

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP of the Legion of Mary



Short Background

The Legion of Mary is a Catholic lay association. Its object is the glory of God. This is developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work of bringing everyone closer to God. Members participate in the life of the parish in many different ways and through collaboration in apostolic undertakings sponsored by the parish.

Auxiliary Membership

The active member of the Legion of Mary is complemented by the auxiliary member. The auxiliary member provides the vital element of the back-up of prayer. Without auxiliary members the active group is not as effective as it could be.

What Membership Involves

The auxiliary recites each day the prayers on the Tessera (prayer card of the Legion). If a person is already reciting 5 decades of the Rosary daily that Rosary suffices for auxiliary membership.

Auxiliary members are not asked to attend a regular meeting. However active members are encouraged to keep in touch periodically and to arrange an annual event to which the auxiliary is invited.

Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend (where possible) the annual ceremony of dedication of all members (both active and auxiliary) to Our Blessed Lady called the Acies. This ceremony is held on a date near to 25 March each year.

Auxiliary members are those who are willing to offer the prayers on the Tessera

to Our Lady for her to use as she sees fit. If circumstances change at a future date the auxiliary member is always welcome to become an active member.

Fruits of Auxiliary Membership

- Members share in the prayers and good works of the active members throughout the world.
- After death members share in the thousands of Masses offered each November throughout the world for the repose of the souls of all active and auxiliary members.
- Members gain the indulgences attached to the saying of the Rosary.

How to Become an Auxiliary Member

Submit your name, address and parish to any active member of the Legion of Mary. The above information could be handed in to your parish office to be passed on to the nearest branch of the Legion of Mary. You will be given a Tessera (prayer card).

Your name will be entered on a probationary roll (for 3 months). After this you will be contacted to see if you wish to have your name entered on to the permanent roll. Membership is taken up freely by persons of all age groups.

Appreciation

The active member of the Legion of Mary is very dependent on your prayers - so thank you for considering/becoming an auxiliary member.

May Our Blessed Lady reward your generosity with many graces.