



The
Legion of Mary
San Francisco Senatus
News Notes

**A Summary of Reports Given at the 139th Meeting
San Francisco, September 10, 2015**

There was no praesidium report in September.

A) Council Reports from all around the Senatus

1) Oakland Comitium: They have 10 attached praesidia including one junior praesidium and 4 attached Curiae with a combined total of 36 praesidia in the Curiae. A Vietnamese praesidium is being formed in Oakland; the praesidium at St. Jarlath's is being revived. Overall active membership is increasing. A recruiting leaflet designed by a praesidium president is now being used. A book barrow is held each Saturday at Lake Merritt. An outdoor function is planned at Mission Santa Clara. **(Report by Sr. de la Paz, President)**

2) North West Coast Korean Comitium: They have a total of 467 active and 512 auxiliary members in all their attached praesidia and Curiae. Teaching catechism is a big part of their apostolate. The San Jose Curia wants to establish English-speaking praesidia to work with junior praesidia. The Comitium's treasurer's books were audited by a committee elected by the council. 121 members attended a summer function in Cupertino. **(Report by Sr. Perlas, Correspondent)**

3) San Mateo Comitium: Extension is planned at St. Catherine's in Burlingame. The seminary praesidium is beginning their school year. A Holy Hour of Prayer for Clergy was held. The Silent Retreat at St. Clare's was packed with attendees. The Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary is being promoted. **(Report by Sr. Angeles, President)**

4) San Francisco Mission Excelsior Curia: They have ten attached praesidia including one junior and one intermediate praesidia. A Curia planning meeting is being held this month. They will use a map of the area to see where the Legion of Mary is needed. Br. Pasion, representing the Senatus, assisted the Curia with the election of Curia officers. Attendance at the meeting is 78%. Book barrow, apostolate to the crowd and crowd contact at the abortion clinic have been reported. A CPA audited their treasurer's books and made recommendations on procedures, which will be implemented by the Curia. **(Report by Sr. Velicaria, President)**

Allocutio by Fr. Lawrence Goode

Spiritual Director of the San Francisco Senatus

Father Goode said that we need Chinese Praesidium in San Francisco. The Total Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary is being promoted in many places. We can invite those who make this consecration to become Legionaries. Engage people in conversation about membership. The next time we meet Junipero Serra will be a saint. There was a conflict between the soldiers and the missions. Father Serra's vision was to have more missions. Don't let anyone tell you that Father Serra was not a saint. He was a pain in the neck to the soldiers. But he also influenced the son of the Commandant of the Military Presidio to become a priest. Fr. Goode will be present at the canonization of Fr. Serra in Washington. Msgr. Matthew Koo, Spiritual Director of the Chinese Curia went into prison for being a member of the Legion of Mary on September 8 and was released on September 7, 29 years later. The grave of Cardinal Kung, who was also imprisoned for being a member of the Legion of Mary, is in Santa Clara. The upcoming Year of Mercy should be a big thing for the Legion of Mary. Read what the Pope says not what the paper says that the Pope says. Before leaving, Father Goode gave his blessing to all.

B) Additional Reporting

a) Expiring Terms of Office: Br. Perlas announced that Sr. Miller's First Term as Vice-President ends in October, and the second terms of Br. Frost, Secretary and Br. Williams, Treasurer, end in November. Elections for these officer positions will take place in November.

b) Apostolate to the Crowd: At the 24th Street BART Station 5 Legionaries participated along with Fr. Jimenez, pastor of St. Charles. A Jewish lady accepted a rosary. At the Eddy and Jones Street apostolate 9 Legionaries participated. **(Report by Br. Wehrmeister, Chairperson)**

c) Santa Clara Conference: Brother Perlas said that many Legionaries are coming from Stockton, Sacramento and Oakland.

d) Risk and Liability Waiver: Br. Williams said that this is becoming standard for all volunteer organizations.

e) Summer Function: The summer function was very well attended and enjoyable.

f) Rosary Rally: This will take place on Saturday, October 10 at United Nations Plaza at noon. There will be a 10:00 am Mass at the Cathedral followed by a Eucharistic Procession led by Archbishop Cordileone. All were asked to invite and encourage parishioners to attend. The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be present. Promotional leaflets for the Rosary Rally are available.

g) Praesidium Function: Br. Perlas reminded officers about holding a praesidium function to celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

h) Visitations: Visitation forms for each praesidium have been prepared by Sr. Miller and were distributed to those assigned to praesidium visitation.

i) Treasurer's Audit: Br. Williams reported that the audit of the Senatus Treasurer's Books for 2014 has been completed. Br. Perlas thanked all Councils who have made donations to the Senatus.

Excerpts from a Letter from Br. Andrew Cooke Concilium Correspondent to the San Francisco Senatus Dated September 8, 2015

Br. Cooke writes: "In reference to an earlier question, regarding use of "Morning Star" for a new praesidium...this title is reserved for Homeless Hostel praesidia...Your generous donation to Concilium is noted and thank you for the same...I am most impressed with the Legion work of the Senatus and its attached councils...For the 11th year in a row, the Concilium have organized a weekend Conference for the 18-40 year age group, we hope to welcome more that 200 young adults."

Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God Frank Duff

God our Father, You inspired your servant Frank Duff with a profound insight into the mystery of Your Church, the Body of Christ, and of the place of Mary the Mother of Jesus in this mystery. In his immense desire to share this insight with others and in filial dependence on Mary he formed her Legion to be a sign of her maternal love for the world and a means of enlisting all her children in the Church's evangelising work. We thank you Father for the graces conferred on him and for the benefits accruing to the Church from his courageous and shining faith. With confidence we beg You that through his intercession you grant the petition we lay before You. We ask too that if it be in accordance with Your will, the holiness of his life may be acknowledged by the Church for the glory of your Name, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Prayer for the Help and Intercession of Venerable Edel Quinn

Eternal Father, I thank You for the grace you gave to your servant, Edel Quinn, of striving to live always in the joy of Your presence, for the radiant charity infused into her heart by Your Holy Spirit, and for the strength she drew from the Bread of Life to labor until death for the glory of Your Name, in loving dependence on Mary, Mother of the Church. Confident, O Merciful Father, that her life was pleasing to You, I beg You to grant me, through her intercession, the special favor I now implore ..., and to make known by miracles the glory she enjoys in Heaven, so that she may be glorified also by Your Church on earth, through Christ Our Lord. Amen. We place our petitions in the hands of Mary to whom Edel turned in every need. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb. Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Prayer for the Beatification of Servant of God Alphonsus Lambe

God, who by your infinite mercy inflamed the heart of your servant, Alphonsus Lambe with an ardent love for you and for Mary, our Mother; a love which revealed itself in a life of intense labour, prayer and sacrifice for the salvation of souls, grant, if it be your will, that we may obtain, by his intercession, what we cannot obtain by our own merits. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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