

## THE LEGIONARY PROMISE

**M**ost Holy Spirit, I, (name of candidate),  
Desiring to be enrolled this day as a Legionary of Mary,  
Yet knowing that of myself I cannot render worthy service,  
Do ask of You to come upon me and fill me with Yourself,  
So that my poor acts may be sustained by Your power,  
And become an instrument of Your mighty purposes.

**B**ut I know that You, who has come  
To regenerate the world in Jesus Christ,  
Has not willed to do so except through Mary;  
That without Her we cannot know or love You;  
That it is by Her, and to whom She pleases, when She  
pleases, And in the quantity and manner She pleases,  
That all Your gifts and virtues and graces are administered;  
And I realize that the secret of a perfect legionary service  
Consists in a complete union with Her  
Who is so completely united to You.

**S**o, taking in my hand the legionary Standard,  
Which seeks to set before our eyes these things,  
I stand before You as Her soldier and Her child,  
And I so declare my entire dependence on Her.  
She is the Mother of my soul.  
Her heart and mine are one,  
And from that single heart  
She speaks again those words of old:  
"Behold the Handmaid of the Lord";  
And once again You come by Her to do great things.

**L**et your power overshadow me,  
And come into my soul with fire and love,  
And make it one with Mary's love  
And Mary's will, to save the world;  
So that I may be pure in Her  
Who was made Immaculate by You;  
So that Christ my Lord may, likewise,  
Grow in me through You;  
So that I with Her, His Mother,  
May bring Him to the world  
And to the souls who need Him;  
So that they and I, the battle won, may reign with Her  
forever in the glory of the Blessed Trinity.

**C**onfident that You will so receive me - and use me -  
And turn my weakness into strength this day,  
I take my place in the ranks of the Legion,  
And I venture to promise a faithful service.  
I will submit fully to its discipline,  
Which binds me to my comrades,  
And shapes us to an army,  
And keeps our line as on we march with Mary,  
To work Your will, to operate Your miracles of grace,  
Which will renew the face of the earth,  
And establish Your reign, Most Holy Spirit, over all.  
In the Name of the Father and of the Son  
And of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

LEGION OF MARY



## The Legionary Promise



PRAESIDIUM

— Mary —  
*Star of the Sea*

October 2, 2021

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHEDRAL  
2322 KRONPRINDSENS GADE  
SAINT THOMAS, VI 00802

## Mission

*To serve God under the banner of Mary,  
to bring Mary to the world by practicing spiritual works of mercy  
and through the sanctification of its members  
by the means of prayers and devotion to Mary and the Holy Trinity  
and doing apostolic works for the glory of God.*



## ORDER OF THE CELEBRATION

### ✚ ROSARY WALK

*The members will conduct a Rosary Walk  
around the vicinity of the Cathedral*

### ✚ HOLY MASS

### ✚ THE LEGIONARY PROMISE

*After the Mass, the Legion Altar is moved to the center.  
The members who will say the Legionary Promise  
come forward, as their names are called, and face the altar.  
When all the names are called,  
the Promise is recited in unison.*



## ARE CALLED TO MAKE *The Legionary Promise*

**Gina Cajocson**

**Sr. Clarisse Doungmene, DHF**

**Evangeline Flores**

**Rachel and June Gilbuena**

**Michael Anthony Lacatena**

**Vernelda Alexander**

**Marcia Ayala**

*At the words “So, taking my hand...” until  
“great things”, the candidates will approach  
the Legion Altar to hold the Vexillum. Then,  
they return to their places to conclude the  
Promise.*

### ✚ BLESSING

*By His Excellency Jerome Feudjio  
Bishop of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands*

### ✚ PRAESIDIUM MEETING

## THE LEGION OF MARY

*O Mary, conceived without sin.  
Pray for us who have recourse to you.*

**The Legion of Mary is a lay catholic organization  
whose members are giving service to the Church  
on a voluntary basis in almost every country.**



The object of the Legion of Mary is  
**the glory of God through the  
holiness of its members** developed  
by prayer and active co-operation in  
Mary's and the Church's work. The  
unit of the Legion of Mary is called a  
praesidium...

Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply  
for membership in a Praesidium. The Legion  
sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare  
of each individual. The members participate in  
the life of the parish through visitation of  
families, the sick, both in their homes and in  
hospitals and through collaboration in every  
apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored  
by the parish...

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association  
of Catholics who, with the sanction of the  
Church and under the powerful leadership of  
Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces,  
serve the Church and their neighbor on a  
voluntary basis in about 170 countries...

Drawing its inspiration from the True Devotion  
to Mary, as taught by St. Louis Marie de  
Montfort, and which had a profound influence  
on the Founder of the Legion, the Servant of  
God, Frank Duff, the Legion is at the disposal of  
the Bishops and Priests for use in the mission of  
the Church...

The basic unit of the Legion is called a  
**praesidium...** To be an active legionary it is  
necessary to apply for membership in a  
praesidium ... After a successful period of  
probation, members are called to **make the  
Legionary Promise** (this is only applicable for  
members over 18 years) which is directed to the  
Holy Spirit.

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