

The treasure buried in the field and a pearl of great price

A priest friend gave me a wonderful book. That's not usual because we often share with each other what is inspiring and helpful to each other for our ministry as priests. However, this book contained such a treasure-the treasure is the Legion of Mary. St. Charles Borromeo Parish, like several others, has a Legion of Mary. I always knew about and have great respect for the Legion, its purpose and good works. However, until I really read about it and started attending meetings, I never really experienced its richness and spiritual power.

What is the Legion of Mary?

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide Catholic organization of the lay apostolate, in which Catholic men, women and youth sanctify themselves through prayer and apostolic work in union with Our Lady under the guidance of a priest. The Legion of Mary was first organized in Dublin, Ireland, on September 7, 1921, by Frank Duff, whose cause is being considered for canonization. Through the years, the Legion of Mary has spread from Ireland, England, Wales and Scotland to countries all over the world.

What is its purpose?

The purpose of this association is to make its members better Catholics, to mobilize the Catholic laity, and to raise the spiritual level of the entire community through direct contact with and interest in every member and potential member of the Mystical Body of Christ, His Church. The sanctification of its own members is achieved through prayer and work. Each weekly meeting offers the members the recitation of the Rosary, spiritual reading, a short talk by the spiritual director, a discussion of Catholic doctrine and devotion and an evaluation of the work program. At the meeting is assigned to each member two hours of apostolic work, to be performed during the week and reported on at the following meeting. The doing of the apostolic work is really only a means to an end, namely, the sanctification of the individual member. The Legion is thus needed in every parish, for in every parish there are parishioners who want to become better Catholics.

At the heart of the Legion of Mary's spirituality is Mary, the Mother of God. The Second Vatican Council held Our Lady to be the model and source of the apostleship in the Church. Mary is the preeminent apostle, not only by her example, but also by the divinely-willed-and therefore indispensable-role of transmitting the life of grace (Decree on the Laity, 4). The Legion not only has Mary as its model, but exhorts its members to union with her in the spirit of St. Louis de Montfort's True Devotion to Jesus through Mary.

Who is eligible for membership?

The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholic men or women over eighteen years of age who have the good will to want to serve God in the capacity of helpers to the priests, and who will conform to the Legion system. The Legion system presents a discipline that is able to produce great virtue and holiness in Legion members, and a sound flexibility that allows the laity to live out their vocation in the world.

Are you searching . . . and longing to grow closer to the Lord and find greater happiness and peace? Could the Legion of Mary offer you a treasure of virtue and holiness through prayer and good works, through the heart and love of Jesus through Mary? After praying over this matter, please feel free to contact me and talk about your desire to become a better Catholic. Or you may come to a meeting. The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in St. Charles Rectory.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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SAVE THE DATES

Friday, October 13, 2017 –

Fatima Evening of Prayer

7:00P.M. at St. Charles Borromeo Church

Sunday, October 15th, Monday, October 16 and Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Annual Forty Hours Devotions at Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights

With Evening Prayer, Benediction and Procession on Last Evening

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Women in the New Evangelization

at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown.

Friday, October 27, 2017

A Combined Partnering Parish Social: “Night in Venice” in St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, Food and Music.

Saturday, October 28, 2017

**Bi-Annual Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, D.C.**

Solemnity of All Saints- A Holy Day of Obligation

October 31, 2017

– A Vigil Mass at 7:00P.M. at St. Charles Borromeo Church

November 1, 2017

-8:30 A.M. Morning Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church

-12Noon Mass at Sacred Heart Church

-7:00P.M. Evening Mass at Sacred Heart

Commemoration of All Souls on November 2, 2017

8:30A.M. Morning Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church

7:00P.M. Evening Mass at Sacred Heart Church

November 4 and 5, 2017

The Solemn Celebration of the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo
will be observed on the weekend Masses

Monday, Nov 6, Tuesday, Nov 7, and Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Annual Forty Hours Devotion at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill

With Evening Prayer, Benediction and Procession on Last Evening