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A religious sister was once praying before the Christmas crib. She asked Jesus to show her the true spirit of Christmas... The little child Jesus appeared...and said; I am poor and I am cold make me a tunic to wear...that, will keep me warm.

I want you to love me, by loving your neighbour this Christmas Day. Sacrifice yourself for me, and sacrifice yourself for your neighbour, this is the true spirit of Christmas. Make my tunic!

Be generous... to your family, be kind-hearted to one another, be patient, look for opportunities to serve your neighbour...

Pray in...adoration to the God who has been so good to you, pray in thanksgiving to your generous Father in heaven, make sacrifices for all the people. Did I not teach you...that I was hungry and you gave me food... that I was naked and you clothed me...lonely and you visited me...

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Later that day, Jesus appeared in a pure white tunic. It had golden threads running all through it. The sister asked, why are there golden threads running through your tunic?

Jesus answered, "The golden threads symbolise the times when you allowed me to enter into your heart...when you offered me something very difficult for you,...a personal suffering hidden from the sight of everyone else but me,...a time when you overcame your fallen nature for love of Me."

So therefore, let us in the memorial words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, this Christmas...let us knit,...thought by thought... stitch by stitch...action by action ..."Something beautiful for Jesus. "

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HOW TO AMPLIFY HOLINESS IN OUR PRAYERS AND WORKS

Happy New Year to you all, brothers and sisters. Our journey may be just started for the year but we have so much in store for us this year. I can only say it will be an exciting year for us.

This year we will be piloting a project that I like to call "On the Beat with Christ". It's been a while now since we have been trying to find ways to Evangelize on the streets. But to better prepare ourselves for this ministry, we have to get ourselves trained, receive the Holy Spirit, and be in a state of grace to do these works on the cold front. We must look within ourselves and our journeys to prepare us to embark on such a mission. One of the ways to start our journey for this year is to be Holy.

Be Holy: I know we are all sinners, and we may say that we can't do it now and then or even more often because we are sinners. Well, we must be reminded that Jesus came down from heaven to save us sinners from hell. We know we fall into sin occasionally, but that should be the exception, not the rule. We are not sinners; we are Children of God. Fr. Chad Ripperger says: "The best way you can help the world and the Church is by getting holy so that you can merit the grace necessary to clean them up.

The fact is that no grace comes into the world except through the Catholic Church. Therefore, because Catholics are not as holy as we used to be in the past, we are meriting fewer graces for the world, and we should not be surprised that we are seeing disasters. We Catholics will never merit grace for the world unless we overcome our attachment to sin and the spirit of falsity.

If you are struggling with sin in your life, there are things you can do to overcome it. Confession. It's a great sacrament; it's not only for forgiveness, but it can heal you of your desire to sin.

The Eucharist is the source and the summit of our faith. We can receive Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity every day if we want to. The more we receive Him, the more we become like Him if we exercise faith. Eucharistic adoration – an hour every week where you can sit with the Lord can make a world of difference. Spend time reading the Bible. It's a love letter from God to you. It is alive and active.

Praying the rosary daily is an excellent way to get yourself in the habit of praying it. Every day, pray with your Tesserat prayers or your morning or evening prayers with the family. Another way is to pray the 54-day rosary Novena for whatever intention you want.

As Legionaries, we all know how powerful the rosary prayers are. The devil cannot stand this prayer. Plus, Our Lady of Fatima said to pray daily for world peace. If you want to take your faith to the next level, consecrate your life to Jesus through Mary. Our Legion Handbook mentions this consecration so many times.

Get this "33 Days to Morning Glory" ebook by Father Michael Gaitley. It will tell you exactly how to proceed.

<https://haciadios.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/33-days-to-morning-glory-michael-gaitley-.pdf>

SENATUS MEETING DATES FOR 2024

11 FEBRUARY
10 MARCH

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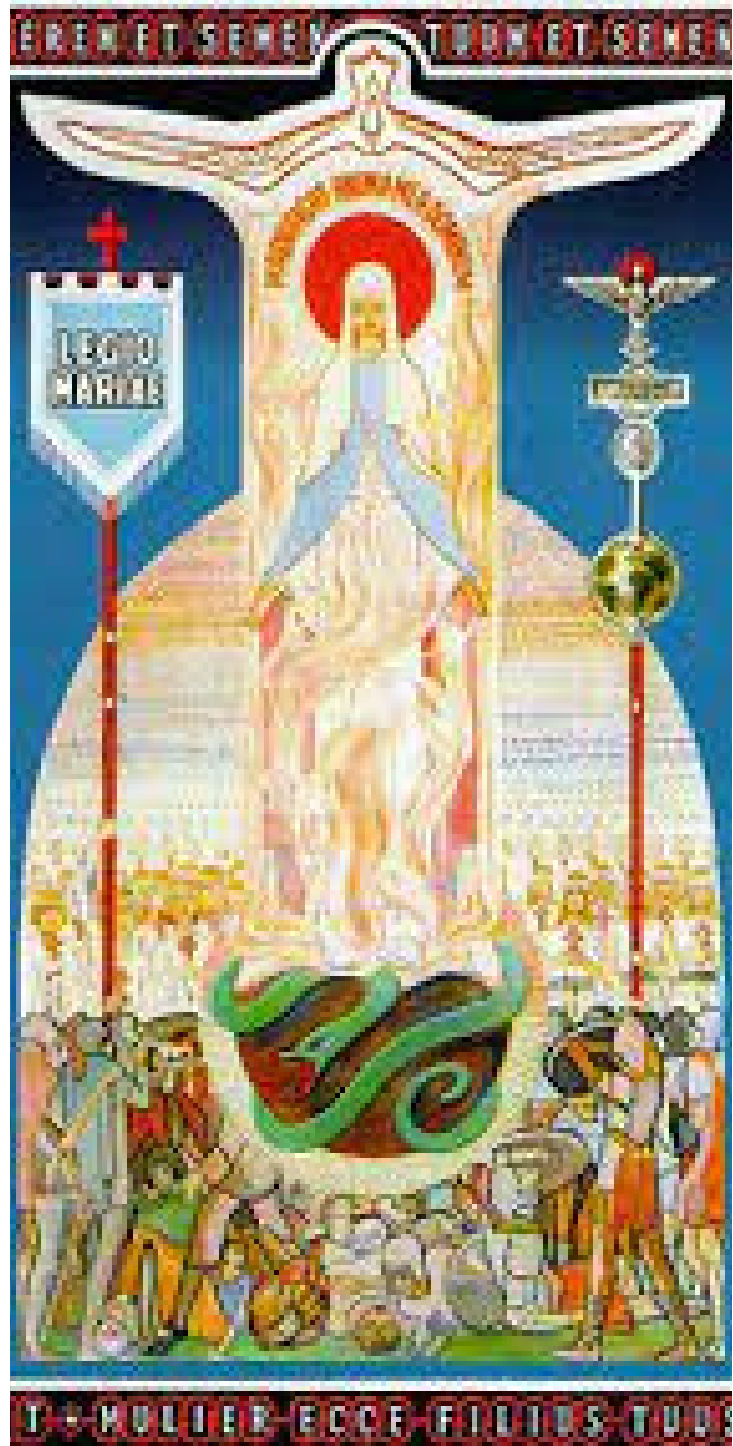
ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday, 14 February -

AUCKLAND RETREAT/
PILGRIMAGE TO MOTUTI

2nd - 3rd March 2024

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5th April 2024
Venue

Christ the King Owairaka
Legion of Mary Pryaers 6.30 pm
Mass at 7pm followed by
refreshments in the Hall



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