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A message from Concilium
Ireland taken from their
website

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Promotion of the Cause of Founder of the Legion of Mary
Frank Duff (7th June 1889- 7th November 1980)

With the very recent completion of photocopying four times each of over thirty thousand (30,000) letters written by Frank Duff during his life, and the upcoming anniversary of his departure from this life on 7th November 1980, now is a very appropriate time for placing renewed emphasis on making Servant of God Frank Duff better known, among legionaries and among the general public.

In light of the above, each council is being asked to renew its efforts to better promote the cause, as a copy of each of the letters that Frank Duff wrote during his life is to be sent to the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints as Servant of God Frank Duff's cause advances.

It brings great joy for example to hear in the reports this month of a Frank Duff Prayer Meeting beginning in Dublin on 5th November. We also heard of a monthly Frank Duff Prayer Meeting which is held on an ongoing basis.



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How many more Frank Duff Prayer Meetings could be established throughout the world in the coming months?

This may well be a work that would particularly suit some legionaries... perhaps this is the work that is waiting on you for it to exist in your area?

Along with others, will you step out in faith and make the effort to commence a Frank Duff Prayer Meeting in your area?

If one or some already exist, surely now is the time for more?

If the idea of a monthly meeting sounds too much for you to begin with, would you consider initially holding a meeting maybe every two months or every three months which could then, in time, evolve into a monthly meeting?

Let us not be put off by any lack of confidence or lack of courage.. let us step out in faith.. how beautiful to add to the collective prayer of Frank Duff Prayer Meetings worldwide, and to expand the worldwide calendar of dates and times of Frank Duff Prayer Meetings held globally?

The following is the suggested format for a Frank Duff Prayer Meeting which would usually last about one hour:

1. Opening Prayers and Rosary
2. Welcome to all, especially new participants
3. Short reading from the writings of Frank Duff- discussion can follow
4. Requests for prayer intentions
5. News of any favours received
6. Recitation of the prayer for the beatification of Servant of God, Frank Duff
7. Place, date and time of next meeting
8. Blessing of a priest (if one is present)

The newly-launched website frank-duff-essays.com freely provides the essays that Frank Duff wrote and which could be used for the short reading in the Frank Duff Prayer Meeting and to spark discussion.

Frank Duff wrote books such as *Miracles on Tap: The Incredible Transformation of Dublin's Bentley Place* and booklets such as *Can We Be Saints?* and *Gems of Wisdom* which could also be used for the reading and discussion.

Please do keep us informed with news from your area. Please God these efforts will bear many fruits and graces aiming towards beatification if/when it is God's will.

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WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT FRANK DUFF, SERVANT OF GOD AND FOUNDER OF THE LEGION OF MARY

What do we know of Frank Duff ?

Frank Duff was born in Dublin on 7 June 1889, the eldest of seven children of John Duff and his wife, Susan Letitia.

He joined the Society of St Vincent de Paul as a young man and was exposed to the real poverty of Dublin. It was here he decided to take his religion seriously. He would go to Holy Mass each day made the holy hour each day and said the entire divine office in Latin every single day. There is no doubt he was a holy man.

Frank Duff died on November 11th 1980 at 91 years old. He was never married and someone asked him Frank why were you never married? He replied why should I make one woman miserable when I can keep at least half a dozen in waiting and hopeful expectation? He has a great sense of humour as well.

Frank Duff was loyal to the Catholic faith. The two doctrines that burn into Frank Duff's heart were the Doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ and the Doctrine of Mary's Motherhood. That Jesus Christ is present in each person and that whether we do to each and everyone we do it to Christ himself.

Secondly, Mary is the spiritual mother of each one of us and all graces come to us through Mary. These are the two doctrines as that form the basis of the Legion of Mary and we encourage all of us to think about these two doctrines when we are out on our visitations.

There is a lot of writing out there in regards to Frank's life and encourage all to read and research as he is in his journey to become a saint.

Frank Duff is now on step 2 of the Sainthood process

Step two is Becoming a 'servant of God' AFP. Frank Duff was accepted and signed by his grace Archbishop Desmond Connell in July 1996.

Our Correspondent from Concilium, Sr. Helen said in her last letter that 'She had the privilege of helping with the photocopying of the 33,000 letters that he wrote to councils all over the world. Now and then you would get a chance to have a quick look at his replies and get a picture of his thoughts as he replied to a question or a problem. These will now be sent to the Dicastery in Rome for Saints. Please God his cause will progress and he will be titled Venerable.

St John Paul II said: Every religious order should go back to the charism of their founder. The Jesuits should go back to the charism of St Ignatius the Franciscans to St Francis, and The Dominicans to St Dominic's because that's where the charism lies. Our Legion should go back to the charism of Brother Frank Duff we will find the charism and totality of being a Legionary of Mary and becoming her faithful servant

God Bless
Brother John Tagliilima
President of Senatus



**SENATUS MEETING
DATES FOR 2023
10 DECEMBER**

**IMPORTANT DATES &
UPCOMING EVENTS
2023**

**2 NOVEMBER
MASS FOR DECEASED
LEGIONARIES**

8 DECEMBER
Feast of the Immaculate
Conception
Annual General Reunion
St Francis Church 2
Montrose Street, Pt
Chevalier Auckland 1022

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



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