



# The Legion of Mary

**Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith?  
Do you want to enrich your prayer life?  
Do you want to develop close Catholic friendships?  
Do you want to grow closer to Jesus and Mary?**

**Then come as a guest to a Legion of Mary meeting! There is no obligation!**

## **WHAT IS IT?**

The Legion of Mary is the largest organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with well over 3 million active members in almost every country in the world. It has been active in the United States since 1931, has been approved by the last six Popes, and was endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. The main purpose of the Legion is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members.

## **WHAT DOES IT DO?**

Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works include door-to-door evangelization, parishioner visitation, prisoner ministry, visitation of the sick or aged, crowd contact, religious education, visiting the newly baptized, Pilgrim Virgin Statue rotations, and meeting the other spiritual needs of the parish community. The Legion of Mary is, in essence, an extension of the heart and hand of the pastor.

## **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

Members meet once a week for prayer, planning and discussion in a family setting. Then they do two hours of definite work each week in pairs and under the guidance of their spiritual director.

## **WHO CAN BELONG?**

The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholics who faithfully practice their religion.

## **HOW DO I START?**

Come to a meeting of the following group, which meets in the Lourdes Center on the lower level:

**Mother of Divine Grace**  
**Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 pm**  
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