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## 編者的話

在今期的聖母軍刊物中，督察區團神師譚錦榮神父勉勵聖母軍團員在擴軍的過程中保持謙遜，學習聖母的聖德，在接觸人靈的時候實踐聖母軍手冊的教導。今期也轉載了總部神師保祿·邱吉爾神父十月份的神師訓話，藉以提醒我們，聖母瑪利亞是天國耕作收成之后，我們應當熱心向她祈禱，渡靈修生活，使自己堪當成爲被天國收納的農作物。今期繼續刊載杜輝兄弟於 1979 年接受訪問的內容，娓娓道出在聖母軍成立初期，通過對聖母的九日敬禮而誕生「聖母軍」名字的故事。最後大家看到前區團神師李國雄神父在訪問中分享他的聖母軍生涯點滴，和勉勵聖母軍團員向神師取經學習，加深認識聖母的靈修及對她的倚賴。

## Editor's Words

In this issue, Fr. Francis Tam, Spiritual Director of the Comitium, encourages us to remain humble in doing extension work, to imitate the Blessed Virgin Mary and practise the teachings according to the Handbook. On the other hand, Fr. Paul Churchill, Spiritual Director of the Concilium reminded that the Blessed Virgin Mary is the Queen of the harvest of heaven. We should pray to her earnestly and be found worthy of being received into the halls of heaven, the harvest of heaven. In addition, the story of the birth of the name "Legion of Mary" was told by Frank Duff during his interview that is continued in this issue. Lastly, in the interview with Fr. Louis Lee, former Curia Spiritual Director, he shared the moments during his years in the Legion and encouraged members to learn from spiritual directors, as well as deepen the knowledge and reliance on Our Lady via reading the Handbook and St. Louis de Montfort's writings.

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# 神師的話

## 聖母軍如何「擴軍」？

督察區團神師 譚錦榮神父

香港聖母軍慶祝全球聖母軍成立一百周年其中一項計劃是「擴軍」。我們希望在每一個堂區內均可以擴軍；但是，我們應用甚麼態度呢？

首先，我們應從手冊中找到擴軍的基礎：「發展聖母軍，不只是高級部門的任務，也不只是區團職員的任務，而是區團每個團員的任務，而且也是每一個聖母軍團員的任務」（手冊 31.1）；「一個能力強大的聖母軍支團，會產生極大的好處。我們可以這樣假定，多成立一個支團，便能產生兩倍的好處。每一個團員（不只是職員們），應該努力去實現這件事」（手冊 31.2）。從以上兩點，我們可以體會到身為聖母軍團員的使命，就是讓更多信眾「認識」、「渴望」、「加入」聖母軍。若我們因種種理由不願意支團擴軍、不願意有新支團的成立；那麼，我們便違背了手冊的教導。

再者，在手冊中，教導所有聖母軍要學習聖母的「謙遜」，因為「在聖母軍的體制中，謙遜佔有獨特的地位。首先，謙遜是聖母軍宗徒事業的主要工具。由於聖母軍的工作，大部份繫於團員與他人的個別接觸，為了發展這種人際的接觸，團員須有發自內心、真正謙遜的溫和態度。不過，謙遜對於聖母軍不只是對外工作的工具，也是團員行動的根源，如無謙遜，團員的行動就沒有成效」（手冊 6.2）。事實上，在聖母軍的體制中，服從上級部門的指引就是「謙遜」的表示；但是，上級部門也不是擁有權力的一群，而是「謙遜」的典範。他們有著作為上級部門的責任，便應「聆聽」其他團員的需要；並且藉著「祈禱」辨別天主的旨意，因為天主藉著聖母瑪利亞，將祂的恩寵分施給謙遜的僕人：「看，上主的婢女，願照你的話成就於我吧！」（路 1:38）。同時，手冊亦提醒我們不要陷入魔鬼的試探，它指出謙遜的童貞聖母踏碎了這毒蛇許多罪惡的頭：-

（1）自誇自大：聖母充滿一切的聖德，教會稱她為「義德之鏡」。她的聖寵使她獲得無窮的力量，但她卻屈膝下跪，自稱為天主最卑下的婢女。這是團員應有的定位和態度。

（2）追求私利：團員把自己和所有的一切，精神上或物質上的，都獻給了聖母，隨她支配，自然應不斷以同樣慷慨的精神去服侍她。

（3）自覺足夠：團員有了依靠聖母的習慣，自然不再仗恃自己的能力。

（4）驕矜自負：以聖母為工作夥伴，就發現自己的不足；除了令人痛苦的軟弱外，團員還能給聖母甚麼？

(5) 自戀自憐：還有甚麼值得愛呢？團員沉浸在對聖母的孝愛和愛慕裡，就不會離棄她而注視自己了。

(6) 自我滿足：團員既與聖母聯合，自己必須不斷提升。團員以聖母為模範，也希望效法她有極純正的意向。

(7) 不斷追求：團員既有聖母一樣的思想，自然就只思念上主，而不圖謀個人的計劃及報酬了。

(8) 固執己見：團員完全歸屬聖母，就不再隨從自己的意願，而在一切事上，靜聽聖寵的呼喚。

一個真正忘我的團員，將不會再有任何事情妨礙聖母慈愛的感召。她會令這團員有超乎人性的力量和犧牲精神，並使他成為基督的精兵（弟後 2：3），能承擔他所肩負的艱鉅任務（手冊 6.2）。

藉此，我鼓勵全體聖母軍成員，在這慶祝全球聖母軍成立一百周年之際，能以效法聖母瑪利亞的芳表，在生活中修練「謙遜」之德；並能以身作則，吸引更多教友，加入聖母軍的行列，以達到「擴軍」的效果。



# Allocutio

## How Legionaries “Extend and Recruit?”

Fr. Francis Tam, Spiritual Director of the HK Comitium

One of the items in the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Legion of Mary of Hong Kong is “Extension and Recruitment”. We hope to extend to every parish in Hong Kong; but, what should be our attitude in carrying out our goal?

First, we should find the basis of extension and recruitment in the Handbook which says, “The duty of extension is not for the higher councils alone, nor for Curia officers alone. It is the duty of each member of the Curia. Nay, more, it is the duty of each individual legionary” [Handbook Ch. 31.1]; “An efficient branch of the Legion will be the source of immense good. As one may suppose that this good will be doubled by the establishment of a second branch, every member (and not merely the officers) should endeavour to bring about this desirable thing.” [Handbook Ch. 31.2]. From the above two points, we can experience that our mission as a legionary, is to let more Catholics ‘understand’, ‘long for’, and ‘join’ the Legion of Mary. If, for whatever reason, we don’t want to extend or recruit, or don’t want to set up any new Praesidium, then we are disobeying the teachings of the Handbook.

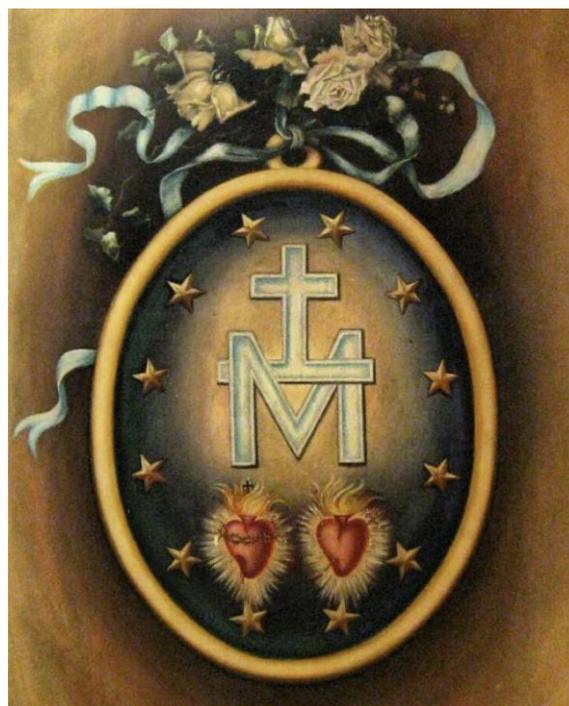
Moreover, in the Handbook, all legionaries are expected to aspire after Mary’s profound humility because “in the Legion system, humility plays a unique part. In the first place, it is an essential instrument of the legionary apostolate. For, the effecting and developing of the personal contact, on which the Legion relies so largely in its work, calls for workers with gentle, unassuming manners such as are derived only from true humility of heart. But humility is more to the Legion than a mere instrument of its external action. It is the very cradle of that action. Without humility there can be no effective legionary action.” [Handbook Ch. 6.2] In fact, in the system of the Legion of Mary, the direction for obedience to the higher council is an indication of ‘humility’; however, the higher council is not the source of power, but a model of “humility”. They have the responsibility as a higher council, and have to ‘listen’ to the needs of members; through ‘prayers’, they distinguish the Will of God. Through Mary, God bestow his favours to those who are humble, “I am the Lord’s servant, may your Word to me be fulfilled.” (Luke 1:38). The Handbook also reminds us not to fall into the temptation of the devil, “the humble Virgin’s heel crushed the serpent of self, with its many heads:-

- (a) of self-exaltation; for if Mary, so rich in perfections as to be called by the Church the Mirror of Justice, endowed with unbounded power in the realm of grace, is nevertheless found on her knees – the humblest handmaid of the Lord! – what must be the legionary place and attitude;
- (b) of self-seeking; for having given himself and all his goods, spiritual and temporal, to Mary to use as she thinks fit, the legionary continues to serve her in the same spirit of complete generosity;

- (c) of self-sufficiency; for the habit of leaning on Mary inevitably produces distrust of one's own unaided powers;
- (d) of self-conceit; for the sense of partnership with Mary brings realisation of one's own inadequacy. What has the legionary contributed to that partnership but painful weaknesses!
- (e) of self-love; for what is there to love! The legionary absorbed in love and admiration of his Queen, is little inclined to turn from her to contemplate himself;
- (f) of self-satisfaction; for in this alliance higher standard must prevail. The legionary models himself upon Mary and aspires to her perfect purity of intention;
- (g) of self-advancement; thinking with Mary's thoughts, one studies God alone. There is no room for plans of self or reward;
- (h) of self-will; completely submitted to Mary, the legionary distrusts the promptings of his own inclinations and in all things listens intently for the whisperings of grace.

In the legionary, who is truly forgetful of self, there will be no impediment to the maternal influences of Mary. She will develop in him energies and sacrifices beyond nature, and make of him a good soldier of Christ (2 Tim 2:3), fit for the arduous service to which that profession calls him." [Handbook Ch. 6.2]

I use this opportunity to encourage all legionaries, at this centennial celebration of the Legion of Mary, to imitate the Blessed Virgin Mary, practise "humility" as a virtue of daily life, lead by example and invite more Catholics to join the Legion of Mary so as to make "extension and recruitment" effective.



# October 2020 Allocutio

## Mary, Queen of the Harvest

Fr. Paul Churchill

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In our Northern Hemisphere we are coming towards the end of the harvest season. During autumn the crops are taken in, the fruits from trees and plants are gathered and the harvest is stored to see us through the winter. In many places a harvest festival takes place to celebrate the fact that the winter supplies are in.

In ancient Ireland this became part of the festival of Samhain which marked the celtic New Year. In their limited understanding our ancient forebears saw this as an occasion for the souls of the departed to exercise some influence on our world and many of the druidic rituals were to ensure that this would have no bad outcome.

The Christian faith usefully took these ancient behaviours and blended them into a renewed outlook. It was Pope Gregory III who established the feast of All Saints or All Hallows celebrated on 1st November. Not long after this the feast of all Souls was established and celebrated on 2nd November. And very soon people were speaking of All Hallows Eve or Halloween.

We are approaching the festival of God's harvest. How often Our Lord spoke of the angels going out and collecting God's harvest, the fruits of God's labour. In one of his parables Jesus speaks of a world in which there was good and evil fruits. Some spiritual crops were good and fruitful, some were bad darnel. The angels, he said, would come and gather the good crop into heaven; the bad crop would be burnt as useless.

You know how when you pick crops some are ripe and fit to be used immediately while some need further ripening. This is not an inappropriate image for the feast of All Saints and All Souls. Those souls whom we celebrate on the feast of All Saints can be likened to those who are fully ripe and so can be brought straight into the halls of heaven. Those souls who are fundamentally sound but still need some finishing off, so to speak, are those who are destined to be brought into the Halls of Heaven after they have fully ripened. We pray for them on the Feast of All Souls. They are all God's harvest.

We who are out here in the fields of our world are still developing and we do well to recall other words of Our Lord, "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit". A good spiritual life leads us to bear good fruits. But in our spiritual fragilitys we must remain attached to the vine who is Christ if we are to bear good fruits and be found worthy of being received into the halls of heaven, the harvest of heaven.

Of course, our harvest festival needs a queen! Ah yes, you can guess where I am going with this and you know the candidate! It may be that the idea of a harvest festival queen has pagan origins just as Halloween does. Milton's Paradise Lost refers to Eve as the Harvest

Queen who gives the bad fruit to Adam. Let us allow Milton to speak to us. He describes Eve's choosing to eat the fruit in these words:

“What fear I then? ... Here grows the cure of all, this fruit divine, fair to the eye, inviting to the taste, of virtue to make wise: What hinders then to reach, and feed at once both body and mind?” .....

Back to the thicket slunk the guilty Serpent; and well might; for Eve, intent now wholly on her taste, nought else regarded; such delight till then, as seemed, in fruit she never tasted, whether true or fancied so, through expectation high of knowledge.'

But all is not yet lost since Adam has not eaten the fruit. So, let's fast forward. Adam awaits her return and thus Milton writes:

'Adam the while, waiting desirous her return, had wove of choicest flowers a garland, to adorn her tresses, and her rural labours crown; as reapers oft are wont their harvest-queen.....

And forth to meet her went, the way she took that morn when first they parted: by the tree of knowledge he must pass; there he her met, scarce from the tree returning; in her hand a bough of fairest fruit, that downy smiled, new gathered, and ambrosial smell diffused.'

Alas his harvest queen and he would bring his offspring ruin. Eve cannot be the model of our harvest queen.

As Christ is the new Adam and Mary the new Eve, as Frank Duff so often says, then we are entitled to see Christ awaiting his new Eve as Harvest Queen. On her Assumption, the sign of first fruits, Christ placed a garland of choicest flowers on her head.

Mary is the Queen of the harvest of heaven, of the myriad of souls who, in all their diversity, give God glory. Queen of angels, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors, virgins, saints, families. She is queen of the heroic public witness, be it a Dominic or Maximilian Kolbe. She is Queen of those people to whom she confided special spiritual messages, be they the Bernadettes of Lourdes or the children of Fatima. She is the Queen of the so many small people without mention who lived humble and quiet lives that get no special promotion except we all know and heaven knows they were saintly souls.

Finally I just wonder how they choose the earth's harvest queen? What is certain is that Mary is the most fitting Queen of the Harvest of Heaven since she provided the way for the in-coming Christ and so facilitated the redemption of us all so that Christ could even descend into Hades after his death and gather into the same Heavenly Harvest from Limbo all those since Adam and Eve who had awaited that moment.

So, as we move to celebrate the great harvest of Heaven let us not forget its Queen, the most worthy holder of the title of Queen of the Harvest. Let us pray to her for all the dead. Amen.

# 十月份總部神師訓話

## 瑪利亞，耕作收成之后

保祿·邱吉爾神父

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在我們身處的北半球，耕作收成的季節即將結束。我們在秋季收割的農作物，會跟樹上和植物的果子收集並儲存起來，渡過冬季。在很多地方都會舉行耕作收成慶典為冬季的儲備而慶祝。

在古時候的愛爾蘭，這已經成為薩溫節 (Samhain) 的一部份，亦代表凱爾特人的新年。他們把這節日看成是亡靈正在世界上發揮影響力，民間宗教儀式也是為了驅走厄運。

基督信仰時常會把這些古老習慣移風易俗，融入信仰。就此，教宗額我略三世訂立了諸聖節 (通俗的譯法為萬聖節)，以 11 月 1 日為所有聖人慶祝。不久之後，也於 11 月 2 日追思已亡諸信者，而很快人們也開始在萬聖節前夕慶祝。

每年慶祝天主的耕作收成期已近，我們的主常提到天使們四出為天父收集祂的產物，祂勞動的佳果。耶穌曾在比喻中提到世上有善及惡之果實，有些靈魂是豐盛的，有些卻是敗壞的。耶穌說天使們將會到來把好的產物收集到天國，而把敗壞了並沒有用途的燒毀。

你們都應當知道要收割已經成熟的農作物，供人享用，而另一些要再待一會才成熟，諸聖節和追思已亡諸信者兩個慶節就像這般。我們在諸聖節會為了那些已完全成熟並可以立刻進入天國的靈魂慶祝，而那些基本質素良好但仍須要一些雕琢的靈魂，在成熟後便可以進入天國，我們也會在追思已亡諸信者那天，為他們禱告，因為他們全是天主的產物。

我們現在處於世上的農田中，正在成長並牢記著上主的話：沒有好樹結壞果子的。好的靈修生活會結好的果子。但因精神上的軟弱，如果我們想結出好果子，就要留在主基督這葡萄樹上，並令自己堪當成為被天國收納的農作物。

我們的耕作收成節當然少不了一位女王，你可以猜到我所指的人是誰。儘管慶節中的耕作收成女王有著民間信仰色彩。英國詩人彌爾頓的“失樂園”描繪厄娃就是給予亞當壞果子的那位耕作收成女王，他描述厄娃選擇吃下那果子：

”我害怕什麼？……這裏生長著對眾人的救贖，這個神聖之果，實在好吃好看，令人羨慕，且能增加智慧，還有什麼阻礙我去摘取並同時餵養身體及靈性所需？”

那罪惡之蛇溜回了灌木叢，然而，厄娃一心只想著要去品嚐她從沒試過的果子，還充滿對獲得智慧的期盼。

此時，亞當還未吃那果子，樂園尚未失去他，他等著厄娃回來，彌爾頓接著這樣寫：

”亞當等著厄娃回來，挑選了美麗的花朵並為她編織成花冠，就如收割者慣常會為耕作收成女王所做的…

亞當沿著厄娃在那天早上，他們首次分離時所走的路前行：在那棵他必須經過的知善惡樹旁邊，他們遇上了，她手上那枝條上的珍貴果子，是何等的芬芳。

”

厄娃這位耕作收成女王會令亞當的後裔敗壞，她決不能作我們耕作收成之后的模範。

杜輝先生經常說：基督是新亞當，瑪利亞是新厄娃，我們應有權看見基督期待他的新厄娃成為耕作收成之后。聖母蒙召升天，就是收成之初果，基督用美麗的花冠為她加冕。

瑪利亞是天國耕作收成之后，就是為天國收成了無數光榮天主的靈魂之后。她是天使、聖祖、先知、宗徒、殉道者、聽告解者、貞女、聖人、家庭的母后。她是公開地英勇作見證者的母后，包括了聖道明或聖高比神父。她是向被選的人顯發啓示信息的母后，包括了露德的伯爾納德，或是花地瑪的牧童，她是眾多沒人認識，過著謙卑及平凡生活的百姓的母后，但天國知道他們的聖德。

最後，我不知道人們如何選擇地上的耕作收成女王。但說到天國耕作收成之后，瑪利亞就是最合適的了，因為她是基督降生人間的渠道，讓基督救贖了我們，並在死後下降到陰府，聚集那些同樣是天國收成的亡者，他們自亞當及厄娃以來已期待這刻的來臨。

所以，當我們在邁向慶祝天國豐收的道路上，不要遺忘最能堪稱耕作收成之后的聖母。讓我們向她為所有亡者祈禱，亞孟。

“ORIGINS”

## An Interview with Frank Duff (Cont'd)

“...HOW DID THE LEGION OF MARY GET ITS NAME?”

This question Frank Duff answers in the course of this interview hosted by the Philadelphia Senatus on August 25, 1979.

**Q: Today we have with us Mr. Frank Duff, one of the original members of the Legion of Mary. Mr. Duff started the Legion back in 1921. The Legion of Mary is now a worldwide organization numbering one and a half million active and ten million auxiliary members. Mr. Duff, how did this organization come to be called the Legion of Mary?**

**A:** Now that question limits me and indicates to me that I should start with the fact that the organization which came into being in September 1921 was not at first called the Legion of Mary. The organization that issued that night called itself the Association of Our Lady of Mercy. That name was dictated by perhaps two factors: one was the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy which occurred on the 24th of the month; another factor would have been the first work proposed by that little band was the visitation of the hospital for the poor known as the Dublin Union which had 4,000 people in it of the poorest types. The Nuns, when the suggestion had been made to them that the Legion should be allowed to come up and visit, welcomed it

with extraordinary cordiality. The Reverend Mother said that she would request every Nun in the place to offer Mass and Holy Communion for the success of the venture. Out of those circumstances probably arose that name.



Now it's a peculiarity which had to be faced up to that, although the organization was meeting at First Vespers of Our Lady's Nativity (September 7th) that fact was not adverted to. The next day was the Feast of Our Lady's Nativity. Instead they looked ahead for a matter of days and they called it by that other title.

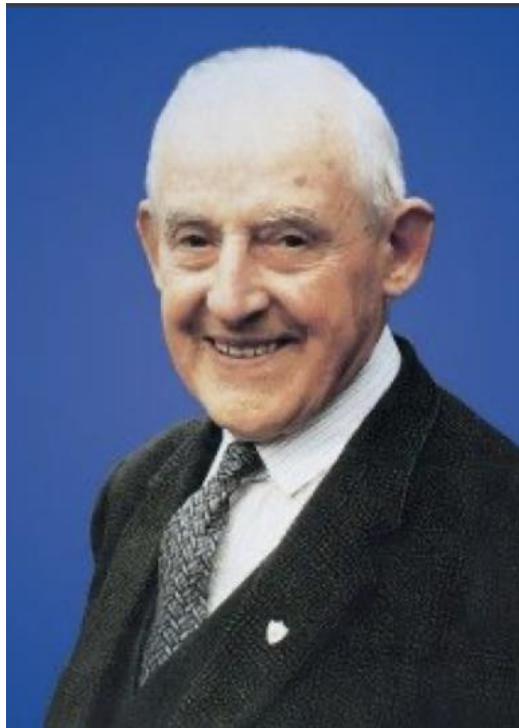
But the fact was that the members who met on that first fateful night had in their minds an idea of Our Lady and her position in the order of grace which was derived from De Montfort.

Seventeen days before that there had been a special gathering in response to the big question: "Oh, we want to know more about De Montfort and his devotion...." That meeting was held, we discussed the question for two hours and came to no visible conclusion inasmuch as no resolution was passed and indeed no decision of any kind was come to.

But that meeting, as events proved, established in each of those persons present

a conviction regarding Our Lady's essential place. And when that first gathering on the First Vespers of Our Lady's Nativity took place, they embodied the idea without any discussion. Afterwards it was a complete inevitability that the organization should name itself after her.

Now Providence showed itself very much in that whole situation because if the decision were taken at that first meeting in regard to the final name of the Legion, I tremble at what would have happened. I think myself that it would have been called The Patricians. (Smiling) You see, the organization indirectly emerged from the Conference of St. Patrick to which we owed the hospitality of Myra House. That conference was accustomed to say as part of its opening prayers each week: Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us; Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us; St. Joseph, pray for us; St. Vincent DePaul, pray for us; St. Patrick, pray for us.



**Q: And so you think it would have been called The Patricians.**

**A:** I think that if it had gone down into an argument, it would have called itself that. But then they unhesitatingly called it after Our Lady.

It started off under that title and very shortly afterwards a second branch came into existence. That second branch called itself the Immaculate Conception. The third called itself Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and the fourth, Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners.

Now those four branches emerged in the first year. After that in slow succession came the other names and, you might say, "At what stage did the idea of the final name or a global name insert itself?" Well, I suppose that the moment was when the Dublin Curia was established. When, I think, five or possibly six branches were in existence, the Curia was established and it held its first meeting in Myra House. From that moment the need of a name, of course, became emphatic.

What is its name? Now, this became so felt that after a little while a Novena was ordered for enlightenment. And this Novena, I am sure, was conscientiously fulfilled by all the members of the Curia. And the meeting came on and quite a fantastic number of names were suggested. Most of them were unthinkable (LAUGHS)! One of them was, for instance, undoubtedly inspired by the Patrician note, and that was the Society of St. Bridget. At this stage we had reasonably made

up our minds that we were not going to put any national label on the Legion and, to an extent that ruled that out. The idea of Bridget was the feminine note asserting itself, because the Legion at that time was a women's organization. Various other names were proposed and then I presented the name, "The Legion of Mary."

Now, I interrupt to tell you why I had that name in my mind. The previous night I had been thinking and thinking and thinking over the name of which I recognized the importance. A name can make or mar an organization. I was thinking anxiously. It was

well after midnight and I suppose that I was thinking of going to bed. I was on my feet at the time and there is in my room, not my bedroom but where I work, a very beautiful picture of Our Lady. I stood in front of that looking at and into my mind came "The Legion of Mary." Now, there was no question in my mind when that name was there but that it was the right name -- utterly certain there was the name. I don't suppose I thought again about the matter until I brought it up at the meeting and to my complete consternation, it was rejected! I don't remember ever feeling so distressed as when that happened because all the other names that had been suggested were defective in some way or another. That this obviously perfect word should be passed over was unthinkable. Fortunately there was agreement in regards to the fact that none of the other names were suitable. And so no choice was made.

We drifted back to the old situation and remained in that for a further period. The considerations which demanded a name renewed themselves and again a Novena was ordered and again the item was raised at the meeting. I said nothing because I had done my best. Again the whole series of the same old names, with perhaps a few new ones, was proceeded to. Then Father Creedon turned to me and said: "Surely, you have some suggestion." .....My reply was: "Well, I mentioned a name last time and I have not

been able to improve on it." Result carried unanimously.

**Q: So you presented the name "The Legion of Mary" again and it was unanimously accepted. Just shows what can happen!**

**A:** Just shows. Now I would regard that choice of name as having almost determined the future of the Legion because it carried a whole series of consequences along with it. All our Roman terminology followed as carriages would follow a train. The Latin idea came in. Now you had a fine name, Legionary of Mary. And you were able to look back at the Legion of ancient Rome and recall its tremendous exploits and spirit on the human plane -- the mightiest military organization that has ever been which has imprinted itself upon history -- success, bravery, all these things. It gave us another handle to inspire the legionaries with. And so, there now, it had its name. And I would think that no doubt has ever existed in my mind as to the appropriateness of the name.

Now, what is the next point? That brought the Tessera with it. You find on the Tessera this tremendous advancing host with their banners and the Vexillum. Well, that banner on the Tessera, is another part of our rich ritual. Of course the name led on to the distinctive compliment of ritual and all other sorts of interesting things the Legion possesses.

*(To be continued)*



## 訪問杜輝 (續)

### 聖母軍名字的起源

#### 聖母軍是從何得名的?

杜輝在1979年8月25日接受費城分團訪問時,回答了以上問題。

問：今天我們請得聖母軍始創人之一,杜輝先生接受訪問,杜輝先生在1921年開創了這個團體,到今天已覆蓋全球,擁有一百五十萬活動團員和一千萬輔助團員。杜輝先生,請問這組織最終是為何得名為「聖母軍」的?

答：你這樣發問,就是要我先從這組織起初並不是叫「聖母軍」說起。其實在1921年9月組織成立當晚,原是命名為「仁慈聖母會」的,這大概是基於兩個因素:其一是在同月的二十四日,正是「仁慈聖母瞻禮」;另一個原因可能是,這個小小團體計劃做的第一個任務,就是探訪一間收容了四千個最窮困病人的窮人醫院「都柏林聯合醫院」<sup>1</sup>。當院內的修女們得知這個探訪時,都非常興奮熱情,院長更隆而重之的,要求院中的每一個修女,都要為這次探訪的成功,奉獻彌撒和恭領聖體,組織大概就是在這情況下命名的吧。

<sup>1</sup>其中天主教病房由仁愛修女會主理

這實在有點不尋常,因為雖然組織的聚會,是在聖母誕辰第一晚禱時辰(九月七日)舉行,而翌日就是「聖母誕辰瞻禮」了,但大家都沒有為意,反而選擇了以多天之後的「仁慈聖母瞻禮」命名。

在那意義重大的晚上,與會成員都是從聖類斯葛利寧那裡認識到聖母所處的恩寵地位。因為在那之前十七天,由於大家都希望認識更多有關聖類斯葛利寧和他的敬禮,故此舉行了一個特別聚會,並討論團體命名。經歷兩小時,但仍得不出結論和決定。

事後看來,那個聚會令大家都確認聖母的重要位置,所以在聖母誕辰第一晚禱時辰的首次聚會時,大家都毫無異議地認定了聖母在團體的地位,團體後來也就理所當然的以聖母為名了。

現在看來,這其實是上天的旨意,因為如果在最初的會議上,就決定了組織的名字,我真不敢想像會發生什麼事,說不定就會叫作「伯納爵會」了。(笑)你知道,組織其實是間接源自在邁拉大廈的聖伯納爵協會的<sup>2</sup>,而協會的部

<sup>2</sup>聖雲先分會屬下,於1917年成立的一個協會

份開會經就是：「耶穌聖心，求祢垂憐我們；瑪利亞無玷之心，請為我們轉求；聖若瑟，請為我們轉求；聖雲先，請為我們轉求；聖伯納爵，請為我們轉求。」

**問：**所以你認為組織原本可能就叫「伯納爵會」了？

答：如果真的要以此立論的話，這可能就是它的名字吧。但實際上，大家都毫不猶豫地認為組織要以聖母為名。

而組織以她為名之後不久，很快也就誕生了第二個分支，取名為「聖母無原罪始胎」，第三個分支叫「聖母聖心」，第四個分支則叫「罪人之託聖母」。

這四個分支都是在第一年誕生的。之後，慢慢再有其他名字的出現。你可能會想知道，最後「聖母軍」這全球一致的名字，是在什麼階段出現的呢？我想是在都柏林區團成立之時吧，當時的分支約有五六個，當區團在邁拉大廈開首次會議時，就更加需要一個統一的名字了。

該叫什麼名字呢？區團很快便要大家做一次九日敬禮以求啓蒙。我相信區團的所有成員，都認認真真的做了這個敬禮。在接著的會議中，大家所建議

的名字可真不少呢！但大都是難以想像的名字（笑）！比如其中一個：「聖畢哲會」，靈感肯定是來自「伯納爵會」這命名理念<sup>3</sup>。但由於當時大家都認為，團體不應加上任何本國的色彩，所以這名字也沒有被採納。建議「聖畢哲」這女性的名字，是基於當時這組織正是一個女性團體。大家又建議了其他名字之後，我就提出「聖母軍」這名稱。



這裏我要解釋一下，我是怎樣想到這名字的。在之前的一晚，我一直不停地絞盡腦汁，因為我知道名字是非常重要的，它甚至可以影響到組織的成敗，我真的是費煞思量，一直到午夜過後，我想去休息睡覺了，當時我並非在睡房內，而是在工作室裡，我站在那幅美麗的聖母畫像前，注視著她，「聖母軍」就在我腦海中出現，我就不作他想地認

定這個名字了。跟着就把事情置諸腦後，誰知在會議中當我建議這名字時，竟然被拒絕了！我從未如此沮喪過，因為當時大家建議的其他名字，都是不對勁的。而這個完美名稱竟然沒有被採納，這實在是匪夷所思的。還好，大家都同意其他的名字都一概不合適，所以還是沒有選出名字來。

<sup>3</sup>聖畢哲是愛爾蘭三位主保聖人之一，另外兩位是聖伯納爵和聖高隆巴(有別於聖高隆龐)

我們又被「打回原形」，名字懸而未決了好一段時間。後來我們為命名的事又再舉行了一次九日敬禮，再在會議中提出來。由於我在以前的會議中已經盡力了，在會上我並沒有發言，而曾被建議的其他名字和另一些新的建議，也相繼被提出及否決了。克利登神父<sup>4</sup>見我不發一語，就對我說：「你肯定是有建議的。」我回答說：「其實我在上一次會議中，就提出了，我實在沒有想到比那個更好的名字哦！」結果，這名字被大家一致通過。

**問：**就是說當你再一次建議「聖母軍」這名字時，大家就都接受了。多奇妙喎！

**答：**真是夠奇妙的。現在我想，選擇了那名字，幾乎是決定了聖母軍的未來，因為這名字帶來了一連串的影響。

我們所有的羅馬基本用字也就如貨卡跟着火車頭一樣，順應而生，加入了拉丁文，包括「軍團」的概念。

「聖母軍團」這名字多好，從它你可以聯想到古羅馬軍隊在人性層面上的偉大功績和精神，它是最強大的軍事組織，在歷史上留下成功、勇敢等等的印記。這都有助激發團員們的意志和精神。就是這樣，名字誕生了，這是一個最適合的名字。

隨之衍生出來的，就是軍券了。軍券上面，你可以看到龐大的團隊向前進發，手上舉着徽號和軍旗，這軍券正是我們豐富傳統的一部份。誠然，聖母軍這名字使團體的行事方式及特色備受稱許。

(待續)



Frank in jovial humour 1971.

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總部第一任指導神師

# 李國雄神父專訪

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*聖母軍團員,先要深信聖母.  
團員們要發自內心,堅持福傳!*

(前區團神師李國雄神父對聖母軍團員的寄望)

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編：小編 (胡嘉源 (Stephen) & 袁佩珊 (Clare))

李：李國雄神父

下午，天色十分好，清爽的秋天時分！小編從 IFC 出發，沿中環扶手上山電梯步行上堅道教區中心，為李國雄神父做專訪。真的有上山學藝，拜師取經的意境，邊行邊禱：願天主聖神帶領！

到了教區中心，第一眼見到 83 歲的李神父，滿頭白髮，但精神飽滿！小編不期然心中感謝天主，因為神父的白髮代表聖神的帶領，帶領李神父終身奉獻，矢志不移！

專訪開始前，小編邀請李神父帶領我們祈禱，神父的祈禱大意是：聖母是天主揀選作聖子耶穌的母親，聖母有很多特別的恩賜，讓我們效法她。進教之佑，為我等祈。

編：李神父，您好！首先恭喜神父今年晉鐸 51 週年。你從一九七幾年做聖母軍神師到現在，請問是甚麼驅使

您選擇參加聖母軍，為聖母，為天主服務呢？

李：我中三時 (1952 年) 在聖安多尼堂聽道理，一直到領洗前兩星期，對信佛的家人說要接受洗禮入天主教。家人問我為什麼，我說：聽完道理，便要領洗哦！後來，堂區聖母軍招募團員，我覺得很有意思，便參加了。因著聖母軍，我心中已有進入修院的想法，但還是讀了師範學院，並教了五年書，待家中經濟好轉，才於 1965 年入了修院。

從李神父的表情中看得出，堅持是最

重要的！

編：雖然聖母軍幾乎遍佈全世界，但是華人的聖母軍好似比較少，請問神父您認為應該如何推廣？您認為有甚麼原因導致華人對聖母軍的認識不多？



李：那要視乎甚麼地區。在中國大陸，聖母軍根本不能存在！在香港，聖母軍與其他善會比較，是否人數比較少，這也未必！但是，現在招募新團員比較困難，因為香港人的生活緊湊，很難擠出時間去參加聖母軍。聖母軍要求團員投入很多時間去服務！但韓國有特別多聖母軍！在以前，是那裡的教友由中國，而不是由傳教士引進天主教的！

編：看來，我們就此要安排訪問來自韓國的神父了。李神父，聖母軍除了成人支團之外，還有青年支團。請問神父有甚麼方法，可以讓青年或小朋友養成一個良好效法聖母瑪利亞的好習慣，為將來加入聖母軍作好準備呢？

李：成支團員應該多接觸青少年，多探訪聯繫他們；亦可聯絡學校及堂區的青少年。首要的是吸引青年，使他們對福傳、靈修有點嚮往。不是用一次性的信仰活動，不單是講，更要身體力行，讓青少年見到聖母軍對工作的堅持，若成為了團員，家人會對他的工作產生好奇心，藉此讓他們對信仰瞭解多一點，這才是教友的召叫。再者，也可善用公教青少年報刊、堂區壁佈板等。可能的話，引入手機聖母軍 APP！總之，為一切人，成為一切。

編：十分同意啊。除此之外，請問李神父在聖母軍的歲月中，有甚麼事是您印象最深刻的呢？

李神父思考了一會，可見以下的回答真的值得我們細味。

李：我對聖母軍在傳教節或以前的耶穌君王節中的協調工作印象最深刻。我欣賞團員的犧牲和福傳精神，及發自內心的工作，不是慣性因循的，而是甘心做的！那份恆心，及對工作的長久堅持，可令聖母軍成為外教者，甚至是教友心目中的典範！有位學生到醫院探望家人，因每次都見到聖母軍在探訪，便說將來如領洗，就必會加入聖母軍。有個難忘的畫面，某團員在法國露德遇見某位已退出聖母軍的朋友，他們與當地支團一齊出遊。回港後，這位朋友又再加入了聖母軍。聖母軍的兄弟姊妹情誼是很有感染力和凝聚力的。



編：的確，聖母軍就好像是一個大家庭。李神父，聽說您將會退休，退休後有甚麼計劃呢？請問您會用甚麼途徑去幫助聖母軍？

李：幾年前，公教真理學會主編單位改組，當時已年過75歲，所以我沒有再做主編了！數月前，我因聽力不佳亦已退任區團神師了，但現在我仍然繼續做三個支團的神師！（小編知道李神父以前的文章和神師訓話都有錄音和大部份輯成小冊，所以，我們建議，可否將李神父的訓話上網，但神父自謙地說：我以前的訓話已經過時哦！）

編：那有過時呢？最後，請問李神父有甚麼寄語或金句送給聖母軍，特別是青年聖母軍？

李：每一位聖母軍神師都是有心並且很支持聖母軍的，團員們要很珍惜，向神師取經學習，因為他們在靈修上都很有基礎，很有份量，團員要積極欣賞神師的付出。很多聖母軍都要堅持團員身份，不張揚，卻具體，是發展教會的潛力。手冊與及聖類斯葛利

寧所寫敬禮聖母的書內，關於聖母的道理很深，須多次研讀，我們要加深認識聖母的靈修及對她的倚賴。

*(感謝天主！在新冠疫情中，仍可以和李神父做專訪，多謝李神父。與君一席話，真的勝讀十年書，獲益良多！讓我們繼續藉著聖神，盡我所能！李神父帶領結束祈禱後，專訪完畢)*



# An Interview with Rev. Louis Lee Kwok Hung

(Former Curia Spiritual Director)

Legionaries need to have strong faith in Our Lady, and commit to evangelization whole-heartedly.

E: Editors (Stephen Woo & Clare Yuen)

L: Rev. Louis Lee Kwok Hung

It was a nice autumn afternoon! The editors started from the IFC and headed to the Catholic Diocese Centre taking the Mid-Levels escalator and walkway. The walk was full of joy in prayers with an exciting expectation about the upcoming interview with Fr. Lee.

When we arrived at the centre, a white-headed 83 years old elderly full of energy – Fr. Lee greeted us at the entrance. The editors were grateful to God, because the hair colour of Fr. Lee represented the guidance and providence of the Holy Spirit to his priestly dedication!

“Dear God, the Virgin Mary was chosen by God to become the Mother of Jesus. Our Lady has many graces and let us imitate Her through your Holy Spirit. Amen!” The

essence of Fr. Lee’s opening prayer that started our interview.



**E: Good afternoon, Fr. Lee, congratulations to you first for your 51st anniversary of priestly ordination this year. You became Spiritual Director of the Legion since 1970s till now. May we know why you had come about to join the Legion of Mary and to serve our Holy Lord?**

L: Well, I joined catechism class and was baptized when I was in Form three in 1952, but my Buddhist family did not know until 2

weeks before my baptism. When they asked why, I said the path was to be baptized after finishing catechism class. Sometime later, I joined the Legion of Mary in a recruitment campaign as I found it very meaningful. The Legion nurtured my thoughts to enter seminary but I nevertheless finished teacher education and taught for 5 years until family finances improved. In 1965, I joined the seminary.

(It could be seen from Fr. Lee’s facial expression that it was the perseverance that mattered.)

**E: While the Legion of Mary has a worldwide presence, it seems to be less popular amongst the Chinese. May you please share with us how to promote the Legion? Also,**

**what could be the factors that caused such a lack of popularity?**

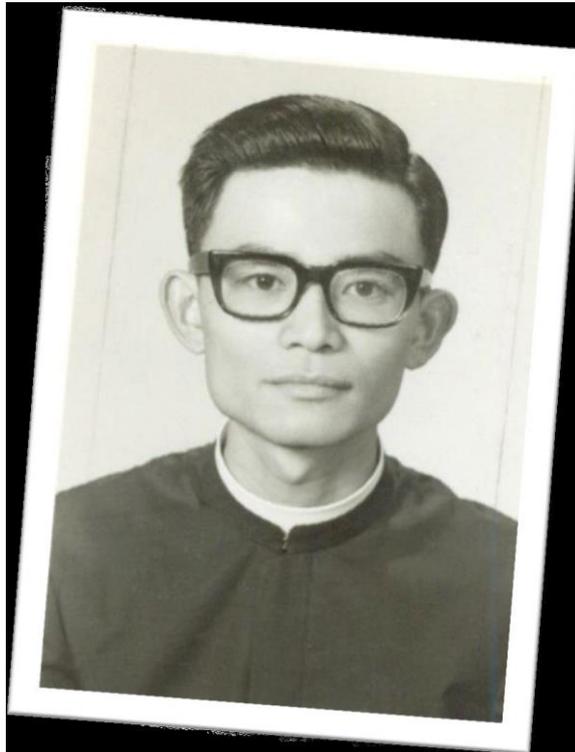
L: That depends on what region you are referring to. In China, the Legion of Mary cannot indeed exist at all! In Hong Kong, while I don’t think the legionary membership is less than that of other religious groups, it is in fact challenging to recruit new members. I believe with the fast pace of living, it is not easy to find spare time for the Legion. The Legion is demanding in terms of time resources. However, there is quite a large membership in South Korea. Indeed, the

Catholic faith was introduced to the country from China by lay faithful instead of by missionaries!

**E: Oh yes, we should arrange to interview a Korean priest at another time. Fr. Lee, in addition to recruiting adult members, how can we extend the juniors by recruiting youth and even children? How can we help these young people develop a good habit of imitating the Virgin Mary and to prepare them for joining the Legion of Mary in future?**

**L:** Members should visit and make contact with young people more frequently. We may connect with them through schools as well as parishes. Foremost is how to attract young people, preferably through an interest in works of evangelization and spirituality. We would have to make such efforts sustainable, instead of just organizing one-off activity or event, we need to walk the talk showing the spirit of persistency in the Legion of Mary. Becoming a member would arouse interest in the family to know more about our faith. This is what every Catholic is called upon to do. In addition, Catholic youth publications and parish bulletin boards are good tools that can be utilized. If possible, it may even be better to create a mobile application for young people. To become all things to all.

**E: Great! Very true. Fr. Lee, during your years in the Legion, are there any special memorable moments to share with us?**



**L:** Let me see, oh yeah, I remember that on Mission Sundays and previously the Feast of Christ the King, the coordination work done by the Legion overtly impressed me. I appreciate a lot of members' wholehearted devotion to sacrifice, and the spirit to evangelize. Their amazing persistence in performing their duties could make lay people and Catholics alike to take the Legion to be a role model! There was once a student, who had a family member in hospital and became desirous of joining the Legion upon baptism, because of legionaries doing frequent visitation in that hospital. Another unforgettable memory was that a member caught up with a friend, a former Legionary, during a trip to Lourdes in France. They participated in processions together with local legionaries. This friend re-joined the Legion after returning to Hong Kong. This shows the spirit of fraternity and cohesiveness in the Legion.

**E: Indeed, the Legion is like a big family! Fr. Lee, we heard that you are about to retire, what plans do you have after retirement and how will you continue to help the Legion?**

**L:** Since a few years ago, I had stopped being the editor-in-chief of the Catholic Truth Society following the re-structuring of its editorial team. I also ceased to be Curia Spiritual Director a few month ago, but I still stay in three praesidia! (As the editors knew that Fr. Lee had published a collection of his Allocutio as a booklet and in sound recording too, therefore, we suggested uploading to facilitate access via mobile phones. Fr. Lee

humbly answered: My past allocutio is outdated! Ha ha!)

**E: Ha, I think they are always inspiring! Lastly, do you have any message to the Legionaries, especially the juniors?**

L: Please remember that every spiritual director is very supportive of the Legion. Members should treasure and learn from them who are well-qualified and should appreciate them to be model servants of God. The many legionaries, who made lifelong commitment, stayed low-key but active, are the potential strength in the development of the Church. The Marian theology contained in the handbook and St. Louis de Montfort's

writings need to be studied more than once in order that we may deepen our knowledge and reliance on Our Lady.

*(Thanks be to God, that the interview could take place amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. Thanks also to Fr. Lee that we benefit much from his valuable and inspiring ideas and encouragement. Let us continue to offer ourselves completely to the Holy Spirit who will guide us and use us! The interview concluded with a prayer again led by Fr. Lee)*



## Legion of Mary around the world (from April to December 2019)

Curia and praesidia may learn from the experiences of the Legion in other countries in the following areas:-

### **Spiritual Formation (靈修培育):-**

<u>Area</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Month</u>
Central African Republic	Senatus of Bangui: Comparative peace has returned to this country which had suffered seven years of militancy in which numerous legionaries and others suffered damage to their homes and property and some lost their lives. The Senatus of Bangui has been working on plans for the visitation of all legionary Councils and hopes also with help from Concilium to proceed with the printing of the Legion Handbook in their national language Sangho.	June
El-Salvador	San Salvador Senatus: A former legionary was ordained to the priesthood.	May
Ireland	Kilmore Curia: The Curia is organising a Mass for Venerable Edel Quinn to mark the 75th Anniversary of her death.	April
	Ferns Curia: One member entered the priesthood.	May
	Immaculata Curia at Dublin: A DVD showing on the life of Venerable Edel Quinn was attended by approximately 20 people. Members continue to promote the monthly Frank Duff Hour in Church Street and a weekly prayer meeting for his Cause takes place in the Legion house.	June
	The Alfie Lambe Mass took place in Tullamore on Sunday 20th January. The chief celebrant was Bishop Michael Smith. The Mass was attended by members of Alfie's family and by legionaries from South America.	July
	The 39th Anniversary Mass to commemorate the Servant of God Frank Duff was celebrated on Saturday 16th November at 3 p.m. in St. Mary's Pro Cathedral, Dublin.	November

	Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly was the principal celebrant and homilist. 7 priests concelebrated the Mass with the Archbishop who spoke about being in the Legion before he entered the seminary and later in Africa where he ministered for many years. He praised the great work being done by legionaries worldwide and encouraged all to continue to spread the message of Jesus and Our Blessed Lady.	
Germany	The Senatus advised the Comitium against organising Pilgrimages to shrines not fully recognised by the Church.	September
Italy	Milan Regia: The President has appealed to Concilium for a visitation as numbers diminishing. The Correspondent suggests a Novena to St. Charles Borromeo who as Cardinal Archbishop of Milan saved the city from the influences of the Reformation.	December
South Africa	Capetown: The Archbishop has given the go-ahead to print the Handbook in Afrikaans.	November
United States	Houston Senatus: New Orleans Regia: The former President Comitium, Br. John Yike, is now a deacon and hopes to be ordained a priest next year.	December
Zambia	Lusaka Regia: They are working hard translating the Handbook into seven major languages in Zambia. In one Diocese where the legionaries are mainly farmers they find it difficult to attend meetings during the busy harvesting season. Great efforts are made to encourage young people to join the Legion.	December



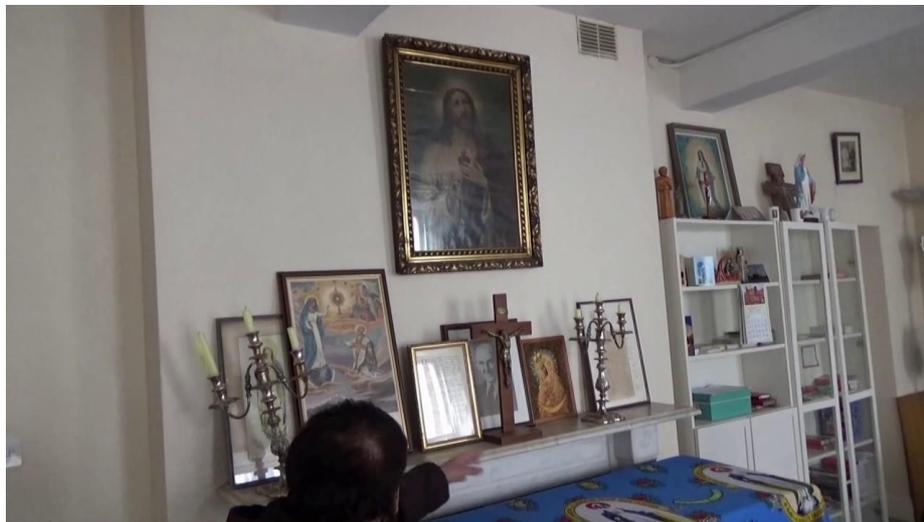
## Work Development (工作發展):-

<u>Area</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Month</u>
Argentina	Buenos Aires: The two main speakers at a talk on Alfie Lambe, Sister Isabel Fernandez and Fr. Sturba, who had worked for years on Alfie's Cause stressed the need for spreading the knowledge of Alfie's life. The annual procession through the streets of Buenos Aires to Alfie's grave attracted many people.	October
Austria	Senatus of Austria: To promote the Frank Duff Cause, Senatus will organise initiatives such as a 'Frank Duff Cafe', to design postcards with a photo and quotes from Frank Duff.	June
Bolivia	They are very aware of Pope Francis's call for the Church to go out in public to proclaim the Gospel. Special attention is given to barrios on the outskirts of towns where new families arrive. These areas are a special target for the protestant sects. The Regia is very good at visiting their distant praesidia and councils as well as training new correspondents. Both the Senatus of Santiago and of La Paz ask for prayers as their countries are experiencing huge national problems.	November
Brazil	A large praesidium was set up in the major Seminary in Recife. Home visitation continues to be given due importance. Legionaries of Vitória da Conquista Regia in Salvador made 33,825 family visits, and 7,028 revisits.	October
Burundi	Gitega: The report shows solid work being done and a high level of spirituality with promotion of the True Devotion to Mary as a routine work and, on the other hand, the cultivation of the land for sick and infirm persons where needed. People who still use lucky charms are counselled against fetish worship and others are warned against the temptation of suicide when suffering despair.	October
Canada	The Senatus of Toronto: A novel work is a knitting club they conduct weekly in their parish. The two Korean Comitia have three Curiae attached, with large membership in each. They play an essential part in their parish communities.	December

Cyprus	All praesidia in Nicosia help with the distribution of food to refugees (the food not being supplied by the Legion).	August
Dominican Republic	Senatus of Santiago de los Caballeros: Comitium Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia initiated a community to pray that 4 drug dealing areas would cease activities.	December
Ireland	Elphin Comitium: The legionaries help out with events in the Sacred Heart Home. They conduct a weekly Holy Hour for patients during which there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A weekly session consisting of prayers, music and singing is held every Thursday for Alzheimer's' patients.	August
	Kerry Comitium: The Procession with the Fatima statue and contact work continues on the 13th of each month from May to October.	September
	Birr/Roscrea Curia: Legionaries in the Cistercian monastery visit hospitals and nursing homes and operate a book barrow at the monastery Church.	September
	A visit was made to Mozambique in Africa on behalf of Concilium from 2nd-19th October 2019. The Legion of Mary is present in all Dioceses, working in close communion with the Church, and counting on the important support of the Spiritual Directors.	October
	Dublin: A praesidium found street contact an effective apostolate for meeting young people. Two public Rosaries take place in local Estates each week during May and October. A weekly Frank Duff prayer meeting is organised.	October
	Thurles Comitium: One praesidium organises cemetery Rosaries in November.	November
	Cloyne Comitium: Mitchelstown praesidium with 9 members and 33 auxiliaries distributed 900 Miraculous Medals during a Music Festival.	December
	Thurles Comitium: Pilgrim statue visitation is prominent in several reports and especially notable is the visits to the sick and in nursing homes where the statue's arrival is	December

	eagerly anticipated.  Waterford Curia: Monthly Rosary on first Saturday's at the Cathedral at which they distribute Miraculous Medals to people passing by.	December
Germany	Comitium Berlin: a monthly 11km Pilgrim walk with the Rosa Mystica Madonna and visiting three Churches.	May
Kenya	Senatus of Kenya: All councils organised the Frank Duff Mass and were reminded that when planning their year's programme to include the Frank Duff Mass. The monthly prayers at Venerable Edel Quinn's grave are always well attended. 108 street girls were contacted and 33 have changed their way of life. 82 former legionaries are back at their weekly meeting.	December
Korea	Seoul: Suwon Regia has a total of 29,207 active members, including 1,702 juniors. They have 43,444 auxiliary members. Legionaries are engaged in a wide-ranging apostolate: work with catechumens at all stages of their preparation for Baptism and afterwards, contact with lapsed Catholics and those in irregular marriage situations, visitation of the sick and infirm, both Catholic and non-Catholic.	October
	Gwangju: A Comitium in Jeojun-dong reported 1,018 catechumens recruited and 136 returns to the Sacraments, apostolic work on the street and visitation of the sick, both Catholic and non-Catholic.	October
Malta	Gozo Comitium also celebrated 50 years of being raised to Comitium status. Much contact work is done with tourists and foreigners. Legionaries helped at a Radio Station where three programmes on Frank Duff were broadcast. Patrician meetings had an attendance of 15 and 20. Juniors and intermediates join with seniors during works and activities.	December
	Malta Regia celebrated 50 years of being raised to Regia status. PPC projects were carried out to Birmingham, Syracuse and Israel. A Curia organised a one week apostolate in the only parish in their area without the Legion.	December

Peru	Lima: The Senatus President and Secretary have been elected for second terms. The Senatus reports 401 probationary legionaries and seven new praesidia. In the Curia of Barranco half of the legionaries are Praetorian members. New works include access to the University of Callao where they hope to start a praesidium and home visitation in the dangerous suburb of Cerro el Pino.	November
Scotland	The praesidium attached to Glasgow University has 9 active and 15 auxiliary members. Works include book barrow outside the University Library. This work has generated many discussions during which the Catholic Faith is explained and leaflets and Miraculous Medals distributed.	September
United States	<p>New York Senatus: A praesidium gained 3 new active and 28 auxiliary members through book barrow apostolate. Enthronement of the Sacred Heart was made to 51 homes. Newark Korean Comitium has 10 Curiae with about 800 members. More attention for recruitment of youth was encouraged.</p> <p>Chicago Senatus: In Joliet, IL, Curia praesidia served at a 5-day Du Page Co. Fair, distributing Miraculous Medals and religious literature. St. Cloud Curia took part in two County Fairs. St. Paul Comitium made 329 contacts at the Ramsey Co. Fair. Peoria Curia, IL, helped at a Legion booth at the State Fair. A praesidium with 10 active and 86 auxiliary members did an Exploratio Dominicalis in Jefferson Park.</p>	<p>December</p> <p>December</p>



## **Recruitment & Extension (招募及擴軍):-**

<b><u>Area</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Month</u></b>
Argentina	Salta: The annual Feast Day of Our Lord and Our Lady of the Miracles attracted 800,000 pilgrims and tourists. All praesidia do contact work during those days inviting the Catholics to frequent the Sacraments. Tourists are also contacted. Two items are high on their list for the centenary celebrations: juniors and young adult praesidia and starting of many new senior praesidia. A praesidium was re-started after 10 years when the priest found a copy of the old Minutes. Goya Comitium, with young adult officers, now has eight Curiae. Ten years ago there was only one Curia.	October
Austria	Extension work conducted to a rural area in the former East Germany, where the level of religious practice was poor. Legionaries spoke at Masses in 3 Churches where the total attendance was 90. Contact work was done at a Market over 3 days with many contacts. Noon prayer was conducted by their priest in the local Protestant Church and the Pastor said it was destiny that brought the team to his town.	October
Chile	Santiago: Many praesidia are recruiting immigrants. One praesidium, as well as Chileans, has legionaries from Colombia, Venezuela, and Haiti. Colomban Drives are quite successful. At the church gates legionaries take names and phone numbers and later visit those interested. The Senatus was pleased to receive details of St. John Henry Newman which they will use with their non-Catholic contacts.	November
Columbia	Regia of Baranquilla reported 12 new praesidia in 10 towns, 1 new curia and 1 new Patrician meeting.	November
Democratic Republic of Congo	Senatus of Lubumbashi: There are 2 praesidia in the Seminary with 42 members, which will hopefully result in having future Legion priests in the various Dioceses under their jurisdiction.	June
Cyprus	The Legion celebrated 28 years in Cyprus in October with a Mass followed by a meeting of all 6 praesidia in the	December

	republic of Cyprus. It is hoped to found a new praesidium in Larnica, the only parish in Cyprus with no Legion presence.	
India	Mumbai Senatus sent two representatives to Nepal for 2 weeks and conducted a training day. They undertook extension, setting up a new praesidium in St. Paul's parish Bagaan. This brings to 6 the number of praesidia in Nepal.	September
Kenya	His Eminence, Cardinal John Njui, Archbishop of Nairobi was the chief celebrant at the 75th Anniversary Mass at Venerable Edel Quinn's grave on 12th May. Legionaries and priests from Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda and thousands of Kenya legionaries were in attendance. A new praesidium has been set up in St. Paul's University, Nairobi.	May
United States	New York Senatus: A new prison praesidium started; they instructed 5 inmates for Confirmation. Fifteen inmates and 7 visiting legionaries attended their Acies in the prison. Some prisoners wept as they made the Consecration.  Boston Senatus: Hartford Comitium with 10 praesidia and 3 Curiae attached show a ratio of 12 auxiliary members to every 1 active member.  San Francisco Senatus: PPC and 6-day evangelisation project to over 600 homes yielded a new praesidium. Extension is underway in 2 parishes. Attached councils in Idaho, Oakland and Sacramento gained 3, 2 and 2 new praesidia respectively.	August  December  December
Venezuela	A Senatus with 4 Comitia and 5 Curiae reported during this period. Most councils indicate extension, 11 praesidia and one curia were set up, others are at different stages of formation. A new junior Curia was set up in an attached Comitium.	November

## Others (其他):-

<u>Area</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Month</u>
Central African Republic	Bangui: The news from the troubled region is encouraging. The Senatus is continuing with its reorganisation plans following the political upheavals which displaced whole parishes.	October
Malawi	Maula Senatus: Prayers are asked for the legionaries in Malawi who suffered greatly in the recent cyclone.	April



