

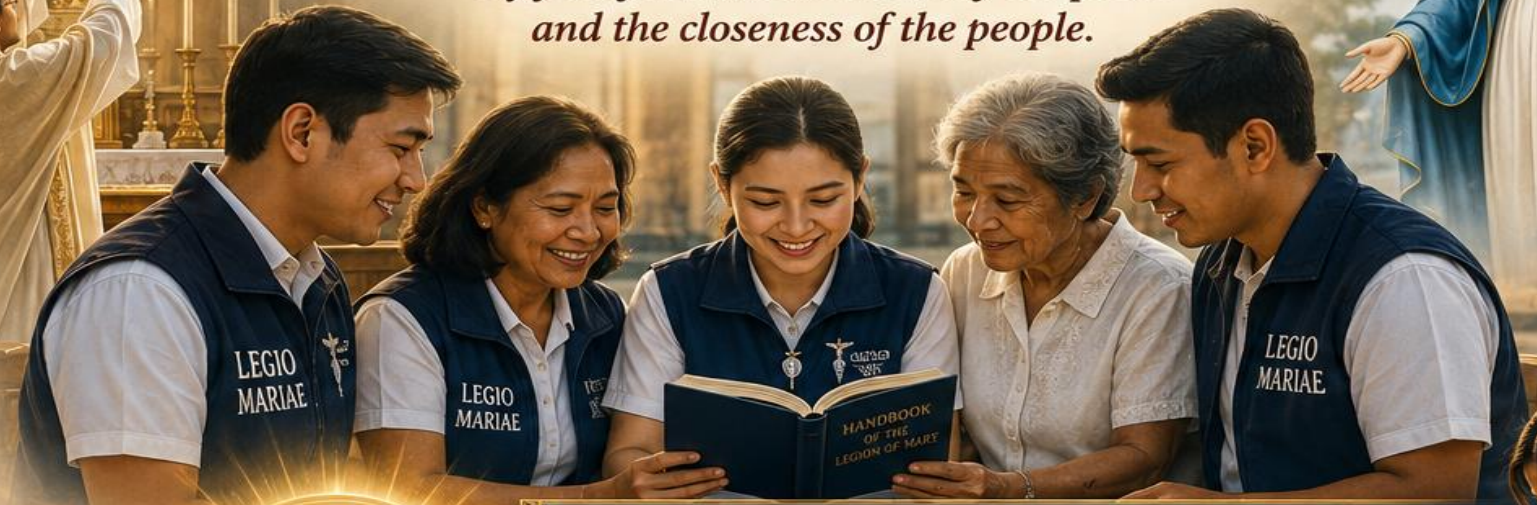
AN APOSTOLIC LAITY ESSENTIAL

The health of the Church depends on a large apostolic class – lay faithful with the heart of the priest and the closeness of the people.



“In all times the laity have been the measure of the Catholic spirit.”






– St. John Henry Newman



EACH OF US HAS A VOCATION, A MISSION IRREPLACEABLE.

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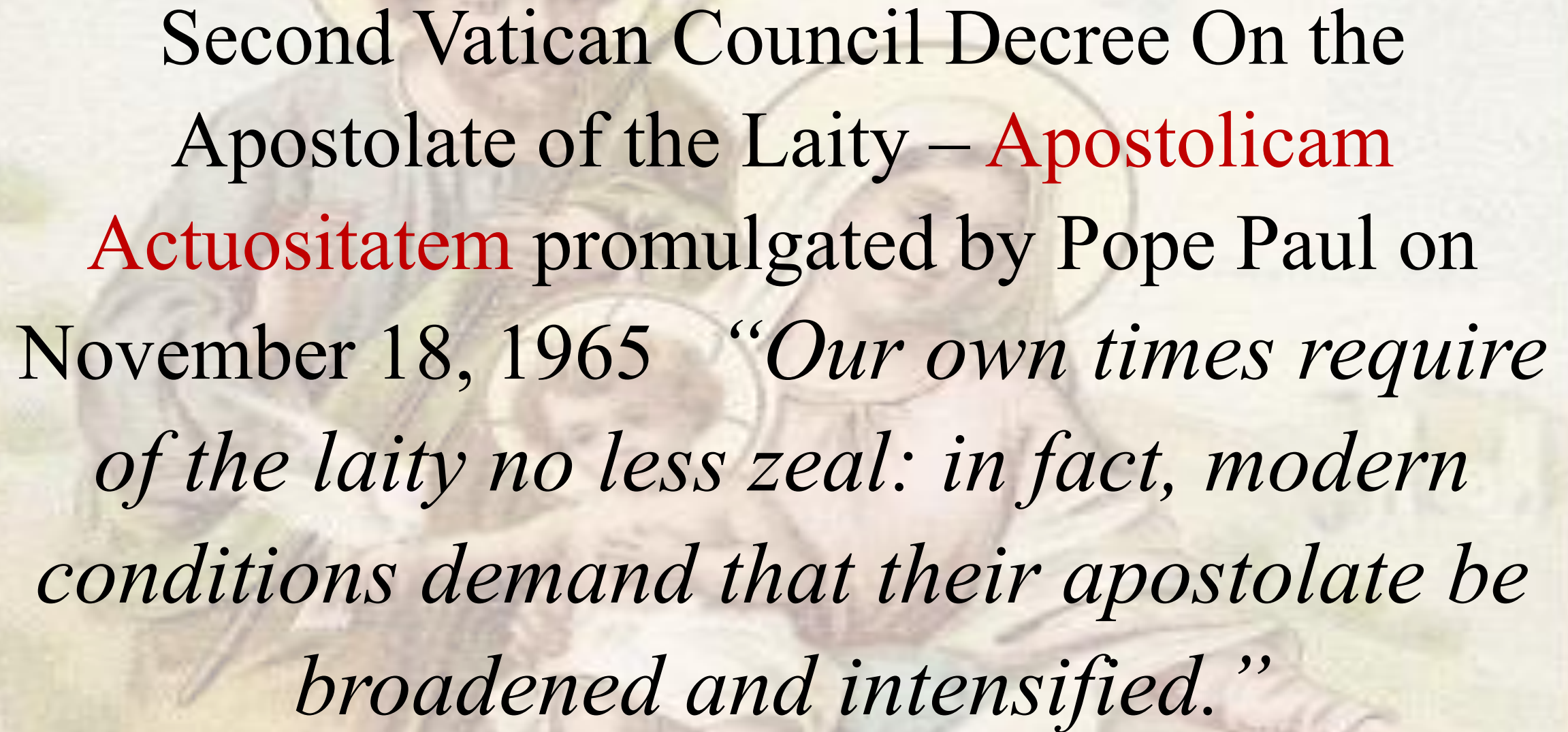
THE LEGION FORMS APOSTLES

-  Intense interest in the welfare and work of the Church
-  Sense of participation and responsibility
-  Union of priest and people
-  Apostolic spirit – to be another Christ in service to others
-  Personal vocation – to love and serve God in a unique mission

“No one but myself can give my heart to God or do my work. It is precisely this personal sense of religion which the Legion fosters. A member is no longer content to be passive or perfunctory; he or she has something to be and to do for God; religion becomes the inspiration of one’s life...”

– Mgr. Alfred O’Rahilly

THE LEGION OF MARY *Developing Lay Apostles for the Glory of God and the Salvation of Souls*

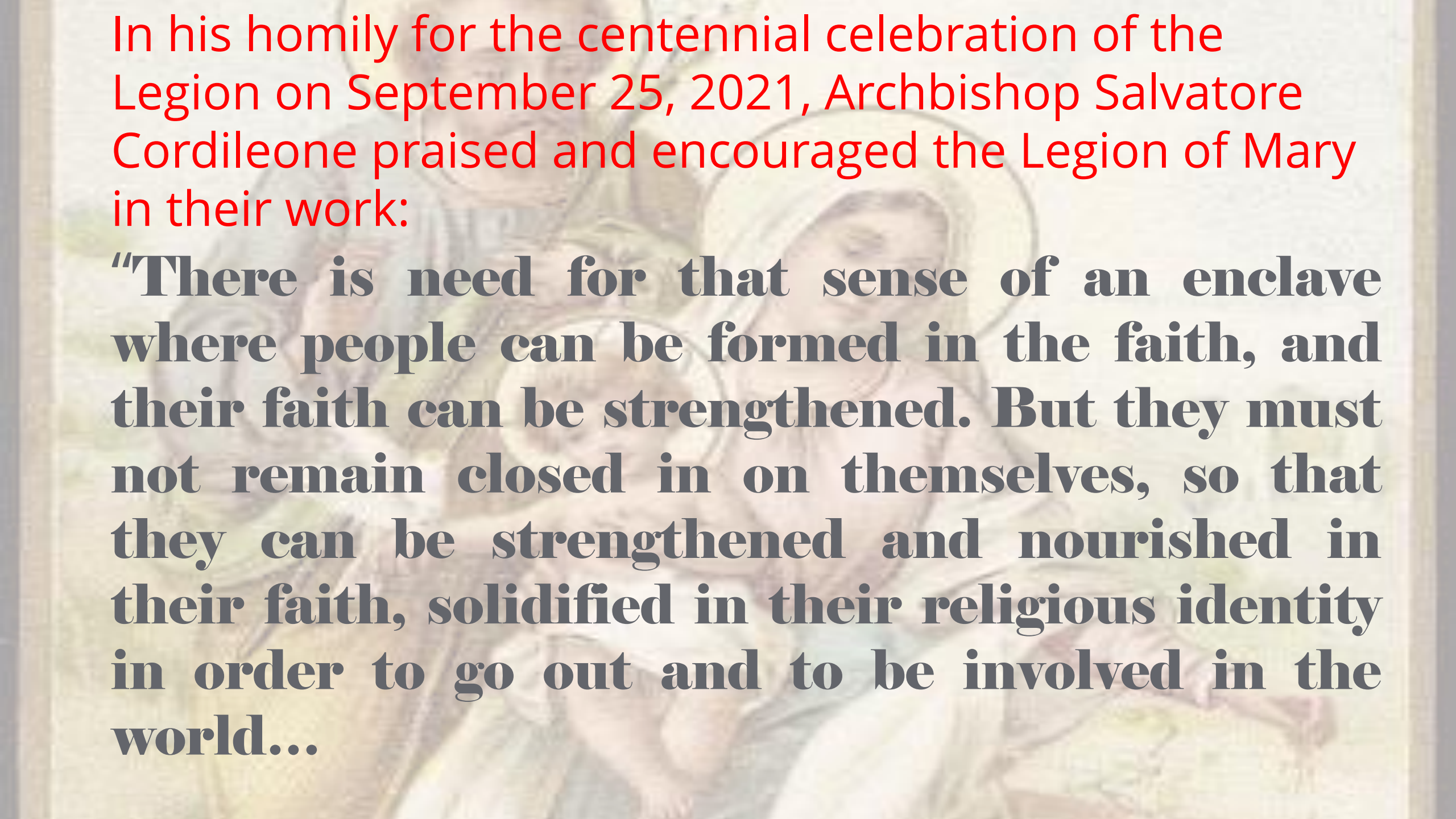


Second Vatican Council Decree On the
Apostolate of the Laity – **Apostolicam**
Actuositatem promulgated by Pope Paul on
November 18, 1965 “*Our own times require
of the laity no less zeal: in fact, modern
conditions demand that their apostolate be
broadened and intensified.*”

**Archbishop Cordileone: ‘Ten ingredients’ make
for ‘recipe of Eucharistic revival’**

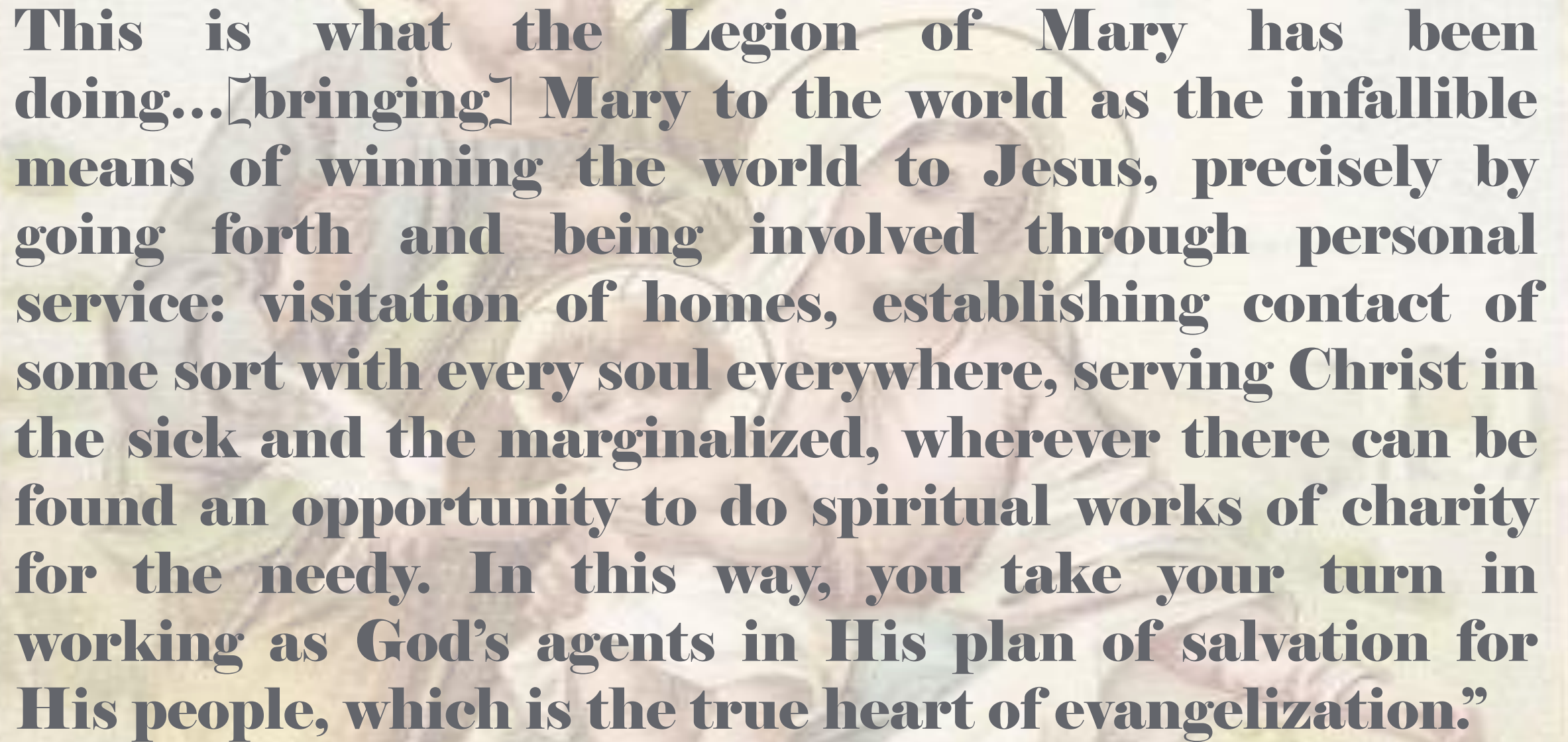
**“Putting this all into action” by
serving the Lord is another step
toward Eucharistic revival, said the
archbishop. He cited as examples ...
taking an active role in parish life;
and bringing the Gospel message to
“our places of work, schools and
communities in which we are
involved.”**





In his homily for the centennial celebration of the Legion on September 25, 2021, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone praised and encouraged the Legion of Mary in their work:

“There is need for that sense of an enclave where people can be formed in the faith, and their faith can be strengthened. But they must not remain closed in on themselves, so that they can be strengthened and nourished in their faith, solidified in their religious identity in order to go out and to be involved in the world...”



This is what the Legion of Mary has been doing...[bringing] Mary to the world as the infallible means of winning the world to Jesus, precisely by going forth and being involved through personal service: visitation of homes, establishing contact of some sort with every soul everywhere, serving Christ in the sick and the marginalized, wherever there can be found an opportunity to do spiritual works of charity for the needy. In this way, you take your turn in working as God's agents in His plan of salvation for His people, which is the true heart of evangelization."



APOSTOLIC SYSTEM

The apostolic system of the Legion of Mary is to seek the salvation of all.

Therefore, ***active work must be done!***



APOSTOLIC SYSTEM

Heroic Work – “As a principle, every Praesidium should be doing some work which can be called heroic.” *HB p. 231*

Works of Conversion

Works of Conservation

Works of Consolation



APOSTOLIC SYSTEM

Heroic Work:

“Any activity performed in an uncontrolled environment, where there is either a real or perceived risk, or danger to an individual. This pertains not only to physical risk, but also to potential emotional embarrassment or verbal abuse.”

(San Francisco Senatus)

APOSTOLIC SYSTEM

SUGGESTED HEROIC WORKS OF THE LEGION OF MARY

- **Home Visitation (Door to Door)**
- **Peregrinatio Pro Christo (PPC)**
 - **Expolratio Domicialis**
 - **Apostolate to the Crowd**
 - **Prison Ministry**
 - **Book barrow**
 - **Hospital Ministry**
 - **Apostolate to the Tourists**

Door-to-Door Visitation

A fundamental Legion apostolate in which legionaries visit homes personally and respectfully

- to establish friendship
- encourage the practice of the faith
- invite people to the sacraments
- pray with families
- and bring souls closer to Christ through Mary.

The visitation is personal, gentle, and persevering, not intrusive or judgmental.

Peregrinatio Pro Christo - PPC

A special missionary apostolate in which legionaries leave their home area temporarily — often for several days or weeks — to evangelize another parish, city, or country.

They conduct intensive apostolic work including home visitation, public evangelization, meetings, catechesis, and promotion of the Catholic faith.

Apostolate to the Crowd (Crowd Contact)

An apostolate directed toward people gathered in public places such as streets, parks, transportation centers, festivals, or shopping areas. Legionaries approach individuals courteously, distribute Catholic literature or invitations, begin conversations about faith, and seek opportunities for evangelization and personal contact.

Book Barrow

A mobile apostolate using a cart, table, stand, or portable display of Catholic books, pamphlets, sacramentals, and religious materials placed in public areas. Its purpose is to attract people to Catholic teaching, encourage conversations about the faith, and spread sound doctrine through literature evangelization.

Prison Ministry

The Legion apostolate to those in prisons or detention facilities. Legionaries visit inmates to offer friendship, prayer, catechesis, encouragement, sacramental preparation, and spiritual support, always emphasizing God's mercy, dignity, and hope for conversion.



Exploratio Dominicalis

A Sunday visitation apostolate, especially in rural or neglected areas where Mass may not regularly be available. Legionaries gather people for Sunday prayers, catechetical instruction, Rosary, religious discussion, visitation of homes, and preparation for eventual priestly ministry and sacramental life.

The Latin term means roughly “**Sunday Exploration**” or “**Sunday Mission Outreach.**”

Day of Evangelization

An organized day dedicated entirely to active apostolic outreach. Legionaries spend the day in prayer and missionary activity such as home visitation, street evangelization, invitations to Mass or parish programs, distribution of religious materials, and personal conversations aimed at bringing souls closer to Christ.

APOSTOLIC SYSTEM

OTHER SUGGESTED WORKS OF THE LEGION OF MARY

- **Catechism of OCIA**
- **Sacred Heart Enthronement**
 - **Patrician's Meeting***
 - **Apostolate in the Parish***
 - **Adoration or Holy Hour***
 - **Promoting Retreats***
- **Supervision of Junior Praesidia or
Youth Groups**
 - **Pilgrim Virgin Apostolate**



Legionary Heroes:

Frank Duff our Founder

**Edel Quinn Envoy to
Africa**

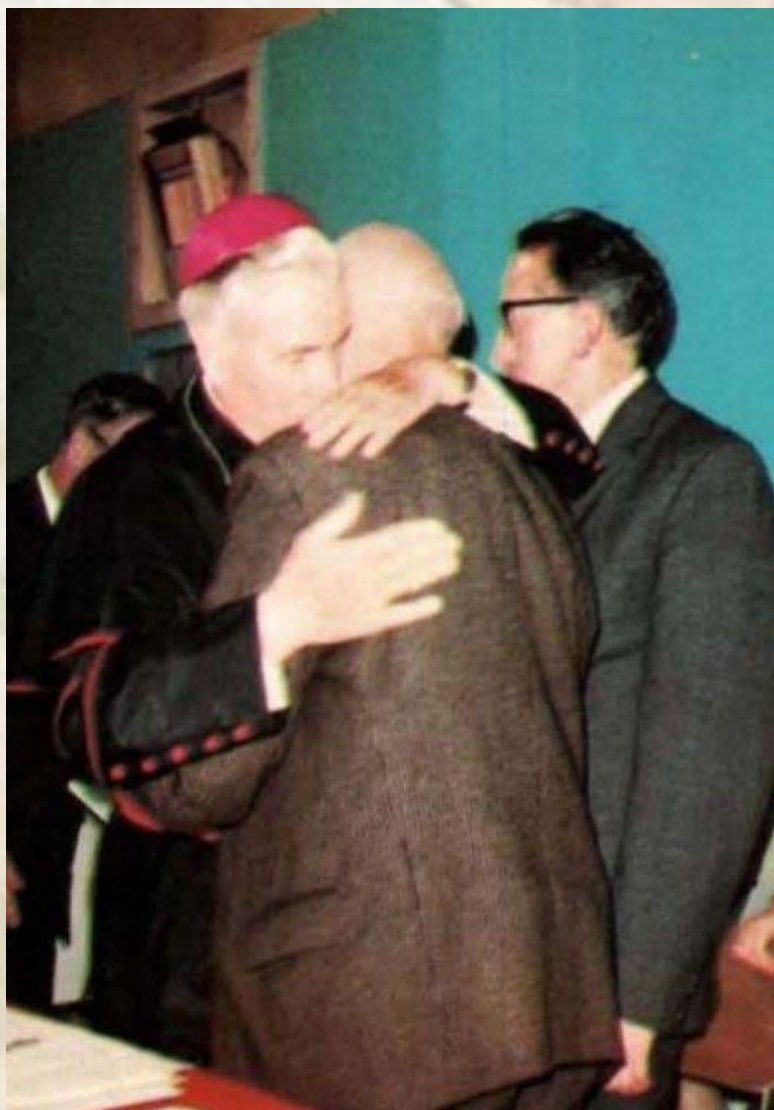
**Alfie Lambe Envoy to
South America**

**Chinese Legionaries in
Communist China**

Final Challenge

Let us ask ourselves:

- . Am I truly an apostle or only a participant?**
- . Am I willing to go beyond comfort?**
- . Do I believe in real conversion?**
- . Are my works truly “heroic”?**



During a 1969 gathering in Dublin, Archbishop Fulton Sheen greeted Frank Duff, Legion of Mary founder, and stated,

'These are glorious times in which we have to stand up and be counted.'

Closing Commission

Bring Mary into every mission field!

She stood at the Cross beside suffering humanity.

We must stand beside it too.

No soul is beyond redemption.

No place is beyond grace.

No apostolate is too small when done with love.