

# Legion of Mary Sydney Senatus Bulletin

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*Please pray the  
Rosary*

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## Pray for Beatification of



*The Servant of  
God  
Frank Duff*



*The Servant of  
God  
Alfie Lambe*



*Venerable  
Edel Quinn*

## Father Givney's Allocutio February 2018

### Forgiveness

During Lent there are many penitential practices we can undertake, however, we are reminded in the gospel, that unless we have forgiven our brother and sister, making an offering to God is not the answer. Forgiveness is powerful because it enables us to remain free and happy in our lives and this is essential if we are to witness to the gospel and be good Legionaries. Francine and Byron Pirola\* have produced a great resource for married couples which covers the area of forgiveness and I thought I would steal a few of their ideas for my allocutio.

We know from experience that time does not remove our pain since we either forget what hurt us or we simply bury it. This has an insidious side-effect in that our previous hurts still produce their fruit but we are no longer aware of the source of this fruit. A typical example would be a person who as they get older becomes more "irritable" and "short-fused"\*. This is not simply old age but rather the cumulative effect of not dealing with and forgiving those who have hurt us. If we are prone to overreacting and irritability then Lent is a great time to go into our hearts, perhaps even to get some professional help and see why we cannot be at peace. Mary could have potentially lived the rest of her years on earth in bitterness and pain because of how Jesus was treated and murdered by those in power. She chose a different path which gave life to herself and us. There is no way we could see Mary as a role model if she did not choose the path of forgiveness and freedom. We can turn to Mary and ask her for the grace of a true and deep forgiveness and especially for the particular grace of applying this to our own circumstances and seeing what God wants us to do for further healing.

\*[www.smartloving.org](http://www.smartloving.org), "Forgiveness, the pathway to healing."



### Important Dates

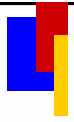
24th March 2018, 10.30AM Acies Mass  
St. Peter's Parish Surry Hills

25th March 2018, 1.30PM Senatus Meeting, Broadway

### Reminders

Volunteers are needed to staff the CIC shop. Please call Sr. Lola Brown if you are interested.

Please note that it will take 2 weeks to process orders for stock from Senatus. Please call Senatus for any urgent orders if needed.



## Sr. Lopez Allocutio January 2018

### **Legion Loyalty.**

It is from the start of time that mankind, kingdoms, countries, families, nations have fallen apart due to disloyalty. The greatness and strength of any group is always dependant on the loyalty of its members. It could be motivated by seeking for self-promotion, justice, greed, worldly gain or love. The highest awards are attained by teams whose members unite in loyalty despite internal adversities and external setbacks. Success or victory in the temporal arena, whether virtuous or infamous is achieved by the loyalty which lasts, since loyalty is the long distance runner. Because loyalty is the long distance runner, comrades who are loyal continue in their efforts until they collapse from exhaustion or are vanquished. Where loyalties are short winded, whether among politicians or athletes, soldier or civilian dynasties are rare.

True enduring loyalty is achieved through a process which is deliberate and which bores into the human spirit. Consequently, the extent of the loyalty depends upon the practice of obedience and the capacity for sacrifice. Loyalty, however, is susceptible to serious maladies: in Chapter 29 of the handbook the importance of loyalty is emphasised by comparing it to the cement which bonds the members of the praesidium in an efficient unit and the many praesidia in a viable council, and so forth up to the Concilium. But the uniqueness of virtuous legionary loyalty is best described in the words found in the Legion Promise, where loyalty in the Legion is intertwined with the loyalty in the Kingdom of God faithful the church founded by Christ. The member's loyalty is firmly founded upon the certain conviction that he is a child of God and the child of Mary. By virtue of the sacrament of Baptism, the legionary recognizes his union with the Triune God and his call to profess belief of that union, by example and service, to everyone he meets. He lives and moves and breathes as a child of God. The loyalty of the legionary rests upon the spiritual relationship between him and Mary, and the more thoroughly he is convinced of this relationship, the more unshakable will be his loyalty. It is found that this relationship can grow more perfect when the legionary practices De Montfort's True Devotion to Jesus through Mary. When the member takes his place in the ranks of the Legion, he promises a faithful service. His loyalty is manifested by a willingness to submit to legionary discipline and to be shaped into the army marching along with Mary. In this way the legionary is disciplines against independent action. The handbook offers a unique observation about the relationship between loyalty and obedience by stating that 'fruit of loyalty is obedience'.

The handbook states that the faults of a praesidium can be traced to the faults of its president or of any other officer, for that matter. The same idea can be stated in reference to the officers of a council, which, as with a praesidium, is as good as the officers wish to make it. The loyalty of the officers of the council is best manifested by their attendance and participation of the council meeting - every month, and for the entire meeting time. The weeds of mediocrity and disloyalty in the legion take root in councils suffering from their officers' absenteeism. If loyalty is wanting in the members of any council, then perhaps the loyalty of the council officers is less than exemplary. Loyalty, similar to any true virtue, must be nurtured by thoughts and deeds.

## **Reports from January 2018**

### **Cathedral Praesidium - Immaculate Conception**

**Work Done:** Visitations in Woolloomooloo area and regular weekly visitations to Sydney Eye Hospital, bringing news of all coming events in St. Mary's Cathedral. Distributed miraculous medals, rosaries, rosary leaflets, holy cards, catholic weekly papers and the Mass Bulletin of the week. Help people get access to the priest when needed. One member works in the Lakemba Piety Stall every Sunday. Join Church Hill praesidium to go and pray the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet in McKell housing commission. Had a little celebration after the meeting during the feast of the Assumption and our Lady's birthday.

**Comments:** Sr. Morandarte congratulated the praesidium on the number of activities and functions it is involved in and questioned the regular attendance of the visitor in the report. The visitor is an active member from another praesidium visiting from interstate. Sr. Lopez suggested that in future the praesidium contact the visitor's praesidium that this person is attending meetings in Sydney. Sr. Chung stated that the prayers held at the McKell Building were run by Surry Hills instead of Church Hill.

### **Chatswood Praesidium - Mother of Divine Mercy**

**Work Done:** Visitations to nursing homes, aged care facilities and hospitals; saying the rosary at these visits. Assisting in local piety stall. Visited auxiliary members. Inviting Indonesian Catholic Families to join the Legion of Mary. Cleaning the church and singing in the choir.

**Comments:** Sr. Coombs questioned if they only worked in the Chatswood area; they do. Sr. Luke congratulated them on their numbers. She encouraged them to door knocks with the permission of the parish priest who is very receptive to the Legion. Sr. Lopez commented that there was a very short lived praesidium in Chatswood and reminded the body the work of the Indonesian and Vietnamese praesidia are directed by their spiritual directors to visit only those in the Vietnamese community who cannot speak English.

### **Report from Kensington - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart**

**Work Done:** Visitations to nursing homes, hospitals, aged care centres; they say the rosary during these visits. Extraordinary minister of the Eucharist. Lead rosaries at homes and at church. Volunteering in CIC shop. Visited auxiliary members and inviting Catholic families to join the Legion of Mary.

**Comments:** No comments made.

## Reports from February 2018

### Report from Marrickville Curia - Mother of the Mystical Body

**Active Work Done:** Visitations to the elderly in their homes, recently bereaved parishioners, nursing homes, hostels, retirement villages, hospitals and active / auxiliary members. Lead Rosary and Divine Mercy in church, and leading the rosary at funeral Masses. Provide rosary beads, leaflets and Miraculous Medals and circulate the statue of the Blessed Virgin in homes. Catechesis at primary schools, preparations for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Acolyte duties, conduct the children's liturgy, sing in the parish choir, provide transport to and from Mass, volunteer to staff the CIC shop, volunteering in the piety stall.

**Comments:** Sr. Coombs commended the curia on a magnificent report filled with magnificent work. Br. John questioned if Sr. Burns was proud of their curia and suggested to do home visitations. Sr. Burns stated that they did their best and that they had plans for extension and recruitment. Sr. Burns stated that Fr. Morris Thompson was not keen for legionaries to visit door to door because he had concerns for their safety in the area. Sr. Morandarte questioned the 2 members joining and attending Cabramatta curia since she is unaware of any. Sr. Burns stated she was unclear about the particulars; it came up at the curia meeting and the president of the praesidium doesn't speak English well. She aims to investigate this matter. Sr. Thornton commended them on a wonderful report.

### Report from Newtown Praesidium - Queen of Angels

**Active Work Done:** Visitations to nursing homes, retirement villages, hospitals and homes of the sick. Lead the rosary at church and requiem Masses, arrange rosary and Mass in homes of the bereaved. Two members are extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, provided transportation to/from Mass, volunteer to staff CIC shop, and assist at recruitment drives at St. Joseph's Newtown.

**Comments:** Sr. Zorc commended them on a very God report and asked if special permission is needed in holding Masses in homes. Br. stated that it is arranged by the parish priest. Sr. Permadi commended them on their recruitment and wished them more auxiliary members at the recruitment drive next week. Sr. Morandarte commended them running recruitment drive with other praesidia and questioned of their intentions to recruit within the Indonesian community. Brother confirmed that they were.

### Report from Terrigal Praesidium—Our Lady Star of the Sea

**Active Work Done** Visitations to homes and nursing homes. Novenas said, attending special Masses, 24-adorations for Blessed Sacrament, monthly home rosary. Teaching High school seminar and catechesis. Altar service, providing transportation to Mass, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

**Comments:** Sr. Thornton commended them on their wonderful 24 hour adoration. Sr. Burns wanted to know about the high school seminars. Sister stated that a group of catechists go every week with a theme to teach. It has varying attendance.

### Report from Wyong Praesidium - Our Lady Of Good Council

**Active Work Done:** Visitations to homes and Nursing Homes. Daily rosary are said after Mass, and attending healing Mass. Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, provide music for Mass, morning tea at Wyong Court, monthly get together of the elderly to chat and do crafts

**Comments:** Sr. Jennifer stated that it was wonderful to get everyone to monthly craft. Sr. Coombs questioned their work at the Wyong Courthouse. Sister answered that they go every month to the Wyong courthouse and make coffee for a donation, and the donations are given to charities. Sr. Lopez confirmed the work is of preparing coffee. Br. Joe suggested to leave holy pictures and give away miraculous medals when visiting nursing homes. Sr. stated that they are not allowed by the nursing homes to leave medals because some of the residents suffering from dementia will think them lollies and will ingest them.

### Report from Mascot Praesidium - Our Lady of Fatima

**Active Work Done** Circulating the Rosary Statue. Teaching catechesis, sacramental programs

**Works of Service:** Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Alpha programme, conducting senior morning teas, providing transportation, volunteering to staff in St. Vincent's shop and volunteering for meals on wheels.

**Comments:** Sr. Gonzaga questioned the relationship between the Legion of Mary and St. Vincent de Paul. Sr. Thornton stated that a few members of the praesidium are also members of St. Vincent de Paul and they attend functions and assist in the Vinnie's stores. Sr. Gonzaga questioned if we were reporting that as active work? Sr. Lopez said no; she questioned Sr. Thornton on what work they did to ascertain if there was any conflict, St. Vincent de Paul being interested in providing material relief, and if they did door knocks together in a particular area. Sr. Thornton confirmed that the praesidium was not doing any door knocks. Sr. Gonzaga questioned their involvement in the Alpha program and if their resource person was an Anglican minister. Sr. Thornton stated that those members were not present. Sr. Zuschman stated that the Alpha Program was approved by the Archdiocese since there is a Catholic version. There is a special section for Catholic doctrine. Sr. Gonzaga clarified that her questions were from previous experience with the Alpha Program was being run by Anglican ministers and questioned why it was not conducted by Catholics.

### Report from Blacktown Comitium - Our Lady of Consolation

**Active Work Done:** Home to home visitations, participation in extension programs and recruitment drives. Visitations to curiae, praesidia, and auxiliary members. Visitations to hospitals, nursing homes, retirement villages and to parishioners at the request of the priests. Visitations are also done to families with recently Baptised infants. Circulation of the statue of the Blessed Virgin. Distribution of Holy Communion and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Conducting and assisting in RCIA programs. Facilitating sacramental programs. Teaching catechises, and assisting in children's liturgies. Conducting Patrician meetings, book barrows and book stalls. Engaging in street contact and running piety stalls. Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary in homes. Members of the comitium attended the PPC last year and exploratio dominicalis. Organising and conducting numerous functions such as retreats, healing Masses, adorations, novenas, and Divine Mercy celebrations.

Junior active members assist in book barrows and piety stalls. Distribute miraculous medals, scapulars, rosaries and magazines. Continuously learn of the lives of saints. Inviting friends and relative to attend Mass, go to confession and adoration. They continually recruit active and auxiliary members. Older junior members are teaching catechism in public schools.

**Comments:** Sr. Burns commended them on a wonderful report on the work done. Br. Lopez claimed that he wanted to attend their Patrician group. Sr. Zorc stated that there were a few Patrician groups in the comitium. Sr. Chung was curious in the responses the children had on the circulating statue of the Blessed Virgin in their schools. Sr. Zorc will make further enquiries at the comitium meeting and relay her findings to Senatus.

#### **Report from Illawarra Curia - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart**

3 Praesidia have done recruitment in the last period through personal contact, notices at parish bulletins and notice boards, and pulpit appeals.

**Active Work Done** door-to-door visitations, homes, Nursing homes, hostels, hospitals and auxiliary members. 40 homes were visited at the request of the parish priest. Daily rosary recitation before/after Mass, requiem Masses and nursing homes, leading novenas at church, organising promoting and leading devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Michael and Divine Mercy. Circulating 7 rosary statues in homes, distribution of rosary beads and leaflets at primary and high schools, miraculous Medals, prayer cards and Catholic literature 20 Catechists in 9 state schools, 1 Legionary Coordinator, 2 Sacramental coordinators and 1 RCIA coordinator. Organising a weekly Bible Study group. Teaching English to adult migrants in the parish.

**Works of Service:** Providing transportation, volunteering at piety stalls and the CIC shop, altar society, inviting elderly parishioners to attend a monthly 'Young at Heart' meeting, organising and promoting monthly craft which make blankets are sent to the needy overseas.

**Comments:** No comments from the body.

#### **Report from Auburn-Bankstown Curia - Our Lady, Help of Christians**

**Active Work Done** Door-to-door, nursing homes, auxiliary members and lapse Catholics. Recitation of the Rosary before daily Mass, liturgical prayers; weekly family rosary, circulating statue of the Blessed Virgin.

Distribution of Church Bulletin, prayer cards and books and Miraculous Medals. Conduct Catechism at 2 public schools. Acolyte duties at St. Joachim's Church, assist at Masses, volunteer to staff the CIC shop, supervision of rosters for the perpetual adorations chapel, volunteering to cut hair for the homeless at the Exodus Foundation.

**Comments:** No comments made.

#### **Report from Newtown - Queen of Apostles**

**Active Work Done** Homes, Nursing Homes, Hospitals and auxiliary members. Rosary recitation prior to Mass, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Volunteer to staff CIC shop and providing transportation

**Functions Attended:** Officer's School, Frank Duff Mass and Annual General Reunion.

**Comments:** Br Jo commended them on their efforts especially their nursing home visits

#### **Report from Maitland-Newcastle Curia - Our Lady of Fatima**

**Active Work Done:** Circulation of the Pilgrim Statue, rosaries organised before Mass and funerals. Special ministers of Holy Communion. Visitations to homes, nursing homes and hospitals. Miraculous medals, leaflets and holy cards are distributed. Altar society and transportation.

**Comments:** Br. Jo commented that they need to recruit more members and Sr. Coombs requested that they fill the vacant secretary position for the curia. Sr. Zuschman stated that one of the issues in the country praesidia is maturity.

#### **Report from Canberra-Goulburn Curia - Our Lady of Mercy**

**Active Work Done:** Door to door visitations. Home, auxiliary, convalescent and hospital visitations. Visitations war dome to one prison this period. Rosary prayers are recited prior to Mass and funeral Masses. Attended a public recitation of the Rosary at an outdoor shopping centre. Two praesidia are circulating the statue of the Blessed Virgin. Rosary packs were distributed for English and Korean Masses. Christmas Mass times were distributed. One praesidium has conducted a book barrow. The Korean praesidium has reformed and are working for the care of Catholics and Non-Catholics, helping with the homeless, providing transportation, music at Mass and the editing of bulletins.

**Comments:** Sr. Jennifer asked why they went to a pilgrimage in honour of the mother of St. Mary of the Cross instead of St. Mary instead? Br. stated it was a good question; the Archbishop wants to set up Eden as a place of pilgrimage. St. Mary of the Cross' mother died there and that St. Mary had visited following her death and was very grateful for the care the locals had afforded to her mother. The Sister of St. Joseph also has a special attachment to Eden. Br. Jo asked how long has the Curia been in Canberra, Sr. Burns answered that it was started in 1996. Br. Jo stated that is was very good and well experienced. Sr. Lopez commented on the smiles across the room at Br. mentioning the desire to use of Legion shirts. The body unanimously declined their request to wear Legion shirts.

#### **Report from Campbelltown Curia - Queen of Peace**

**Active Work Done:** Door to door visitations to homes and nursing homes. Distribution of Baptismal Certificates and the circulation of 5 statue of the Blessed Virgin among the parishes.

**Functions Attended:** Sacred Heart Feast Day, Blessed Virgin's Feast Day and a Pilgrimage Walk.

**Comments:** Sr. Coombs stated that it was a very good report for such a young curia.



My God, I rely on Your assistance to keep myself free from the slavery of earthly attractions. I shall use my possessions and daily enjoyments as things You have lent me. May I never offend You with these gifts of Yours. As yesterday's enjoyments passed away, so too will those of today. I will live for the greatest Good—for You, my God and my All. You alone are the best and highest. Only You can satisfy my heart's longings forever. Amen