



San Francisco Senatus News Notes (For January 2025)



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It's back... the monthly Senatus News Notes! Yes, beginning this month, we will be publishing and sharing with all of you some of the current events, reports and valuable information from around the San Francisco Senatus. The contents of the News Notes are from the minutes of the Senatus meeting and other valuable information which we deem are worth sharing with all our councils and praesidia. Our goal is to further improve communication with all our directly attached councils (and their own directly attached lower councils and praesidia) and our directly attached praesidia. The San Francisco Senatus welcomes comments, questions and ideas to assist you to make the Legion of Mary more effective in the work of evangelization.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICERS

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (First Term)

President, Sister Norma Romano
Vice President, Sister Mercedita Cadiz
Treasurer, Sister Benilda Cubangbang

Our Lady of Visitation (First Term)

President, Sister Antonia Velasco
Secretary, Sister Emmie Ponce

Praesidium Report: Queen of the Holy Rosary praesidium of St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral gave their first annual report delivered by Sr. Regina Moore, President. They have 7 active members and 2 probationary members, and 6 auxiliary members. They visit patients in nursing homes, including a

priest and a nun. They visited and helped a Catholic woman during her pregnancy referring her to agencies for much needed help. Her baby and two of her nephews were baptized. They also were instrumental after inviting a man to the Legion summer function enter RCIA and receive the Sacrament of Baptism. They helped to organize a Crowning ceremony of the Blessed Virgin for the feast of the Assumption at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral. They distributed 2400 Miraculous Medals and Eucharistic kits provided by a donor to those attending Mass at the Cathedral, for which they received a Certificate from the Knights of Columbus. Three members participated in the Apostolate to the Crowd at the Tenderloin and near the Planned Parenthood. They held a "meet and greet" gathering after Mass to recruit members of the Legion during which they showed a video on the Legion and have placed materials on the Legion of Mary at the entrance of the church. They promote Adoration of Blessed Sacrament and have Pilgrim Virgin apostolate and work with the RCIA. They have received training as Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to residents of nursing home. Goals include planning a retreat, advertise the Legion in the Cathedral's weekly bulletin, start door to door visits, create a QR code for the Legion of Mary to link to the St. Mary's Cathedral website, and bring Holy Communion to residents of 5 retirement homes and nursing homes. The praesidium was thanked from the floor by several Legionaries for being a great addition to the Senatus, for their work during the year, and for their

working closely with their spiritual director Deacon Sandoval to help the parish.

Praesidium Report: 12th annual report of Lady of all Nations praesidium of Mission Dolores church given by the Vice-President, Sr. Sonia Escoto. They have 2 active members and 30 auxiliary members. They participate in the Apostolate to the Crowd, Pilgrim Virgin apostolate, visit the sick at home and in the hospitals. They promote praying the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet after the daily 8am Mass. Their goal for the coming year is to recruit more active and auxiliary members. Sr. Gamez, president of the Nuestra Senora de Dolores praesidium of Mission Dolores church, offered to work with the praesidium to increase their membership.

COUNCIL REPORT: UTAH CURIA has 6 attached praesidia, the Curia president is working with the pastor at St. Catherine of Siena parish to establish a praesidium there. The long-time curia spiritual director, Msgr. Winterer passed away in October. Legionaries attended his vigil, funeral and burial and prayed the Legion prayers and Rosary for him. The second annual report was given by Our Lady of Fatima praesidium of St. George parish in the city of St. George, the only praesidium in southern Utah. (Report by Br. Frost, Correspondent)

COUNCIL REPORT: IDAHO CURIA – they have 15 attached praesidia, approximately 131 active members and 70 auxiliary members. They meet each month at St. John’s Cathedral in Boise. Elections will be held for curia secretary and treasurer. They held a retreat in October whose theme was Evangelization.

Works include door to door visitation, lead the Rosary during funeral vigils, Distribute Holy Communion to the homebound and in psychiatric hospital and care homes. They visit prisoners and teach catechism and have Pilgrim Virgin apostolate. The curia finances were audited by two members. They promote Eucharistic Adoration, held movie nights about Our Lady. They helped their spiritual director who is also a military chaplain in a ceremony to dedicate new Catholic artwork and stained glass in the chapel at the military base. The large geography and scattered population of Idaho is a challenge for them. But curia members traveled to the distant locations during the quarter to visit distant praesidia before the winter weather. They are interested in using social media as an evangelization tool. (report read by Br. Mateo)

ALLOCUTIO by Br. Frost - He encouraged that the handbook be read as the spiritual reading for each praesidium meeting, that the allocutio be given based on the spiritual reading, and that a portion of the praesidium meeting be devoted to discussion on a section of the handbook by the members. We are blessed to have such a book as our handbook to guide us spiritually and practically. There are many organizations who wish that they had something so valuable a resource as we do in the Legion of Mary. Fr. William Lauriola OFM, retired pastor of Immaculate Conception church, recently passed away, may he rest in peace. He told the story that when he was assigned as a missionary to Korea, he asked his superior what he was supposed to do. The superior gave him a copy of the Legion of Mary handbook. Fr. Lauriola said he put the Handbook into practice and was very successful in his mission.

OTHER REPORTS: Patricians are held each month at Star of the Sea Church and St. Patrick Church.

APOSTOLATE TO THE CROWD: Br. Marten gave a report on the Tenderloin apostolate; three Legionaries participated and spoke to around 30 people with good results offering them miraculous medals and rosaries with leaflets on how to pray the rosary. Br. Marten also mentioned that Micaela Cordova, 98 years old, is a former active Legionary and makes the rosaries that we distribute on the Apostolate.

BOOK BARROW: A Jehovah's Witness spoke with the Legionaries.

OTHER BUSINESS: Several Legionaries commented that they were very pleased with the Annual General Reunion held on December 21 after the Senatus meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT: San Francisco Senatus Workshop, March 15, 2025 - Mater Dolorosa Church - It was announced that the San Francisco Senatus will be holding a workshop to be held on March 15 from 9 am to 4pm at Mater Dolorosa church in South San Francisco, for all officers and active members in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Flyers were distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENT regarding the Acies for the Senatus on March 29 at 10am at the Church of the Visitacion, for all active and auxiliary members. Flyers were distributed.

STUDY OF THE FAITH: Catholic Social Teaching on Subsidiarity - Bro. Frost pointed to the teaching on subsidiarity

being a foundation of the Church's social teaching along with solidarity. Subsidiarity means that it is better to have a smaller unit accomplish what it can for itself rather have having a bigger unit take over the responsibility of a smaller unit. For example, the family has its own particular vocation, and it shouldn't be overshadowed by a larger entity such as the government.

ELECTION OF SENATUS VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

There will be an election at the February meeting for Senatus Vice-president and Secretary, as the first terms of Sr. Perlas and Sr. Velicaria have expired.

THE WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

was announced for Saturday January 25. Mass at the Cathedral at 10am and speakers at the Civic Center Plaza at 12 Noon.

WELCOME - Sr. Katerina, a long time Legion of Mary member and officer, originally from Fiji, now living in the Bay Area and attending Mother Full of Grace praesidium in Novato, was invited to say a few words about her Legion of Mary experience in Fiji and Australia.

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