



# Like the Auxiliary of the Legion

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The Blue Army is an Apostolate of Holiness which fructifies apostles like those of the Legion.

The devil may be more fearful of the Blue Army than of any other apostolates because it is the apostolate of Fatima, the apostolate which will bring about the triumph of the Immaculate Heart...and increase daily the triumph of the Legion of Mary.

The two Apostolates, of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima and the Legion of Mary, are really one Apostolate with two facets. We *must* expect a tremendous diabolical force directed against us when we endeavor to develop this Apostolate which crushes the Serpent's head.

## SOMETHING EASY?

I remember that Frank Duff said that perhaps no one would become involved in the Legion if they knew what they were getting into. And most legionnaires soon have a pretty good idea of the problems that face them. Those who join the Blue Army also think it is easy, that they just have to sign a pledge, say a few prayers. They have no idea of the amount of discouragement and the difficulty even in such a small thing as wearing the Brown Scapular. And when they join cells to begin to live their pledge in depth they meet unexpected difficulties.

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You might just try asking even some of your devout friends: Are you saying the Rosary each day with attention to the mysteries, and are you wearing the Scapular as a sign of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary?

When we become involved in the richer development of weekly holy hours, and All-Night Vigils we soon realize that the Blue Army is working and fighting against almost totally *invisible enemies* and often *without the consolation of seeing fruits of the work*. And such an Apostolate of prayer and sacrifice is the one most subject to discouragement. Very special grace is needed for perseverance.

I think it would be impossible to overstate the importance of the Legion of Mary, or the amount of persecution and suffering which Legionnaires endure. But those in the "Auxiliary" are fighting only invisible enemies, with little chance of seeing the fruit of their

work. They must be prepared for the most intense assaults of Satan since this is the very Apostolate of which Our Lady spoke when She said: "If my requests are heard, Russia will be converted and an era of peace will be granted to mankind."

In the fulfillment of this promise of the triumph of Her Immaculate Heart the Legion of Mary must come to the foreground. All Blue Army members who can do so should join the Legion of Mary. Wherever Blue Army property is acquired it should be made available for Legion headquarters or Legion work.

These are the providential apostolates of our day.



Member of the Blue Army, rosary in hand, prays while Pilgrim Virgin visits South Vietnam.