

The Legion of Mary is a Catholic lay organisation devoted to promoting personal holiness and evangelisation. Founded in Dublin, Ireland in 1921 by Frank Duff, the Legion of Mary has since grown to become one of the largest lay organizations in the Catholic Church, with millions of members worldwide.

The Legion of Mary is grounded in the idea that every member is called to active works of service, with a focus on evangelisation and outreach to those in need. Legionaries seek to live out their faith through prayer, devotion, and works of service, with a particular emphasis on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

At the core of the Legion of Mary is the devotion to Our Lady, with members striving to imitate her virtues and seek her intercession in all things. The Legion also emphasises the importance of community and fellowship among members, with weekly meetings and opportunities for spiritual growth and formation.

Through its various apostolates, such as visitation ministries, prison outreach, and catechesis, the Legion of Mary seeks to bring the message of the Gospel to all people, especially those on the margins of society. The organisation has been recognised for its service and evangelisation efforts, with Pope John Paul II referring to Legion members as "missionaries of the laity."

As a lay organisation, the Legion of Mary offers a unique opportunity for Catholics to grow in their faith and serve the Church in a meaningful way. By following in the footsteps of Our Lady and doing the work of the Church, Legionaries strive to build up the Kingdom and bring others closer to Christ.

In 1991 Our Lady appeared to children in Kibeho Rwanda. The first visionary Alphonsine Mumureke was asked by Mary to join the Legion of Mary. The second visionary Anathalie Mukamazimpaka was a member of the Legion. The third visionary Marie-Claire Mukangango was given a mission by Mary to promote the seven sorrows rosary. Frank Duff had a well worn rosary of the seven sorrows.

Our Lady of Kibeho is the only Vatican-approved Marian Apparition site in Africa.