



THE DEVOTIONAL SYSTEM

**“I AM ALL THINE, MY QUEEN
AND MY MOTHER, AND ALL
THAT I HAVE IS THINE.”**

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“The devotional outlook of the Legion is reflected in its prayers. The Legion is built in the first place upon a profound faith in God.”

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The devotional system of the Legion of Mary is anchored in the member's unyielding love of Jesus in Mary. This love is expressed in an unconditional commitment, intense love and loyalty to heed to Jesus' call to the mission of the Church.

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The legionaries' essential mainstay must be this knowledge of the companionship of God, their good Father, in their two-fold work of sanctifying themselves and serving their neighbour.

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Nothing can stand in the way of success except want of trust. If there be but faith enough, God will utilize us to conquer the world for him.” (HB p. 18)

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“The spirit of the Legion of Mary is that of Mary herself. Especially does the Legion aspire after her profound humility, her perfect obedience, her angelical sweetness, her continual prayer, her universal mortification, her altogether spotless purity,

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her heroic patience, her heavenly wisdom, her self-sacrificing courageous love of God, and above all her faith, that virtue which has in her alone been found in its utmost extent and never equaled.” HB p. 12-13

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**“UNDER GOD, THE LEGION IS
BUILT UPON DEVOTION TO
MARY, THE “INEFFABLE
MIRACLE OF THE MOST HIGH”
(POPE PIUS IX) HB. 18**

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“As it is the pleasure of the Eternal Father so to receive through Mary the homages intended for him, so too he has been graciously pleased to appoint her to be the way by which shall pass to men the various outpourings of his munificent

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goodness and omnipotence, beginning with the cause of them all – the Second Divine Person made man, our true life, our only salvation.” (HB p.20)

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“The Legion’s trust in Mary is limitless, knowing that by the ordinance of God, her power is without limit. All that he could give to Mary, he has given to her.

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For us God has constituted her a special means of grace. Operating in union with her we approach him more effectively, and hence win grace more freely. (HB p.20)

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“ONE OF THE DEAREST DUTIES OF THE LEGION SHALL BE TO SHOW WHOLE-HEARTED DEVOTION TO THE MOTHER OF GOD. IT CAN ONLY DO SO THROUGH ITS MEMBERS, SO THAT EACH ONE OF THESE IS ASKED TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH IT BY SERIOUS MEDITATION AND ZEALOUS PRACTICE. (HB P.23)

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“DEVOTION TO HER IS LOW AND THIN AND POOR. IT HAS NO FAITH IN ITSELF. HENCE IT IS THAT JESUS IS NOT LOVED, THAT HERETICS ARE NOT CONVERTED, THAT THE CHURCH IS NOT EXALTED; THOSE SOULS, WHICH MIGHT BE SAINTS, WITHER AND DWINDLE;

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THAT THE SACRAMENTS ARE NOT RIGHTLY FREQUENTED, OR SOULS ENTHUSIASTICALLY EVANGELIZED. JESUS IS OBSCURED BECAUSE MARY IS KEPT IN THE BACKGROUND. THOUSANDS OF SOULS PERISH BECAUSE MARY IS WITHHELD FROM THEM.” (HB p.24)

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“If then we establish solid devotion to Our Lady, it is only to establish more perfectly devotion to Jesus Christ, and to provide an easy and secure means for finding Christ.” (True Devotion to Mary)

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“IF DEVOTION TO MARY WILL WORK SUCH WONDERS, THEN THE GREAT PURPOSE MUST BE TO BRING THAT INSTRUMENT TO BEAR, TO BRING MARY TO THE WORLD. AND HOW MORE EFFECTIVELY CAN THIS BE DONE THAN THROUGH AN APOSTOLIC ORGANIZATION; LAY –

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**- HENCE UNLIMITED AS TO NUMBERS;
ACTIVE – HENCE PENETRATING
EVERYWHERE; LOVING MARY WITH
ALL ITS MIGHT, AND BINDING ITSELF
TO INVOLVE THE HEARTS OF ALL
OTHERS IN THAT LOVE; UTILIZING
ALL ITS AVENUES OF ACTION TO
FULFILL THIS PURPOSE.”**

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“It is desirable that the practice of the legionary devotion to Mary should be rounded off and given the distinctive character which has been taught by St. Louis-Marie de Montfort under the titles of “The True Devotion”

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or the “**Slavery of Mary**”, and which is enshrined in his two books, **True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin and the Secret of Mary.**” (HB p.37)

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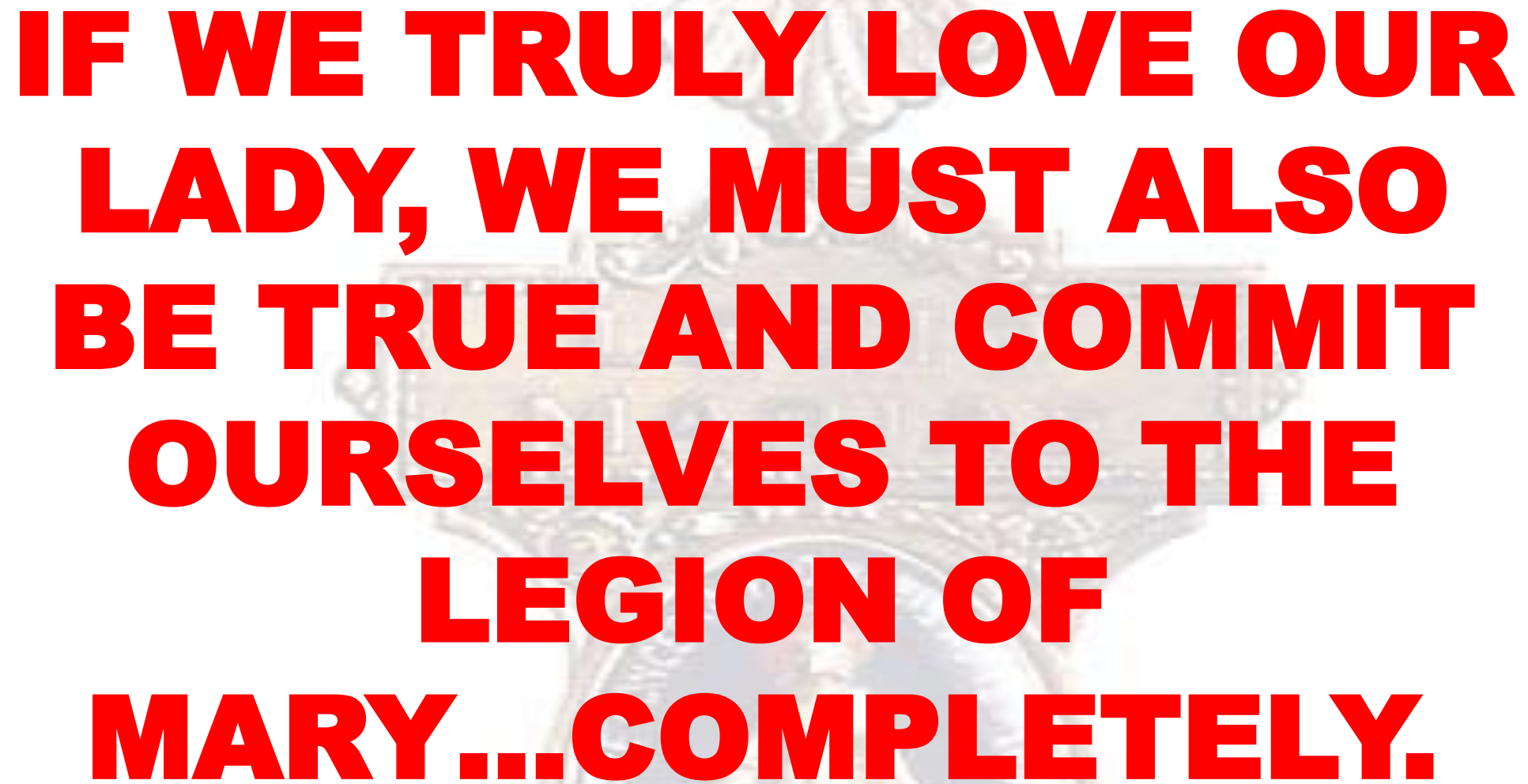
“That motherhood of souls being her essential function and her very life, it follows that without participation in it there can be no real union with her.

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Therefore, let the position be stated once again: true devotion to Mary must comprise the service of souls. Mary without motherhood and the Christian without apostleship, would be analogous ideas.” (HB p. 31)



**TRUE DEVOTION TO
MARY OBLIGES
APOSTLESHIP**



**IF WE TRULY LOVE OUR
LADY, WE MUST ALSO
BE TRUE AND COMMIT
OURSELVES TO THE
LEGION OF
MARY...COMPLETELY.**

“I WOULD LIKE TO
BELIEVE THAT OUR LADY
TAKES AS DONE TO
HERSELF WHATEVER IS
DONE TO THE LEGION.”

FRANK DUFF

I like to believe that
Our Blessed Mother
takes as done to
herself whatever is
done to the Legion.

Frank Duff

SESSION ONE

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DISCUSSION POINTS:

What is Devotion? What is Consecration?

What are the Marian Dogmas?

Mary's Role in the Salvation of Mankind

Mary in the Old Testament

Mary in the New Testament

Mary as the "Ark of the New Covenant"

In defense of Mary (Protestant Attacks)

Mary's Virtues and Sorrows