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Dates to remember

Annual Mass: Saturday 3rd November in Manning. Rosary 11.30am Mass 12.00 Noon

Annual General Reunion: Will be a High Tea held on 8th December. Members are asked to bring items/a gift in a bag for the homeless

Congress: moved to 12th January, at Glendalough

Allocution given by Br Tony Pitchford from All to Jesus Through Mary, Volume 3, no.72.

Gentleness

Why cannot we remember in time that it is from rough usage – all not doubt well-deserved – that the hardness and perversity of which we complain have grown up! The flower that would have opened under the influence of the gentle warmth of softness and compassion closes tightly in the colder air. On the other hand, the air of sympathy which the good legionary carries with him, the willingness to listen to enter wholeheartedly into the case as put before him, are sweetly irresistible and the more hardened person, completely taken off his (or her) balance, yields in five minutes ground which a year of exhortation and abuse would have failed to gain. (Handbook ch 39 part 2)

Pope Francis frequently asks us to build bridges not walls in our dealings with those who have different views. He is expressing the same idea as in the paragraph above that it is more constructive and usually more fruitful if we deal gently with people rather than severely.

We are not free to alter divine law, or the teachings of the Church but we hope we can present these teachings in a way that offers hope rather than condemnation.

We do not stand opposed to those who disagree with us but rather alongside of them. We do not see them as opponents or enemies but as brother and sisters in need of encouragement and guidance.

It is easy to be angry with one who opposes us, even ridicules us. There is a strong temptation to respond in the same way.

But the Legionary follows the way of Mary, and it is impossible to imagine her being sarcastic or harsh in her dealings with anyone. Her gentleness would always be the prevailing note.

Her weapon against opponents would be the intensity of her love of God, against which nothing could stand. The demons flee from Our Lady. No trick or temptation of theirs can find any place in her presence.

As Legionaries we are being transformed by the graces Mary obtains for us and formed more and more in her image. To begin with we may be a long way from her way of thinking and acting, but over time we can acquire more of her wisdom and gentleness.

Gentleness does not make us believe any less strongly in all the things that matter. It just means that we have genuine charity for the other person as well as a passion for the truth. We have the best of both worlds – we love God and we love neighbour.

Severity may be needed sometimes to get the point across, but it is never the role of the Legionary to be severe. The Legion of Mary must use Mary's methods.

Gentleness is not weakness. If it is Mary's gentleness we are living by it will carry the force of her love for God, and this is unshakeable.

No Legionary is complete without a share in the gentle strength.

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Dear Legionaries,

Firstly, I would like to say thankyou to all the Legionaries who attended the September meeting. It was wonderful to see so many of you gathered. I am sure that Sr Sue Hyde and Br Michael Palma also enjoyed meeting with you. I would also like to remind you that we have been asked to add St Raphael to our prayers and that we are to say **Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael** when invoking them in our prayers. New Tessera will be printed with the additions and will be given to you in due course.

It is getting into the busy end of the year and I ask you to remember the dates of the Annual Mass (3rd Nov) and The Annual General Reunion (8th Dec).

The Annual Mass will be celebrated at St Pius X Patterson Rd Manning at 12noon. The Legion prayers will be said at 11.30. The Mass will be followed by fellowship in the Parish Centre. You are asked to bring a small plate of finger food to share. We all love biscuits but can we please think outside the box and perhaps bring something savoury. Please ensure that your name is on your serving dish or better still that you use a disposable dish.

The Annual General Reunion will be held at the Venerable Edel Quin on Saturday 8th Dec. As in previous years a high tea and entertainment will be supplied by the Comitium. Those attending are asked to bring items that can be given in personal packs to the homeless. Items that can be used are

- Single wrap toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Women's hygiene items
- Deodorant, Male and female
- Soap single wrapped cakes
- Combs and brushes
- Small towels
- Small tins of tuna (with a ring pull)
- Up and go drinks
- Cracker biscuits wrapped
- Socks, jocks

This is only a small list of what would be needed. Please remember that items must be able to be opened easily, easy to carry and new. I put a couple of items in my weekly trolley which has seen my little horde grow. A member of the organisation that assists the homeless will be at the AGR to accept and acknowledge your kind donations. I will place boxes near the office leading up to this event and perhaps you can put something in when you call in.

Once again, I thank you for your wonderful work for Our Blessed Mother. It is while I am preparing the report to be sent to Melbourne that I am reminded of the generosity and kindness that you show to your fellow man as you do your weekly work. I will once again be extremely proud to prepare the report on your behalf. May God bless and Mary protect you in all your endeavours for the Legion.

Rosemary

CURIA REPORT TO COMITIUM

Curia Name	Immaculate Conception Curia, Fremantle
Place of Meeting	Parish Meeting Room, Star of the Seas Rockingham
Time of Meeting	Second Sunday of month at 2.00 pm
Details of Praesidia attached	See below
Active Members	58
Junior Members	35 (average attendance)
Probationary Members	4
Auxiliary Members	440
Praetorian Members	5
Adjutorian Members	14
Number of Officers	36
Number of Vacant Officerships	4
Spiritual Directors vacant	0
Report Period	1 st April 2017 to 30 th June 2018 inclusive

There are 8 Senior and 2 Junior Praesidia attached to this Curia.

These are:

Maria Assumpta, Mandurah
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Dawesville
Mary, Queen of Angels, Dawesville Juniors

Mater Christi, Yangebup

Our Lady, Mother of Divine Mercy Juniors, Yangebup
Mary Mother of the Church, Baldivis

Our Lady of Lourdes, Rockingham

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Willagee
Salve Regina Bateman
Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Hilton

Curia Officer ships:

Spiritual Director	Fr Vijay D'Sousa
President	Sr Moya Bruce
Vice President	Sr Rosemary Rana
Secretary	Sr Mary Glen
Treasurer	Sr Pauline Brown

Six Senior and two Junior praesidia have reported to Curia during the reporting period

Works undertaken in this period of reporting

- All Praesidia undertake visitation. Over 380 home visits were made. Special Ministers take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.
- Two Praesidia were involved in house to house work. 177 doors were knocked. All senior praesidia are involved in visiting 30 Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Retirement Villages within the Curia district. Masses and Rosaries are offered in the nursing homes. The Blessed Sacrament is taken. Christmas Carols are sung at Christmas.
- 5 Praesidia circulate 10 Pilgrim Statues to families in their parishes.
- One piety stall operates weekly.
- 5 Legionaries undertake catechetical work in three parishes preparing children for the reception of the Sacraments.
- Members attend Funeral Masses, Vigil Rosaries and Memorial services, and visit the bereaved families.
- Book Barrows were held in October and February by Our Lady of Good Counsel at a local shopping centre.
- Works of service and hospitality are undertaken by several praesidia.

Junior Praesidia

- Work undertaken includes welcoming people to Mass, serving on the altar, helping with the piety stall and assisting with hospitality. They assist Seniors with the Book Barrow, visit friends in hospital and give out prayer cards and miraculous medals and rosaries. Members of both praesidia were involved with Queen of the May celebrations in their parishes.

Extension and Recruitment for the period

- Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Hilton Park has reopened and receives regular support from Curia. Our Lady of Lourdes Rockingham had a Legion table at a parish food festival. Promotion of the Legion continues in parishes by way of contact work with book barrows, piety stall, morning teas after Mass, handout of Legion literature and Rosary beads and prayer leaflets. Regular notices are also posted in Parish bulletins and ministry sheets.
- Sadly Mary Mother of Orphans, Munster which reopened has closed once again due to sickness and lack of officers. Similarly, Mary Morning Star , Kwinana closed in March 2018.
- Auxiliary members are contacted regularly through home visitation, formal invitations to the Acies and special events such as Thanksgiving and Healing Masses which are followed by hospitality.

Praesidium Highlights

- Mater Christi Praesidium organised a parish pilgrimage to New Norcia with 57 parishioners attending. They also organised a pilgrimage for the Junior members to the Schoenstatt Shrine.
- The rosary is being promoted at St Damien's Catholic Primary School. A public Rosary was held on the foreshore in Rockingham in October and two praesidia organised 48 hour rosaries in their parishes.
- Legionaries from Yangebup, on the feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, organised for parishioners to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular.

Functions

- Members, Auxiliaries, and parishioners attended the annual ACIES in March. Members attended the Comitium One-Day Retreat in Glendalough in May.
- The annual Praesidium Function for Our Lady's Birthday was celebrated by all Praesidia
- The Annual General Reunion was hosted by Maria Assumpta, Mandurah in November.
- November Masses were offered for deceased Legionaries and for Frank Duff and for Holy Souls.
- Members undertake visitation to other praesidia on behalf of Curia.

Plans for the next year:

- To strengthen attendance at Legion meetings including officers' attendance at Curia.
- Continue to support new praesidia and officers in understanding and following the Legion system as laid out in the Handbook.

Acknowledgements

We gratefully acknowledge the spiritual guidance and encouragement offered from our Spiritual Director Father Vijay D'Sousa who has undertaken to visit each praesidium attached to the Curia. We acknowledged the generosity of the Parish of Star of the Sea, Rockingham; also acknowledging the generosity and support of Our Lady of Lourdes Presidium and the parish for allowing us the use of their meeting hall.

Our grateful thanks go to Comitium for their support.

Report of Praesidium to Comitium

Name of Praesidium	Our Lady Help of Christians
Location	East Victoria Park
Meeting Place and Time	Friday Morning at 10.00am in the Parish Centre of Our Lady Help of Christians
Spiritual Director	Sr. Maureen Willians (to 12 March 2018)
President	Sr. Lorna Langley (to 1 January 2018)
Secretary	Sr. Lorraine Footman
Vice President	Sr. Bianca Maria Casalengo
Treasurer	Sr. Penny Fernandez
Active members	5
Praetorian	nil
Auxiliary membership	11
Probationary	2

Report from August 2017 to August 2018

Sadly, our President Sr. Lorna Langley passed away on 1st January 2018 and our Spiritual director

Sr. Maureen Willians passed away on 12th March 2018

Works undertaken during the past year; (legion work only)

Members visited the sick and elderly at nursing homes (Bentley Park, Aegis Redcliffe) Fremantle Hospital, as well as visiting parishioners in their homes.

Specific tasks carried out by individual members;

A member is special minister and, on the Liturgy Committee at our Lady Help of Christians.

One member attends a Franciscan Cenacle once a month

Members attended funeral masses for deceased legionaries, auxiliaries and parishioners.

One member reads in the church.

Two members Mann the Edel Quinn Centre once a month

Other relevant information

Events attended by members, Auxiliaries and parishioners

Rosary Bouquet mass

Annual procession of our Lady

ACIES

AGR and Annual Praesidium function for our Lady's birthday

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick:

(For all who have been on previous lists) Fr. Andre Nahhas, Celestine Tay Fernandez, Cian Traynor, Fr. Francis Ly, Marie Neale, Bob Ranford, John, Trinity and Scott

Repose of the Souls: Margaret Simms, David Williams, Ivy Klass and Helen Randall.

Special Intentions: Christopher Thornton (birthday), Josephine, Piper and Fr. Anabel.

*Legion of Mary
Annual Mass*

All Welcome



Saturday 3rd November 2018

St. Pius X Church Patterson Rd. Manning

Legion Prayers & Rosary 11.30am. Mass 12.00 noon

*A shared fellowship will follow the Mass. Please bring a small plate of **finger food** to assist with the catering*

ALL Active, Auxiliary and Past Members of the Legion of Mary are invited to attend to Mass and fellowship hall