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What is the Soul? Fr Andrew Matthew

The primary object of the Legion is the holiness of its members and the salvation of souls. In the Handbook of the Legion of Mary, we read; “The purpose of the Legion is the sanctification of its members and the radiation of that holiness in the world of souls.” by doing this, “the soul of the legionary becomes so filled with the image and thought of Mary that the two souls are but one soul.”

THE DUTY OF LEGIONARIES TOWARDS MARY CHAPTER 6
Further, “let the legionary learn the importance of his share in the apostolate that even Christ, our Lord, must say to the legionary: I need your help in my work of saving and sanctifying souls.” **CHAPTER 9 THE LEGIONARY AND THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST pg.55** The word “soul” is the English translation of the Latin word “anima”, which means something living. Our modern-day word “animation” also comes from this Latin word.

Because Jesus has a soul, many philosophers and theologians have tried to explain what the soul is. Great minds have made some excellent observations about the nature of the soul.

One theologian wrote this;

“What is the soul? It is a spiritual substance which we have never seen. Allow me to quote one of the better preachers of our Order who writes on this subject. “To see a soul, having the purely intellectual sight of the angels would be necessary. We do know, however, that it must be straightforward, of a radiant beauty much superior to all sensible beauties and serene and incorruptible.”

*He gives us four qualities of the soul.
The soul is simple, beautiful, serene and incorruptible.*

Our soul is simple because it is one living thing. A theologian wrote simply that every soul is an individual, unrepeatable, and valuable. God breathed a living soul into Adam.

Jesus lived with Mary and Joseph with simplicity in Nazareth. In imitation of these simple lives, religious men and women take the vow of poverty to live in this humble way. They do this because they know it will be good for their souls. What Jesus said about the soul is true: “For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, yet lose or forfeit his very self?”

Our soul is beautiful because God has created it. St Augustine knew about the beauty of the soul when he wrote, “Late have I loved you, Beauty, so ancient and so new, late have I loved you!” He understood there is exterior beauty in creation, and yet far more radiant is our interior beauty, which the Lord creates in us. Allowing God to be creative in their lives is the motivation for living a religious life. A life of religious obedience produces beautiful souls.



NINE WAYS TO EVANGELISE

Because of our belief that we know there is heaven and there is hell. We know there is good and there is evil. And hopefully, we are all in the same boat vying for the kingdom of God. Because there is so much grinding of teeth and the thought of hell is such an unbearable place for a soul to and therefore must aim to save others and our souls.

Let us look into the PRACTICAL ways to evangelise by dissecting the word Practical to formulate ways to evangelise. We know that Evangelisation spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. We want as many souls to make it to the kingdom of heaven. We want our families and friends and, most importantly, our own souls to make it to the kingdom of heaven.

P: is for Prayers our evangelisation starts with prayers and participating in the holy sacrament of the Eucharist. The greatest prayer is Mass not only on Sundays but daily. If you want to be an evangelist, you have to pray. "An Hour of adoration to the Blessed Sacrament in this rat race is necessary for authentic prayer" Fulton Sheen. Pray the Rosary.

R: Read and Study your catholic faith. Become an avid reader. Try to read and hour a day on theology, sacred scripture catechism and other catholic readings. We need to know the Lord.

A: Apologetics. The art and science of defending and explaining your catholic faith. Read books like Beginners on Apologetics and how to explain your faith by reading the sacred scriptures and catechism.

C is the most essential virtue, is Charity. Bringing people to the faith requires us to be Kind. Spreading the faith is an act of Charity to speak with clarity, humility, and truth. Frank Duff says that the Secret of Influence of Love.

T: Techniques and Tips on how to evangelise. Always wear something catholic, like a cross miraculous medal or scapular, when people see it and may prompt conversations. Wear a catholic t-shirt, and possibly always end your emails and letters with God Bless. Another good tip is always to say grace in a restaurant or public. It's an excellent way to show your faith but to also to remind people about God. Other things like Bumper stickers, Licence plates to your car, and leaving catholic readings and newspapers on the train or buses so people can pick them up and maybe bring them back to the faith. Send religious gifts and cards to your family and friends. |

I: Imitate our Blessed Mother Mary. She was the first evangelist. She visited her cousin Elizabeth on her visitation. Taking our Lord to her cousin. Imitate Our Lady with her sweetness, hope and charity and also by doing the 33-day consecration of Our Lady. Totus Tuus

C: Channels of Grace, Make use of channels of grace and do your best to bring your family and friends and people to bring people to the sacrament, especially Confession. Bring people to the sacraments as a channel of Grace. Sacramentals are also other channels of

A: Attractive and Appealing. We are the true church of Jesus of Christ himself, and that we have so many things that are so colourful in our church. Like saints, miracles

L: Legion of Mary or a prayer Group. Join these catholic organisation that helps you become a saint and enable you to evangelise and convert souls to Christ.

Thank you and God Bless

Br John Tagiilima

**SENATUS MEETING
DATES FOR 2023**

08 OCTOBER
12 NOVEMBER
10 DECEMBER

**IMPORTANT DATES &
UPCOMING EVENTS
2023**

7 OCTOBER

Marian Day
at Our Lady of
Assumption, Onehunga
Parish Hall

8 DECEMBER

Feast of the Immaculate
Conception
Annual General Reunion

27 DECEMBER

Feast of St John the
Evangelist, patron of the
Legion of Mary

THE LEGION OF MARY
Invites you all to



Marian Day 2023

Mass • Benediction • Guest Speakers • Catholic Supplies

8AM - 3PM | 7TH OCTOBER
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH
(130 Church Street, Onehunga)

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