



## **Legion of Mary** **San Francisco Senatus News Notes**

**156<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the San Francisco Senatus**  
Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm  
Fr. Goode Hall, St. Finn Barr Church, San Francisco

**Praesidium Report: None**

**Council Reports:**

### **Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, Stockton Comitium (reported by Br. Bill Wehrmeister, Correspondent)**

They had their 395<sup>th</sup> Comitium Meeting in December 2016. Columban Drive will be planned by their Extension Chairperson. The Comitium president encouraged all praesidia to include in their annual planning, the important heroic and valid legion works such as Exploratio Dominicalis, Book Barrow, Columban Drive and the council will participate and support. Recruitment is always ongoing. Every member is to carry extra Tesera, Rosaries and Rosary Guides. The Supply Chairperson is getting ready to prepare for the Asparagus Festival. Upcoming Events: Walk for Life 2017, 2017 Planning which will include Columban Drive/Mini Columban Drive, Ministry Day, Book Barrow, Congress in Southern California at Anaheim.

### **Anchorage Curia (reported by Sr. Tessie Velicaria, Correspondent)**

Total Attached Praesidia = 8 (6 Senior and 2 Junior); Active = 59 Auxiliary = 691; Council Attendance is 75% for Officers and 48% for Members; Extension efforts are being done by the Council at St. Anthony Church. A Columban Drive will be scheduled in spring. Evangelization works include door to door visitation, Apostolate to the Crowd was held during the Alaskan Federation Convention in October, Extension, Homebound Ministry, Pilgrim Virgin, Crowd Contact at abortion clinics, Natural Family Planning Classes, Project Rachel, Junior Legion supervision, Baptism Preparation Classes, Faith Formation Classes, Inviting Non-Practicing Catholics to Mass, assisting with Mass attendance, Young Adult group coordination, Washing the feet of the homeless, distribution of Sacramentals and Catholic literature, promoting Catholic Radio, Juniors clean the Cathedral, visit the shut in elderly, serve at Mass. Evangelization highlights: A lady care giver in an assisted living facility who converted to Jehovah's Witness plans to return to the Catholic faith after a visit from two legionaries. A member especially promotes frequent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation by inviting people and distributing pamphlets. To conduct a Legion Congress is one of their goals this year. . The Curia prepared an Annual Report to the Archbishop entailing a summary of all legion works – this is something learned that the San Francisco Senatus will adapt.

### **Sacramento Comitium (reported by Sr. Emy Passion, Correspondent)**

12 Senior attached Praesidia with 160 Active Members and 600 Auxiliaries; Three attached Curia with 31 Praesidia altogether. Council Attendance is 60-70%; A new Spanish-

speaking Praesidium has been formed at St. Peter’s Parish. Evangelization works include: Apostolate to the crowd, Book Barrow, Care Home Ministry, Homebound Ministry, Sacred Heart Enthronement, Pilgrim Virgin Ministry, Prison Ministry, Pro-Life Ministry and other evangelizing opportunities when serving in parish bookstore. In the next few months, all active members of the Legion of Mary in the Diocese of Sacramento will take specific instruction on Safe Environment and undergo finger-printing unless their duties are confined to the meeting proceedings only. This will increase their confidence as they extend their efforts to get involved in forming a Junior Praesidia.

**North Utah Curia (reported by Br. Raymond Frost, Correspondent)**

There is no report except, the Curia President notified him that Sister Bladamith passed away. She was a long-time Curia President.

**The Allocutio** was given by Father Goode followed by his blessings.

Father Goode shared his reflection on the Pope’s Apostolic Exhortation “Amoris Laetitia.” While there may be certain Bishops and various Catholic groups that might be thinking that the Church doctrine on marriage and the reception of Holy Communion has changed (allowing couples not married in the Church to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist), the fact is, the doctrine of the Church on this matter has not changed. In this document, the Pope emphasizes the importance of love among families and that all should strive to follow Christ’s example of sacrificial love.

**Communal Wedding Ceremony at Saint Patrick Church, San Francisco** (reported by Brother Edgar Enoc). As approved by the pastor, the Marriage Validation Project is being promoted by the Legion members. Candidates from other parishes are welcome. All applications and inquiries will be treated with courtesy and strict confidentiality. Flyers are available.

**Reports from Chairpersons:**

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| <b>APOSTOLATE TO THE CROWD (PRO LIFE)</b>                      | Br. Ron Konopaski brought a stack of flyers for 40 Days for Life and for Nationwide Rally to Defund Planned Parenthood. He urged everyone to participate at these events.   |
| <b>LEGION EXTENSION AND COLUMBAN DRIVE</b>                     | Sr. Miller reported that there are two members from St. Charles assisted at the Columban Drive at St. Finn Barr.  |
| <b>PPC</b>   | None  |
| <b>APOSTOLATE TO THE CROWD - (24<sup>TH</sup> AND MISSION)</b> | Four legionaries attended on January 14, 2017 at 10 a.m. and met 29 contacts. <b>Some comments and stories:</b> “I don’t believe in God”, “The Rosary is not free-it costs people their lives, so get out of here!”, “Ese Catolico-esta muerto!” (remark from the protestant group pointing to a legionary handing out Rosaries). A man took a Rosary but threw it down the pavement. |

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| <b>APOSTOLATE TO THE CROWD - TENDERLOIN (EDDY AND JONES)</b> | Nine legionaries attended on January 27, 2017 at 7:45 p.m. (the eve of Chinese New Year, the Year of the Rooster). They met 52 contacts, one of them an Auxiliary member. Met Anthony who took a Rosary wanted to know why Catholics love and say the Rosary, when it is not in the Bible, and “isn’t Mary being higher than God, when we pray the Rosary?” And as Queen of Heaven, isn’t she at least the equal of God?”                                |
| <b>PATRICIANS</b>  | None – no report received from Bro Enoc this month.  |
| <b>CODE OF CONDUCT SAFETY</b>                                | Br. Williams started to draft the guidelines on food preparation, door-to-door, all about safety as an organization.   |
| <b>ROSARY RALLY/ CONSECRATION</b>                            | Bro Marten reported that it seems most likely that the Rosary Rally this year will not be done in its usual place and format but instead a Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral in conjunction with the consecration of the Archdiocese of San Francisco to the Immaculate Heart Mary (Oct 7, 2017). In addition, the Archdiocese of SF is planning a Marian retreat on May 6. Fr. Previtali had asked the Legion of Mary to assist with this event. |

**New Business and Announcements:**

Brother Perlas reminded everyone of the following future activities and functions of the Senatus:

- Correspondent and Council Secretary Training Workshop at St. Finn Barr (March 4, 9:00 a.m.) – Br. Ed Miller will be in charge.
- Save the Date: ACIES – March 26, Sunday, 2:00 p.m. – St. Cecilia
- Save the Date: Legion Workshop – April 22, 2017 St. Finn Barr (9:00 a.m.)
- Qualifications of Active Membership in the Legion – Definition – Brother Perlas stated that he will be working with some members of the Senatus and other councils to further define what the Handbook means “The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholics who (a) faithfully practice their religion”
- Annual Recollection – July 22, 2017 St. Finn Barr with Fr. Propst – this year, Saint Anne’s Home conference room will undergo renovation – thus we will hold the annual recollection at Saint Finn Barr.