



Legion of Mary

Praesidium Annual Report

19th Annual Report of Our Lady of Holy Eucharist and Family Praesidium of Mater Dolorosa Church to the San Mateo Country Comitium for the period covered: **May 28, 2023 to May 26, 2024**

Praesidium Particulars

Foundation Date of Praesidium	July 5, 2005
Meeting Place	Mater Dolorosa Parish Church (School Hall)
Meeting Day and Time	Fridays, 6:00 p.m. (except 3 rd Fridays – 4:30 p.m.) * due to Patricians

Membership Summary

	This Year	Last Year
Total Number of Active Members	10	9
Total Number of Active Members (Probation)	2	0
Total Number of Auxiliary Members	42* TBD	42
Total Number of Praetorians	2	1
Total Number of Adjuvorian	0	0

Weekly Attendance Summary

Percentage of Attendance for Officers	85%
Percentage of Attendance for Members	67%

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$11.81
Secret Bag Collection	184.64
Total Receipts	199.26
Expenses	- -
Comitium Contribution	\$165.00
Supplies (Books, rosaries, etc.)	17.99
Mass for Deceased Legionaries	10.00
Others	0.00
Total Expenses	\$192.99
Ending Balance	\$3.46

Our Treasurer's book was reviewed and audited by Bro. Ando Perlas and was found to be correct.

Officer Roll

Position	Name	Address	Term of Office	Phone	E-Mail

Membership Roll of Active Members *(Name of Members only)*

Membership Recruitment Effort *(Recruitment should be an on-going effort and assignment for all Legionaries. Indicate number of approaches made to recruit new active and auxiliary members)*

Total Number of Recruitment Invitation by Praesidium Members	35
Total New Active Members Recruited this year	4
Total New Auxiliary Members Entered into Auxiliary Roll this year	0

Apostolic Work Reports (Works of Conversion)

Home Visitation Summary

(In general, briefly describe the Home visitation efforts conducted by your Praesidium – such as how many pairs of Legionaries were involved, how you mapped out your parish territory, etc.)

Home Visitation Data

Total Number of Homes Visited	473
Catholics	31
Non-Practicing Catholics	43
Orthodox	3
Protestant Denominations (e.g. Baptists, Evangelicals, Methodist, etc.)	39
Others (Non-Christians e.g. Muslims, Jews, Hindus, etc.)	10
No Contact/Not at Home	347

Home Visitation Special Points of Interest Apostolic Work Reports Works of Conversion

Fallen-Away or Lapsed Catholics – sadly, our home visitation encounters this year demonstrate a concerning trend among baptized Catholics. There were more non-practicing Catholics that we found and spoke to than the practicing Catholics. We met Catholics who converted to a different religion (such as Hinduism) and for many simply quit going to Church. Reasons or weak excuses given to us, are to our opinion founded on lack of proper catechesis such as: a) Lost of trust in Catholic priests because they sexually abused children; b) The practice of Catholicism is obsolete in this modern world (we can pray at our home or life is simply too busy for prayer; c) Livestream Masses are just fine in the fulfilment of Sunday Obligation and d) Anger and frustration with God because of some unfortunate incident in their life. Our response to all these is prayer. We spoke to them some words of encouragement, handed out sacramentals and prayer cards in the hope that they would one day realize of the need of sacramental graces. However, we did not leave them where they were at – we told them to come back to the Holy Roman Catholic Church, go to confession lest put their precious souls in grave danger.

Works of Conversion (Continued)

Name of Apostolic Work	Summary/Highlights
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Book Barrow</u></p> <p>(The Bookbarrow is an excellent way to engage people to speak about religion in a public square. Special permits may be required to put tables and book. This can be done in places where there are ample traffic (flea markets, BART stations, ballparks, etc.)</p>	
<p><u>Apostolate to the Crowd</u></p> <p>(Similar to the Bookbarrow, Apostolate to the Crowd is done on a public place with the goal of approaching people to speak to them on the subject of Faith. Approach should be deferential and filled with humility.)</p>	<p>This year our members participated in the Westlake Apostolate to the Crowd work organized by the San Mateo County Comitium. At Westlake, we encountered atheists and lapsed Catholics. To them we gave Rosaries and Catholic literatures in the hope of opening their minds and hearts to our faith. Two members participated at the Apostolate to the Crowd work in the Tenderloin area in San Francisco organized by the San Francisco Senatus. In San Francisco, there were numerous encounters with the homeless, drug addicts and drug traffickers, a few prostitutes and many more ‘street people.’ Many of them have no direction as far as life goes – yet when we asked them to pray with us, you cannot but be touched by the beauty of their souls and their genuine love of God. We can learn much from them.</p>
<p><u>Peregrinatio Pro Christo</u></p> <p>(The missionary spirit of the Legion is best demonstrated through the “PPC” where Legionaries are sent to distant places to help proclaim the Gospel.)</p>	
<p><u>Pro Life Work</u></p> <p>(Primary focus of pro-life work is side walk counseling. Praying the Rosary in front of abortion clinics is not considered Legion work unless accompanied by some type of crowd contact.)</p>	<p>On June 1, 2024 our Praesidium has organized and planned a “Prayer for Peace” event in front of the Planned Parenthood in South San Francisco. Coincidentally, this is the same day that the LGBTQ Community will be holding their “Pride Block Party.” The intention of the Rosary if for Our Lady of Fatima’s request for peace, conversion and repentance.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Others</u></p>	

Apostolic Work Reports Works of Conservation

Name of Apostolic Work	Summary/Highlights
<p><u>Promoting Daily Mass and Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament</u> (The HB states that “liturgical laws prescribe the Blessed Sacrament be kept in Churches with the greatest honor” thus, the faithful should be afforded the opportunity to come, visit and adore the Blessed Sacrament.)</p>	<p>Traditional Latin Mass – ever since its reopening in January 2015 at the request of Archbishop Cordileone, our Praesidium has been providing support for the daily and Sunday Masse at our parish. Archbishop Cordileone has personally requested one of our members to continue to promote the growth of the Traditional Latin Mass in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Two senior members serve the Traditional Latin Mass on Sundays and on weekday noon Masses.</p> <p>Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament – our Praesidium continues to take the leadership and initiative in organizing devotion to the Blessed Sacrament by coordinating the Adoration Program at three parishes (at Saint Veronica since 2007, at All Souls Church beginning 2022 and at Mater Dolorosa Church since 2023). Members of our Praesidium ensures that those who committed to come to the Holy Hour are reminded and that there is adequate coverage during the day.</p>
<p><u>Pilgrim Virgin - Devotion to the Rosary</u> (Encouraging the praying of the Rosary among Catholics through the Pilgrim Virgin apostolate helps strengthen one’s faith and devotion.)</p>	<p>Two members transfer the Pilgrim Virgin as part of the Family Rosary program to different home or families. This year we were able to transfer Our Lady to thirteen (13) families.</p>
<p><u>Children’s Faith Formation or CCD</u> (Teaching the faith to little children and the youth takes a great deal of effort and sacrifice and at the very least puts the Legion of Mary in the forefront of preserving our faith among the young ones).</p>	<p>Three members taught Catechism at three different parishes – two members teach middle school and high school students preparing for Confirmation at two parishes and another senior member holds three weekly classes at different parishes (5th level Communion preparation and confirmation class).</p>
<p><u>Youth Group Coordination Supervision of Junior Praesidium</u> (This work entails guiding the youth of the parish to live a well-balanced Christian life through prayer and action.)</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p><u>Patricians or Study of the Faith</u> (By organizing a Patrician’s Group, the Legion of Mary assists the universal Church in fostering a deeper understanding of our Faith. A Catholic with great understanding of the faith is an asset to the Church.)</p>	<p>Our Praesidium organizes, conducts and leads a monthly in person Patrician Society meeting attended by an average of 16-18 members. by parishes. We were successful this year in getting a commitment from our Parochial Vicar to be the Spiritual Director of our Patrician’s Society. Topics this year included Catholic Morality, Grace and Virtue, Papal Infallibility, Role of the Laity (Lumen Gentium), Eucharistic Revival, Four Marks of the Church and Theology of the Body, Fiducia Supplicans, to name a few.</p>

Works of Conservation (Continued)

Name of Apostolic Work	Summary (Indicate totals and significant highlights)
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>RCIA</u></p> <p>(Depending on the RCIA candidate, RCIA work can either be a work of conversion or conservation. RCIA coordinators or teachers face great challenges in this apostolic work.)</p>	<p>Two members teach in the RCIA program of a nearby parish. At this year's Easter Vigil Mass, two Catechumens received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Penance. Another two adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The two members of our Praesidium are also responsible in assisting the newly pledged Catholics into taking an active role in the life of the Church. Among these RCIA students, one has entered the ranks of the Legion of Mary last year, one is a committed adorer at Mater Dolorosa Church, two are members of a Church Choir, one has recently entered the Legion on probation and another one as teacher assistant for Confirmation class.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Enthronement of the Sacred Heart/Immaculate Heart</u></p> <p>(Jesus is the center of our home, our family life. Having Him enthroned along with the Immaculate Heart of Mary provides a constant reminder to the family that Jesus and Mary should be an integral part of their family life).</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dissemination of Catholic Literature, and everything Catholic</u></p> <p>(The HB states that the secularized world speaks louder than the voice of the Church. To counter this, the Legion proposes Catholic reading materials be given to Catholics for the serious reading and learning. Promoting Catholic TV programs and Catholic Radio are two effective means of evangelization.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Promoting Retreats</u></p> <p>(The HB states that a Legionary having experienced the spiritual benefits of a retreat must endeavor to promote or organize retreats for others.)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Others</u></p> <p>(Other apostolic works may include Hospitality, coordination of certain parish events assigned by the Pastor.</p>	<p>A member of our Praesidium is actively engaged in the promotion and study of True Devotion to Mary and the Act of Formal Consecration by Saint Louis Marie de Montfort. In August 2023 and again in March 2024, our Praesidium organized the visit of the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima at our parish of Mater Dolorosa. In August 2023, we also organized her visitation at All Souls Parish and at Saint Cecilia's in San Francisco. There were hundreds of Marian devotees who visited her that weekend.</p>

Apostolic Work Reports Works of Consolation

Name of Apostolic Work	Summary/Highlights
<p><u>Homebound Ministry</u> (This apostolic work cares for the spiritual well-being of Catholics who are sick and homebound. This will include giving Holy Communion, prayer service to the sick. Also included here are arranging for Anointing and Confession).</p>	
<p><u>Hospital Ministry</u> (Similar to homebound ministry, Hospital Ministry involves the visitation of the sick and providing Catholics the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist, Penance and Anointing.)</p>	
<p><u>Prison Ministry</u> (One of the Corporal Works of Mercy, the Legionary consoles those men and women who are in prison expressing hope and love to them. In some cases, even bring others to the Catholic and Christian faith.)</p>	
<p><u>Others</u></p>	
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Special Points of Interest

Extension and Recruitment - During this reporting period (2023-'24), our Praesidium was faced with the challenge of replacing three of our active members who were located to a different area. Thus, efforts toward the recruitment of new members were our first priority – and thanks be to God, we were able to bring on to the ranks of the Legion three (3) new members, two of them recently took their Legion Promise. A potential three new members are in the offing, and so we are praying for their perseverance.

Marriage Validation Case - last year our Praesidium assisted two young couples marry in the Catholic Church. This was our second successful marriage validation case in as many years. This year (2024), we have yet another marriage validation case in the progress. This is another complicated situation as one of the parties who have to go through an annulment process.

Adoration Programs - for some mysterious reason, our Praesidium founded in 2005, Year of the Holy Eucharist, continue to be involved in Adoration programs. As aforementioned we are coordinating three parish Adoration programs.

True Devotion to Mary – Frank Duff made it clear that the Legion of Mary must not only undertake the Act of Consecration to the Blessed Mother, but promote this devotion to all Catholics. A member of our praesidium held three workshops on True Devotion in nearby parishes, in San Francisco and Marin County. At least more than 120 Catholics prepared and did their Act of Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

RCIA Follow Through - a recent RCIA candidate (and his wife) spoke at a Confirmation Retreat about the Sacrament of Marriage. This person was Episcopalian but converted to Catholicism, embodies what cradle Catholics should all be committed to doing, evangelization and enthusiasm in sharing our Faith.

Goals from Prior Reporting Year

Last Year's Goals (if you had indicated goals from last year, were you able to achieve them this year?)

- Re-start Door to Door evangelization work – **MET**
- Establish an extended Adoration program at Mater Dolorosa – **MET**
- Organize and conduct an in-person Patrician Meeting – **MET**
- Recruit active members to the ranks of the Legion of Mary – **MET**
- Promote True Devotion to Mary – **MET**
(These were the goals we submitted to the Comitium at last year's report, and we are happy to inform its officers that we MET ALL our goals).

Goals for the Coming Year

Please list your goals and plans for next year:

- Increase the number of homes to be visited to at least 1000 homes of our parish community of Mater Dolorosa (2024 – '25)
- Complete the Marriage Validation case as mentioned
- Increase the number of families for the Pilgrim Virgin together with the Sacred Heart Enthronement
- Sustain the Adoration programs, particularly at Mater Dolorosa and Saint Veronica parishes
- Promote the Sacrament of Matrimony through our planned program called **“MARRIAGE REVIVAL”**
- Participate more regularly in Apostolate to the Crowd and organize our own Bookbarrow

Legion Functions and Activities Attended

Legion Function/Activity	Date and Place	Members Attended
Eucharistic Revival – Recollection	June 10, 2023/Saint Mary’s Cathedral	4 members attended
Day of Evangelization	June 24, 2023/Mater Dolorosa Church	3 members attended
Annual Summer Function	July 15, 2023/San Bruno City Park	5 members attended
Congress	Aug 19,2023/Mater Dolorosa Church	5 members attended
Act of Consecration	Sep 10,2023/Saint Augustine Church	2 members attended
Annual Conference	Sep 30, 2023/Saint Mary’s Cathedral	5 members attended
October Rosary Rally	Oct 7, 2023/Saint Mary’s Cathedral	2 members attended
Frank Duff Memorial Mass Annual General Reunion	Dec 9, 2023/Mater Dolorosa Church	6 members attended
West for Life West Coast	Jan 20, 2024/SF Civic Center Plaza, SF	2 members attended
Day of Evangelization	Feb 3, 2024/ All Souls Catholic Church	5 members attended
ACIES	Mar 25, 2024/Mater Dolorosa Church	9 members attended
Apostolate to the Crowd	May 15, 2024/Westlake Shopping Mall	3 members participated
Officers’ Workshop	May 18, 2024/Saint Andrew’s Church	6 members attended

Comitium Visitation: The Comitium plans to visit our Praesidium in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary, Mother of the Holy Eucharist and Family Praesidium
May 26, 2024

Members of our Praesidium on the occasion of the Legion Promise

