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Dear legionaries,

Recitation of the Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God, Frank Duff

We wish to inform you that a decision was taken by the Concilium at its April 2005 meeting permitting the recitation of the Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God, Frank- Duff. The recommendation was that the prayer would be recited at the end of **every Legion meeting** (praesidium and council) which takes place throughout the world.

It is to be understood that the recitation of this prayer is not interfering with the prayers invariable coming, as it does, after the Concluding Prayers of the Legion and is provided for under Chapter 19, Section 16 of the Handbook.

It is also to be understood that the recitation of this prayer for beatification refers **only** to Frank Duff in his capacity as founder of the Legion of Mary.

We set out for the information of all legionaries the reasons for the decision:

- The absolute necessity of prayer for the Vice Postulator and the team working on the Cause because of the magnitude of the work involved.
- The theology of the grace of a founder whose Cause takes much greater precedence than those who follow him.
- The fact that none of us would be members of the Legion of Mary but for Frank Duff.

The idea is to mobilise all 3 million active members of the Legion encouraging those already reciting the prayer to continue to do so daily. For those not already saying the prayer to encourage them to undertake daily recitation. Hopefully the 10 million Auxiliary members will be encouraged likewise.

The Concilium commends those councils throughout the world which have had the Prayer for Beatification translated into the languages used by the legionaries. The Concilium will gladly assist in paying for the translation and printing of those written languages and dialects yet to be translated. Where translations have already been done we encourage every council to print copies of the Prayer leaflet for distribution to all their members and for the general public so that, if God so ordains, the Servant of God Frank Duff can yield many favours and miracles.

In writing to the councils directly attached to the Concilium we ask your cooperation in making this decision known to all directly attached praesidia and councils in your care.

The Concilium has no doubt that the implementation of this decision will shower many graces not just on those working for the Cause but on us as members and on the Church as a whole. It is an opportunity for us all to read up as much as we can about our founder and come to a fresh realisation of just how blessed by God and Our Lady he was. From when he was a young man right through his life to his death in 1980 Frank Duff was in the special care of the Providence of God. Each one of us owes him our deep gratitude. Recitation of the prayer for his beatification is one way of showing

this.

Yours sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

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