



THE LEGION OF MARY
BULLETIN
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Diary Dates for 2015

August 8th Rosary Making
August 15th Feast of the Assumption
August 17th Comitium

Sept 5th – 7th 48 hr Rosary Bouquet
Sept 8th Nativity of the BVM
Sept 8th Mass 12.10pm St Mary's for the presentation of the Rosary Bouquet
Sept 12th Rosary Making
Sept 21st Comitium

Oct 10th Rosary Making
Oct 10th Australia needs Fatima
Oct 19th Comitium
Oct 24th Congress by Fremantle Curia

Nov 1st All Saints
Nov 2nd All Souls
Nov 14th Rosary Making
Nov 16th Comitium
Nov 19th Novena for the MM
Nov 21st Annual Mass and AGR

The ALLOCUTIO was given by Rev. Fr Andre, Comitium Spiritual Director.

Taken from pg 211 Chpt 34 on Officers of Praesidium
The Spiritual Director will regard his praesidium as a novice-master would those placed under his care, and will seek incessantly to develop their spiritual outlook and to elicit in them acts and qualities proper to a legionary of Mary. It will be found that these spiritual qualities will rise to the heights to which they are summoned, so that the Spiritual Director need not fear to make his call one to supreme virtue, or to place before his members work requiring heroic qualities to perform. Even the impossible must surrender to grace; and grace is for the asking. But likewise he shall insist upon an unvarying fidelity in the minor details of their duty as the essential foundation for great achievement. Though character may be shown in the big moments, it is in the small moments that it is made.

He will see to it that his members do not approach their work in a spirit of self, and will thus ensure that they will return neither elated by success nor depressed by apparent failure, prepared, if bidden, to return a thousand times to the most disagreeable or most depressing duty. He will see that they supplement a fearless and thorough execution of their active work by prayer for it and by acts of self-sacrifice, and he will teach them that it is just at the time when all ordinary means have failed, when things are humanly speaking hopeless, that the Queen of the Legion, their Mother, can be turned to with most certain confidence, and will grant them the victory.

As a member of the praesidium, the Spiritual Director will take part in its transaction of business and in its various discussions and undertakings, and will be "as necessity demands, teacher, counsellor and guide"

Continued with Fr's notes

Many Legionaries are involved in sacristy work and therefore are to prepare the altar. In the section of the General Instructions of the Roman Missal (GIRM) Sec 117 of chapter 4 under the heading Things to be prepared..” the altar is to be covered with at least one white cloth”. St John Chrysostom refers in today’s gospel of St John 6:27-28 that kindness is not always expedient. To the insensible disciple the spur must be applied, and this God does. For when the multitude came with soft speeches, Rabbi when did you come here? He shows them that He did not desire the honour that comes from man. He infact rebukes them. After he rebukes them, he begins to teach them.

In summary we are not to be seeking temporal food i.e the words and compliments to feed our egos. We are to seek what Jesus wants. How do we know what Jesus wants? Well in the case discussed, God wants us to point to see 117 of the GIRM, when other colours than white are used in the altar cloth during the celebration of Holy Mass. If it is not a white altar cloth it is contrary to the General Instructions of the Roman Missal which states ”the altar is to be covered with at least one white cloth

May the Blessed Virgin Mild bless you with her little child. Ave Maria

The ALLOCUTIO was given by Rev. Fr Andre, Comitium Spiritual Director, on the Eucharistic Adoration. Taken from Chapter on **CHRIST TO THE WORLD- Eucharistic Conversion and Adoration**

What is Parish Perpetual Adoration? Perpetual Adoration is Eucharistic devotion whereby members of a given parish (or other entity) unite in taking hours of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament (in most cases exposed), both during the day and throughout the night, seven days a week.

Is Perpetual Adoration the only type of Eucharistic adoration apart from Mass?

No , it is not. There are many types of adoration programs, such as day adoration. First Friday to the First Saturday, weekend retreats, etc. However, the ideal and grace-laden program both for the parish and individual members is the full-time, permanent adoration of our Lord exposed in a monstrance in which adorers commit themselves to at least one assigned hour each week.

Besides the fact that more adoration hours will be made in perpetual adoration, are there any other reasons why this form of adoration is more successful than the traditional First Friday adoration?

Some pastors think that there will not be enough people interested because only a handful respond to First Friday Eucharistic adoration. For some reasons, parishioners are far more responsive to perpetual adoration than First Friday devotion. One practical reason is that a person has any hour of the week to choose from. Another reason is that perpetual adoration appeals to our faith. Perpetual adoration is an authentic witness to our belief in the real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Perpetual adoration is putting our faith into action. This ideal form of witness to our faith is very attractive to people today who live in such a false, shallow, hypocritical world. When a priest offers the opportunity of perpetual adoration to the people, they perceive the importance of the Real Presence and the seriousness involved in responding to our Lord’s love in the Blessed Sacrament. People have a “take it or leave it” attitude towards First Friday devotion because if we truly believe that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament then we would do far more then make our Lord available to the people once a month.

Why is exposition in monstrance preferred? To see Jesus visibly present under the appearance of the small white host is much more conducive to intimacy than hidden away in the tabernacle. Moreover, it adds an extra responsibility on the adorers to be sure to be faithful to the hours they are scheduled, since the suggested norm for having Jesus exposed in the monstrance is that there should be at least two adorers present and He must never be left alone. Could not these words of our Lord be applied here: “Indeed this is the will of my heavenly Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son, and believes in Him, shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day”.

What are some good reasons for establishing Perpetual Adoration?

- a) To provide an easy, attractive and practical way of rendering God adoration which is His due as our Creator; of giving Him thanks for our redemption; of making reparation for our sins and the sins of mankind; of petitioning the good God for the constant help we need.
- b) To show our gratitude to our Lord for remaining among us in our tabernacles, and make at least some atonement for the many sacrileges, indifferences and the ingratitude which He receives in His Sacrament of Love.

What spiritual benefits and graces can be attributed to the establishment of a parish Perpetual Adoration program?

- a) An increase in the Mass attendance and reception of the Sacraments.
- b) Return of fallen away Catholics and increase in the number of conversions.
- c) Increase in religious and priestly vocations.
- d) Renewal of family Catholic life.
- e) Spiritual level of the people is raised with a resulting desire and courage to spread the “good news” to others.
- f) Creates a greater community spirit, centered as it is on the heart of the parish, Jesus’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

How should one go about establishing a Perpetual Adoration program on one’s parish?

- a) Pray to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament to obtain this great grace for your parish
- b) Do everything with the knowledge and permission of the priest assuring that it will not involve more work for him. Remember it may be necessary to work alongside the parish council and other parish committees as priest advises.
- c) Study the organizational procedures of the parishes with Perpetual Adoration programs. The Franciscan Friars will continue in the future to have reports on such programs in their publication.
- d) Interest existing organisations such as the parish council, parish prayer groups, the HolyName Society, St Vincent de Paul Society, Knights of Southern Cross, the Legion of Mary, Altar and Rosary Society, Senior Citizens, Youth Group, Pro-life Committee etc to support the program by supplying leaders who will help organize and run the program.

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Supper

July	August
Our Lady of the Missions, Willetton	Cloverdale: Regina Coeli



REPORTS

August	September
Eastern Districts Curia Fremantle Curia	Star of the Sea, Busselton Geraldton Curia

Visitations

August	September
Geraldton Curia	Maida Vale: O.L. Queen of Heaven



<i>1st August</i>	<i>St Columba Parish</i> <i>25 Forrest Street South Perth</i>
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This grace-filled day dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima is held on the First Saturday of every month. The day includes Holy Mass, Rosary, prayers, processions, talks and Benediction.

Vale: Paul Woodward

Paul Woodward, although not a Legionary, will be greatly missed by all in the Legion who knew him. Paul passed into the loving care of Jesus and His Blessed Mother on Tuesday 29th June 2015 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Following his retirement Paul became the 'go to man' whenever something was needed that the females of the executive could not do and sometimes he even did the jobs that we rightfully should have taken on. Paul drove us to visit country Praesidia never questioning or saying no when we were off in a strange town doing our Legion thing. Just happy to drive us around. I personally will miss the friendship that he allowed me to share with him and thank him for allowing Judy to continue in her Legion during his illness. To Judy and her children and grandchildren we offer our deepest sympathy and assure them of our constant prayers and support

Rest in peace Paul. You have been a faithful servant of the Lord and may you now receive your rightful reward.

From Judy

I wish to thank all who prayed for Paul and myself, your prayers were gratefully accepted and valued. I thank all who attended the rosary and Funeral Mass, your presence was a great comfort to me and all the family.

**I will carry out Paul's wish that I have a Mass said for all who prayed for Him.
God bless you all,
Judy Woodward.**

**The Cause for the Beatification of Servant of
God Frank Duff**

**Please include the following in the intention
when praying the prayer for the Cause.**

We ask for healing for

Kaye Kennelly

**Please submit any prayers answered to the
Executive of Comitium so that they can be
sent onto our Higher Council**



Rosary Making

ROSARY MAKING WILL BE HELD
2nd Saturday of the Month
9.30 - 2.00

Come along and help us to make the Rosaries.

We make them on cord and knot tying is involved.

We make them on wire with pearl beads

We make Rosary bracelets.

And now we make Rosaries on chain.

Come along for an hour or longer

If you have any broken rosaries, or bead jewellery our rosary makers we would be grateful for them.



Report of Council to Senatus

Council	<i>Perth Comitium</i>
Officerships Vacant	<i>nil</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	12 Senior Praesidia + 1 Junior, Metro Area, 5 Praesidia Country Area, 3 Curiae Metro, 2 Curia Country
Total Number of Praesidia in Western Australia	7 NDC 8, EDC 7 Fremantle 9 + 1 Junior, Geraldton 3; Vietnamese 3
Officerships Vacant	6
Active Members	96 Total Western Australia 296
Auxiliary Members	431 Total Western Australia 1219
Period of Report	Report November 2014 – May 2015

Reports were given by	Northern District Curia. Eastern District Curia Geraldton Curia Thornlie Willeton Kelmscott Manning Cloverdale Maida Vale Riverton
Visitations were made to	Northern District Curia Eastern District Curia Geraldton Curia Queens Park Kelmscott Victoria Park Busselton Margaret River

Extension:

- Legionaries have gained new members by personal contact.
- Country Praesidia are struggling but very faithful.
- Northern District are hoping to start up a praesidia in Clarkson..

Events during the past six months

Our Annual General Reunion was poorly attended, so it has been decided to join the Annual Mass and Annual General Reunion together.

- Torchlight Procession in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes was held in February and attended by over 400 people. Every person was given a miraculous medal.
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- 2 members will attend Summer School

Half Day Reflection was given by Dr Michelle Jones on St. Theresa of Avilia's spirituality.

- Acies was held at Manning and was well attended. All other councils reported good attendance.
- Annual Retreat, with Dr Michelle Jones our first speaker our 2nd speaker Archbishop Hickey on Evangelization and the last talk to be given by our Spiritual Director Fr Andre FI "What better way of evangelizing your parish than to have Eucharistic Adoration."
- **Coming Events for the next six months**
- Consecration of the homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - June

- Rosary Bouquet - September
- Combined Annual Mass and Annual General Reunion. November

Other Relevant Information

Over the next couple of months all positions of Comitium will be re elected so it will be up to the new committee to put their stamp on it.

- **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**

May God Bless and keep you safe.

Signed: President	Sr Judy Woodward.
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