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QUOTE OF THE DAY ON ST CATHERINE LABOURE - His Eminence, Ivan Cardinal Dias, Former Prefect, Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples, Vatican

The Blessed Virgin Mary has entered openly into the fray of the battle between good and evil when she appeared to St. Catherine Labouré, a novice of the Sisters of Charity at Rue de Bac in Paris, and made her coin a medal with her effigy on it: Mary stands on the world globe, with her feet crushing the head of the Serpent (the devil) - as was announced in Genesis - and with her arms wide open giving out bright rays of light, to mean the many graces that she is showering all over the world.

Around her image is the inscription: O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. This medal has a special place in the Legion of Mary. It features prominently in the standard (vexillum) of the Legion. Around it every day the Legionaries all over the world recite the Catena Legionis

Our Lady's Magnificat with this antiphon: "Who is she that comes forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in battle array?" It is the battle cry of the Legionaries, with Mary at their head, against Satan and his wiles. And they are not alone.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF READING AND DISTRIBUTING MARIA LEGIONIS

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

I would like to share a brief note about the magazine to which we subscribe, which is published four times a year. Recently, we have noticed a decline in subscriptions, and the praesidium has requested that their numbers be lowered. The Maria Legionis Magazine does not sell advertisements and relies solely on subscription fees for its financial stability.

Here are a few important points regarding the value of this magazine for your praesidium and Auxiliary members:

1. Global Updates: The magazine provides updates on what is happening with the Legion of Mary worldwide. Staying connected and informed about the Legion in your area is vital for any member.
2. Church and Faith Insights: It offers insights into the health of the Church and the faithful across the globe.
3. Contribution to Concilium: It is beneficial to submit an article or a short update about our events to Concilium at least once a year. This allows other members worldwide to learn about our region's activities and events.
4. Promoting the Legion: The magazine serves as excellent reading material for promoting the Legion within your parish. Consider placing copies in your church foyer so parishioners can learn about the Legion and engage with spiritual content, potentially inspiring new members who may not yet know about the Legion of Mary.

Maria Legionis Magazine should be distributed to all of your Auxiliary members.

Whenever a new edition is released, it is advisable to have your praesidium visit each of your Auxiliary members. Since many of you have recruited these Auxiliaries, it's a perfect opportunity to check in on their daily prayers and see if they need help with rosaries or new prayer cards.

Lastly, the Maria Legionis magazine contains many beautiful spiritual readings that can be used as Allocutio or Spiritual Reading in the absence of your Spiritual Director during weekly meetings. Presidents are encouraged to utilize these readings as much as possible.

Frank Duff stated, "Maria Legionis is a most valuable supplement to the Handbook. Actually, it is imperative that Legionaries, if they really want to be good members, should read the Legion Journal. Without reading it, there is a very great tendency to stagnate. Unless members are aware of the works and new ideas from other places, they will likely fall behind."

Let us not fall behind, but rather remain at the forefront of our spirituality and faith. We should nurture and care for it like a delicate plant, keeping a close eye on it, providing nourishment until it grows and blooms into a beautiful flower.

IMPORTANT DATES

**14th DECEMBER 2024
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SENATUS MEETING**

**1 DECEMBER 2024
ANNUAL GENERAL REUNION**



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