

2) After death they share in the thousands of Masses offered each November by all the Praesidia of the Legion of Mary throughout the world for the repose of the souls of all auxiliary members.

3) Auxiliary members gain all the indulgences attached to the saying of the Rosary and also to the prayers included in the Tessera. For example, for each recitation of the prayer, “Come Holy Spirit,” there is a partial indulgence and a plenary indulgence once a month under the usual conditions, if recited daily. For each recitation of the “Magnificat” on the second page of the leaflet, there are also partial and plenary indulgences attached.

### ***What are examples of the Apostolic work done each week?***

- Visiting the sick in hospitals, infirmaries, and their own homes.
- Inviting interested non-Catholics to information classes.
- Giving instructions to prospective converts and also to Catholic children in public schools.
- Distributing Catholic literature.
- Visiting families to see if children have been baptized.
- Encouraging fallen-away Catholics to return to the practice of their faith.
- Visiting Catholic families to promote membership in the Apostleship of Prayer and Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the home.
- Spreading devotion to the family Rosary.
- Helping converts in practice of their faith.
- Visiting those incarcerated.



## **Reflection**

You have often seen in magazines a picture with the question underneath “What’s missing in this picture?”

We think you already know the answer. What’s missing is the members.

Mary is waiting here for those who will not say as those in the Gospel story, “I have married a wife and I cannot come: I have bought a farm and I must go see it.” No! She is waiting for those who will say: “I have no talent, but I will give what I have and I know you will mold it to a fit instrument for your use.” For those who will say: “I have many things that I spend my time on, but I realize your work is more important and I ask you to help me find the time for it.” For those who will say: “Mary at Fatima you asked for sacrifice. For some in the world this means the sacrifice of life and home and loved ones, perhaps *this* is the sacrifice you ask of me—a few hours of my time. Gratefully I will offer this so that I too can say with Mary’s Legion: “I am all thine my Queen, my Mother, and all that I have is thine”.



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### ***What is the Legion of Mary?***

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide association of Catholic men and women who, with the sanction of the Church, and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, have formed themselves into a Legion for service in the warfare which is perpetually being waged by the Church against the forces of evil.

### ***What are the aims of the Legion of Mary?***

The Legion's aims are to:

- 1) Increase the personal holiness of its members through the imitation of the virtues of Mary.
- 2) Foster a deeper devotion to Mary among all people.
- 3) Undertake various apostolic works.

### ***What must one do to be a member?***

There are two types of membership: First, the active member who attends a weekly meeting and does two hours of apostolic work each week, and secondly, the auxiliary or praying Member

### ***What are the requirements for Active Members?***

Active membership is open to all Catholic men and women, those over 18 years of age in Senior Praesidia, and those under 18 in Junior Praesidia.

The only obligation being a willingness to fulfill each and every duty which membership in the Legion involves.

### ***What are the duties of an Active Member?***

- 1) Attendance at a weekly meeting of the Praesidium.
- 2) Daily recitation of the Catena (Legion Prayer).
- 3) The performance of a substantial assigned apostolic work weekly.
- 4) An obligation not to discuss with others matters learned at the meeting or in connection with the work.

### ***What are the duties of an Auxiliary Member?***

- 1) The daily recitation of the Rosary.
- 2) The daily recitation of the prayers contained in the Legion prayer leaflet called the "Tessera".

### ***Are these Prayers offered for the Legion of Mary?***

No, these prayers are offered for the intentions of our Blessed Lady.

### ***Why does the Legion of Mary not require that these prayers be offered for the intentions of the Legion?***

It is the aim of the Legion to foster and spread devotion to Mary and this is done by asking the auxiliary members to offer these prayers daily for Our Blessed Lady to do with as she sees fit. The Legion feels that in the disposal of these treasures, Our Blessed Mother will have regard for the needs of the Legion of Mary.

### ***If one has already promised to say a daily Rosary for a certain intention, is it necessary to say another one?***

No, persons whose daily rosary is firmly bound to particular intentions may become auxiliary members without saying an additional Legion Rosary.

### ***What are the advantages to being an Auxiliary Member?***

- 1) Auxiliary members share in all the prayers and works of the thousands of active members throughout the world.