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Fr Andrew Matthew

When I first read this phrase in the handbook, I thought of the Church. The soul of the Church is made visible at the Eucharist. Jesus, in the midst of His followers, makes all those who are present (with goodwill) into His living body. They become the light and salt of the world.

Through the Eucharist, Jesus is supremely the living soul of His body, the Church. He nourishes His body and directs its life. On our part, we need to be obedient and self-sacrificing with Him to the Eternal Father. As Catholics, we know that the Mass is a sacrifice of obedience, a tangible witness to our goodwill, and our cooperation with the Holy Spirit working in our lives.

"In a similar way, we may compare our weekly Praesidium Meeting.

Obviously, it does not have the binding force of our Sunday Mass. Yet, through a similar action of a spirit of obedience and self-sacrifice to our weekly meetings, we grow in love for souls and the Apostolate of the Legion.

Through the Legion prayers, the powerful invocation to the Holy Spirit and being in union with Our Lady through her Rosary, we gain the grace to be active members of the Praesidium.

The Praesidium meeting in this way shows forth the soul of the Legion.

I am sure the Legion of Mary will flourish in New Zealand if we are faithful to our weekly praesidium meetings.

"The soul of the Legion is shown forth in its prayers.





Celebrating our Auxiliaries members is to provide them with encouragement that their prayers are not in vain and to give them a brief of what works the Active members have achieved for the last year. Why do we need more praying members? The load is always lighter when more hands shouldering the load. It's the same when we have more Auxiliaries members. Because the more prayers, the easier for us, the Active members, to carry out our roles and works that we are set out to do.

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND NEMO RESIDIO

The above phase is as old as any warfare or codes set by comrades going into war to ensure that whatever happens on the battlefield no one should be left behind. Leaving someone behind in the battlefield can only mean certain death or risk of being captured by the enemy. Which some said is far worse than to live and becoming a prisoner of war.

Auxiliaries are just as crucial as the frontline soldiers. They are the lifeline of any operation. They provide medical supplies, ammunition and food and water and most importantly intel of the whole operation. Without them the frontline soldiers will be left at the mercy of the enemy.

This is true to the Legion of Mary. Auxiliary membership are the prayer warriors and supplier of much needed ammunition for the Active members to carry out their work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary our Mother. The prayers and the graces that Active members receives from these prayers enable them to venture out and do works of conversion and works of conservations effectively

Let us remember to visit them regularly and check that they are saying the legion prayers daily. Also, remember to give them the latest copy of the Maria Legionis magazine. Let us not forget to invite them when your Praesidium has activities and retreats. Let us keep on recruiting more members and leave no one behind.

Thank you, and God Bless

Br. John Tagiilima

President of NZ Senatus

**SENATUS MEETING
DATES FOR 2023**

10 SEPTEMBER
08 OCTOBER
12 NOVEMBER
10 DECEMBER

**IMPORTANT DATES &
UPCOMING EVENTS
2023**

15 AUGUST

Assumption Of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

26 AUGUST

Auxiliary Day joint with
Elizabeth Kirwan day

8 SEPTEMBER

Birthday of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

7 OCTOBER

Marian Day
at Our Lady of
Assumption, Onehunga
Parish Hall



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