

- Rosary recited in unison after the daily morning Mass and before Sunday Masses. These are always led by Blue Army members.
- We sponsored the successful visit of the International Pilgrim Virgin statue to the Pittsburgh Diocese in April, 1979.
- First All-Night Vigil during the visit of the International Pilgrim Virgin statue.
- All-Night Vigil on May 13, 1980.
- Sending of monthly newsletter to members in order to stimulate their continued interest in the Blue Army.
- Making sure Blue Army literature rack is always full of leaflets and booklets.
- Five hundred Brown Scapulars and the leaflet "Our Greatest Privilege is Real" were purchased by us and distributed to parishioners during Feast of St. Alphonsus.
- Blue Army meetings are always held the Tuesday prior to the First Saturday. Information is given to new members to prepare them to fulfill their pledge.

In addition, many lectures, slide shows and movies have been offered to promote the depth of the Fatima Message.

Fulfilling Her Requests

Pope John Paul II says: "The most exacting test of faithfulness is that of duration. It is easy to be consistent in the hour of enthusiasm; it is difficult to be so in the hour of tribulation." He adds: "To be faithful means not betraying in the darkness what one has accepted in public."

I speak not only for myself, but also for the wonderful people in St. Alphonsus Blue Army Chapter here in McDonald, Pa. We truly feel that "to be faithful to Our Lady of Fatima means *learning* about Her message, and *living* it in depth as She has requested in order to bring about the triumph of Her Immaculate Heart and the reign of Christ in the world." We feel that if even *one* parish from each diocese would live, really *live*, this message in depth, Her triumph will come quickly!

LAST "OFFICIAL" MESSAGE OF FRANK DUFF:

"CONVERT!"

by JOHN M. HAFFERT

Frank Duff's apostolate began with rehabilitation or "conversion" of prostitutes in Dublin... through kindness and a "Marian spirit." Its success was little short of miraculous. Others joined him. They looked to Our Lady and to a personal spirit of prayer and penance for the great graces they needed.

The work of the Legion will probably go on until the end of the world. Our Lady will always need personal representatives of Herself to go forth and reach out with love and understanding to those who have lost their way and whom She longs to bring back into the fold of Christ beneath Her protecting mantle of love.

DeMontfort Consecration

Frank was born on June 7, 1889, son of a school teacher. When the Irish Free State (later the Republic of Ireland) was founded in 1922, Frank took an important part in the development of the new Ireland in the Ministry of Finance.

As Frank grew in his practice of True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin, as taught by St. Grignon De Montfort, his desire to live that devotion in depth became the major motivation of his life—and it led to foundation of the Legion of Mary.

The Legion had already passed the quarter century mark when the Blue Army was founded.

What Are the Differences?

In the early 1950's Msgr. Colgan and I met with Frank Duff in Dublin to discuss our relationship to the Legion. The program of the Blue Army closely approximates the program of the "auxiliaries" of the Legion of Mary. So what are the differences?

Where the Legion stresses *parish visitations* and the reaching out in personal contact, the Blue Army stresses *personal holiness through prayer and reparation*.

"It Will Come through Mary..."

Frank Duff has been regarded by many as a saint. He recognized that the Legion of Mary had its mission, but that also Our Lady had other apostles and apostolates, and *he encouraged the members of his Legion not only to join those apostolates but also to be their apostles!* Indeed some of the most effective leaders of the Blue Army developed their spirituality and their spirit of leadership in the Legion of Mary.

It is a source of great joy and consolation to all of us who knew, loved and respected Frank Duff to recall that 18 months before his death at the age of 91 he led a delegation of the Legion of Mary in a special audience with His Holiness, Pope John Paul II. And during this visit with the Pope, the Legionnaires spoke openly about Russia and the countries behind the Iron Curtain. And the Holy Father quoted to Frank the words whispered to him by Cardinal Hlond of Warsaw on his deathbed:

"When victory comes, it will come through Mary."

"My Message: 'Convert!'"

After the audience, the Legionnaires were being shown around the Vatican. When they came to the room where the Holy Father gave his Christmas message to the world Frank was invited to sit there and "direct a message to the Legionnaires of the world." Frank answered: "My message is short: 'Convert!'"