



# Legion of Mary

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**Spiritual Reading for Aug '26:**  
**Spiritual Reading: Handbook Ch 30 Pt 5**  
**Pgs 177-179 "The Congress"**

Q) How can the spirit of the Congress renew my personal commitment to prayer, unity and apostolic action?

### **Summary of Reports:**

#### **Praesidium Reports:**

**(June 2025 to May 2026)**

##### **1. Mary Cause of our Joy, IC Borivali:**

With 29 members the average attendance was 76%. They have 331 Auxiliaries. 3 members are on ECVC Panel. They also have a Junior praesidium with 7 Juniors

**Their works include:** Visitations to homes of Catholics and other faith, Sick & Homebound, Ex-legionaries, bereaved families, Hospital, Institutes, Enthronement, After-care of Auxiliaries, Rosary Crusade, Organ Donation awareness, assisting at Parkinson camp, Christmas campaign, Lenten

campaign, Beyond the Pews, Apostolate to Domestic Workers.

**Praesidium Projects and functions:** Mass for sick and homebound and deceased legionaries, Exploratio Domnicalis, Auxiliary Rally, Praesidium Function, Enclosed Retreat, Holy Hour for students, study cum outing, Miraculous Medal Day, Press Month

**Senatus projects and functions:** Acies, Legion Sunday, DA Training, Reunion, An Evening with Mary

##### **2. Our Lady of Fatima, Orlem, Malad:**

With 13 members the average attendance was 65. They have 76 Auxiliaries, 10 Praetorians and 8 Adjutorians on roll.

**Their works include:** Visitations to homes of Catholics and other faith, Sick & Homebound, mother's-to-be, Ex-legionaries, bereaved families, Hospital, Institutes, Clergy Home, Enthronement, After care of Auxiliaries, Rosary Crusade, Lenten Campaign, Christmas Campaign, crowd contact

**Praesidium Projects and functions:** Mass for deceased legionaries, Auxiliary Rally, Praesidium Function, Enclosed Retreat, Legion Camp, Holy Hour for students, study cum outing,

**Senatus projects and functions:** Acies, Legion Sunday, DA Training, Reunion, An Evening with Mary

#### **Council Reports:**

**(Period December 2025 – May 2026)**

##### **1. Regina Virginum, Vasai Curia:**

The attendance of Curia officers is 96% and of members is 69%. They have 9 DA Senior Praesidia, 1 Junior Praesidia. Reports presented 9 bi-annual reports. ECVC panel consist of 36 members

**Works include:** Visits to homes of Catholic and other faith, Sick and Home bound, bereaved families, hospitals & institutes, after care of auxiliaries, Enthronements

**Projects and functions:** Training by Senatus, Lenten Recollection, Acies, Easter Recollection

## **2. Regina Pacis, Kirol Comitium**

The attendance of Comitium officers is 88% and of members is 47%. They have 9 DA Senior Praesidia, 1 outstation senior praesidia, 2 Senior Curiae, 1 Junior Curia. Reports presented of 4/5 praesidia and 1 outstation praesidium.

**Works include:** Visits to homes of Catholic and other faith, Sick and Home bound, bereaved families, hospitals & institutes, teaching the under-privileged, pilgrim virgin, exploration domnicis, open air contact, Lenten campaign

**Projects and functions included:** Reunion, Acies.

## **3. Queen of all Saints, Pune Comitium:**

The attendance of Comitium officers is 79% and of members is 63%. They have 5 DA Senior Praesidia, 1 senior and 1 junior isolated praesidium, 1 Senior Curia. Reports presented were 6 bi-annual praesidia reports and 3 curia reports.

**Works include:** Visits to homes of Catholic and other faith, Sick and Home bound, bereaved families, hospitals & institutes, Pilgrim Virgin Apostolate

**Projects and functions included:** Reunion, Training, Acies, Legion Sunday, Retreat.

## **Allocutio: Fr. Anthony Fernandes (Spiritual Director)**

Today's topic for spiritual reading and discussion is taken from the Handbook Ch 29 "Legionary Loyalty" which is one of the most important topics that all legionaries and especially Officers must read and follow. I want to congratulate you because you are seated here and are loyal to the system. We are examples of catholic organisations in terms of loyalty, just like the The Missionaries of Charity led by Mother Theresa, the Jesuits led by St. Ignatius of Loyalla, the Salesians led by Don Bosco and the SSVP led by Frederic Ozansam. Many like these and their members are an example in the Catholic Church for their founders and members who remain loyal to their system and are flourishing.

The Catholic Church is surviving today because of the loyalty to the code of Canon law. As priests, all of us. because of the Canon law, follow the same whether in Canada, Australia, today the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year, all the readings are the same all over the world. See the loyalty.

The handbook now warns us of various things. The first line of this chapter speaks of the intention of this chapter. It speaks of the unification of the many legionaries all over the world to this one system. It tells us that the legion depends on all members especially of the councils, as they are there to guide and correct. If we are failing in our duty to correct in a nice way, we are failing in our duty. Many a times, parents of today say, its ok its ok, and then the children become so indisciplined. Hence no giving concessions to anyone.

It speaks also in terms of when you're present for the meeting, your loyalty doesn't end there, your loyalty speaks of you building the unity. The last sentence of the chapter says, if you are the cause of disunion then you are not loyal to the Legion.

Now Pg 72 has things that connects with loyalty and I want you to pay attention. It explicitly mentions there that we have to offer things...give up our feelings. In the Legion of Mary there is no feelings. Feelings change every time, oh, I'm feeling nice, oh I'm not feeling nice now. Why marriages fail sometimes, because there are only feelings, no commitment, I love you is such a nice feeling and then you open your eyes after marriage oh, what did I do! There should be no feelings which change when following the system. There should be consistency in committing to the system.

The next, we have to give up our judgement. For eg, I think we shouldn't do 2 hours of work, or it's ok to put any statue of Mother Mary no, so we should offer up our judgement, give up our judgement. What is good and right has already been judged and deliberated and given in writing. There is no more room left for judgement in following the system, what is there is there.

Then offering our pride. If you have pride, you always think you know more. And in many places legion has failed because it has to do with pride of certain priests or lay people who think we don't have to follow the system we know what is better. And I know. Senatus Officers, Council Officers, correspondents, and I really salute them because it's very difficult to correct people but still they do it with love. But I remind you, don't embarrass them in front of the body but privately especially when it comes to bishops and priests, tell them privately this is the system. If the legion has completed 100 years, it's because of this loyalty to the system.

Then it speaks of offering your will. You have to give up your will, the choices you have to make and it quotes very beautifully - Ignatius of Loyola says loyalty can lead to martyrdom also, sometimes difficult task is given to you, it is as good as martyrdom. Suppose the President says you have to go a particular area for visitation and your 'will' differs from it, keep it aside and go. I think the challenge for the legionary is - Give me a difficult work, I want this spirit to come into the spirit of the legion. Loyalty depends that we take up something challenging and that's a greater joy when we take up challenging works.

St Louis Marie de Montfort continues the promise - "I am all yours my Queen my Mother and all that I have is yours" - he says in order to belong entirely to the Christ we offer ourselves to Mary, so today I want you to go through the pgs 71 and 72, It's important for all of us that loyalty means fulfilling our Acies promise. If you and I are seated here it's because of those who worked ahead of us like Bro JB present here and all present who has served for so many years and are an inspiration to all. It's because of your loyalty that the legion will continue for the years to come. **AVE MARIA**

### Extension & Consolidation Trip to Kolkata



Sr Cassina and Br James visited Kolkata from Jun 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. Attended 3 DA praesidia meetings, Bengali Curia and Kolkata Comitium meetings. At each meeting, we trained officers to maintain books of office. Training Session attended by 18 members from 6 praesidia on how to fill the President and Vice President worksheets and answered queries. Training was also given to the VP and Tr on their roles and maintenance of records. Met Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church for permission to have a Legion Sunday. Also spoke to the Parish Priest of Lord Jesus Church to consider restarting the Legion there. Met the Comitium Executives and took update on the suggestions pending. We assisted the Treasure in literature stock taking for 23-'24 audit.

It was a fruitful visit and we thank the priests and officers of Comitium for their support & encouragement in the Development of the Legion in Kolkata.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Please visit the Senatus website – <https://www.mumbaisenatus.in>
- **The Legion Congress will be held on Sunday, 23rd August 2026 from 9.30am – 4pm.** Local Council Officers are invited to attend the Legion Congress (President + 1 officer).
- **All Junior Councils Meet on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> Sep'26 at St.John the Evangelist Church, Marol, Andheri East.** This is open to all Junior Praesidia.
- Please continue to propagate the beatifications of Br. Frank Duff, Edel Quinn and Alfie Lambe.
- Please pray for legionaries who are ill and those going on extensions and consolidations.
- Next Senatus Meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> September '26 at 3.00pm at CSP Hall, Goregaon Seminary.

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