



# The Legion of Mary

- † Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith?
- † Do you want to enrich your prayer life?
- † Do you want to develop close Catholic friendships?
- † Do you want to grow closer to Jesus and His Mother?

## WHAT IS IT?

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with well over 3 million active members in almost every country of the world. It has been active in the United States since 1931, has been approved by the last 6 Popes, and was endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members. Members also seek to honor the Mother of God as their Mother and Queen, and to offer all to our Lord through her loving hands: *to Jesus through Mary*.

## WHAT DOES IT DO?

Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works can include visitation of the sick or aged (in their homes and in hospitals and nursing homes), religious education, prison ministry, and even door-to-door evangelization. Legionaries are under the guidance of a spiritual director named by the pastor. The Legion is, in essence, an extension of the heart and hands of the pastor.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Members meet once a week for prayer, planning and discussion in a family setting. Then they do two hours of definite work each week in pairs and under the guidance of their spiritual director.

## WHO CAN BELONG?

The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholics who:

- † Faithfully practice their religion;
- † Are animated by the desire to participate in the Church's apostolate through membership in the Legion;
- † Are prepared to fulfill the duties which active membership in the Legion involves.

Our Saint Mary Church praesidium (chapter), MARY CAUSE OF OUR JOY, meets every Saturday. 9AM Mass and then Rosary and Meeting in the Parish Hall. For information call Erlinda Zelaya at 203-866-5546. Come and help us help The Virgin Mary bring many souls to heaven!