

## The Legion of Mary Acies Procession Instructions

Procession will form at 2:15 p.m. under the front canopy. Every active member should be ready to line up at 2:05. Please listen quietly to your instructions. The order of procession is as follows:

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| 1. Vexillum Carried by V. P.         | 2. Other Council Officers                   |
| 3. Praesidia in Order of Seniority * | 4. Cross Bearer and Acolytes (If Available) |
| 5. Deacon w/ Book of Gospels         | 6. Other Clergy in Order of Seniority       |
| 7. Principal Celebrant               |   |

### \* Order of Praesidia Revised 2/25/10

Praesidia will march in two files, one member behind the other. Praesidia will alternate sides. Those unable to march in procession may take the designated pew for their praesidium.

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| 1. ----         | Curia Officers                                   | 1st Pew Right Side   |
| 1. Left File -  | Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, St. Paul       | 1st Pew Left Side    |
| 2. Right File - | Our Lady of the Mystical Rose, Holy Spirit       | 2nd Pew Right Side   |
| 2. Left File -  | Queen of Peace, Cathedral St. Augustine          | 2nd Pew Left Side    |
| 3. Right File - | Mary Queen of Apostle, St. Catherine             | 3rd Pew Right Side   |
| 3. Left File -  | Queen of Peace, Cathedral, St. Augustine         | 3rd Pew Left Side    |
| 4. Right File - | Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton | 4th Pew Right Side   |
| 4. Left File -  | Our Lady of Guadeloupe, Corpus Christi           | 4th Pew Left Side    |
| 5. Right File - | Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sacred Heart           | 5th Pew Right Side   |
| 5. Left File -  | Our Lady of Good Counsel, Elkton **              | 5th Pew Left Side ** |

**Instructions:** Form in double file as directed above.  
\*\* Any new praesidium will follow. The praesidia at the end may have to change sides and/or split to even the procession. Any changes to these instructions will be announced when the procession forms at 2:15 p.m.

**Walk Slowly.** Carry your Rosary in your hand. Keep beside your partner. When the procession reaches the front of the church, the Legionary with the Vexillum will raise it as a signal to all to bow. Then the procession will split, going around the front, and entering their pew from the side aisle. Council officers and special guests first pew right side, praesidia starting first pew left side. The reader(s) should sit at or near the end of their pews.

After the greeting, kneel and say the Legion prayers. The Mass will continue following the Rosary. The reader(s) will go up, do their reading, and return to their seat(s). The procession to the Vexillum follows the homily and Creed.

Place your right hand on the staff. (Be careful it is fragile.) Say "*I am all yours, my queen, my mother, and all that I have is yours*" or "*Soy todo tuyo, Reina mía, Madre mía, y cuanto tengo tuyo es.*"

Shout the words so they can be heard throughout the church. Then let go of the staff; take one step back, bow slightly, turn to the side and return to your place via the side aisle.

Auxiliaries **MAY** take part following active members. Then will follow a collective act of consecration and the *Catena Legionis* as at the meeting.

**Offertory Procession:** The host praesidium will carry up the bread and wine. (The host praesidium will also arrange for deacon, servers, organist, cantor.)

At the Our Father you may join hands with your brothers and sisters to stress our oneness.

**Communion:** Follow the same procedure as the procession to the Vexillum. Everyone should plan to receive, even if you received at an earlier Mass. When the option is given to receive from the Cup, Legionaries should seriously consider availing themselves of this privilege.

**Exit Procession:** Follow same order as entrance procession. Turn and face the center aisle. Move out slowly and meet your partner. Go slowly down the aisle. Wait until everyone is out and go back for your banners. Go to hall for covered dish meal.

There should be no need to mention that every member is EXPECTED to attend the Acies. "Any Legionaries who can attend, yet fail to do so, have little or none of the spirit of the Legion in them...(and their membership) is not an asset to the Legion." (*Handbook*, p.173)