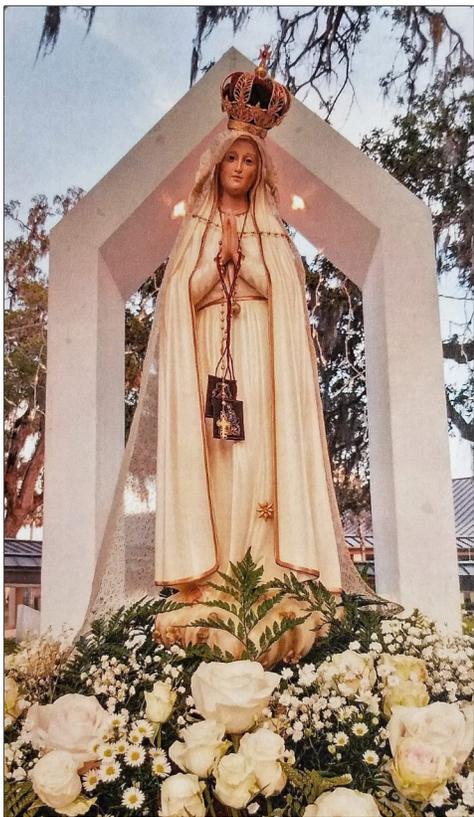


# The Legion of Mary



The Legion of Mary is an International Lay Apostolic association of Catholics who with the sanction of the Church under the leadership of Mary Immaculate, mediatrix of all graces, have formed themselves into a legion for service in the warfare which is perpetually waged by the Church against the world and its evil powers. (From the official handbook of the Legion of Mary, pg 9).



It was founded in Dublin, Ireland, on Sept. 7, 1921, by the Servant of God Frank Duff. It has developed and spread to almost every diocese in the world and presently has a membership of more than 2 million active members and 15 million auxiliary (praying) members.

The primary purpose of the Legion of Mary is to lead people to Jesus Christ through Mary so they can benefit from the love and mercy of God. Specifically, the Legion of Mary seeks to lead the people we encounter in our works to a greater knowledge of God and to increase the faith and holiness of our own members through prayer and service to our Lord.

The parish Legion group (Praesidium) is intended to be a “pastoral tool”, ready for use by the priest. Under his direction, legionaries come together each week for prayer, discussion, pastoral reporting and spiritual formation. They are sent in pairs to perform two hours of apostolic work on weekly basis.

At Blessed Trinity, the Legion of Mary has a rich history of prayer



and service. It was dormant for a while and was re-established on April 8, 2002, and on Sept. 5 of that same year for the Spanish community.

The Legion of Mary at Blessed Trinity is made up of two groups, or Praesidium:

“Our Lady of Sorrows Praesidium” for the English-speaking community and “Reina del Santo Rosario” for the Spanish-speaking community.

There are 13 active members and 102 Auxiliary members in the English-speaking community, 12 active members and over 60 Spanish Auxiliary members.

The works of active members in our parish include: visiting the sick and homebound, bringing communion to the hospitals and nursing homes, bringing the pilgrim Virgin statue to houses to consecrate them, visiting parish families with newly baptized babies, distributing Catholic literature and religious articles, offering rides to Mass for those who need transportation, leading public Rosary prayers, leading Rosary prayers in nursing homes and assisted living homes, organizing prayer services and, processions with the Blessed Mother in our parish, promoting Sacred Heart enthronement for families, assisting at the celebration of Marian feasts, and promoting other Catholic devotions as requested by the Pastor.

Legionaries are also committed to perpetual adoration and some active members (praetorians) to daily attendance of Mass as their spiritual practice to pray for their needs and those of the Parish.

Priests and religious attend our meetings regularly to give us spiritual talks and to answer questions when guidance is necessary.

