *Supper*

<b>JANUARY 2015</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>Willetton, Our Lady of the Missions</b>	<b>Cloverdale: Regina Coeli</b>

### REPORTS

<b>JANUARY 2015</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>Manning: Our Lady of the Way Northern Districts Curia</b>	<b>Eastern Districts Curia Cloverdale: Regina Coeli</b>

<b>JANUARY 2015</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>Northern Districts Curia</b>	<b>Victoria Park: Our Lady Queen of Patriarchs</b>



# REPORTS RECEIVED IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

## CURIA REPORT TO COMITIUM

### *To Jesus Through Mary*

Curia Name	<b>Immaculate Conception Curia, Fremantle</b>
Place of Meeting	St Lucy's Meeting Room, St Jerome's Church, Munster
Time of Meeting	Second Sunday of month at 2.00 pm
Details of Praesidia attached	See below
Active Members	57
Junior Members	12 (average attendance)
Probationary Members	11
Auxiliary Members	409
Praetorian Members	20
Adjutorian Members	9
Number of Officers	34
Number of Vacant Officerships	6
Spiritual Directors vacant	1
Report Period	APRIL 2014 to 30 SEPTEMBER 2014 inclusive

***There are 9 Senior and 1 Junior Praesidia attached to this Curia.***

These are:

Maria Assumpta, Mandurah  
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Dawesville

#### ***Mater Christi, Yangebup***

Mary Mother of the Church, Baldivis

#### **Our Lady of Lourdes, Rockingham**

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Willagee  
Mary Mother of Orphans, Munster  
Mary, Morning Star, Kwinana  
Our Lady, Mother of Divine Mercy Juniors, Yangebup  
Salve Regina Bateman

#### ***Curia Officerships:***

Spiritual Director	Fr Johnson Malayil
President	Sr Moya Bruce
Vice President	Br Thomas Sebastian
Secretary	Sr Kaye Seeber
Treasurer	Sr Pauline Brown

Six praesidia have reported to Curia during this period. Over this reporting period there has been an increase in membership and also in Probationary members due to extension work and promotion.

Maria Assumpta Mandurah has 20 members of which 9 are Praetorian and 12 members are Ministers of Holy Communion taking Holy communion to 60 parishioners.

### *Works undertaken in this period of reporting*

- All Praesidia undertake visitation, determined by the availability of members for this work. In the period, house to house visits were 42 with 8 Catholics being contacted, 2 of who became Auxiliary members.
- 433 visits were recorded, resulting in approximately 50% contacted. Visiting cards and holy pictures, miraculous medals, bulletins were left where no-one home. There were 250 visits recorded to people in Nursing Homes and Retirement Villages. Christmas carols were sung at 12 Nursing Homes. Mass and prayer services are offered in some Nursing Homes, as well as Holy Communion regularly taken to residents by Legionaries. The Rosary is also prayed with residents.
- Visitation also takes place to Auxiliaries and to the bereaved and newly baptised as well as the sick, housebound and the bereaved. Visitation to Hospitals- Rockingham, Peel, Fremantle and RPH is undertaken.
- Monthly directed Curia visitation is done by the reporting Praesidia.
  
- Members attend ecumenical services with other Christians such as, World Day of Prayer, Fellowship Day and World Community Day.
- Members provide assistance at parish celebrations and functions as required by the Priest and, where the need is identified, housebound parishioners are transported to Mass.
- **Most** Praesidia circulate Pilgrim Statues to families in their parishes, encouraging family prayer to Jesus through Mary- 12 Statues circulating in this reporting period.
- Members operate piety stalls in their parishes, and any other function or duty required by the parish priest.
- Devotion to the Rosary is strongly promoted in the parishes and on visitation as is Marian events.
- The Junior Praesidium, Our Lady, Mother of Divine Mercy, is faithfully supported by its Senior Praesidium. Members encourage the children in their prayer life and in building close friendships with Jesus and Mary. **The children are also encouraged to be involved in a variety of ways in their parish as altar servers and greeters. They attended the ACIES and also a half day pilgrimage to the Schoenstatt Shrine**
- Members attend funeral mass of deceased parishioners including Auxiliary members, and visit their bereaved families.
- Masses were offered for deceased Legionaries and for Frank Duff
- Thanksgiving Masses were offered for Auxiliaries
- Monthly Healing Masses are supported by members
- Spiritual bouquets have been offered for priests.
- Catechesis- One member prepares children for reception of the Sacraments. Small gifts from Praesidia are presented to the children upon reception of the Sacraments. Members assist with children's liturgy; one member teaches the rosary to children of the parish school and another CRE in a government school. Two members attended the Bunbury Diocese Summer and Winter Schools.
- Sacristy Work is done by one member, parish office work by another two members.

### *Extension and Recruitment for the period*

- Promotion of the Legion continues in parishes by way of contact work with bookbarrows, piety stall, morning teas after Mass, talks at Mass and handout of Legion literature and rosary beads and prayer leaflets. Regular notices are also posted in Parish bulletins. One Praesidia organised a parish pilgrimage to Bove Farm Busselton, another to Schoenstatt Shrine as well as attending the Comitium Retreat

### *Functions*

- Members, Auxiliaries, and parishioners attended the annual Acies in March and AGR.
- The annual Praesidium Function for Our Lady's Birthday was celebrated by praesidia with Masses, continuous 48-hour Rosary and the Living Rosary in their parishes.
- One Praesidium celebrated their 2500<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### *Acknowledgements*

We gratefully acknowledge the spiritual guidance and encouragement offered from our Spiritual Director, Fr Johnson Malayil; the generosity of the Parish of St Jerome's in allowing us the use of their facilities each month; and the wonderful hospitality of members of Mary Mother of Orphans Praesidium.

Our grateful thanks go to Comitium for their support through Br. Tony Pitchford. He faithfully attends all our meetings and provides guidance when necessary.

## Report of Praesidium to Comitium *To Jesus through Mary*

<b>Name of Praesidium:</b>	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>Location (Suburb):</b>	East Victoria Park
<b>Report from</b>	September 2013 to October 2014
<b>Meeting Place and Time</b>	Our Lady Help of Christians Centre
	Friday morning – 10.00 a.m.
<b>Spiritual Director:</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>President:</b>	Sr. Penny Fernandez
<b>Vice President:</b>	Sr. Bianca Marie Casalengo
<b>Secretary:</b>	Sr. Lorraine Footman
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Sr. Lorna Langley
<b>Active Membership:</b>	6
<b>Praetorian:</b>	Nil
<b>Auxiliary Membership:</b>	14
<b>Adjutorian:</b>	Nil
<b>Probationary:</b>	Nil

### **Work Undertaken during the past year: (Only Legion Work)**

Members visit the sick and elderly at Waminda, Rowethorpe, Bentley Park, Agmaroy Nursing

Home, Anesley Home, St. James Aged Home, Bentley Hospital, Charlie Gardner Hospital and

Windsor Lodge as well as visiting parishioners in their homes.

#### **Specifically, tasks carried out by individual members are as follows:**

- one member is a Special Minister and takes communion to the sick and housebound
- one member takes the elderly to Sunday mass.
- one member runs the piety stall on Sunday.
- two members hold a Marian Cenacle once a week.
- two members do the Holy Hour every Tuesday
- one member attends a Franciscan Cenacle once a fortnight.
- one member teaches catechism every Wednesday
- one member does office work for our Parish Priest once a week

Members organised the Christmas party for Auxiliary members including the provision of transport to and from the venue.

Members attended the funeral service of former Legionary and Auxiliary members.

Members organised the outdoor rosary and procession for Our Lady of Fatima from the school car park to the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians on 11th October 2014.

### **Works other than Legionary Works Undertaken**

- one member prepares the altar for daily mass.
- two members do church cleaning and flower arrangement.
- two members read at mass.
- one member recites the rosary before daily mass.
- one member is on the Conference Board of Vinnies
- one member volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul shop in East Victoria Park once a week.
- one member represents Life Line for Christmas and Caritas for Lent
- two members man the Edel Quinn Centre once a month
  
- members went on pilgrimage to Schoenstatt on 22nd August 2014
- members took part in the rosary bouquet from 5th to 7th September 2014
- two members took part in the Christmas Carol Singing in the mall on the 6th, 13th and 20th December, 2013.

Members also attend the rosary and funerals of parishioners in the parish.

### **Comitium/Praesidium Functions Undertaken**

Members attended the Annual Mass, the Annual General Meeting, the procession at Lake Monger, One Day Retreat, ACIES, World Day of Prayer and Our Lady's Mass on 8th September 2014 at the Cathedral.

**Extension and Recruitment (including Plans for the next year):**

Continue working for the parish and endeavouring to recruit more members as and when the opportunity arises.

*To Jesus Through Mary*

Name of Praesidia	Our Lady Of The Missions – Willetton
Place of Meeting	Sts John & Paul Centre Willetton
Time of Meeting	Every Friday at 2pm
Active Members	11
Auxiliary Members	60
Praetorian Members	Nil
Probationary	Nil
Adjutorian Members	Nil
Number of Officers	4
Number of Vacant Officerships	Nil
Spiritual Director	Fr Thai Vu
President	Sr Lila Paul (1 <sup>st</sup> Term–Dec 2013)
Vice-President	Br Eric John (1 <sup>st</sup> Term–Dec 2013)
Secretary	Sr Roselin Roche (1 <sup>st</sup> Term – Dec2013)
Treasurer	Sr Ines Spiccia ( 1 <sup>st</sup> Term – Dec2013)
Report period	11 December 2013 – 15 December 2014

*Works undertaken in this period of reporting*

- Members visit the Retirement Village at Leeming, the Frederick Anglican Guest House, Regents Garden Nursing homes and hospitals if necessary. Special house visits, too to the elderly, sick, lonely are made every once in two or three months.
- Auxiliary members are contacted, followed by visits after their period of probation.
- An annual get-together was organised for all auxiliary members in July
- Besides Legion work Members assist the Parish hospitality team with the preparing and serving of morning tea and coffee every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month after the 7.30 morning Mass when rostered. .
- Two members help to man the St Vincent Piety Stall whenever rostered or required to assist.
- All major functions held by the Comitium ie The Torchlight Procession at Lake Monga, The Annual Mass for Frank Duff , the ACIES at St. Pius's Church Manning and the carolling session at the Mall on Fridays during Advent in December.
- The Annual Mass for deceased Legionaries was offered in November.
- Members man VEQ Centre every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month as rostered
- One member administers the Holy Eucharist at individuals homes when necessary.
- Members were involved in the Rosary making workshop organised kindly by Comitium. Rosary
- Making in ongoing

Congregation for Institutes of consecrated life  
and Societies of apostolic life

***Consecrated Life in today's Church  
Gospel, Prophecy, Hope.***

***Presentation of the Logo for the 'Year of Consecrated Life'***



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### **The Logo**

***Consecrated life in today's Church  
Gospel, Prophecy, Hope.***

***A dove supports on one wing a polyhedral globe, and while resting on the water, it safeguards with the other wing three stars that arise from the water.***

The *Logo* for the *Year of Consecrated Life* expresses through symbols the fundamental values of consecrated life. In it we recognize the “unceasing work of the Holy Spirit, who in every age shows forth the richness of the practice of the evangelical counsels through a multiplicity of charisms. In this way too he makes ever present in the Church and in the world, in time and space, the mystery of Christ” (VC 5).

In the lines that outline the form of the dove one can intuit the word ‘*Peace*’ in Arabic: this is a reminder that consecrated life is called to be the model for universal reconciliation in Christ.

### **The symbols of the Logo**

*The dove on the water*

The *dove* is the classical symbol of the action of the Holy Spirit, who is the source of life and the inspirer of creativity. This is a flash-back to the origin of history: in the beginning the Spirit of God moved on the waters (cf *Gen 1,2*). The dove, gliding

above a sea swollen with yet unexpressed life, symbolizes a patient and hope-filled fecundity, while the symbols around it reveal the creative and renewing action of the Spirit. The dove also evokes the consecration of the humanity of Christ through baptism.

The *waters* are made of mosaic fragments; they indicate the complexity and the harmony of the human and cosmic elements that are made to “groan” by the Spirit according to God’s mysterious plans (cf *Rom* 8, 26-27) so that they may converge into the hospitable and fruitful encounter that leads to a new creation. The dove flies among the waves of history, above the waters of the deluge (cf *Gen* 8, 8-14). The men and women, whose consecration was marked by the Gospel, have always been pilgrims among the nations; they live their various charismatic and diaconal presence like “good administrators of the multiform grace of God” (*1Pt* 4,10); they are marked by the Cross of Christ, even unto martyrdom; they journey through history equipped with the wisdom of the Gospel; indeed, a Church that embraces and heals all that is human in Christ.

The *three stars*

These stand for the identity of consecrated life as *confessio Trinitatis, signum fraternitatis eservitium caritatis*. They express the circular relationships found in the Trinitarian love, which consecrated life is called to live daily in the world. The stars also hint to the triple halo used in the Byzantine iconography to honor Mary, the Mother of God, the first Disciple of Christ and model and patron of every consecrated life.

### ***The polyhedral globe***

The small polyhedral globe symbolizes the planet with its myriad variety of nations and cultures, as explained by Pope Francis (cf *EG* 236). It is the breath of the Spirit that sustains it and leads it towards the future: an invitation to all consecrated persons “to become bearers of the Spirit (*pneumatophori*), authentically spiritual men and women, capable of endowing history with hidden fruitfulness” (*VC* 6).

### **The Headword**

#### ***Vita consecrata in Ecclesia hodie Evangelium, Prophetia, Spes***

(Consecrated life in today’s Church  
Gospel, Prophecy, Hope.)

The headword provides a further highlighting of the identity and prospective, experience and ideals, grace and journey that consecrated life has lived through and is still living within the Church as people of God, as it journeys together with the different nations and cultures toward the future.

***Evangelium***: this indicates the fundamental rule of consecrated life, which is the “*sequela Christiana* taught by the Gospel” (*PC* 2a). First of all as “a living memorial of

Jesus' way of living and acting" (VC 22), and then as vital wisdom in the light of the multiple counsels that the Lord gave to his disciples (cf LG 42). The Gospel shows the way ahead and is a source of joy (EG 1).

**Prophetia:** reminds us of the prophetic character of consecrated life, which "takes the shape of a special form of sharing in Christ's prophetic office, which the Holy Spirit communicates to the whole People of God" (VC 84). This is an authentic prophetic ministry that is born from the Word and is nourished by the Word of God when this is welcomed and lived out in the various circumstances of life. This function is carried out through courageous denunciation and in announcing new 'visits' by God; also, "through the exploration of new ways to apply the Gospel in history, in expectation of the coming of God's Kingdom" (*ibid.*).

**Spes:** reminds us of the ultimate fulfillment of the Christian mystery. We are living through an era that is characterized by widespread uncertainties and a lack of projects with a long-term vision: *hope* is needed in a context of cultural and social fragility, at a time when the horizon is dark because "it often seems that the signs of God's presence have been lost from sight" (VC 85). Consecrated life is permanently projected toward the eschatology: it witnesses that every hope will eventually have its definite fulfillment, and transforms the waiting "in work and mission, that the Kingdom may become present here and now" (VC 27). As a sign of hope consecrated life needs to be close to people and to show mercy; to be a paradigm of a future free from all kinds of idolatry.

"*Encouraged by the charity that the Holy Spirit pours in our hearts*" (Rm 5,5) the consecrated persons are therefore called to embrace the universe and to become a memorial of the Trinitarian love, catalysts of communion and unity, praying sentries on the peak of history, and to become one with humanity in its anxieties and in its silent search for the Spirit.

### **Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life**

**O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience.**

**During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you.**

**Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who,  
having found the pearl of great price,  
treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

# February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Executive</i>	3 <i>Maida Vale</i>	4 <i>Queen of Patriarchs</i>	5 <i>Executive</i>	6	7
8	9 <i>Executive</i>	10 <i>Kelmscott</i>	11 <i>Manning</i>	12 <i>Balcatta</i>	13	14
15	16 <i>Unmanned</i>	17 <i>Victoria Pk</i>	18 <i>Willetton</i>	19 <i>East Vic Pk</i>	20	21
22	23 <i>Executive</i>	24 <i>Executive</i>	25 <i>Manning</i>	26 <i>North Beach</i>	27	28

PLEASE REMEMBER that it is **YOUR** Responsibility to contact someone on the roster if you are unable to fill your commitment.

If you are unable to attend to your duty this month it is your responsibility to arrange a swap. Please be aware that you need to give a few days notice as a matter of respect. Please do not contact the EXECUTIVE and request they to organise a swap or to inform them that you are unable to do your assigned day unless you have rung others to make a swap.