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THE DUBLIN INTERVIEWS 1989



*Conducted by
Monsignor Charles T. Moss*



In 1982 Monsignor Charles T. Moss, now deceased, produced the 'Frank Duff – A Living Autobiography' which contained, in part, the text of 8 personal interviews with Frank Duff videoed in 1979 the year before he died.

It was the providential foresight of Monsignor, a dynamic and influential Legion priest and Spiritual Director, who made it possible for the Legion to have access to these personal reflections of its Founder.

Monsignor put these questions to Frank:

**The Handbook tells us that the work is secondary to the meeting.
May we have your comments?**

This is the most important truth about the Legion. There is something that ascends far higher than the nature of the work and that is the spirit, the faith of the Legion. What's the good of concentrating upon very high class work if you don't possess the ingredients for setting about it? That's the fault of the world today –

tremendous programmes, and when the people proceed to analyse what they have got to accomplish those programmes with, they find they have nothing! They fill pages with ambitious schemes and they don't advance an inch on the way to realising them.

That's the fault of this present moment. It's all a paper scheme; they're all designing paper schemes.

They're writing out programmes which presume a real army to carry through and they have no army! The thing is fantastic and represents a great waste of paper to put it at no higher valuation than that!

The first question to be answered before advancing towards the simplest work is: *"Have you got the human material to undertake it?"*

The second is *"Has that human material itself got the capacity to undertake it and persevere?"*

For the Legion, then, the spiritual development of the individual is primary and the work secondary?

This must be the first thing – the development of the instrument. If you want to saw wood, you have to have a saw and that saw has to possess a certain quality. That's the simplicity of the system. When you talk about the spirit of the Legion and its faith, you must then become precise to another degree and you must say to yourself:

Well now, what do you mean by spirit? What do you mean by faith? Is it a simple underdeveloped faith that God is mighty and perhaps on your side and leave things at that?"

Well, of course. No. you have to have the entry of what we call theological considerations into the possession. It must be a complete faith; it must be a Catholic faith; it must believe in the doctrines of the Catholic Church. It must believe in someone who is far too much neglected today and that's the Blessed Virgin. Supposing now somebody said to us who was able to do it: *"Well now we'll put you in every parish of the whole world in great size with every opportunity to attack the work in the way you wish but one condition is necessary."*

And we say: *"Well, what's that?"*

"That you cut out all this nonsense about the Blessed Virgin, take a more sensible view of her."

In other words, *"Cut her out."*

Of course, we don't hesitate for the proverbial second – our answer has to be a total refusal!

Frank Duff reviews his video talk 'True Devotion'



Do you see the Legion in the Twenty-first Century continuing in its dynamic way of the past?



That again is in the category of the 64 million dollar question. To talk about the future is a very dubious proposition because at best, it can only be guesswork. I would have to say that, if the Legion is allowed to retain its present complexion, then it will not only keep its vitality and its degree of success but will far improve on them. But always in the background is the lesson of history which I happen to know a little about. To read history makes you uncertain about everything however solid it may seem to you. You look back over history and you may see the up rise of tremendous organisations. They seem to be so good and you say to yourself: "Oh, they possess the secret of the future." And after a period they are gone. This has particularly been the case of lay societies which have risen. A very wise individual, the late Dr. Downey, Archbishop of Liverpool, after consideration of that whole question, said that every lay society should be suppressed on its fiftieth birthday, that like humanity, it had grown old and was due for retirement. He didn't even give it to the seventy five mark (that we had been discussing)!

While that is going too far, the fact is that extraordinary things happen. It's almost as if the Lord himself gives certain innings to an institution and then wipes it away – no matter how good it had been.

There's a line in Tennyson and it speaks of God renewing Himself in many ways lest one good custom should pervert the world.



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In other words, that's his way of doing things. He creates and perhaps He keeps a whole lot of that permanently in existence through the radiation of His spirit. While it lived, it shaped minds and that would mean it was permanent in the Church. But as a visible entity it has ceased to exist.

While we look at things over the world, we see very troublesome situations. We've always a couple on hand. There are people who are passionately anxious to take possession of the Legion in their place and change it according to their own notions.

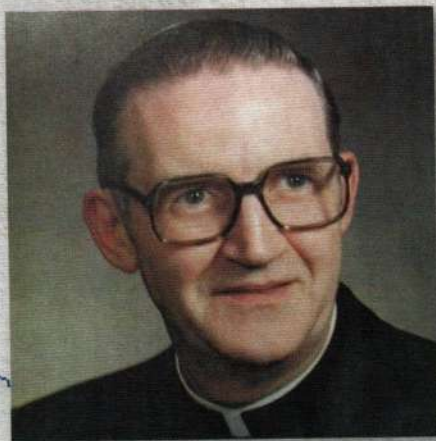
That's there in too many places. If by any sort of chance that mentality prevails and the Legion is changed, I would then be inclined to resort rather confidently to what you have been naming as prophecy and I would be inclined to say that the Legion will be dead which would be a grievous and appalling thought to think! But then you have to think again and say to yourself: "Well the Lord is in His Heaven (laughs). He has allowed that to happen. He will provide."

But then think of what has been permitted to happen in the past.

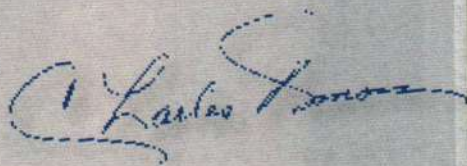


Look at the French Revolution! There now, the Protestant Reformation swept half of Catholicism out and, as Lord McCauley says in one of his writings, none of that ever came back. He says that over time great communities have left the Church and come back. But no community that left the Church at the Reformation ever came back. You see these are extraordinary thoughts. Whole nations are living there now in a benighted form of faith and we're not able to bring them back. They die, pass on. You see there are sobering reflections of this kind whenever you cast your mind into the future. I don't know!

The Legion could be easily destroyed! Pervert its particular outlook in regard to our Blessed Lady – Ah! Just a little twist, just a little twist, the whole thing is gone! Like a proverbial screw which comes out and brings a vast mechanism into inaction.



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THE TEACHING OF (THE COUNCIL) OF TRENT ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

By Fr. Paul Churchill



Tonight I want to begin with the Council of Trent.

This Council was called after the Reformation which itself had been provoked by a series of misunderstandings and abuses in the Church. Some of these abuses had been around the Eucharist so it was necessary to lay down with clarity what the unbroken faith of the Church had always been, East and West, and the decrees of that Council of Trent remain the bedrock of all Church teaching on the Eucharist to this day. The Council of Trent is probably known better for its anathemas, in other words those canons by which it condemned false doctrines. But it also laid out in its decrees the positive teaching of the Church which I will now dip into. I will read out the substantial teaching of this Council on the Most Holy Eucharist, but if you get a copy you can read the lot.

The Council taught "that in the Blessed Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, after the consecration of the bread and wine, Our Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is truly, really and substantially contained under the perceptible species of bread and wine" (Session XIII, October 11, 1551). The redeemer "instituted this wonderful sacrament of the Last Supper, when, after he had blessed bread and wine he said in plain unmistakable words that he was giving them his own body and his own blood". "It was his will that this sacrament be received as the soul's spiritual food, to sustain and build up those who live with his life ... to be a remedy to free us from our daily defects and to keep us from mortal sin.

It was Christ's will that this sacrament be a pledge of our future glory and our everlasting happiness and likewise a symbol of that one body of which he is the head."



“The Church of Christ has always believed that immediately after the consecration the true body and blood of our Lord, together with his soul and divinity, exist under the species of bread and wine. His body exists under the species of bread and his blood under the species of wine according to the import of the words. But his body exists under the species of wine, his blood under the species of bread, and his soul under both species in virtue of the natural connection and concomitance which unite the parts of Christ our Lord, who has risen from the dead and dies now no more. Moreover, Christ’s divinity is present because of its admirable hypostatic union with his body and soul. It is therefore perfectly true that just as is present under either species as is present under both. For Christ, whole and entire, exists under the species of bread and under any part of that species, and similarly the whole Christ exists under the species of wine and under its parts.”

And that is why when only the hosts are given out you also receive the

whole Christ. Or when a coeliac receives only from the chalice that person receives the whole Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity. It is also why we must have great reverence for every crumb and the remains in the chalice.

“This Holy Council now again declares that by the consecration of bread and wine a change takes place in which the whole substance of bread is changed into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the Holy Catholic Church fittingly and properly names transubstantiation.”

“This Holy Council furthermore declares that the custom which has grown up in the Church of God of honouring this great and adorable sacrament with special worship and solemnity on a particular feast day each year, and the custom of carrying the sacrament in procession through the streets and public places with reverence and respect, are good and very religious customs.”

"The custom of reserving the Holy Eucharist in a sacred place is so ancient that it was recognised already in the century of the Council of Nicaea. That the Holy Eucharist should be taken to the sick and that it should be carefully kept in the Churches for this purpose is right and very reasonable."

"The more a Christian is aware of the holiness and the divinity of this heavenly Sacrament, the more careful he should be not to receive it without great reverence and sanctity ... no one who has a mortal sin on his conscience shall dare receive the Holy Eucharist before making a sacramental confession regardless of how contrite he may think he is."

The nineteenth Ecumenical Council opened at Trent on 13 December, 1545, and closed there on 4 December, 1563. Its main object was the definitive determination of the doctrines of the Church in answer to the heresies of the Protestants; a further object was the execution of a thorough reform of the inner life of the Church by removing the numerous abuses that had developed in it.

The Ecumenical Council of Trent has proved to be of the greatest importance for the development of the inner life of the Church. No Council has ever had to accomplish its task under more serious difficulties, none has had so many questions of the greatest importance to decide. The assembly proved to the world that notwithstanding repeated apostasy in Church life there still existed in it an abundance of religious force and of loyal championship of the unchanging principles of Christianity. Although unfortunately the Council, through no fault of the fathers assembled, was not able to heal the religious differences of western Europe, yet the infallible Divine truth was clearly proclaimed in opposition to the false doctrines of the day, and in this way a firm foundation was laid for the overthrow of heresy and the carrying out of genuine internal reform in the Church.

On this last point you may need guidance from a spiritual director for there can be situations when it is hard to know if someone is in mortal sin and also a scrupulous person can suffer greatly over small matters.

The quotes within the text are from the Council of Trent on the Eucharist. All subsequent teaching and devotion in the Church take this teaching as the starting point.

HOPE



by Br. Colm Mannion OP

Through our baptism, we too, are called to be Saints and our Legion membership reminds us again and again of that calling. I'm not in a position to add much to the insights of our Legion founder Frank Duff on the call to sanctity. Nevertheless, little reminders of our vocation to become Saints are always important, particularly when we live in a society which seems confused and scrambles to find hope.

What makes a person a Saint is the union of vast supernatural love of God, and a nature through which this supernatural love can manifest itself without flaw or discord. The correspondence of nature with grace - which the saints have attained and we are still toiling towards-may, or may not, be a difficult road. The journey is something personal and different for everyone. For some of the Saints, a life of holiness seemed to come naturally to them, while others had to work that bit harder. Nevertheless, what all the Saints have in common is that, through different paths, they all found that ultimate peace which we here on earth are striving for.

Peace is not the absence of activity, but the absence of discordancy. Yet, peace may not necessarily be found at the beginning of our life in the Church. Anyone who joins the Church to find an easy life may soon begin to wonder what has gone wrong. Instead of finding tranquility, we are often faced with struggle. Peace may not be granted hand in hand with faith as some sort of "package deal". Certainly, we shall find true peace at the end, but only if we persevere to the end. In the meantime, we can be sure our faith will be tested and we must not lose hope.

Hope is traditionally distinguished as the second of the three theological virtues - faith and charity being the other two. These virtues are called 'theological' because they are explicitly and directly concerned with one's relationship with God.

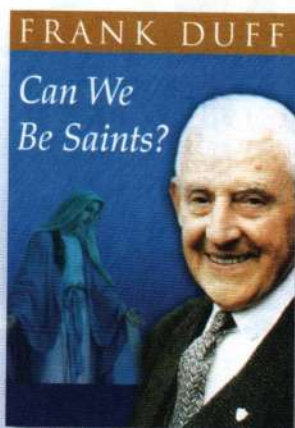
They are understood to be, at the same time God's gift to us, and our own activity. For St. Thomas Aquinas, hope both relies on God and is directed to God. St. Thomas goes further to describe the two major sins against hope - despair and presumption.

Despair occurs when we reach the point where we begin to believe we can no longer trust in God. Despair may seem like the obvious sin against hope, but Presumption is also something we need to be aware of. This may happen in two ways - either we rely on ourselves rather than God, or we might rely on God to do the inappropriate.

St. Thomas observes that in themselves sins against hope may seem less serious than those against faith or charity, but in their own way, they are more devastating. Sins against hope will eventually lead a person to abandon the whole project of the Christian life.

The theme of hope is the dynamic element of the entire Bible. It is presented first and foremost as hope for the people of God as a community (i.e. the whole world as God's creation), and secondly, as hope for the individual. The story line of the Scriptures is an invitation to hopeful living. The book of Genesis begins with the thesis that the suffering and injustices of the world are not simply inevitable facts of existence, because the world of God's creating is wholly Good.

Tragedy and exile have come through mankind's misuse of freedom, but throughout the Old Testament we see time and time again how God will not abandon creation. In the New Testament, Jesus preaches that salvation is now at hand. The Gospels teach us that the object of hope is not simply one's personal intimacy with God after death.



Rather, the object of hope is the coming Reign of God in which all creation will be brought into harmony and human society will be fully reconciled to God. This includes the transformation of human relationships and the structures of society at all levels. We, therefore, find the deepest gift of personal becoming not in removing ourselves from the affairs of human life but by entering into personal communion with God and into communion with all those for whom Christ died.



Br. Colm Mannion OP

Union with God releases us from every fear that can paralyse the action of love. Only on this premise can a person be really free for the world, prophetic and critical in its regard, active in it and for it. Christian hope recognises that we are essentially interdependent, and therefore called to love and care for one another. To put it more simply, we achieve personal happiness by looking beyond ourselves.

Part of the Legion's greatness lies in how it makes us particularly aware of the interdependence of the personal and social dimensions of hope for the true quest and welcoming of the Reign of God coming among us. The Challenge for legionaries during these times of uncertainty is to rediscover in depth the personal and communitarian dimensions of the theological virtue of hope.

If we have hope, then, as Frank Duff said "We can be Saints"

FRANK DUFF ANNIVERSARY GLASNEVIN JUNE 2012

FRANK DUFF
BORN 7TH JUNE 1889
FOUNDED LEGION OF MARY
7TH SEPTEMBER 1921
DIED 7TH NOVEMBER 1980

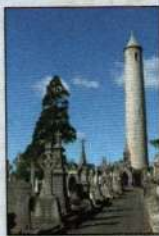


*Address by
Canon Seamus S de VAL*



My dear legionaries and friends

I begin this address today, as we gather here to pay our annual visit to the grave of the founder of the Legion of Mary, with a quotation. It is this: 'That the world is in peril at the present time is beyond question. Whatever the troubles of the past ages have been, men in general held a spiritual conception of their existence. But now the contrary appears to be the case. Men are giving themselves up to materialistic ideas. Great new movements have arisen, and dominate the whole landscape, which have as their object nothing less than the extirpation of the very name of God. One stands amazed at the success which has attended these startling manifestations of evil which run completely counter to the deepest-rooted instincts of the human race.'



How well these words can be applied to the world of today but they were said more than three quarters of a century ago, and you may have recognised them as those of Frank Duff. How clearly he foresaw the direction in which the world was heading, even at a time when most people, especially here in our own country, with naïve complacency, were happy in the thought that the Faith was secure, that we need have no fear for the future. How wrong we were, and how right Frank Duff!

I had the privilege of hearing him speak on a number of occasions, especially at the annual congress of An Réalt, an Admháil Bhliantúil, and I also had the pleasure of meeting him a few times on informal occasions. I was always struck with his friendliness, his courtesy, his humility, and his humanity.

One little incident has always stayed in my mind. It was at a Legion congress or other such function. After one of the sessions the seating had to be re-arranged for the next. Of course, all those present stood around, chatting or discussing what had transpired at the session just ended, nobody thinking of re-arranging the seats – until Frank Duff himself, the President of the Concilium, was noticed carrying the forms and placing them in the proper places – and this without saying a word to anyone. His silent example gave a lesson to everyone there. Another gift he had was to perceive the potential in individual legionaries. This was so evident in his assessment of Edel Quinn and Alfie Lambe, in spite of the doubts of others.



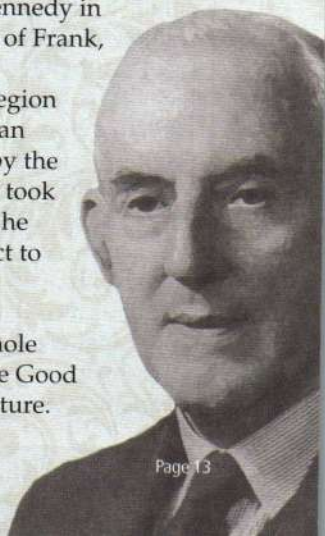
for the help of all those who have joined the army he founded. They are living, vital documents, brimful of zeal and confidence, treasuries of practical wisdom and great experience.'

In a week's time, le cúnamh Dé, the International Eucharistic Congress will be held in this city, and I think it would be appropriate if today we might reflect for a few moments on the Legion and the Eucharist, or, perhaps, Frank Duff and the Eucharist.

We all know of the great love that the Venerable Edel Quinn had for the Mass and Holy Communion, and we might remember some of the things she said: 'I could assist at Mass the whole day long'; 'Without the Eucharist what a desolation life would be!' 'Each morning at Holy Mass the Bread of Life will help the body as well as the soul'.

We might think back, too, to the other Eucharistic Congress held in Dublin eighty years ago which, to use the words of Finola Kennedy in her fine biography of Frank, 'sparked the rapid expansion of the Legion around the world, an expansion driven by the fact the Frank Duff took Christ at his word: he sought to give effect to Christ's global commandment': 'Go out into the whole world and teach the Good News to every creature.

Frank always said that, after he had passed on, the Legion would be in the hands of Mary, as it always had been. But he himself left us a treasure in his writings, especially in the Legion Handbook. The spirit of the Legion contained in that Handbook has enabled legionaries all over the world to perform the greatest deeds of the apostolate, even to giving their lives, to be, in actual fact the instruments of the mighty purposes of the Holy Spirit. As well as the Handbook, Frank Duff has left us an invaluable legacy in his other writings, published in *Maria Legionis* and republished in the various collections under the titles *Virgo Praedicanda*, *Mary Shall Reign*, *Woman of Genesis*, *Victory through Mary*, and so on. As Fr. Aedan McGrath said of these articles 'In them [Frank Duff] pours out his own spirit



The very first words of Pope John Paul II's encyclical letter on the Eucharist are: 'The Church draws her life from the Eucharist.' And he goes on to quote from the documents of the Second Vatican Council which proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is 'the source and summit of the Christian life'. 'For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ himself, our Passover and living bread. Through his own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, he offers life to men.'

How delighted Frank Duff would have been to read those words. More than forty years before that, he himself had written these words: 'The Eucharist is the keystone of the Catholic system. It is vital. Destroy it and the whole edifice totters. The Eucharist is the heart from which the other Sacraments draw their efficacy.' (Mary Shall Reign, 6)

We know of Frank's tremendous devotion to the Mass and the Eucharist. They were the centre of his life, and he wanted to make them the centre of everyone's life, and of the Legion of Mary as well. In the Handbook he wrote: 'The Eucharist is the centre and source of grace: therefore, it must be the very keystone of the legionary scheme.' Fr. Thomas O'Flynn said that he had never met anybody who had such evident reverence for the Eucharist. For many years when he was working as a civil servant, Frank used to spend most of his lunch hour before the Blessed Sacrament in the Marie



Reparatrice chapel on Merrion Square.

As the Legion Handbook tells us, the legionary begins his membership by asking that he be filled with the Holy Spirit, and the graces he asks for 'flow one and all from the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Calvary', and that, therefore, the legionary must have recourse to the Mass if he himself desires to share - in 'a plenteous sharing' - in the gifts of redemption, and if he wishes that others share in those gifts also. Frank urges and implores Legionaries to assist frequently at Mass and at Mass to receive Holy Communion. Many years before his death, Frank Duff made suggestions for five additional mysteries to be meditated upon in the Rosary. Amongst these was a mystery



commemorating the Wedding Feast at Cana, and another, to commemorate the institution of the Blessed Eucharist. Is it not remarkable that, thirty-five years later, in the year 2002, when Pope John Paul II issued his Apostolic Letter on the Rosary, he included

those two in the new Mysteries of Light? In the words of the Pope: 'Another mystery of light is the first of the signs given at Cana, when Christ changes water into wine and opens the hearts of the disciples to faith, thanks to the intervention of Mary, the first among believers... A final mystery of light is the institution of the Eucharist, in which Christ offers his body and blood as food under the signs of bread and wine and testifies "to the end" his love for humanity, for whose salvation he will offer himself in sacrifice. What joy this development would have given Frank Duff!



You may remember the account of the Golden Jubilee of the Legion celebrated in 1971, when, on Sunday the 7th September, Mass was celebrated in the open air in a field not far from the Legion headquarters. Archbishop McQuaid was the chief celebrant of the Mass, and the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Alibrandi, presided. After the Mass some of the Sacred Hosts remained and had to be placed somewhere temporarily until they could be transferred back to the church. Archbishop McQuaid's secretary asked Frank if a room in his house could be used as a temporary chapel where the Blessed Sacrament could be housed for a while. Frank was ecstatic. What a privilege it was for him, on the Legion's Jubilee day, that Our Divine Lord should be a guest in his house! And what a joy it was for one who had such a love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



Frank went to Mass and Communion every day. Nothing would give him greater pleasure than to have the opportunity to hear a second, or even a third Mass in the day.



On his cycling holidays with his companions who formed the group he christened 'The Sprockets', he always made sure that they would be in a village or parish where they could get Mass in the morning to begin their day.

In the last year of his life he set out on the annual cycling outing as usual on the 28th of August 1980, and travelled down the east coast. I had the pleasure and privilege of joining the group at a couple of the places in County Wexford where they were staying on the journey.

On the 6th of September the party arrived at Ferrybank on the outskirts of Wexford town. The hotel where they were to stay is just adjacent to a hospital known as Ely House, then under the care of the Sisters of St. John of God. In the hospital there is a nice oratory. Frank and his friends went to the hospital oratory to pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament and found that an evening Mass was about to be celebrated. Frank was delighted, of course, but he wondered, though, would it be in order for him to receive Holy Communion at the Mass, as he had received already that morning. The hospital chaplain, Fr. Hugh O'Byrne, now parish priest in Blackwater, explained that the regulations obtaining at the time allowed a person to receive Holy Communion a second time on a special occasion, and he said that, in his opinion, a visit from the founder of the Legion of Mary was certainly a special occasion. Frank could not have been more pleased.

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In a talk on the Mass, which he called 'a thrilling adventure', Frank concluded by saying: 'That amazing and supremely important experience of the Mass is there beckoning to us at practically every hour of the day pleading for our participation.'



Canon de Val and Carmel Duff



Canon de Val, Rose Caulfield & Miriam Phelan

I shall finish with the words of our present Holy Father: 'From Mary we must become men and women of the Eucharist and of the Church, and thus to present ourselves, in the words of Saint Paul, "holy and blameless" before the Lord, even as he wished us to be from the beginning. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may the Holy Spirit kindle within us the same ardour experienced by the disciples on the road to Emmaus and renew our "eucharistic wonder" through the splendour and beauty from the liturgical rite the efficacious sign of the infinite beauty of the holy mystery of God.' (Sacramentum Caritatis, 152-3)



Frank Duff and are a fitting conclusion to my talk this afternoon:

'The Eucharist makes the risen Christ constantly present, Christ who continues to give himself to us, calling us to participate in the banquet of his Body and his Blood. From this full communion with him comes every other element of the life of the Church.'

'The Church is alive – she is alive because Christ is alive, because he is truly risen.'

*In ainm an Athar agus an Mhíe
agus an Spioraid Naoimh.
Amen*

The day after he was elected head of the Church, Pope Benedict celebrated Mass with members of the College of Cardinals. His words on that occasion would have been music to the ears of

Séamus S. de Val



ASPECTS OF ALFIE LAMBE



*Personal Recollections of
Br. John O'Reilly C.B.S.*



Brother John O'Reilly, C.B.S., in an interview in 1989, recorded his impressions of the young Legion envoy who found a Bethany-like retreat in a small house rented by the Brothers in the suburbs of Montevideo, Uruguay. The community was welcoming of Alfie and he often joined them for prayers, evening meal and a chat afterwards. When he retired upstairs to his little room for a few hours sleep he left a sense of the presence of God with his dedicated hosts.

"There was something ineffable about Alfie," said Brother O'Reilly. "You felt that you were in the presence of radiant goodness. Alfie spoke about God and Our Lady as naturally as we did about sport. There was nothing stilted or artificial about him."

He loved the grace and beauty of classical music and more than once voiced his opinion that the works of Mozart would be heard in Heaven. For a young man he had a tremendous fund of stories, which evoked peals of laughter. Once, when on extension work with Des Nolan in Waterford they decided to spend the night in the car in which they were travelling. It rained heavily and the windows were

misted over. Seeing dimly what they took to be a grotto with a statue of Our Lady, they parked beside it, recited the Rosary and the Legion prayers. Morning came and peering out at the statue, they realised it was a marble monument to "Master McGrath" a famous greyhound.



*Alfie, The Abbot of Roscrea and Seamus Grace
prior to departure to South America, July 1953*

*His sense of humour carried him lightly along a serious path
from which he never deviated.*

His adventures on the delicate and difficult work of evangelisation in South America furnished the brothers with many a mirthful tale. Brother O'Reilly was told by Alfie that "a Legionary is always on duty" even when he is having a haircut. He once went into a shabby little shop in the Port of Montevideo. Noticing a very pornographic calendar hanging on the wall beside the mirror while the barber was wielding his "cut throat" razor, Alfie, "taking my life in my hands" as he said, suggested to the tonsorial artist that perhaps the picture was out of place. Comb and scissors and razor were laid down and the barber, bowing to his young customer's wishes, tore the offending calendar into shreds.

"The grace of God was in everything that he did," said Brother O'Reilly and if you ask me, "did you ever meet a saint?" I would have to reply, "I did, I met Alfie Lambe."

"a Legionary is always on duty"



*Blue Nuns Hospital, Buenos Aires,
where Alfie died*



Recoleta Cemetery Buenos Aires

Brother O'Reilly, an Adjutorian member of the Legion of Mary for most of his religious life, still uses the Tessera in French that he received from a Legionary when he arrived in Argentina in 1955.

He returned to Ireland to study French and Spanish in U.C.D. While he was in Dublin, news came of Alfie's untimely death.

He hastened to the Requiem Mass, which was celebrated in Whitefriar Street Church, Dublin by Monsignor Suenens (later Leon Josef Cardinal Suenens). Afterwards he spoke with Frank Duff and remembers the gentle handshake and the kind words spoken with such patent sincerity when he said: "Alfie has finished where he started, with the Irish Christian Brothers."



Praises of Mary

Of the magnificent treasure of grace brought to us by Christ, nothing, according to the eternal designs, is to be distributed to us except through Mary. Hence, it is through her we must go to Christ, almost the same way as through Christ we approach our Heavenly Father.

Leo XIII Encycl. On the Rosary

Never forget this truth: Christ above all died for His Mother, to pay for her privileges. The singular graces Mary received are the first fruits of the Passion of Jesus. The Blessed Virgin would not have enjoyed any prerogative without the merits of her Son; she is the greatest glory of Christ because she received the most from Him.

Christ the Life of the Soul; Marmion p.344

By reason of the Hypostatic Union of the Son of God with the human nature received from Mary she is truly the "Mother of the Lord" (Luke 1:43), Mother of God (Council of Ephesus A.D. 431). Her divine motherhood is effected by her faith (Luke 1:43; 2:27 ff), and so is not merely a biological occurrence. Nor is this consequence of her faith an event that belongs only to her private life history. It is the accomplishment of her divine motherhood, in other words the central event of the whole public history of redemption itself.

Mary the Mother of the Lord: p.13. Karl Rahner

As the gift of the Old Law was preceded by and prepared for by the declaration of faith to all Israel, so the gift of the New Law, the Gospel of Christ, was preceded, by and prepared for by the total self-giving of Mary to the will of her Son.

Serra. Understanding the Mother of Jesus, Eamonn O'Carroll O.Carm. p.21.

Mary is the attentive Virgin who receives the word of God with faith, that faith which in her case was the gateway and path of divine Motherhood, for, as Saint Augustine realised, "Blessed Mary by believing conceived him (Jesus) whom believing she brought forth."

(Marialis Cultus Par. 17)



CONCILIUM VISITATION TO SOUTH AMERICA - ARGENTINA



Noel Lynch and
Pat O'Donoghue



Even mid-morning on **Thursday 19th** January we were met by a blast of warm summer air as we left the air-conditioned Ministro Pistarini airport in **Buenos Aires**, accompanied by the dozen or so legionaries who came to meet us. After checking in to the Casa del Clero, widely used by religious on retreat or visiting the capital, we were visited by the 90 year-old spritely Lina Vacarro, former Concilium envoy to Argentina and Brazil, who spoke warmly of her acquaintance with Joaquina Lucas and Alfie Lambe.

Friday 20th saw the arrival of about 150 youths, mainly teenagers for the 'Segundo Encuentro Nacional de Jóvenes Legionarios' or the 2nd National Youth Conference, the first having been held in Salta in 2010. The event was held in a school using classrooms as dorms and the lobby area for the Conference and, needless to say, the kitchen and canteen for meals! The secular school authorities kindly gave use of the school free of charge. Despite the long journeys -

some had bus journeys of 20 hours with just a 30min stop – and hardships - all slept on the hard floors with just a mat and sleeping bag – the youngsters maintained high spirits throughout the 3 day event. For many it was their first time in the federal capital. Also present were representatives from the main Legion higher councils of Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay; this allowed for a valuable sharing of ideas amongst the officers and the Irish visitors in a so-called 'Inter-Senatus' meeting.



Noel with Lina Vacarro



Metropolitan Cathedral of B.A.



Youngsters arriving at Youth Conference



Enroute to Basilica of Lujan



Basilica of Lujan

On the first evening 3 coaches set off for **Lujan**, Argentina's national shrine to Our Lady. Unforseen rush hour traffic meant that the group arrived at 8pm as the Basilica was closing! After much pleading and praying the group was given access and the Spiritual Directors from Paraguay and Uruguay concelebrated Mass at a side altar, the main altar being out of bounds due to extensive ongoing renovations. The famous statue of Nuestra Señora de Lujan was almost within reach in its temporary new home aloft a pedestal. In 1630 the tiny, terracotta statue was being transported when the oxcart got stuck in mud and nothing could make it budge until the statue was removed. It was taken as a sign that the Virgin wanted to stay here. In time a small shrine grew into one of Argentina's major places of pilgrimage.

Saturday 21st January began with crowd contact in the environs of La Recoleta Cemetery, it being the anniversary of the death of Servant of God Alfie Lambe. The Cemetery chapel was

packed to capacity for the concelebrated Mass at 3pm that afternoon followed by a procession to the Christian Brothers vault in the Cemetery where Alfie's remains are entombed.



La Recoleta Cemetery



Noel at Alfie's Tomb

The remainder of the weekend was made up of a lively series of talks, workshops, music and, of course, prayer. The closing event, Sunday morning Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Buenos Aires in Plaza de Mayo, afforded many youngsters their first trip in a subway.

At 10pm on **Monday 23rd** January the Irish visitors, accompanied by Sr Noelia Garcia, President of the Senatus of Buenos Aires, boarded an overnight coach to **Corrientes**, 800km north of the capital. The next morning they were greeted at the Legion house for a Question and Answer session, by approximately 120 legionaries, representing the councils and praesidia attached to the Regia of Corrientes, many also having travelled through the night, distances of up to 700km. Happy birthday was sung at the end of the session for a legionary, one year more advanced in age, before tea and sandwiches were served.

Each of the 2 days in Corrientes saw extended meetings with the officers of the Regia covering all manner of topics including the Regia meeting, correspondence with and visitation of their distant councils, areas without the Legion, recruitment and extension, finances, works, promotion of the causes, literature, etc. During these long sessions welcome relief came via an infusion of 'mate' pronounced 'maah-tay', a traditional drink of Argentina, equivalent to our 'cup of tea'. The dried leaves and twigs of the yerba mate plant are placed in a small cup, also called 'mate'. Hot water is

poured into the mate at near-boiling point so as to not burn the herb and spoil the flavour. The drink is sipped through a metal or cane straw called a bombilla. At family or small social gatherings, one mate may be shared by the group, with the host preparing the mate to the preference of each guest. When one guest is finished, the mate is returned to the host, who will then prepare a mate for another guest. In our case it was the mate of the recently-appointed, young and energetic Spiritual Director, Padre Jose Francisco, that was circulated amongst the attendees.



Corrientes Regia team, from left President Marco Billordo, SD Padre Jose Francisco, front from left to right Treasurer Isabel Cabral de Ayala, Secretary Maria Leonor Vallejos, Asst Treasurer Gladis Veronde Ramirez, Asst Secretary Maria Ester



Corrientes Legion House

Time was found on Day 2 for a trip 60km east to the town of **Itati** on the banks of the huge Paraná River, which forms the international border with Paraguay. Despite its small size, Itati is renowned throughout the country due to the massive displays of devotion to the Virgin Mary centering on the basilica, which preserves an allegedly miraculous wooden image of the Virgin of Itati. After Mass in the basilica the visitors were greeted and served up food by legionaries of the local curia whose apostolate includes making contact with the numerous pilgrims and tourists to the town.



Basilica of Itati

Another overnight coach deposited the travellers in the northern Argentinian city of **Salta**, a popular destination due to the agreeable climate and Spanish colonial architecture, some of which is to be experienced at the Senatus' beautiful office looking out onto a well-manicured garden courtyard. Maps adorn the office walls, peppered with different coloured pins highlighting the location of their attached praesidia and higher councils. The Senatus president was emotional as she recounted the spirit of the Comitium of Cachi, a small town in an inhospitable mountainous area.

Legionaries travel several hours to attend the meeting. Despite much illiteracy they are happy to be officers. These distant regions are looked after by a team of correspondents which includes all 6 of the Senatus officers. We were told of 40 prisoners making the Acies consecration in prison. The Senatus bulletin is emailed to save time and money.

The future for the Legion in Salta looks bright with at least 1 officer in each local curia a young adult! At 8pm that evening we met a group of about 30 young legionaries, teenagers and young adults, including 2 young men from the seminarian praesidium of 20 members. There was much discussion about both the advantages and limitations of an apostolate using modern communications; we drew heavily on section 4 of Chapter 40 of the handbook, where this topic is covered.

Early next morning we met with officers from the attached distant councils with melodic names such as Jujuy and Tucuman. The Regia of Tucuman told us of dedicating 2011 to the Servant of God Alfie Lambe, marking the year by reading and discussing the Spanish translation of Hilde Firtel's book. 2012 they have



Nuestra Señora de Itati

dedicated to Venerable Edel Quinn and they plan to make 2013 a special year to our founder Servant of God Frank Duff.

Setting off from Salta we were heading back south again in a large loop, this overnight journey of 900km bringing us to **Cordoba**, Argentina's second largest city. This was our only opportunity to attend a council meeting on Sunday 29 January. A Q&A session with legionaries was also held and a trip to the countryside to Alta Gracia, home town of the Senatus President Sr Marie Terese Olmedo where legionaries from the attached comitium of Rio Cuarto had made the 200km journey to meet us.

Rosario was next on the agenda, Argentina's third city and capital of the Santa Fe province, where we were cordially welcomed at the unnatural hour of 4am by the Regia's Spiritual Director and 2 of the officers. A chance for a few hours sleep and then an appointment with Archbishop José Luis Mollaghan who, as his surname suggests, can trace his ancestry back to Ireland and still has family in Limerick

whom he visited in 1976. He takes a keen interest in the Legion and stressed the importance of priests knowing the Legion. Framed photographs show Blessed John Paul II during his stay in the Archbishop's residence on one of his two visits to Argentina. A beautiful evening Mass attended by many legionaries was followed by a lively and interesting praesidium meeting, the home praesidium of two of the Regia's officers. Still later that evening the courtyard of the beautiful San Cayetano Church was filled with tables and chairs, seating 50 mainly young legionaries for local food and yet another Q&A session.

Back in **Buenos Aires** on **Tuesday 31st** January and a temporary farewell to Sr Noelia before **Wednesday 1st** February saw us board an early morning ferry to the Uruguayan capital of Monte Video.

Noelia García Clua, President of the Buenos Aires Senatus accompanied us on the visit to the 5 Argentine Councils. She undertook all the travel logistics and set up the meetings with Councils and legionaries. Most of the legionaries we visited she knew and was our life line.

Just before we left Buenos Aires Sr. Noelia's mother took seriously ill and was operated on. This did not

deter her; she kept in daily contact with home.

Our visit was a joy because she was with us and as part of the team she smoothed our path. We learned so much from her and she was generous enough to say that being part of the team was fulfilling.

We can never thank Noelia enough for all she did for us.

Our visits to Paraguay and Uruquay will feature in a future edition.

90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - WEST MALAYSIA

Jenny Tan



We all felt very happy our Legion of Mary's 90th Anniversary Celebration went off so well and we received many thanks and appreciation for show-casing our spirit as Legionaries. It was also featured in our national Catholic Herald newspaper.

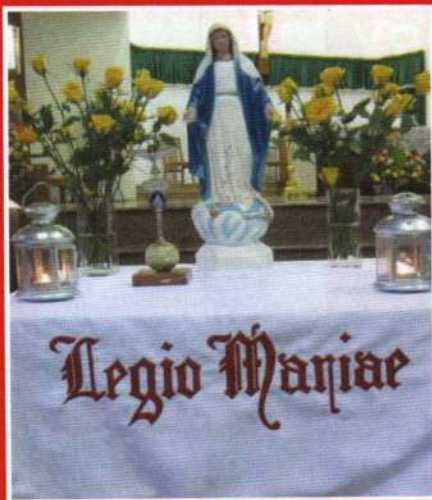
Since the celebration, interest has been aroused to form Legion of Mary in some parishes where none existed.

I deeply believe it was Mary's powerful intercession that we were able to have a successful and happy celebration.



*Celebrating
90
Golden Years*





The Legion of Mary altar inside the Church



His Grace Archbishop Murphy Pakiam



Congregation during the Celebration



The meditation of the Rosary in progress



Preparing for the Procession



The Procession



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NORTH AMERICA



U.S.A.: Cincinnati Senatus: Members of six praesidia visit prisoners, pray with them and teach the Rosary. A praesidium was set up among the prisoners themselves and legionary work is assigned within the prison. A number of praesidia have membership in double figures. Works include teaching the Rosary to non-Catholics and instructing prospective converts. **Boston Senatus:** Door to door and Pilgrim Statue visitation are undertaken and wakes and funerals are attended. Junior legionaries help children preparing for First Holy Communion. **Houston Senatus:** A successful Peregrinatio Pro Christo was held in Sulphur, Louisiana, in March, 2011, with 1,200 homes visited and more than 800 contacts made. A team of eleven legionaries from the Senatus attending the International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in June 2012 undertook a Peregrinatio Pro Christo in Firhouse Parish, Dublin, during the week prior to the Congress. Eighty calls were made by Tyler Comitium on a project in a mainly non-Catholic area. **Chicago Senatus:** Legionaries in the Northside Curia make good contacts at Millennium Park and at the Train station. Sioux Falls Curia started a praesidium with nine members. 25 new parishioners were registered for the parish and there were two returns to the sacraments. **Philadelphia Senatus:** A praesidium just a year old has 12 members and six probationers, mostly young adults. They have four praetorians. They organised a 33 day preparation for the True Devotion to Mary in which 20 parishioners participated. Mater Dolorosa Curia doubled its membership in the past year. Forty took part in a New Year's Eve evening of Recollection. Norristown Comitium organised a three day Retreat for homeless men, who attend their Brother House project which operates two nights a week. They visit also a state prison and a psychiatric hospital, run a Patricians group and operate a book barrow. 350-400 attended a

Marian Day, organised by two praesidia, at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. The Guest Speaker was Fr. Groeschel, CFR. **San Francisco Senatus:** Reports from attached Comitia show legionaries engaged in home to home visitation, street contact, public Rosaries, prison visitation and teaching catechism to children and adults. A recently set up Korean Comitium has three Curiae and nine praesidia directly-attached. The Seattle Comitium has nine Curiae and 13 praesidia directly-attached. Legionaries helped 17 people to come back to the Church. Portland Curia, having made a Novena to the Servant of God Frank Duff held a Columban Drive at which 29 names of prospective members were obtained. **Miami Regia:** Most Councils have junior praesidia attached.

Canada: Toronto Senatus: Twenty seven members of Mississauga Comitium undertook the 33 day preparation for the True Devotion to Mary Consecration. Muslims and Hindus prayed the Rosary during visits with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. Peterborough Curia gained eleven active and 14 auxiliary members and Niagara Curia gained 25 new members. Many members in North Toronto Curia undertook the 33 day True Devotion to Mary preparation. Legionaries in Winnipeg Curia do home and hospital visitation. They visit with the Pilgrim Statue and promote Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in homes. Catechetical instruction is given by senior and junior legionaries. Hamilton Curia gained many new Filipino Auxiliary members after its Columban Drive. The three Legion Causes for Beatification are promoted on home visitation. Scarborough Comitium had an attendance of 100 at a Mary and the Word day of recollection.

Mexico: Mexico City Senatus: A junior Conference had one thousand young people in attendance. There was an attendance of one thousand also at an Auxiliary Rally. The Regia of Tuxla Gutierrez, attached to **Merida Senatus,**



has a total of 33,000 legionaries of which 5,000 are catechists. In **Guadalajara Regia** legionary catechists prepare children for the sacraments and couples for marriage. As well as visiting the elderly, legionaries provide a service such as house cleaning and accompany them to the doctor and shop for their medication. **Durango Regia** has two praesidia in the prison. The Saltillo Comitium, attached to the **Monterrey Regia**, set up eleven new praesidia in the last year. Leon Regia: Legionaries cooperated actively in the preparation for the visit of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. The junior movement is strong and a new junior Curia has been set up recently.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Nicaragua: The two attached senior Curiae and the junior Curia in Leon are very active.

Guatemala: Camotan Regia: Since the Legion in Guatemala was transferred to the caretakership of the **Merida Senatus** there has been considerable progress. Merida have carried out two visits already and the officers of the Regia visited Merida and were present at the Senatus meeting as well as a meeting with the Senatus officers.

Panama: The new **Panama Regia** is working well and attendance at the meeting is very good. Four praesidia with an average membership of ten reported recently. As well as home visitation they are doing crowd contact.

El Salvador: The **Senatus of San Salvador** is working very well especially on extension and home visitation. The attached Regia of San Vicente set up 23 praesidia. A number of people returned from the sects to the practice of the faith and some have joined the Legion. In a special visitation carried out by an attached Comitium a large number of couples were met and some are now

preparing for the sacrament of marriage. They met also 39 young persons who were not baptised. A former protestant pastor accepted an invitation to the Catholic Church.

WEST INDIES

Dominican Republic: Senatus of Santiago de los Caballeros: Homes, hospitals, clinics, prisons and the bereaved are visited. An attached Comitium reported the visitation of an Evangelical family who accepted instruction and were received into the Catholic Church.

Haiti: Legionaries in the **Senatus of Haiti** are engaged in the visitation of homes, hospitals and prisons and visitation of people with disabilities and the aged. They make contacts also on the streets and in markets. They run catechism and literacy classes. Many people, after preparation, return to the sacraments.

Puerto Rico: Legionaries are engaged in book barrow apostolate as well as in the follow up of parish census contacts. Abandoned and abused children are looked after. One family was brought back from spiritualism. A talk was arranged for youths on the dangers of drug taking.

ASIA

India: Pondicherry Senatus had an attendance of more than 500 legionaries at a function to mark the 90th anniversary of the Legion. Archbishop Anthony Anandarayar presided and there were many Spiritual Directors present. During 2011, seven praesidia, three Curiae and a Comitium were set up. The legionary apostolate includes visitation of lepers, prisoners, the mentally ill, aids patients and orphanages. Visitation of people of all religions in homes and hospitals by legionaries in **Kerala Senatus** has been blessed with good results. In **Karnataka Senatus**,



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the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in homes is undertaken. In the course of the legionary apostolate marriages were regularised. Two more Bishops have given permission for the setting up of the Legion in their dioceses. **Mumbai Regia** had an attendance of 38 priests at a Conference for Spiritual Directors. The Regia has received permission from three more Bishops for the Legion to be established in their dioceses. The Legion is working already in 23 dioceses. There was a report of 164 homes being visited in the course of an Exploratio Dominicalis. In **Kottar Regia** legionaries do much good work among families, the sick and those of other faiths. Legionaries in **Port Blair Comitium** on the Andaman Islands visit Hindus, Muslims as well as Catholics and other Christians.

Myanmar: There was an attendance of 200 at the Acies in Yangon. A recruiting effort in three parishes resulted in a new praesidium of 14 members.

Sri Lanka: The Junior Curia in Colombo has eleven praesidia, five in schools, four in parishes and two in seminaries, with a total of 200 active members and 75 auxiliaries. The Rosary is promoted among their peers, children in poor areas are visited and catechism classes and Sunday Schools are organised.

AFRICA



Ghana: The **Accra Senatus** and its attached councils continue to extend the Legion. A number of praesidia have been formed in schools, seminaries and third level colleges. Apostolic work being undertaken includes visitation of homes and hospitals, street contact and preparation of adults and children for the sacraments. **Sunyani Regia** reported 83 conversions and 94 returns to the Church. 1,649 catechumens were prepared for Baptism, 742 for First Holy Communion, 686 for

Confirmation and 68 for Marriage. Legionaries in **Kumasi Regia** look after 1,252 Sunday School students in the various parishes. Legionaries involved in a weeklong project contacted almost 6,000 people. They held various programmes in the evening and organised candlelight Rosary processions in most of the communities visited.

Cape Verde: Three thousand children were prepared for Baptism and there were 650 adult baptisms. 400 were prepared for First Holy Communion. 1,200 were taught to read. Praesidia undertook almost 500 Exploratio Dominicalis projects.

South Africa: Johannesburg Senatus: Home visitation is undertaken. Catholics away from the Church and non-Catholics are contacted. There has been contact also with some drug addicts. In **Marianhill Comitium** an elderly lady, who was lapsed and joined another church, was brought to Confession. She was delighted. Non-Catholics are taught how to pray the Rosary. In **Esigodeni Comitium**, the legionary apostolate includes teaching the catechism every Sunday, visiting the sick in hospital and those who are suffering with HIV. Legionaries in **Durban Comitium** also visit the sick in hospital and teach catechism. The **Cape Town Senatus** is enthusiastically promoting the Cause for Beatification of the Servant of God Frank Duff.

EUROPE



Portugal: Lisbon Senatus: Visits to Nursing Homes for the old involves recitation of the Rosary, Bible reading and Hymns to Our Lady. The apostolate to the sick in hospitals involves helping patients to take medicine. Many praesidia prepare children to complete the full catechetical programme. A praesidium contacts its 67 auxiliaries on their birthdays and invited them to the Acies and afternoons of reflection.



They contact parents on the baptism of their children and congratulate them on their wedding anniversaries. The **Porto Regia** has set up a new Comitium.

Spain: Madrid Senatus: The Salamanca Comitium Congress was attended by the Archbishop, who praised the personal contact work of the legionaries. The **Badajoz Comitium** is a youthful Council with great hopes for the future. A parish priest has asked the legionaries to work with youth. The young people they speak with are interested in visitation of hospitals and homes for the elderly. The **Malaga Curia** was praised for keeping many of the churches open by inviting their contacts to visit the Blessed Sacrament. Legionaries in **Bilbao Senatus** give Spanish classes to immigrants. Book barrow apostolate is done once a month. In **Barcelona Senatus**, prostitutes, mostly foreigners, are helped with the language and legionaries try to get them jobs. Street people are contacted, some of them for over 30 years. The **Valencia Curia** has 12 Patricians groups.

Italy: The **Senatus of Rome** celebrated the 90th anniversary of the Legion with Mass in the St. John Lateran Basilica, presided over by Monsignor Paolo Mancini, Secretary General of the Vicariate of Rome. The Senatus Spiritual Director, Monsignor Virgilio La Rosa, was Chief Celebrant, assisted by Spiritual Directors from praesidia and Curiae. In **Milan Regia**, Fr. Robert Bradshaw's book on Frank Duff has been translated into Italian and 500 copies are being distributed. Excerpts from Hilde Firtel's book on Alfie Lambe are being recorded by Radio Mater, Milan. A Filipino praesidium helped find employment for four of their compatriots. **Padova Comitium** reported the return of two people to the sacraments after many visits. A praesidium in Brunico, Tyrol, runs a children's club and young legionaries in **Lana Curia** recite the Rosary on Radio Mater once a

month while German speaking legionaries visit the families of newly baptised babies and new parishioners. They held an Auxiliary Rally.

Cyprus: Legionaries promote the Rosary by recitation at a grotto and on visitation with the statue of Our Lady. They lead a prayer group, teach catechism and hold Bible classes for children and visit homes for the elderly and a jail.

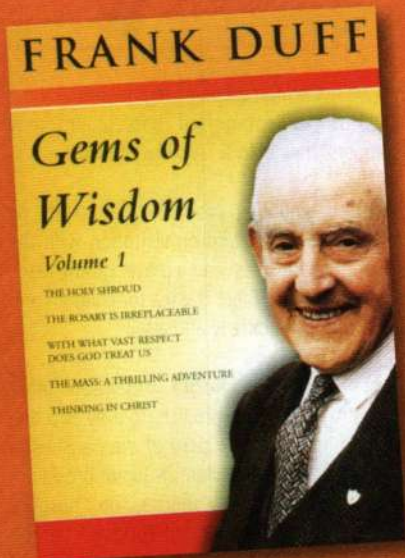
Malta: The **Malta Regia** organised three Peregrinatio Pro Christo projects to Italy and one to England in 2011. One third of the parishes in Malta have a junior presidium. A junior presidium works with senior legionaries on hospital visitation. One Curia distributed 100 copies of the Treatise on the True Devotion to Mary. Several families were consecrated to the Sacred Heart. The Bishop of Gozo attended the September meeting of the **Gozo Comitium** as part of the Legion's 90th Anniversary celebrations.

Albania: His Grace Mgr. Angelo Massafra, Archbishop of Shkodre-Pult, was Chief Celebrant at a Mass to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the foundation of the Legion in Albania. The Archbishop was assisted by His Excellency Mgr. George Frendo, O.P. Auxiliary Bishop of Tirana-Durres Diocese and seven priests. St. Stephen's Cathedral in Schroder was packed to capacity and the Mass was transmitted live on Radio Maria. Legionaries visit families to have their children baptised and to encourage people to frequent the sacraments. They teach catechism also.

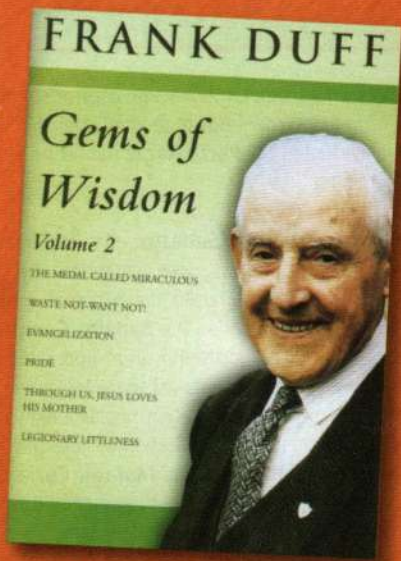
Turkey: The Legion is growing in Istanbul and a good apostolate is undertaken. There is a fairly new praesidium in Izmir.

Greece: The Legion is growing in Rhodes and nine new members made their Legionary Promise in January. The legionary apostolate includes reaching out to the many tourists during the summer months and giving them Legion literature.

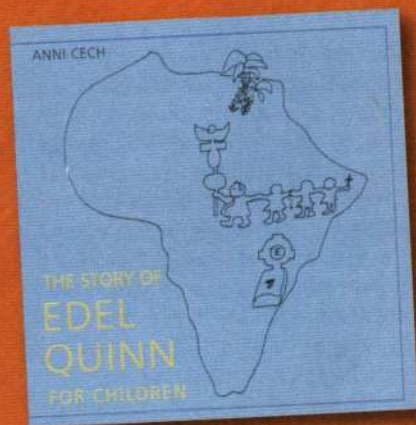
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Gems of Wisdom Vol 1
€0.80 each + p&p



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€1.00 each + p&p



The Story of Edel Quinn for Children
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