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*All about the*  
**LEGION OF MARY**



*"The Legion of Mary is a miracle of these modern times."  
- Cardinal Riberi, Inter-nuncio to China*

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- ✠ *Do you want to learn more about the **Catholic faith**?*
- ✠ *Do you want to enrich your **prayer life**?*
- ✠ *Do you want to develop close **Catholic friendships**?*
- ✠ *Do you want to grow closer to **Jesus and His Mother**?*

Then come as a guest to a **Legion of Mary meeting!**  
There's no obligation!

## WHAT IS IT?

The Legion of Mary is an association of dedicated Catholics serving under Mary, their Mother and Queen. It is the largest organization of lay people carrying out apostolic good works in the Catholic Church, with well over three million active members in almost every country of the world. It has been in New Zealand since 1933, and has the full support of the last six Popes and the Second Vatican Council. The main purpose of the Legion is to give glory to God by making its members holy through prayer and active co-operation in the Church's apostolic work.

*"The Legion of Mary presents the true face of the Catholic Church."  
- Pope John XXIII*

## WHAT DOES IT DO?

Members co-operate in close union with the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth through a balanced program of prayer and service, in evangelizing and performing works of mercy as Jesus commanded.

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."  
- Jesus' Great Commission*

The two types of Legion membership are active members and auxiliary members.

*Active members* meet once a week around an altar of Our Lady for Rosary and Legion prayers, planning and discussion of good works, spiritual readings and a talk from a Spiritual Director. They then perform two hours of work of service in union with Our

Lady, as decided at the meeting. Works will vary from parish to parish, but may include visiting of the sick, teaching the young, promotion of the Rosary and Catholic literature, or any type of spiritual work that is needed in the parish. Under the guidance of their spiritual director, Legionaries seek to do great things for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

*Auxiliary members* pray the Rosary and the prayers of the Legion of Mary (the Tessaera) for the intentions of the Blessed Mother and to support the efforts of the active members through their prayers.

## WHO CAN BELONG?

The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholics who:

- ✠ Faithfully practice their religion;
- ✠ Are animated by the desire to participate in the Church's apostolate through membership in the Legion;
- ✠ Are prepared to fulfill each and every duty which their membership in the Legion involves.

*"The Church was founded for the purpose of spreading the kingdom of Christ..."*  
- Vatican II, 'Apostolicam Actuositatem'

## HOW DO I START?

The first step is to be a guest at a meeting of the Legion of Mary. Candidates for membership may then go on one of the work assignments with an experienced member. If there is no Legion of Mary in your parish, you can participate in a group in another parish until you can start one of your own with the assistance of other Legionaries and in cooperation with the Parish Priest.

*"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."*  
- St. Francis of Assisi

## HOW CAN I GET MORE INFO?

For more information, visit the Legion of Mary website ([www.legionofmary.org.nz](http://www.legionofmary.org.nz)), email [legionofmarynz@gmail.com](mailto:legionofmarynz@gmail.com), ask any member of the Legion of Mary or contact your local parish office to obtain the name and telephone number of a point of contact for the nearest Legion of Mary Praesidium.