

## **Discussion #1 Living Union**

### **UNITY WITH MARY: FERVENT CONSECRATION**

Edel's way was the perfect practice of True Devotion to Our Blessed Lady. This was really her secret. It should be ours too. A member who is not seriously striving to live in perfect union with the Mother of men, the Mother of the Church and the Mother of God, is lacking in the most essential ingredient of the spirit of the Legion of Mary. It is this which has made the Legion; it is this which is its main source of strength; it is this which will see it expand in numbers and in works in the difficult days that lie ahead. (Jubilee Talks, Rev. Francis J. Canon Ripley)

**Reading: pg 25 Chapter 6 The Duty of Legionaries Towards Mary, section 1 thru de Montfort mid-page pg 26.**

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## **Discussion #2 Living Marys**

### **A LEGION OF MARY**

The working out of our whole life depends on our entering into God's arrangement of things. In proportion as we accommodate ourselves to God's plan, we achieve success. But remember this, no matter what our works or strivings and prayers may be, if we leave Mary out, we are not accommodating ourselves to God's plan. Your life is you and she giving all to God. Thus we enter into God's arrangement. (Frank Duff: "Walking With Mary")

**Reading: pg 22 Chapter 5 The Devotional Outlook of the Legion, section 5 *Legionary Devotion* in its entirety.**

St. Louis de Montfort authored this simple but profound prayer, "O Jesus, Living in Mary."

"O Jesus, living in Mary, Come and live in Your servants,  
in the spirit of your holiness, in the fullness of your might,  
in the truth of Your virtues, in the perfection of Your ways,  
in the communion of Your mysteries. Subdue every hostile  
power in your spirit, for the glory of the Father. Amen."

All of us legionaries could shorten this prayer and, giving ourselves to God's arrangement of things, make it one of our frequent short ejaculatory prayers throughout every day, "O JESUS LIVING IN MARY, COME AND LIVE IN ME."

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## **Discussion #3 Living Mary's Maternity**

### **MOTHERHOOD OF SOULS**

The essence of the Legion - motherhood of the Mystical Body - is a doctrine that permeates all Legion organization and activity.

"Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and *mother*." (Mk 3:35)

What a marvel! What an honour! To what a height of glory Jesus elevates us! The women proclaim as most happy her who brought him into the world; but what prevents us from participating in that same maternity? (St John Chrysostom)

**Reading: pg 32 Chapter 6 The Duty of Legionaries Toward Mary Section 3 mid-pg thru text on pg 33**

## **Discussion #4 Living Sacrifice IN IMITATION OF MARY**

**Being the lowly handmaid, the servant of the Lord - this is the cradle of legionary action.**

The necessary union requires not the desire for union, but the capacity for it.

The Legion's battle for souls must begin in the heart of the legionary, conquering pride and self.

Legionary, your firm support is Mary.

Turning to Mary is turning from self, relying on her.

Truly forgetful of self, there is no impediment to the maternal influences of Mary.

**Reading: pg 29 "The necessary union of the legionary... up to quote on pg 31.**

May she lead us to imitate her Stabat (standing) at the foot of the Cross,  
when difficulties, misunderstandings and sufferings arise  
on our way to holiness.

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## **Discussion #5 Living Apostleship EVANGELIZATION**

"Evangelizing is the Church's deepest identity; she exists in order to evangelize." (Pope Paul X1)

The Legion also exists to evangelize, it is her deepest identity.

How do we go about it? First we turn to Mary.

Her very identity is concerned with bringing Jesus into the world.

How is it done? Person to person.

Person to person -- that's one of the secrets of our Legion apostolate.

**Reading: pg 79 "That hope lies in (love)... to end of section, and pg 306 quote. Pg... 314-315 "Persons outside the Church thru "person to another person."**

To the powerful Virgin it is given to crush the serpent's head...

God is willing to give us all. All now depends on us, and on thee by whom  
all is received and treasured up, by whom all is transmitted, O Mother of God!  
All depends on the union of men with her who receives all from God. (Gratry)

**Prayer for the Conversion of the Whole World prayed by Frank Duff everyday over a map of the world**

**O Lord, all hearts are in Your Hand  
You can bend as it pleases You the most  
Obdurate and soften the most hardened.  
Do that honour this night through the  
Blood, merits, wounds, names and  
Inflamed Hearts of Your Beloved Son and  
His Most Holy Mother by granting the  
Conversion of the whole world.  
Nothing less My God, Nothing less  
Because of Mary Thy Mother: because  
Of Thy might and Thy Mercy. Amen.**