



*To Ms Mary Murphy
President of the Concilium Legionis Mariae*

I was pleased to learn that the Legion of Mary is celebrating this year the hundredth anniversary of its foundation, and I send the assurance of my prayerful closeness to all taking part in the concluding Mass of the centenary in Dublin on 19 November 2022.

In a particular way, I join you in giving thanks to Almighty God for the graces received by countless people in many parts of the world through the witness of faith and charitable efforts of the Legion. I likewise pray that the various anniversary events will lead to a renewed missionary zeal as you continue to respond to the vocation of spreading the saving message of the Gospel through your important apostolate. In this regard, may you always seek to imitate your heavenly patron, Mary Immaculate, in steadfast generosity and trust in divine providence.

Commending those associated with the Legion of Mary to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, I invoke upon all of you the Lord's blessings of strength, joy and peace as a pledge of my affection in Christ. And I ask you, please, to pray for me.

Francis

Rome, from Saint John Lateran, 14 November 2022