



From the Bishop's Office: (P.B. for April 13, 2009)

Dear Pastors,

In this Jubilee Year dedicated to St. Paul, I would like to see the New Evangelization, initiated by Pope John Paul and reinforced by Pope Benedict, bear fruit in our diocese. A recent poll indicated that the second largest religious denomination in America today is comprised of inactive Catholics.

The Legion of Mary has always had this apostolic outreach as a central component of their mission to serve the Church. This lay apostolate has an excellent record of working with the local pastor in reaching out to lapsed Catholics.

Accordingly, I encourage all parishes to have an active praesidium of the Legion of Mary, either by renewing a dormant unit or founding a new one. Mr. Charles Kane, the president of the Jacksonville Curia of the L of M, will be contacting you in the near future to help you set up a new (or renewed) praesidium, and even to help you recruit members, if necessary.