



Legion of Mary

San Francisco Senatus News Notes

157th Meeting of the San Francisco Senatus
Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Fr. Goode Hall, St. Finn Barr Church, San Francisco

Praesidium Report:

63rd Annual Report of Praesidium Queen Assumed in Heaven, St. Paul Church, San Francisco (reported by Br. Gary Lanza, President)

This Praesidium was founded in April 1953. With three active members, their Apostolic Works include: Coordinated 16 Bookbarrow at two different locations; Coordinated 24 Apostolate to the Crowd at 24th Street Bart or Tenderloin; Attended the PPC in Half Moon Bay; Evangelizing during the Walk for Life and taking pictures for the Senatus Website. A member maintains and updates the Senatus website; They plan to expand Door-to-door work and will recruit more members through Columban Drive and attend Men's Club meetings and make more connections by getting involved in the Parish.

Council Reports:

San Francisco Mission Excelsior Curia (reported by Sr. Lyia Flor Evangelista, Secretary)

Total Attached Praesidia = 10 (8 Senior, 1 Junior, 1 Intermediate) Active = 73 Auxiliary = 704; Council Attendance is 73%. The Curia waiting for the formation of a junior Praesidium at St. Elizabeth Church. A Columban Drive is scheduled on March 12, 2017 at St. Kevin Church, San Francisco. The Day of Evangelization was held on February 20, 2017 from 9-2pm at Corpus Christi Church, San Francisco. Twenty six (26) brave legionaries visited 225 homes on a rainy day. A detailed evangelization report was sent to the pastor and Spiritual Director with highlights and needed follow up cases. The next evangelization will be held on May 27th at the Church of the Epiphany, San Francisco.

Evangelization and Apostolic Works include: Door-to-door, Apostolate to the Crowd, Bookbarrow, Columban Drive, Holy Communion to shut ins, visitation of elderly, Sacred Heart Enthronement, Pilgrim Virgin, Pro Life Activities, Promotion of Immaculate Heart Radio, Facilitating Frank Duff Prayer Group, Patrician Group, Praesidium Assistance and Supervision. Evangelization Highlights: a homebound lady was visited 61 times until her death. An assigned Praesidium leads the Curia in the Prayer Vigil and Crowd contact near the Planned Parenthood; The juniors continue to distributed Catholic literatures and miraculous medals after Mass and Eucharistic Adoration with their parents every Thursday and will be participating in the Lenten and Easter Liturgies.

San Mateo County Comitium Quarterly Report (reported by Sr. Marina Angeles, President)

Total attached Praesidia =16 (14 Seniors, 2 Juniors) Active Members = 165 Auxiliary = 877. Attached Curiae = 2. Council Meeting attendance = 57%. Evangelization Works include:

Door to door, Apostolate to the Crowd, Bookbarrow, Homebound Ministry, Sacred Heart Enthronement, Prison Ministry, Pilgrim Virgin/Family Rosary, Respect Life Activities, Columban Drive, Promotion of Daily Mass, Promotion of the Traditional Latin Mass, Promotion of Eucharistic Adoration, Promotion of Immaculate Heart Radio Cards. Highlights from three reporting Praesidia: A praesidium visited 85 more homes and added 14 Auxiliary members on the roll. Another Praesidium welcomed one new active and two new Auxiliary members. This Praesidium is involved in the Gabriel Project and conducted MERS (Marriage Enrichment Renewal Seminars, two couples at the verge of divorce were saved by this. A member who had stage 3 cancer is now in remission. The parish community and fellow legionaries prayed for her recovery. Another Praesidium promotes First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Mother; Promotion of Confession, Mass Attendance, Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy, Devotion to the Immaculate Heart and Sacred Heart, First Friday. This Praesidium coordinates the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

44th Quarterly Report San Jose Comitium (reported by Br. Mike Aubin, President)

Total Attached Praesidia = 18 (15 Senior, 3 Juniors) Active = 170. Attached Curiae includes: Chinese Curia with 8 attached Praesidia= 65 Active and 211 Auxiliary Members; Spanish Curia with 13 attached Praesidia= 95 Active and 190 Auxiliary Members; Vietnamese Curia with 29 attached Praesidia= 296 Active and 3,161 Auxiliary Members. Council meeting attendance is 70%. Special Events: Monthly Bookbarrow at Valley Fair Mall coordinated by assigned Praesidium. Monthly Apostolate to the Crowd in downtown San Jose coordinated by assigned Praesidium. A new Vietnamese Praesidium at St. Francis of Assisi Church is going well. One Praesidium closed after 52 years due to lack of membership and now reopened with two ne members. The Vietnamese Curia is starting an English-speaking Praesidium. The Spanish and Vietnamese Curia held several Columban Drives in the last three months. The Spanish Curia held an Exploratio Dominicalis at Star of the Sea Parish in Alviso California. Two Rosary Crusades were scheduled in March. Apostolate to the Crowd is scheduled on the third Saturday of the month in downtown San Jose. The Comitium and Curiae participate in Pro Life including 40 Days For Life campaigns. Evangelization Highlights: Purchase of books from Lighthouse Catholic Media which they distribute to members to purchase at a highly discounted cost. Legionaries are requested to read the books for their own education then pass them to someone. Formed – an on-line service presenting the best Catholic Content all on one place. The Comitium renewed a one year subscription; Netflix for Catholics featuring very good Programs, movies, audios and books. They share their subscription with all members and families, friends everyone they meet during their apostolate.

The Allocutio was given by Father Goode and Fr. John Jimenez followed by blessings. Father Goode invited everyone to the upcoming St. Patrick Day celebration in his parish. He also received an email inquiring on how to start a legion group in Boise Idaho. They both remind that legionaries continue to reach out in building connection with all kinds of people by promoting the Sacraments and the companionship of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Blessed Mother through the legion works we do.

Reports from Chairpersons:

Pro Life	None
LEGION EXTENSION AND COLUMBAN DRIVE	None
PPC	None
APOSTOLATE TO THE CROWD - (24 TH AND MISSION)	Seven legionaries made 37 contacts. Three protestant approached Br. Bill and first surrounded him and obstructed his work, and next, showing him a Bible, said "This is God, not what you are doing, because the Rosary is not in the Bible. You should study and know the Bible, forget this Rosary stuff!" Br. Bill's comment was quoting from the Bible John 6 and 52; 1 Corinthians verse 11. But the best reply to Protestants about the Rosary according to Br. Bill is your own personal experience, and the many blessings and the help you have received.
APOSTOLATE TO THE CROWD - TENDERLOIN (EDDY AND JONES)	None
PATRICIANS (new report)	None
CODE OF CONDUCT SAFETY	None
ROSARY RALLY	An update from Br. Marten and Br. Raymond who attends the meetings at the Archdiocese: The Archbishop is very excited about the Centennial Celebration of the year of Fatima. A newly purchased statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be blessed and shown to the public after Easter. Br. Perlas who drafted a Program of Action as requested by our Lady by which the Legion of Mary have adapted over the years, will be submitted to the Archdiocese as a proposal to prepare the laity for the Total Consecration.

New Business and Announcements:

- 2015 Treasury Audit of the SF Senatus – completed with Satisfactory Results
- 2016 Statement Summary sent to all councils and praesidia
- Correspondent and Council Secretary Training Workshop
- ACIES – Fr. Ilo has confirmed to be the speaker on March 26, 2:00 p.m. St. Cecilia (Donation for food is \$35.00 from each Praesidium). Please see flyers for details
- Save the date: Day of Recollection – July 22, 2017, St. Finn Barr – 9:00 a.m.

- Save the date: 5th Annual Legion of Mary Conference – Sept. 9, 2017 @ Santa Clara Convention Center
- Discussions: Decision-making Process in a Council – Br. Perlas and Br. Frost presented the proper process of decision-making in a council according to the legion handbook. The council officers or the board members make the plans and make recommendations to the body at the council meeting for decision making. The decision is not made at the board meeting but at the council meeting where discussions take place and come to a consensus for a decision-making.
- Proposal to Include St. Raphael in the Legion Prayers – The Concilium is requesting for consideration to be given to include St. Raphael in the concluding prayer invocations. Please bring this up to your council meetings and consult the approval of your members. The Concilium would like to receive your response by April 23rd.
- Sacramento Council Proposal to hold the council meeting **quarterly instead of monthly** – The Senatus recommended holding the meeting according to the legion handbook which is monthly not quarterly.