

Jesus' final instruction to His disciples before His ascension into heaven was to go forth and teach all nations.

The Apostles obeyed and so must we.



Founded in Ireland on September 7, 1921, The Legion of Mary has over 1.5 million Active members and ten million Auxiliary Members established in almost every country.

POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II HAS SAID:

"The Legion of Mary has made countless lay Catholics aware of their indispensable role in evangelization and sanctification and has enabled them to fulfill that role zealously and effectively."

MEMBERSHIP

No dues. No fundraising. Just prayer and good works. Adults age 18 or older who wish to join the Legion of Mary may contact:

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✚ THE LEGION ✚ OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a Catholic lay apostolate dedicated to personal holiness and evangelization. Every Christian by nature of his baptism, and his love for Christ and the Church, is called to spread the faith to others. The Legion of Mary is an association of Catholic men and women who spread the faith and grow together in their love and trust in Jesus Christ, in union with the Virgin Mary, His most perfect follower and apostle.

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation in Mary's and the Church's work. The association of these men and women with each other and their interaction with parishioners through apostolic works brings its members closer to the Mystical Body of Christ. Such works increase the spirituality of the members of the parish and the parish community being served.

*The LEGION OF MARY
apostolate is not vague or simple-
minded, but is orderly and
systematic and includes Catholics
of every class and condition.
By diligently adhering to its
methods, ordinary lay people
become outstanding
apostles of Jesus Christ.*

✚ THE WORKS ✚ OF ACTIVE LEGIONARIES

Active Legion Members work under the guidance of the priest to extend the knowledge and presence of Jesus Christ to all. Active Legionaries are sanctified and formed through a weekly meeting. From the meeting is received the grace to be sent out two by two to assigned works aimed at the saving of souls. This work is carried out through, with, in and for Mary who has the desire and the means of forming souls into the likeness of her Son, Jesus.

*“And He sent them
out two by two”*

MARK 6:7

Members of the Legion of Mary become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works include welcoming new parish families, visiting the bereaved, praying the rosary with the homebound and nursing home residents, Catholic education, supporting the newly baptized and married couples, and meeting any other spiritual needs of the parish community under the guidance of a spiritual director named by the pastor. The Legion of Mary is, in essence, an extension of the heart of the pastor.

✚ HOW TO ✚ BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER

Submit your name, address and phone number to an Active Member, or contact one of the officers listed on the back of this brochure.

After three months, those who are able to attend meetings and meet service commitments consecrate themselves to Mary by reciting the Legion Promise and become Active Members. Those who are able to continue with daily prayers are placed on a permanent list of Auxiliary Members.

✚ AUXILIARY ✚ LEGION MEMBERS

Auxiliary Members supply prayer power which is needed for the Active works of the Legion. In addition to the Rosary, Auxiliary Members must say each day the other prayers contained in the Legion's prayer card called a Tessera.

The Legion recognizes that without this special army of praying Auxiliary Members, the ability of its Active Members to accomplish their service objectives would be severely impaired.

*The Legion sees as its priority
the spiritual prayer, service, and
evangelization works of each
individual.*