

Legion of Mary Member

➤ Overview

The Legion of Mary is an association of Catholic Laity that serve the Church on a voluntary basis with spiritual and social welfare as their priority. Under the direction of the Legion of Mary Leader, the Legion of Mary Member participates in the life of the parish through visitation to those in need both in homes and institutions.

➤ Activities/Responsibilities

- Becomes familiar with the Legion of Mary Handbook, which is the official exposition of the Legion and contains the principles, laws, methods and spirit of the organization.
- Completes regular work assignments and provides a report as requested by the Legion of Mary Leader.
- Visits homes, schools, and institutions of the local parish community. Must always visit in pairs or in a group.
- Participates in Legion of Mary events and provides assistance to those in need.
- Recites daily the Catena Legionis (Chain of the Legion).
- Endeavours to include all the prayers of the tessera in their daily program.
- Shares the faith accurately and seeks support, when necessary.
- Observes discretion in the confidential matters arising from Legion of Mary meetings and work assignments.
- Attends regular meetings as required.

The Activities/Responsibilities listed above may not completely reflect the ministry performed at this parish. Please refer to the ‘Other Specifics’ box for duties that are specific to this parish.

Other specifics:

➤ Skills, Experience, and Qualifications

- Is an active member of the Catholic Church in good standing.
- Is recognized within the parish community as a person of good reputation.
- Is a good listener and respectful to others.
- Is flexible and open-minded in response to each situation.
- Is familiar with the Legion of Mary Handbook.
- Can relate effectively and communicate clearly with others.
- Ability to facilitate meetings and group dynamics.

- Has an understanding of the issues relevant to the homebound, homeless and institutionalized.
- If bringing Holy Communion to the sick and/or homebound, must have completed the parish's training for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to Homebound/Institutions
- In cases of emergency, knows contacts and/or procedures.

➤ **Personal Traits and Qualities**

- Desires to serve the community and to commit time and talents to this ministry.
- Is committed to the principles of the Legion.
- Is committed to prayer, gospel values and growth in personal holiness.
- Honest, dependable and can maintain strict confidentiality.
- Is comfortable in the presence of sadness and tears.
- Is at ease with social encounters, and can look people in the eye.
- Is friendly, patient and has good relational skills.
- Is comfortable with being accountable and is sensitive to the observance of proper boundaries.
- Has a spirit of generosity and creativity.

➤ **Orientation and Training**

Standard parish orientation program and Legion of Mary training workshops.

➤ **Participant Group**

Other Legion of Mary Members, parishioners and the surrounding parish community.

➤ **Support, Supervision, and Evaluation**

The Legion of Mary Leader is the first level of support, supervision and evaluation.

➤ **Length of Ministry Appointment**

___ year term.

➤ **Benefits and Working Conditions**

Will directly contribute to the social well-being of the parish community, students at local schools and those being visited in institutions.

Will further develop relational skills.

Will enhance personal growth of faith.

Opportunity to perform community service and gain experience for the purpose of school or career advancement.

This is a volunteer position which requires a time commitment of ___ hours per week/ ___ hours per month.

Will be required to visit private homes, local hospitals and nursing homes and must adhere to the requirements of those institutions.

Must be available to attend all regularly scheduled meetings.

Must be able to attend the orientation session and training sessions as required.

➤ **Screening Recommendations**

This is a High risk position. (If the participants are not vulnerable persons and/or depending upon the level of activity, this may be considered General risk).

Completion of a Volunteer Information Form is required.

An interview and personal reference checks are required.

A Criminal Record Check is required.

Training and orientation are required.

There will be supervision and periodic evaluations.

Participant follow-ups will be conducted.

This ministry position description accurately reflects the Ministry of Legion of Mary Member currently practiced at _____.
(Parish Name)

Parish Volunteer Screening Committee

Pastor

Date

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