

PROMOTION OF THE CAUSE OF
FOUNDER OF LEGION OF MARY

FRANK DUFF

(1889 - 1980)



In tandem with the work of the Historical Commission for the Cause of Frank Duff, there needs to be renewed emphasis on making him better known – among legionaries and among the general public.

For Legion of Mary Councils (Praesidia, Curiae and Comitia)

Each council is being asked to renew its efforts to better promote the Cause and some suggestions are given.

Legionaries to say the **prayer for Beatification daily** and when particular needs arise to distribute prayer leaflets to friends, relations and the general public.

Legionaries to carry with them the Frank Duff leaflet for distribution to those met in the course of the praesidium assigned work or casual contacts. When favours are received a first-hand account to be sent to the address below please.

Legionaries to become familiar with the **writings of Frank Duff** – booklets such as *Can We Be Saints?* and *Gems of Wisdom 1-4* make his writings accessible to all.

Each council and praesidium to have a good **supply of the leaflets and booklets** available at meetings.

Each council to put before praesidia the idea of setting up a **prayer meeting** or increase the number of prayer meetings where one already exists. Include updates on them at the council's monthly meeting. Where people attending prayer meetings or met in the course of Legion apostolate receive an answer to prayer as a result of praying to Frank Duff they should be asked to provide a first-hand account of the favour received. These should be sent on to the address given on the back of this leaflet.

Each Legion council should arrange an **annual Mass** to commemorate the death of Frank Duff in November or a function to commemorate his birth in June.

Legionaries and the general public should be invited to attend. The Bishop of the Diocese might, if available, be willing to celebrate the Mass. Afterwards please forward to Concilium Legionis Mariae a short report saying when and where the Mass/function was held, who gave the homily/talk, an approximate number of how many attended. (These indicate the interest and spread of devotion in a general way for the Cause).

Might each council consider inviting one legionary, not necessarily an officer, to **co-ordinate promotion** of the Cause in the locality and report regularly at the council meeting? (A pack can be provided by Concilium Legionis Mariae for this legionary and likewise for the promoter where such a person is not an active member).

Reading material and other resources

Recently published book *A Thought a Day with Frank Duff* by Tommy McCabe is a useful resource giving extracts from the writings and is very good value at €7. Booklets such as *Gems of Wisdom* at €1, *Can We Be Saints?* at 50 cents, are available as well as the *Biography* by Finola Kennedy and other material by and about Frank Duff – all available from Concilium Legionis Mariae. *Maria Legionis* (quarterly magazine) also includes articles by Frank Duff.

Pictures and prayer leaflets available free of charge.

A DVD on the life of Frank Duff is also available for €10 at the same address.

Suggested Format for Prayer Meeting

1. Opening Prayers and Rosary
2. Welcome to all, especially new participants
3. Short reading from the writings of Frank Duff
– discussion can follow
4. Requests for prayer intentions
5. News of any favours received
6. Recitation of the prayer for the beatification of Frank Duff
7. Place, date and time of next meeting
8. Blessing of a priest (if one is present)

The meeting would normally last about 1 hour.

Please do keep us informed with news from your area. Please God these efforts will bear many fruits and graces aiming towards beatification if/when it is God's will.



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