



LEGION OF MARY MATER ECCLESIAE SENATUS OF HOUSTON

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Venerable Edel Quinn



One day in 1937 a Dutch priest was driving an Irish girl to a Legion of Mary meeting some miles from his mission in Africa. They came to a river in such flood that the bridge across it could not even be seen. He was about to turn back when the girl cried out, "Oh Father, please go on, I'm sure Our Lady will protect us". He was aghast but found he couldn't resist such faith. Some men standing by formed a human chain to see if the bridge was still there.

It was, so he drove on blindly. The water flooded the engine and plugs but the impetus carried the car across and up an incline at the far side. He dried the plugs and tried the starter. The car got going and they were in time for the meeting. The girl was Edel Quinn and the incident typical of her story. In 1936 she had been sent from Dublin to establish the Legion in East and Central Africa. The difficulties were enormous, but she met every challenge with unwavering faith and courage. When others faltered her invariable response was, "Why can't we trust Our Lady?" or "Our Lady will see after things". For nearly eight years, her health steadily declining, she worked over the vast territories committed to her. Hundreds of Legion praesidia and many higher councils were set up on an enduring basis. As a result, thousands of Africans are engaged in the Church's work of evangelization.

At the source of all Edel's activity was her deep union with God, sustained by constant prayer. The Eucharist was the center of her life: "What a desolation life would be without the Eucharist", she wrote. Her devotion to Mary was marked by childlike trust and utter generosity. She said she could never refuse Our Lady anything she thought she wanted. Mary's Rosary seemed to be always in her hand.

Edel died in Nairobi on May 12, 1944. In 1957 the Archbishop of Nairobi initiated the process for her Beatification and many witnesses were examined in Africa and Ireland. Their evidence, published by the Holy See, points not only to outstanding holiness but to holiness in its most attractive form. The words love, joy, peace appear in almost every testimony. The Vicar General of Mauritius was speaking for many when he said, "I want to lay special emphasis on her constant joy; she was always smiling; she never complained; she was always at people's disposal, never stinting her time".

It is for the Holy See to pass judgement on her heroic sanctity. In the meantime, hundreds of Bishops have written to the Holy Father in support of the Cause, most of them, it is understood, stressing its special relevance for the young people of our time. Edel, in the words of a Spanish Cardinal, was "an image of the eternal youth of the Church".

On December 15, 1994 Pope John Paul II declared Edel Quinn "Venerable". One miracle attributed to her intercession is still required for her Beatification.

Prayers for the Beatification of Venerable Edel Quinn

Eternal Father, I thank you for the grace you gave to your servant, Edel Quinn, of striving to live always in the joy of your presence, for the radiant charity infused into her heart by your Holy Spirit and for the strength she drew from the Bread of Life to labour until death for the glory of Your name in loving dependence on Mary, Mother of the Church. Confident, O Merciful Father, that her life was pleasing to you, I beg you to grant me, through her intercession, the special favour I now implore, and to make known by miracles the glory she enjoys in Heaven, so that she may be glorified also by your Church on earth, through Christ Our Lord, Amen

(With ecclesiastical approval)

ALLOCUTIO

By Fr. Vincent Vuong-Quoc Nguyen
Houston Senatus Spiritual Director

Fr. Vincent began by acknowledging Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. He then elaborated on Edel Quinn's devotion to the Blessed Mother. He commented on how thankful we are to Our Blessed Mother and God for our faithful Venerable Edel Quinn, her loveliness and her most inspiring gifts to the Legion of her faith, courage, cheerfulness and zeal. He noted that we were there today to honor not only Edel, but Frank Duff, and Alphonsus Lambe for their great love and tremendous dedication to the Mother of us all and that we must pray much more for their canonization. We must bring our Blessed Mother to the world and to those who are hurting and are angry so that she can comfort them.

QUARTERLY REPORTS**DISTANT COUNCILS
MC ALLEN CURIA**

Both the correspondent and a Senatus officer visited Ark of The Covenant Curia in McAllen, Texas. All McAllen Officers were present except the VP. We met on Saturday 1-20-2018 in the KC Hall. We discussed problems occurring in Presidia. By the time our visit concluded all the 4 officers were encouraged and the secretary sent minutes to correspondent right after their January meeting. We encouraged the officers to have Catholic Information tables at the many flea markets that are prevalent in the Valley. It was a beneficial trip for their Curia.

Albuquerque Comitium and New Orleans Regia reports will be given at next month's meeting.

HOUSTON LOCAL COUNCILS**BAY AREA CURIA****Mary More Spacious than the Heavens**

The Bay Area Curia was established in 1977. We have seven attached praesidia. Father Chaco Puthumayil, Spiritual Director.

Annual Report Our Lady. Mother of Divine Grace

Praesidium, St. Clare of Assisi Church, Houston This is their 3rd Annual Report. Their membership consists of 19 active members and 23 auxiliary members. Two of their members are Curia officers. Both types of membership are increased by personal invitation and through Fr. Vincent's referrals.

The attendance at their meetings average 14 or 15 members. Regular works consist of: praying the Rosary and giving Communion to homebound or hospitalized Catholics, bringing the Pilgrim Virgin Statue to homes, lead Bible study groups, teach RCIA classes, visiting the juvenile jail and the women's jail, lead the Rosary at funeral wake services. They also evangelize in the MD Anderson Cancer waiting room and in the Atrium at UHCL. Future plans include the continuance of current works and staffing a book barrow at Bible Studies, K of C breakfasts and other parish events. They attend all the Curia functions, co-chaired the Catholic information Table at the Strawberry Fest, coordinating and leading the Parish Rosary on the 13th of each month in preparation for the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions in Fatima and handing out candles, Rosaries and literature at the 100th celebration.

41st annual Report **Our Lady Star of the Sea**. St. Paul the Evangelist Church. Houston. They have 10 active members and 106 auxiliary members. One of their members is a Senatus officer and one is a Curia officer. Their works include evangelization at a Book Barrow in front of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul office on Thursday evenings at St. Paul Church. Door to Door evangelization, Pilgrim Virgin statue visitation since 1992, visit three nursing homes; The Pointe, Regency Village and Manor Care (closed August 2077

because of Hurricane Harvey damage) They attend all the functions of the Curia, including The Acies, Summer Function to St. Mary Seminary (Tour and Lunch), Annual Reunion, 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima held at St. Clare of Assisi Church, Holy Spirit Conference. In conjunction with St. Paul's Spanish Legion of Mary set up one of three altar tables used during the Feast of Corpus Christi.

A night time Legion of Mary Praesidium is being formed at St. Clare of Assisi Church in addition to its' current day time Praesidium. A Junior Legion of Mary is being formed at St. Paul the Evangelist Church and both will be instituted by the Curia soon.

The Catholic Information Booth at the Pasadena Strawberry Festival will be the weekend of May 18-20. The Bay Area Curia has been participating as a non-profit vendor for at least 40 years. It has been estimated 60,000 people are expected to attend the three-day festival. It is a wonderful opportunity to evangelize and put the Catholic Church out front to the public.

**SPANISH COMITIUM
Inmaculado Corazón de Maria**

We had our Lenten Retreat in LaPorte, and it was well attended with 350 Active members and Auxiliaries Members. In March, we had our ACIES in Angleton. We had about the same number of attendees despite the distance. Enthronements:

Comitium has 79, Curia Inmaculado Corazón de María 22, Curia Reina del Santísimo Rosario 69, Curia Nuestra Señora de la Asunción 53, Curia Reina de la Paz 45, Curia Madre del Salvador 15, with a Grand total of 283 Enthronements. Door -to -Doors: During this period, Our Comitium has 115, Curia Inmaculado Corazón de María has 407, Curia Reina del Santísimo Rosario 232 Curia Nuestra Señora de la Asunción 22, Curia Reina de la Paz 343, Curia Madre del Salvador 90. This is a grand total of 1,209 of Door-to-Door in the past 3 months. Auxiliary Members: During this period, Our Comitium has 115, Curia Inmaculado Corazón de María 24, Curia Reina del Santísimo Rosario 13, Curia Nuestra Señora de la Asunción 50, Curia Reina de la Paz 33, Curia Madre del Salvador 4. Grand total of 160 new Auxiliary members.

COMITIUM PRAESIDIA ANNUAL REPORT: Reports: For this period, we report 4 adult praesidia y 5 Curiae. Praesidium Madre del Amor_(St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Houston, TX) has 9 Active Members, 2 on probation, and 11 Auxiliary Members. They had 109 Enthronements, 116 Rosaries at home with the pilgrim Virgin, 6 Rosaries at funerals, 106 Door-to-Door, and 4 street contacts and they visit the sick in a nursing home and their homes. Two members are Eucharistic ministers. These two sisters help with the Junior praesidia. Praesidium_Madre de Jesucristo (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Houston, TX) has 15 Active Members, and 80 Auxiliaries. They have 5 Pilgrim Mary statues. They had 45 Enthronements, 65 home visits with the pilgrim Virgin, and 177 Door-to-Door. One member visits the jail once a month. They prayed Rosaries in wakes. They visited the sick 15 times. All members have taken Virtus. Praesidium Arca de la Alianza (Holy Family Church, Houston, TX) has 5 Active Members, one is pretorian, 60 Auxiliaries, and 5 adjutors.

They have 2 pilgrim Virgin statues. They visited 39 homes and prayed the rosary with the pilgrim Virgin. They visited the sick 26 times, visited a nursing home 12 times, participated in 6 rosaries in wakes, and had 25 enthronements. They have started a children's group. The children are currently learning about Our Lady of Fatima while also learning to pray the rosary and the Tesserat prayers. Praesidium Estrella de la Mañana (St. Jerome Church, Houston, TX.) has 16 active members and 108 auxiliaries. They had 93 visits with the pilgrim Virgin and 67 enthronement, 9 visits to the sick, 39 visits to the elderly in a nursing home, 7 rosaries in wakes, and 30 door-to-door. They have a children's group. They are learning how to say the rosary, and about Jesus, Mary, and the saints' lives. **QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE CURIA "INMACULADO CORAZÓN DE MARÍA - Reports:** Sr. Carolina Hernández, president of the Curia, reported 3 adult praesidia. Praesidium Inmaculado Corazón de Nuestra Madre María (Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral, Houston, TX) has 5 active members and 10 auxiliaries. They visited the nursing home and hospitals 15 times. They had 72 Door-to-Door. They said 5 rosaries at wakes. They helped with extension and recruitment work in San Juan Diego Church. Praesidium Maria Medianera de todas las Gracias (San Andres, Channelview, Texas) has 10 members, 2 pretorians, and 14 auxiliaries. They had 46 home visits with the pilgrim Virgin statue and 2 enthronements. They had 137 door-to doors. They visited 2 nursing homes. They went 17 times and brought communion 15 times. They prayed the rosary in 12 wakes and funerals. Praesidium Inmaculado Corazón de María (St. Pius V Church, Houston, TX) have 5 active members and 2 pretorians. They have 3 pilgrim Virgin statues. They visited 45 homes and had 28 enthronements. They visited the sick in homes, hospitals and nursing homes 45 times. They prayed 10 rosaries in wakes. They give catechesis. The Curia is working on forming a new praesidium for children in San Juan Diego Church in Pasadena. **QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE CURIA "NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ASUNCIÓN - Reports:** President Br. Juan reported 2 adult praesidia. Praesidium **Madre de la Iglesia** (Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Marvel, TX) has 17 active members 3 on probación, and 97Auxiliaries. They have 2 Pilgrim Virgin statues. They have had 43 Enthronements, 63 home visits with the Pilgrim Virgin, and 13 Rosaries in funerals. They take Communion to the sick to their homes and visited the jail 5 times. They supported 2 Praesidia for recruitment. They had 80 Door-to-Door. Praesidium Puerta del Cielo (St. Patrick, Galveston, TX) has 12 Active Members, 26 Auxiliaries, and 2 Pretorians. They have 4 Pilgrim Virgin Statues and visited 100 homes. They had 28 Enthronements and brought the Eucharist 145 to different places. They participated in 5 wakes. Two members are Catechists. They supported another Praesidium with its extension. The Curia has been visiting two praesidia per month to encourage them to continue their work. They have plans for opening 3 more praesidia in La Porte, Houston (St. Luke), and El Dorado (St. Clair of Assisi). They will have a recruitment for the Junior Praesidia. **QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE CURIA "REINA DEL SANTISIMO ROSARIO - Reports:** President Br. Victor reported 2 adult praesidia and 1 children: Praesidium Nuestra Señora de San Juan de los

Lagos (Nuestra Señora de San Juan de los Lagos Church, Houston TX) has 11 Active Members and 21 Auxiliaries Members. They visited 60 homes with the Pilgrim Virgin statue, had 60 Enthronements, and 41 Door-to-Door. They visited the sick at home and in hospitals. Praesidium Madre Inmaculada (Nuestra Señora de San Juan de los Lagos, Houston, TX) has 10 Active Members, and 20 Auxiliaries. They had 28 Enthronements and 45 home visits. They visit the elderly and the sick in their homes. They supported the Curia and the parish activities. Group of children Morning Star Jr. Praesidium (St. Charles Borromeo Church Houston, TX) have 6 children. They participate in Mass every Sunday and go to Mass every first Friday of the month. They lead the Rosary. Their future plans are to start a children's group in San Martin Crosby Church in TX and start visiting their Praesidia. **QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE CURIA "REINA DE LA PAZ - Reports: President Heidi Banegas reported 5 adult Praesidia:** Praesidium Reina de los Angeles (St. Francis of Sales Houston, TX) has 11 Active Members, 1 on probation, 99 Auxiliaries, 4 Adjuorian. They have 4 Pilgrim Virgin statues that visited 34 homes. They had 44 Enthronements, and 1,485 Door-to-Door. They have a book barrow. They had 28 street contacts They visit the elderly and the sick in hospitals. They support the recruitment team. Praesidium Reina del Santisimo Rosario (St. Francis of Sales, Houston, TX) has 7 Active Members,10 Adjuorian, and 2 members are Catechists. They have 1 Pilgrim Virgin statue, 17 home visits, 15 Enthronements and 1061 Door-to Door visits. They visit hospitals, the elderly, and pray Rosaries at funerals. They had 129 street contacts. Praesidium Estrella de la Manana (St. Benedict Abbot, Houston, TX) has 2 Active Members, 1 on probation and 4 Auxiliaries. They had 91 street contacts and 12 Enthronements. They have 1 Pilgrim Virgin statue and visited 13 homes. They called 43 sick persons. They visited the jail in 2 occasions and the sick. They had 114 Door-to-Door. Youth Praesidia Madre Admirable (St. Francis of Sales, Houston, TX) has 7 Active Members, 1 explains the Scriptures to children during Mass, one is altar server. They did extension in two occasions. They give medals among family and friends. They help with the book barrow. Children's group Mother Virgin (St. Francis de Sales, Houston, TX) has 8 children. They have learned how to say the prayers of our meetings. They are learning how to say the Catena. One helps the Priest. The Curia's future plans are to support the Praesidia and continue visiting our praesidia. **QUARTERLY REPORT FROM CURIA 'MADRE DEL SALVADOR'- Reports:** President Laura reported 2 adult Praesidia: Praesidium Our Lady of the Victory (Sacred Heart, Conroe, TX) has 13 Active Members, 6 are on probation, and 3 pretorians. They had 7 Enthronements, 11 home visits, 129 visits to the sick, 4 visits to a nursing home, and 45 Door-to-Door. They prayed 4 Rosaries at wakes. They distributed the Holy Eucharist to the sick (407). Praesidium Madre Amable (Sta. Martha, María y Lázaro, Kingwood, TX) has 6 Active members, 2 on probation, and 22 Auxiliary Members. They had 38 Enthronements. They visited 66 homes with the Pilgrim Virgin statue. They had 60 Door-to-Door. They visited the Immigration detention center. They participated in 2 Novenas. They had two extensions. The new plans as a

Curiae are to continue visiting the Praesidia to give them support and encouragement. Plans and Projects of the

Comitium are: Attend the May Coronation at the Co-Cathedral. Conduct a meeting for officials on August 25th at St. Jerome Catholic Church. Support Praesidia with few members. Continue visiting our praesidia and Curiae.

LOCAL ATTACHED PRAESIDIA

Our Lady of the Resurrection

Our Praesidium was formed in August 2011 and has the name **Our Lady of the Resurrection** which is the name of our Parish church - Resurrection Catholic Church. Our new pastor is Father Oscar Dubon. This year has been very hard for us because of deaths in our families and illnesses but our Blessed Mother has been with us all along and helped us to overcome. Our members have grown from 5 last year to 10 for this year - 9 of whom are very active. We have not had much of an increase in our Auxiliary members but as of this meeting we added 3 more. Our works consist of visiting the homebound and bringing them Communion. We lead the Rosary at wakes and we also pass out Rosaries and pamphlets at the occurrences. We set up a booth at our bazaar to recruit Auxiliary members and to arrange for a visitation of our Blessed Mother. We give out medals, Rosaries and Catholic literature about the Miraculous Medal. We periodically have a recruitment Sunday after Mass. We visit St. Dominic's and lead the Rosary. Our highlights for this year were attending the Holy Spirit Conference, the Acies, May Crowning and having an Evangelization day during the summer. All but 2 of our members have had the Virtus training and 6 more have subscribed to Mari Legionis magazine. Our goals for this year are to make an all-night vigil and to participate more fully in Senatus events.

DONATIONS

Ending 04/30/2018

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DISTANT PRAESIDIA

HOUSTON COUNCILS

Northern Curia, Nuestra Señora Reina y Madre Spanish Comitium, Bay Area Curia, Mary Mother of the Church Vietnamese Curia

HOUSTON PRAESIDIA

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Mary Queen of All Nations, Mary, Mary Queen of all Hearts, Our Lady of Unity

ATTENDANCE

There was a total of 45 attendees present, 18 guests, Fr. Vincent, 6 Senatus Officers in attendance. Groups with 100%, Senatus Officers, Northern Curia

APPOINTMENTS

EXPIRATIONS

Alicia Yanagisawa 1st term, Pres, Our Lady of Unity Praesidium
 Connie Roushion 1st term, Tres, Our Lady of Unity Praesidium
 Maria Esteban 1st term, Pres, Spanish Comitium

RATIFICATIONS

Hillary Eikhnemela 1st term, Pres, Northern Curia
 Cindy Hawkins 1st term, Tres, Northern Curia

VISITATIONS

Lubbock Sr. Sharon and Sr. Charlene said that Fr. John Smith was impressed and would like to start a Praesidium there.

Sr. Sharon talked at Mass and said the people are thirsty for the Legion and are looking for Jesus through Mary. She said that Bishop Perver is big on Evangelization. Fr. John would like to have a PPC to Lubbock.

Rio Grande Valley Comitium was visited by Sr. Lydia and Sr. Juanita

EXTENSION

Victoria, TX Br. Jerry and Sr. Lydia to visit with Sr. Resendez to assist in setting up a Legion Praesidium there.

OTHER BUSINESS

May Crowning is scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 27th at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 2:30PM.

Acies 2019 – Fr. Felix of Annunciation Church has invited the Senatus to hold the Acies there, with the reception at the Fatima House.

**Next Senatus Meeting: Sunday, June 10th, 2018 at 3PM
 Fatima House**

Reports for May Meeting

Host:

Praesidia Annual Report:

Distant Praesidia:

Local Councils: Korean Curia, Northwest Curia

Distant Councils: Albuquerque Comitium, Amarillo Curia, Fr. Worth Korean Curia, Rio Grande Valley Comitium, Tyler Comitium

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ALL NIGHT VIGIL

June 2nd, 2018

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Legionaries from Houston visiting Lourdes

Saints of the Day for June

- 1. Saint Justin, Saint Pamphilus, 2. Saints Pothinus, 3. Saint Clotilda
- 4. Saint Francis Caracciolo, 5. Saint Boniface, 6. Saint Norbert
- 7. Saint Robert of Newminster, 7. Saint Claude, 8. Saint Medard
- 9. Saints Primus and Felicianus, 9. Saint Columba
- 10. Saint Margaret of Scotland, 11. Saint Barnabas
- 12. Saint John of Saint Fagondez, 13. Saint Antony of Padua
- 14. Saint Basil the Great, 15. Saints Vitus, Crescentia, and Modestus
- 16. Saint John Francis Regis, 17. Saint Avitus
- 18. Saints Marcus and Marcellianus, 19. Saint Juliana Falconieri
- 20. Saint Silverius, 21. Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, 22. Saint Paulinus of Nola
- 23. Saint Etheldreda, 24. Saint John the Baptist
- 25. Saint Prosper of Aquitaine, St William of Monte-Vergine
- 26. Saints John and Paul, 27. Saint Ladislav, 28. Saint Irenaeus
- 29. Saint Peter, 30. Saint Paul



Vietnamese May Crowning procession May 20th 2018.



May Crowning procession at Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Sunday May 27th, 2018.



Sharon, carrying the Professional Vexillum in Lourdes France with Sr. Lydia And Irish Legionary



Br. Alford and Sr. Maria Crowning the BVM

June 2018	
02	Corpus Christi Sunday
10	Senatus Meeting – Fatima House