



THE LEGION OF MARY

Aims to bring Mary to the world as the infallible means of winning the world to Jesus!

The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active apostolic work.

Legionary service is based on the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ so that in their fellow members and in those they serve, legionaries seek to have the Person of our Lord once again seen and served by Mary, his Mother.



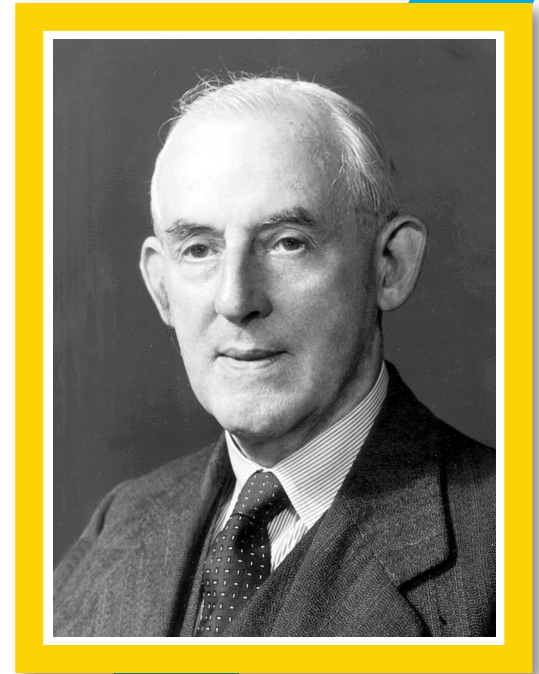
PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF SERVANT OF GOD FRANK DUFF

God our Father, You inspired your servant Frank Duff with a profound insight into the mystery of Your Church, the Body of Christ, and of the place of Mary the Mother of Jesus in this mystery.

In his immense desire to share this insight with others and in filial dependence on Mary he formed her Legion to be a sign of her maternal love for the world and a means of enlisting all her children in the Church's evangelizing work.

We thank you Father for the graces conferred on him and for the benefits accruing to the Church from his courageous and shining faith. With confidence we beg You that through his intercession you grant the petition we lay before You... We ask too that if it be in accordance with Your will, the holiness of his life may be acknowledged by the Church for the glory of your Name, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

With ecclesiastical approval



Servant of God
FRANK DUFF

Founder of the Legion of Mary
June 7, 1889 – November 7, 1980



The Legion of Mary – September 7, 1921



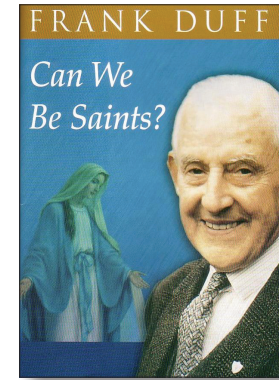
IMPORTANT NOTATIONS ABOUT FRANK DUFF

- Formed the 1st praesidium of the Legion of Mary on September 7, 1921
- Guided the worldwide extension of the Legion of Mary until his death
- Legion of Mary is in over 170 countries!
- With the approval and support of five Popes and a great many Bishops, Priests and Religious, as well as the prayers and efforts of legionaries, the Legion of Mary, by the grace of God has over 10 million active members!
- At the invitation of Venerable Pope Paul VI, Frank Duff attended the 2nd Vatican Council as a Lay Observer.
- His life illustrates the call to holiness of all the lay faithful of the Church and the limitless call and possibilities of the lay apostolate
- His profound insights into the role of the Blessed Virgin in the plan of Redemption is reflected in the Legion Handbook which is almost entirely his composition
- Frank Duff has over 33,000 writings to include books, articles, letters and tapes
- At age 27, he published his first pamphlet "Can we be Saints?". In it he expressed one of the strongest convictions of his life, namely, that all without exception are called to be saints and that through our Catholic faith we have available all the means necessary to attain this.



SPIRITUALITY OF FRANK DUFF

- In 1917 he came to know the Treatise of St. Louis Marie de Montfort on the True Devotion to Mary, a work which changed his life completely.
- Frank Duff joined St. Vincent De Paul in 1913
- Following Lent of 1914, Frank Duff decided to go to Mass every day; Finola Kennedy tells us in her book that he attended 2 masses daily from 1914 onwards to the day he died in 1980.
- After attending his 1st enclosed retreat in 1913 he organized two retreats every year!
- Made his annual retreat in Mount Mellary every year for 48 years!
- From 1914 Frank Duff never failed to miss praying his daily rosary.
- Spiritual reading was an important part of his every day life as has coupled with regular confession and spiritual direction.
- From 1915 to 1922, Fr. Robert Bradshaw tells us that Frank used to spend 4 hours every day in prayer. He used to make a lunch-time holy hour while at work, and all this time he was under the direction of a Jesuit priest by the name of Fr. Michael Brown.



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