**Praesidium: Parish:**

**Annual report #: Founded:  
Period covered: Meeting held:**

**Officers:** *(Please include name, address, phone number, email address, date of appointment and Term)*

|  | **Name & Address** | **Term & date of appointment** | **Phone number & email address** |
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| **Spiritual Director:** |  |  |  |
| **President:** |  |  |  |
| **Vice-President:** |  |  |  |
| **Secretary:** |  |  |  |
| **Treasurer:** |  |  |  |

**Membership:**

|  | Permanent | Probationary | Praetorian | Adjutorian | Women | Men | Recruited | Resigned | Total |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Active |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Auxiliary |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**[Do not read]:** Number of active members in the 18-40 group**?** XX

How many active and auxiliary members were gained/lost since the last report? **Active:** **Gained X, Lost X**.  **Auxiliary:  Gained X, Lost X.**

Are all members Virtus Trained?  **X out of X Active members are Virtus Trained**

How many members subscribe to the Maria Legionis Magazine? **X out of X Active members subscribe.**

Is a copy provided for the Spiritual Director or Pastor? **Yes, the Spiritual Director receives Maria Legionis at the rectory where it is shared with two other priests.**

How many members consecrated themselves to Jesus through Mary using the De Montfort system?  **X of X Active members**.

Does the Praesidium promote the causes for the Saints? **Yes, we promote Frank Duff, Edel Quinn and Alfie Lambe.**  What is done? **Distribution of Holy cards and books; CD distribution of Fr. Peffley speaking about the Causes; Edel Quinn Novena**

Has the Praesidium conducted an Exploratio Dominicalis? **Yes. XXX**.

**Legion Function Attendance:**

* Praesidium meetings: X%
* Comitium meetings: X%
* Acies: X Active members; X Auxiliary members attended
* Annual Reunion: X of X Active members attended
* Praesidium Function:  
  (Special Pilgrim Virgin Visit, potluck)  X of X Active members attended
* Annual Outdoor Function:  
  (Praying at a cemetery in November) X of XX Active members attended

**Method of handbook study:**

Since our last report, we have read *XXX.*  A member is assigned to provide a summary each week, and we discuss the reading. We do our best to remember to relate ideas to our legionary works throughout our discussions.

**Recruitment Methods:**

* Flocknote, weekly bulletin, and pulpit announcements
* Inviting all parishioners to the Acies; Spiritual Director describing the spiritual benefits of the Legion of Mary in his homily
* Manning a welcome/information “Mary” table in the San Benedetto Piazza (outside of church) every Sunday for all four Holy Masses to talk to visitors and parishioners about the Legion of Mary (approximately 6:30am-2:30pm). The table is well-stocked with books, Catholic literature for the liturgical season, and sacramentals
* Created a video series for XX Extension recruitment, posted on YouTube
* Consistent contact with and recruitment of the parish Young Adult Group (YAG) and choir given several Active members are very involved with both. In addition, our Spiritual Director, XXX is also the YAG Spiritual Director, and he recruited members for the Legion from the YAG group.
* Promoting the monthly Patricians meeting. Several Active members have presented a paper to launch the meeting.

**Care of Auxiliary Members:**

* Face-to-face interactions with Auxiliaries especially on Sundays while at the Mary Table
* Phone calls and text communication with Auxiliary members
* Hand-written Acies invitations
* Direct emails and Flocknote notifications to Auxiliary members about the Acies and other Legion events.

**Assigned Works and Statistics:**

| **Assigned Work** | **Visits** | **Contacts** | **Catholic** | **Non-Catholic** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Door to Door (knocked on 2,285 doors) |  |  |  |  |
| Mary Table (Information table) |  |  |  |  |
| Crowd Contact outside of the CHKD / EVMS / Sentara Medical complex; Friday nights in downtown Norfolk |  |  |  |  |
| Crowd contact Wells Theater, downtown Norfolk |  |  |  |  |
| Crowd contact at Regent University |  |  |  |  |
| Crowd contact Norfolk Tides Baseball |  |  |  |  |
| Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation |  |  |  |  |
| Auxiliary Contact (handwritten cards) |  |  |  |  |
| Extension to XX parish |  |  |  |  |
| Junior Legion of Mary Extension at XX |  |  |  |  |
| October Prison Card writing |  |  |  |  |
| Crowd contact in Chesapeake City Park |  |  |  |  |
| Chesapeake Health & Rehabilitation Center |  |  |  |  |
| “Store to Store” (door to door - local merchants) |  |  |  |  |
| Exploratio Dominicalis, XX parish |  |  |  |  |
| **TOTALS** |  |  |  |  |

**Literature distributed:** (type*s)*

Holy cards (various), bookmarks (various), booklets printed from the public domain or with permission from the copyright holder, books from Tan Books, Catholic Answers, Fatima Center, and Arlington Senatus. Legion pamphlets, leaflets to accompany scapulars or Tesserae, Examinations of Conscience, flyers for Patricians meetings, 33 Day Preparation for Total Consecration, *Three Main Reasons to Join the Catholic Church* tri-fold, *Are YOU a Bible-Believing Christian?* tri-fold, Miraculous Medal tri-fold, Traditional Latin Mass foldable, Weekly Bulletin, Holy Face pamphlets, various feast day and seasonal coloring pages, QR codes with links to talks by priests or to register for events, *How to Pray the Rosary* pamphlets in English and Spanish, English-Latin Missals, Sacred Heart June stickers for Store to Store.

[Total of 22,386 pieces of literature distributed].

**Sacramentals (list number distributed):**

Rosaries - 3,894

Medals (Miraculous Medals, St. Benedict’s Crucifixes, various saint and angel medals, ball chains) - 5,044

Brown Scapulars - 221

Green Scapulars - 46

Blessed Salt Packets - 52

St. Benedict’s Crucifixes - 127

**Known Results:** *Direct knowledge of conversions, baptisms, returns to sacraments, marriages validated enrollments in CCD, RCIA as result of praesidium efforts****.***

* We had 2 people attend RCIA and 1 receive the sacrament of Confirmation through the assistance of the Legion. One legionary was a sponsor for someone making their Confirmation.
* After talking with our pastor, he attributes 12 returns to confession as a result of work initiated at the Mary Table or through legionary contact.
* After talking with our pastor, he estimates 3-5 validated marriages as a result of work initiated at the Mary Table or through legionary contact.
* 1 legionary stood in for an infant as a godparent.
* A legionary in the context of her job as a nurse spoke and gave comfort to a Catholic patient who desired Extreme Unction, confession, and Viaticum. She contacted our pastor who visited the patient that day. The patient received the sacraments.
* A legionary reconnected with a childhood friend (a non-Catholic) at the Mary table who was visiting XX. Through interactions at the Mary Table, his friend attended Easter Holy Mass and subsequent Holy Masses and will be entering RCIA Fall 2024.

**Highlights (List up to 5 highlights):**

* Parish Extension - a XX parishioner who attended the extension meetings from the start ultimately made her Legionary Promise with XX praesidium; other probationary active members of XX completed legionary works including crowd contact, manning their Mary Table, obtaining prayers for the pastor’s spiritual bouquet,12 Pilgrim Virgin visits to CC parishioners..
* XX, the third praesidium at XX, was ratified in October 2023.
* Our Junior Legion of Mary, named XX, had its first meeting June 24, 2024 beginning with 11 members including a 14 year old Treasurer and 16 year old Secretary.
* Door to door impact - XX Baptist Church copying our *Three Reasons to Join the Catholic Church* tri-fold, and our counter-response with *Are YOU a Bible-Believing Christian?* tri-fold (written by our spiritual director).
* “Store to Store” during June, Month of the Sacred Heart - as a counter to the evil of “Pride Month” in June, with the help of our spiritual director, we created a 5x7 static cling sticker showing that June is the Month of the Sacred Heart. We visited local shops in XX asking them to put the sticker in their store-front windows.

**Previous Year’s Goals:**

* To ratify XX as a new praesidium. **Completed.**
* To start a junior praesidium. **Completed.**
* To assist the parish in starting a fourth senior praesidium. **Not Completed.** Concern for stretching our spiritual director. However, we attempted to extend to XX from March-June 2024. Inability to meet with XX’s pastor to determine our mission was a serious obstacle. The XX extension effort will hopefully resume Fall 2024 given a long-awaited communication from the pastor.
* To set up a process of door-to-door visitation follow ups, which will result in a priest visiting at least five homes. **Partially Completed.** We initiated a process; our spiritual director completed one follow-up visit and was scheduled for two others but the contacts were no-shows.
* To combine efforts with our other parish praesidia in having a retreat, day of recollection, or evangelization day or a date set for the retreat. **Partially Completed.**  Attempts were made to have a parishioner home visit training at XX. A retreat day for XX LOM Praesidia membership was scheduled for June 8, 2024 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, but it was unfortunately canceled due to low RSVPs.

**Current Year’s Goals:**

* Start a fifth praesidium at XX. There is potential for both another junior praesidium (ages 13-17) and a fourth senior praesidium.
* Assist with an extension at another parish.
* Host or assist with a Day of Reflection or Retreat.
* Promotion of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face of Jesus with at least 50% of Active and Auxiliary members enrolling in the Archconfraternity.

**Special Thanks:**

XX would like to express gratitude to the following individuals who, by the grace of God, made a tremendous impact on our work this year:

* XX for his leadership, guidance, and support as our president from July 1 - October 17, 2023.
* XX, our spiritual director, for his faithfulness, creativity, courage, dedication and commitment to the Legion of Mary and for modeling the legionary spirit by not only attending every meeting but also participating and leading us during some of our works, and for whole-heartedly accepting the position of Comitium Spiritual Director. Deo gratias.