



# LEGION OF MARY MATER ECCLESIAE SENATUS OF HOUSTON

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## Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>



### Our Lady of Prompt Succor The Madonna of New Orleans Patroness of Louisiana

Our Lady of Prompt Succor (French: Notre Dame du Prompt Secours) is a Roman Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with a wooden devotional image enshrined in New Orleans, Louisiana, United States of America. The famed image is closely associated with Mother Saint Michel, the Superior of the New Orleans Ursulines.

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**3. MARY IMMACULATE**

A second aspect of Legion devotion is towards the Immaculate Conception. At the very first meeting, the members prayed and deliberated round a little altar of the Immaculate Conception identical with that which now forms the center of every Legion meeting. Moreover, the very first breath of the Legion may be

said to have been drawn in an ejaculation in honor of this privilege of Our Lady, which formed the preparation for all the dignities and all the privileges afterwards accorded to her. The Immaculate Conception is referred to by God in the same sentence in which Mary herself is first promised to us. The privilege is part of Mary: Mary is the Immaculate Conception; and, together with the privilege, prophecy is made of its heavenly sequel: the Divine Maternity, the crushing of the serpent's head in Redemption, and Mary's Motherhood of men. "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." (Gen 3:15) To these words, addressed to Satan by Almighty God, the Legion turns as the source of its confidence and strength in its warfare with sin. It aims with all its heart to become in fullness the seed, the children of Mary, for there is the pledge of victory. In the measure that it makes her more and more its mother, is the Legion's enmity with the powers of evil intensified and victory made more complete.

*"The sacred writings of the Old and New Testaments, as well as venerable tradition, show the role of the Mother of the Saviour in the plan of salvation in an ever clearer light and call our attention to it. The books of the Old Testament describe the history of salvation, by which the coming of Christ into the world was slowly prepared. The earliest documents, as they are read in the Church and are understood in the light of a further and full revelation, bring the figure of a woman, Mother of the Redeemer, into a gradually clearer light. Considered in this light, she is already prophetically foreshadowed in the promise of victory over the serpent which was given to our first parents after their fall into sin. (cf Gen 3:15)" (LG 55)*

### ALLOCUTIO

By Fr. Victor Perez

Spiritual Director of the Houston Senatus

Allocutio Senatus Dec. 9, 2018

Yesterday we celebrated Mary's Immaculate Conception. We celebrate who she is, that is she is the Immaculate conception. It is who she said her name was in Lourdes. We live in a world of much sin. It is easy to get used to sin. It is easy to fall into sin. People with many years of being faithful to Christ suddenly fall or leave the path of Christ. We have to be vigilant. We should never fall into routine or complacency. We should not say "come now. I'm already a saint. " Or "My salvation is secure." That shows a lot of pride. Sin always awaits us. We have original sin. That runs deep in us. We were born in sin as psalm 51 says. We are children of Eve. Do not be surprised when you hear scandal. Man can easily fall for the devil's traps. The devil is very alive. But sin creates chaos in someone's life. That is why we must realize how good our Mother Mary is. In this world where sin seems normal we look to her and the holiness we are called to.

We are called to be immaculate, to be holy in Heaven, filled with grace. Mary was preserved from all stain, immaculate preservation, but we have to have a purification of our sins. We should always be grateful for our close union with Mary. She helps preserve us from evil in our lives. If we could only see it. All the graces come from Christ, but Mary helps us to obtain grace for us. She takes care of us She sees the dangers to our soul. In a world where there is much sin, grace abounds. Mary is our hope. A new beginning of the human being. Created without original sin. A special grace in view of her mission to be the Mother of the Savior. God gave him this grace in view of the merits of Christ because God is outside of time. So we can be holy. Mary is our model. Do unto me according to your word, she said to the Angel. We have to follow the law of God, follow the will of God like Mary did. Sometimes in our mind we know the will of God and with the heart we do not want it. Maria was not like that. She was full of love. Her will fit perfectly in God's will like a hand in a glove. She was docile to the Holy Spirit. We have to surrender ourselves to the Holy Spirit always through our consecration to Mary. Be Mary's son, not Eve's. There is continuous war in us. Who will win? Mary or the devil. You will be the son of Eve or the son of Mary. Brothers, we have to go to the cross with Mary. Be there, offer Christ our crosses every day. Dying to sin Be crucified with Christ. Love Christ with all your heart as Mary did. In this way we are not going to betray God. The virgin needs us. Christ calls us to follow him. We are weak but the grace of God is victorious in us. I hope that Mary will help you prepare more lovingly and zealously for the coming of the Savior. May we long for Emmanuel God with us, Jesus Christ. Amen. Save us Jesus. You died for us.

### QUARTERLY REPORTS DISTANT COUNCILS

#### ALBUQUERQUE COMITUM, NM

The Albuquerque, New Mexico Comitium consists of three Curiae. The North Curia where Raton is located which is the location of the first praesidium in the United States. The second is the South Curia and the third is Carlsbad which is located in the southeastern part of New Mexico. The South Curia frequently attends the Comitium meetings. The other two are distant. Sr. Deborah S. is the correspondent to the North Curia. Sr. Lee Ann M. is the correspondent to Carlsbad and reported they have elected a new curia pres. The Comitium has 18 directly attached praesidia. Their long time Spiritual Director is Deacon Sal Mercado. The Pres. is Br. Art S. whose mother was in the legion and has left him with fond memories. At the November meeting they elected a new Comitium Vice President, Sr. Ann C. was elected by acclamation and the correspondent has submitted her name and election info to the Senatus to be ratified at the December meeting.

**Our Lady of Fatima** praesidium at St. Jude Thaddeus parish reported 93 people signing up to have the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in their homes with 36 already completed. They also promote an annual renewal of the Total Consecration according to St. Louis Marie De Montfort.

**Our Lady of the Rock** Praesidium gave their annual report emphasizing their working in pairs. They visit homes, nursing homes, and bring the Pilgrim Virgin Statue to homes. They take Holy Communion to many homebound.

#### SAN ANTONIO COMITUM

The San Antonio Comitium continues to do very well with excellent meeting attendance and representation. Regarding Mary's House, the deed resolution has not been communicated but the decision has been made not to give the house to the Diocese but to seek donations from contractors for the repair of the house.

#### AMMARILLO CURIA

The Amarillo Curia is working to establish a Spanish praesidium and has requested Vietnamese handbooks as there is interest in a Vietnamese praesidium. They are still struggling with curia meeting attendance. Enhancements to their meeting agendas were made in order to make their meetings more informative and filled with the Legion spirit. These included always having a discussion of apostolic work even when no formal praesidium report is due, brief reports on Maria Legionis, Edel Quinn, Alfie Lambe, and excerpts from the Senatus and Concilium bulletins.

#### RIO GRANDE VALLEY COMITUM

The Rio Grande Valley Comitium has one attached curia, Brownsville Curia. Curia members frequently attend the Comitium meetings. The Comitium has 14 directly attached praesidia. Their spiritual Director is Deacon Frank Flores. The President is Sr. Doris D. At the September meeting they elected a new Comitium secretary, Sr. Nora Alvarado, she won by a majority the votes. This correspondent has submitted her name and election info to Senatus to be Ratified in December. The Comitium's AGR is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup>, Hosted by San Juan Praesidium, San Juan Church, San Juan, Texas.

**Maria, Madre del Rosario** Praesidium, St. Jude Church, Weslaco, Tx. Gave their annual report They have 12 active members and 17 auxiliaries. Their active works are visitations to the sick, homebound, hospital, nursing home and they lead the rosary at funerals. **OL of Lourdes** Praesidium, Rio Grand City, has 9 active and 5 auxiliaries. Their active works are homebound, hospital, nursing home, teach CCE, RCIA and visits to a Juvenile Detention Center. **OL of Perpetual Help** Praesidium, reported they have 15 active and 3 auxiliary members. Active works are homebound, hospital, communion service at a nursing home, RCIA and lead rosary at funerals.

**BROWNSVILLE CURIA-** Maria, Esposa del Espirito Santo Praesidium, Good Shephard Church reported they have L2 active and 10 auxiliary members. Active works are homebound, hospital, nursing home and lead the rosary at funerals. **Nuestra Senora del Pilar** Praesidium, St. Luke Church has 8 active and 19 auxiliary members. Active works are homebound, nursing home, hospital, teach CCE and lead rosary at funerals.

**FORT WORTH KOREAN CURIA****Mother of God**

Established 1996 Spiritual Director: Father Benedicto Jeong. Legion of Mary presently has 1 Curia and 4 Praesidium. The Curia consists of 24 Active members and 50 Auxiliary members. Active Works include: Visits indifferent believers, Visits hospitals and homes, Leading the Rosary at Wakes and Funerals, Taking care of disabled persons and family, Encouraging Reconciliation, Cleaning and decorating church, Helps Sunday school, Flower arrangement of the Alter, Mass for the dead, Goals: Recruit new reservists for church, Pray for sick people in our church, Annual general reunion on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**HOUSTON LOCAL COUNCILS****HOUSON KOREAN CURIA****St. Andrew Kim Korean Catholic Church**

Established on March 1989, Spiritual Director, Rev. Peter Ko Memberships Houston Parish, 7 Praesidia ; 42 Actives, 92 Auxiliaries, 1 Praetorian , 2 Junior Praesidia; 18 Active Members, 4 Auxiliaries . College Station Parish (Composed of international Students at Texas A&M) 2 Praesidia; 13 Active Members and 17 Auxiliaries. Active Works: Houston Parish: Visited and prayed for dead soul at cemetery, Visited nursing home, Visited patients at their home and the hospital prayed for them, Advised to inactive Catholic members to encourage reconciliation, Lead the Lady of Fatima pilgrimage to the parishioner's homes and prayed rosary, Mailed weekly church bulletins whom could not attend on Sunday Mass, Continuously Recruiting Active and Auxiliaries Members, Reached out to atheists and invited to preparation for the Sacraments, Joined in a litany for the dead and visited funeral homes, Junior High Praesidium Members help Food Bank, Help the Homeless People, Give the Miraculous Medal to Nonbelievers and Parishioners, Mentored New Parishioners from Korea or other states, Mentored RCIA Members, Helped Junior Praesidium's Retreat. College Station Parish Works: Advised Inactive Catholic member to encourage reconciliation and attending a mass, Caring new parishioner, Cared for new comers/students both of believers and nonbelievers from Korea and helped them get settle in, Visiting moving family, Caring a family to born a new baby, Recruited active member. Highlights for the Year: Junior Praesidium Retreat held on August 31<sup>st</sup> - Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup> , We introduced about Catholicism to who visited our church's bazaar. Goals: Continuous Recruit Junior and Adult Praesidium Members. Upcoming Event: Annual General Reunion on December 2, 2018.

**NORTH WEST CURIA****Our Lady Undoer of Knots**

The five reporting praesidia are made up of 42 active members and 163 auxiliary members with 1 Praetorian. Spiritual Director Fr. Charles Van Vliet. ACIES 2018 was at the Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral 13 members attended from two praesidia. Five praesidia gave their report within the period.

Door to Door visitation (by 2 praesidia), Nursing home (by 5 praesidia), Hospital visitation (By 1 praesidia), Pilgrim Virgin Statue visitation (praesidia), Sacred Heart Enthronement (praesidia), Catechism for Christian Education (praesidia). A total of about 1145 visitations were made to homes, 525 visitations were made to rooms at nursing homes, three hospital visits, 19 pilgrim Virgin Statue visits and one enthronement of the Sacred Heart. A total of 4762 contacts were made, out of which 584 were Catholics, 65 protestants (per records), 7 Jehova's Witnesses, 11 Buddhist, 3 Atheist's, 1 Muslim, 1 Jewish and 4092 uncategorized persons. Three persons received extreme unction. And one of them passed away. Three persons returned to Mass. One was a friend whose Dad had stroke. He suggested extreme unction and after visit of the Priest his health improved so he started going to Church. He was away for more than 30 years. Another was met during door to door on a Saturday evening and was invited to Mass. He showed up the next day after about 35 years. The 3'd, was during door to door as well. He was encouraged, and he confirmed he had resumed at their next visit. A resident at the nursing home received conditional Baptism, First (official) Holy Communion and Confirmation through the praesidium effort. Through the assistance of praesidium members at different times, the Priest heard 22 confessions and distributed 24 Holy Communions. Another Praesidium had 1724 communions distributed to the sick and elderly. Another praesidia reported that at one of the nursing homes, a Baptist has confirmed intent to become Catholic. She is undergoing instruction and will be received into the Church as soon as possible. Many of the praesidia visit nursing homes and give Holy Communions to the shut-ins. A praesidium organized the Renewal of Total Consecration in the Parish. On April 7<sup>th</sup> 2018, about 40 persons renewed their total consecration to Our Lady. Another praesidia organized the centennial of Our Lady of Fatima on October 13, 2017 with a special Mass which was attended by about 300 people. A Rosary was also recited which was attended by about 100 persons. The same praesidium celebrated Our Lady's feasts on December 8 and 12, 2017, January 1, August 15, September 8 and September 15, 2018. On each occasion about 30 persons attended and recited the Rosary. Another praesidium organized May crowning of Our Lady in collaboration with the Spanish Legion. About 150 persons attended. During Lent, they distribute ashes to the staff and residents of a nursing home. They lead stations of the cross which is attended by both Catholic and protestant residents. They also, lead their parish station of the cross in Lent where about 105 persons attend every week. Another Praesidia takes care of 4 nursing homes and have Mass said at each nursing every week. They also organize for confession and anointing of the sick for the residents. Materials Distributed: 2853 Rosaries, 417 Rosary pamphlets, 1548 Miraculous Medals and pamphlets, 134 Scapulars and pamphlets, 5 New Testament Bibles, 2540 Catholic Literatures, 283 Catholic prayer manuals/booklets, 2 bottles of Holy Water, 7 Bottles of St. Philomena Oil, 195 Holy Pictures, Prayer cards and prayer cards, 18 Crucifix, 1 Medal of St. Gerard and 3678 pamphlets. November Mass for Deceased Legionaries was booked by all reporting praesidia. Two residents at the nursing home are currently undergoing RCIA classes for First Holy Communion

and possibly Confirmation. One of the contacts who returned to Church goes to confession and start receiving Holy Communion regularly. A member is in the process of bringing his Boss into the Church. A praesidium was invited by the Jehova's witness members to discuss the Divinity of Our Lord. During one of our door to door visits, we encountered a Jehova's witness. Most of the praesidia have few members. Efforts on recruitment has not yielded much. A praesidium reported that due to the recent scandal in the Church, that Catholics they come across want to leave the Church. They dissuade them by pointing at the immense treasure in the Eucharist. Language Barrier: Not able to communicate with Spanish speakers. Need to recruit more Spanish speakers and possibly learn Spanish. Summary of plans expressed by praesidia: Get a Spiritual Director, increase their number of Pilgrim Virgin Visit and Sacred Heart Enthronement, train all members to handle any office, start Patricians meetings soon, recruit more members, organize auxiliary Rally twice a year, establish a new Senior Praesidium and a Junior to better meet the need of souls, continue to promote Marian Devotion especially Total Consecration, organize exploratio Dominicalis - Sunday Search for souls, organize an enclosed retreat at the beginning of every year. organize an outdoor function, Start Door to Door evangelization.

### LOCAL ATTACHED PRAESIDIA

#### DONATIONS

Ending 11/30/2018

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#### DISTANT COUNCILS

Beaumont Curia, San Antonio Comitium, Gallup Comitium, Dallas Comitium, Tyler Comitium, Fort Worth Korean Curia,

#### HOUSTON COUNCILS

Bay Area Curia, North East Curia, Southwest Curia, Nuestra Señora Reina y Madre Comitium

#### HOUSTON PRAESIDIA

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Mary Queen of All Nations, Our Lady of Unity, Mary Spouse of Joseph

#### ATTENDANCE

There were a total of attendees present, 34 voting officers and 4 guests, 6 Senatus Officers in attendance and Spiritual Director Fr. Victor Perez.

Groups with 100%, Our Lady of Sacred Heart, Spanish Comitium, Senatus Board Officers

#### Distant Councils Officers Ratified

Albuquerque Comitium: Sr. Ann Cormier, Vice President  
1st term 12/2018 end 12/2021  
Rio Grand Valley Comitium: Sr. Nora Alvarado, Secretary  
1st term 12/2018 end 12/2021  
Our Lady of Corpus Christi Curia  
Sr. Delma Torres, President 2nd term 12/2018 Dec-2021

Mc Allen, TX / Curia ( Ark of the Covenant)  
Sr. Areli Garay, President 1st Term 12/2018 -12/2021  
Sr. Caroline Ethridge, Vice President 1st term 12/2018-12/2021  
Sr. Denia de los Reyes, Secretary 1st term 12/2018-12/2021  
Sr. Aida Oracion, Treasurer 1st term 12/2018 -12/2021

### VISITATIONS

### EXTENSION

### OTHER BUSINESS

AGR Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 at the Fatima House, Mary Queen of Angels Praesidium, host praesidium. It was a fun time for all with rosary and Mass with Rev. Robert Seay, O.F.M., Talk on Personal Holiness by Br. Zak, sing along caroling with Br. Jerry and lots of great food.

Lent Retreat March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Fatima House

Acies March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 – Our Lady of Resurrection Praesidium.

**Senatus Meeting: Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 3PM Fatima House**

#### Reports for January 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Host: Northern Curia

Praesidia Annual Report:

Distant Praesidia:

Local Councils: North East Curia, Northern Curia, Vietnamese Curia

Distant Councils: Austin Comitium, Corpus Christi Curia, Dallas Comitium, Arlington Vietnamese Curia. Tyler Comitium ( Due December-2018)

#### CAUSES

Servant of God Frank Duff- Venerable Edel Quin  
Servant of God Alfie Lambe

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#### ALL NIGHT VIGIL

January 4-5, 2019 St. Nicholas 2508 Clay St. Houston TX

#### Saints of the Day for January

1. Mary, Mother of God, 2. Saint Fulgentius, 2. Saint Macarius of Alexandria  
3. Saint Genevieve, 4. Saint Titus, 4. Saint Gregory, 5. Saint Simon / Simeon  
6. The Epiphany of Our Lord, 7. Saint Lucian, 8. Saint Apollinaris  
9. Saint Julian and Saint Basilissa, 10. Saint William, 11. Saint Theodosius  
12. Saint Aelred, 13. Saint Veronica of Milan, 14. Saint Hilary, 15. Saint Paul  
16. Saint Honoratus, 17. Saint Antony, 18. Saint Peter's Chair at Rome

19. Saint Canutus, 20. Saint Sebastian, 21. Saint Agnes, 22. Saint Vincent  
23. Saint Raymund of Pennafort, 24. Saint Timothy, 25. The Conversion of  
Saint Paul, 26. Saint Polycarp, 27. Saint John Chrysostom, 28. Saint Cyril of  
Alexandria, 29. Saint Francis of Sales, 30. Saint Bathildes, 31. Saint Marcell

### January 2019

- 01 New Year Day, Mary Mother of God
- 06 The Epiphany, Three Kings Day
- 13 Houston Senatus Meeting Fatima House 3 PM
- 13 Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan
- 21 Feast of St. Agnes
- 25 Conversion of St. Paul

### January 21th Death Anniversary of

Servant of God Alfie Lambe

Legion of Mary Envoy to South America

Born June 24, 1932

Died January 21, 1958

Cause for the Canonization opened in 1971

The Servant of God, Alphonsus Lambe, (known as Alfie) was born in Tullamore, Ireland on the feast of St. John the Baptist, Friday, 24th June 1932, during the International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin.

Like St. John he was a precursor - the precursor of the Legion of Mary, which Pope Paul VI described as "the greatest movement which has been established for the good of souls since the era of the great religious orders". After spending a period of his youth in the novitiate of the Irish Christian Brothers, which he had to leave because of delicate health, he found his vocation in the Legion of Mary, and was appointed Envoy in 1953. With Seamus Grace, he left for Bogota, Columbia on the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel 16th July of that year.

For almost six years he worked ceaselessly in promoting the Legion of Mary in Columbia, Argentina, Ecuador, Uruguay and Brazil. After a short but grave illness he died in Buenos Aires on the feast of St. Agnes, 21st January 1959. God had bestowed on him great natural gifts, a personality which attracted souls to the service and love of God, an infectious enthusiasm, and a facility for learning languages, which enabled him to rapidly attain fluency in Spanish and Portuguese. During his years in South America he set up a great number of branches of the Legion of Mary, and trained a multitude in the apostolate of the Legion. His devotion to Mary was outstanding, and in contacts with Legionaries and others he explained and urged the practice of the True Devotion to Our Lady.

He is buried in the vault of the Irish Christian Brothers, in the Recoleta Cemetery, Buenos Aires.



### Prayers for the Beatification of Servant of God Alfie Lambe

O God, who by your infinite mercy inflamed the heart of your servant, Alphonsus Lambe with an ardent love for you and for Mary, our Mother; a love which revealed itself in a life of intense labour, prayer and sacrifice for the salvation of souls, grant, if it be your will, that we may obtain, by his intercession, what we cannot obtain by our own merits. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen