



Legion of Mary Miami Regia

O Mary, conceived without sin.
Pray for us who have recourse to you.

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The Priest and the Legion *(Handbook Chapter 10#4 fine print pg 63)*



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In his Allocutio, Fr. Soulliere spoke about the Spiritual Reading **“The Priest and the Legion”** (Handbook p. 63).

Christ found it necessary to found His Church and to appoint His Apostles as priests. If He did not, His work would have ended with His death on the Cross at Calvary, for there would be no one to continue His work. If He did not leave the Apostles and priests to carry on and administer His Sacraments of Confession, Baptism, Confirmation, Last Rites, etc., few would be saved. Everyone would die in their sins, and Heaven might be actually empty.

Christ identifies with His priests in a special way because they are ministers of His Sacraments. If the priest fails, then Christ fails! But the priest cannot do it alone. Just as our Lord needed the Apostles to help Him, so the priest needs others to help him. If the priest doesn't have others to help Him, his work will be negligible, and, as stated above, when the priest fails, Christ fails!

Our Lord made his Mystical Body (all others) a principle of His life. Likewise, the priest needs helpers to aid him in his work. The Head, whether it is Christ or the priest, cannot accomplish much without the Body to help.

That is why the existence of the Legion of Mary is such a tremendous gift and blessing, not only to Christ, His Church and the priest, but also to the rapid and effective sanctification of its members!