

# Arlington Senatus Meeting Newsletter



## 30<sup>th</sup> Arlington Senatus Meeting, March 1st, 2026

**All attached Councils:** please distribute this newsletter to the officers in your attached Curia and Praesidia. Praesidia officers should send copies to all active legionary members.

### I. Council Reports

#### A. Potomac Comitium

- **Overview**
  - They have six directly attached senior praesidia. They also have three junior praesidia.
  - They have 48 senior members plus 3 since last report, and 25 junior members plus 2 since last report
  - They have 621 auxiliary members, a decrease of six since the last report.
  - They have two attached curiae:
    - **Alexandria Curia:** 7 attached Praesidia, all senior. Six of eight parishes in their area have a Legion presence.
    - **Rappahannock Curia:** six attached Praesidia (4 senior, 2 junior). 4 out of 7 parishes and 2 missions in their area have a Legion presence.
- **Highlights**
  - Their known results include: Five returns to the faith; One conversion; One marriage validation; One baptism; Four confirmations.
  - On door-to-door visitation, they have encountered many elderly Catholic couples who remain fearful of illness since COVID. One such couple had refused to allow them in their home initially. Members kept visiting, and eventually, the couple allowed a priest into their home to bless them.
  - A junior Presidium sets up a table at the food pantry where they distribute miraculous medals, rosaries, holy cards, and leaflets. They also display a whiteboard with prayer intentions. The juniors also assist by bagging goods and walking them to the cars for the families.
  - Our Lady of Victory, Jr. Presidium is now in its second year with eight members. They've been reactivated after a nearly 18-year break

- One of the Praesidia within the Alexandria Curia coordinated a Sacred Heart Enthronement ceremony with the parish. They distributed 123 sets of Enthronement images, and 245 parishioners participated.
- The Rappahannock Curia has a new Senior Presidium, Our Lady Star of the Sea, with sixteen members. Its president and several members previously belonged to a junior presidium within the Curia.
- **Remarks from the Body**
  - Brother Brady Dugan congratulated them on an excellent report and asked about extension work. Sister Christine Wilson said they hoped to start doing that soon.
  - Sister Margie Melquist clarified that the Hispanic Presidium near Triangle had to be closed.
  - Sister Moran congratulated them on saving a Presidium that was about to close.
  - Brother Arlie LeBeau asked about the parish-wide enthronement of the Sacred Heart. Sister Wilson explained that this was an effort led by the pastor in which parishioners registered. He gave a brief talk and then led the group in saying enthronement prayers to prepare for the event. The families present did the actual enthronements in their homes.

## **B. Baltimore Comitium**

- **Overview**
  - They have 12 seniorsPraesidia directly attached. One Presidium was suspended but should restart before May 2026. They have two attached junior presidia with twelve junior members.
  - They have 104 senior members (plus nine since last report) and 12 junior members (unchanged)
  - They have 475 auxiliary members, an increase of 15 since the last report.
  - They have three attached curiae:
    - **Central Maryland, Our Lady of Fatima Curia:** 10 attached Presidia, 9 senior, 1 junior. Eight of 19 parishes in their area have a Legion presence.
    - **Korean, Our Lady of Apostles Curia:** nine attached senior Praesidia. All Nine Praesidia gather at the Holy Korean Martyrs Church in Baltimore.
    - **Ellicott City Curia:** 12 attached Praesidia, 11 senior (increase of one since last report), and one junior. Nine parishes in the area have a Legion presence. There is also a Presidium at a non-parish location, Our Lady's Center in Ellicott City.
- **Highlights**
  - Their known results include: 17 returns to the faith; two conversion; two marriage validation; four baptism; three confirmations.

- **Remarks from the Body**

- Brother Jim Caruso congratulated them on a fine report and said the known results were impressive.
- Sister Margie Melquist offered to help find officers to lead a new Hispanic Curia they planned to open in the fall of 2026.
- Sister Kathleen Kappes asked about the Seminary Presidium. The response was: it's at St. Mary's in Baltimore, is still in its infancy but has four officers already.
- Brother Brady Dugan reminded everyone of the 10-minute time limit on reports and said both councils today did an excellent job of sticking to that.

## **II. Allocutio**

Fr. Peffley based his Allocutio on the Spiritual Reading from the Legion of Mary handbook, The Acies.

Father Peffley advised that members should prepare for the Aces by reflecting on the Marian Synthesis in the appendix of the handbook, number 11. It contains our profession of faith to Our Lady, which will be read at the Acies. Our pledge to Mary, "I am all yours, my queen and my mother, and all that I have is yours," should be embraced by all members to understand everything our Lady is to us. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mary, who gave us Jesus. Mary helped rescue the world by giving us her Divine Son. Father Peffley also mentioned the proto-evangelium in Genesis 3:15. He said that Mary is the new Eve and Jesus is, of course, the new Adam, and together they've reversed the fall that the first Eve helped cause.

She is called the mold of God as she bore Jesus in her womb and she and St. Joseph molded Jesus. She also suffered along with Jesus. She suffered at the foot of the cross. She also helped mold the Church. After Jesus' Ascension she was on earth helping the Church for perhaps 20 more years. She was vital to the Church in its infancy while she was still on earth. She continues to be a vital mother to the Church from heaven.

## **III. Other Business**

### **A. Senatus Website**

- Brother Brady Dugan gave an update on the status of the revitalization of the Senatus website. This project is in process and has a projected launch date in May. A committee has been formed, and the following members have joined Brother Matthew Wooten; Sister Joelle Tshimuanga; and Sister Christine Wilson

### **B. Acies**

- **March 21, 2026**, at Queen of the Apostles Parish at 11:00 AM. Arrive with the Praesidium flag at 10:30 AM. The ceremony will start promptly at 11:00 AM, followed by the luncheon. Please bring an entrée or sides to share.
- **Attached Council Acies:**
  - **Potomac Comitium**
    - When: March 28, 2026
    - Saturday Morning Mass: 9:00 AM
    - Ceremony: 10:00 AM

- Where: Our Lady of Angels, 13752 Mary's Way, Woodbridge, VA
- **Baltimore Comitium**
  - When: Saturday, March 21, 2026, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
  - Where: St Agnes Church, 5422 Old Frederick Rd, Baltimore
- **Fairfax Comitium**
  - When: March 21st at 11:00 AM
  - Where: Saint Veronica Parish, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly, VA 20151
- **Mystical Rose, Piedmont Curia\***
  - When: Saturday, March 21, 2026 (11-2) at 11:00 AM
  - Where: St. John the Evangelist
  - 271 Winchester Blvd. Warrenton, VA 20186
- **Rappahannock Curia**
  - When: Saturday, March 21, 2026 (Time?)
  - Where: Anthony's Church, 10299 Millbank Rd. King George, VA 22485
- **Hispanic Comitium together with Hispanic Curia of Potomac:**
  - When: March 28, 2026, 9 am to 2:30 pm
  - Where: Holy Family Church, Dale City/Woodbridge, VA
- **Hispanic Senior and Junior Curiae of Manassas**
  - When: March 21, 2026, 3:00 p.m – 8:00 p.m
  - Where: All Saints Parish, Manassas V.A
- **Hispanic Curia of Shenandoah**
  - When: March 28, 2026, 8:30am to 1:00pm
  - Where: St. John the Baptist, Front Royal, VA
- **Hispanic Curia of Fairfax**
  - When: March 21, 2026, 9:00 am to 2:00pm
  - Where: St Leo the Great, Fairfax, VA

**C. Bishop Report From Councils to Senatus**

- Due April 12, 2026

**D. Senatus Retreat**

- Loyola on the Potomac Retreat Center, 9270 Loyola Retreat Road, Faulkner, MD 20632, March 27-29, 2026. \$275.00 per person. As of the last Senatus meeting, only 28 spots had been filled; we need 50 participants. Please consider attending.

**E. Young Adult and TEAM Retreats**

- **Training:** May 23rd, 2026
- **Young Adult Retreat:** May 30, 2026, at Holy Trinity Jubilee Park, 4407 Aldie Road, Catharpin, Virginia 20143. Theme: Safeguarding from Materialism, Digitalism, and Egotism. Lessons from St. Francis of Assisi on Poverty of

Spirit. Retreat Masters: Reverend Francis Peffley, Reverend Paul Berghout.

**Volunteers are needed**

- **Cleanup** at HTJP on June 20. **Volunteers are needed**
- **TEAM Retreat:** Saturday, June 27, 2026, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at HT JP. Retreat theme: Saint Carlos a cutis - A Techie Saint For Teens. **Volunteers are needed.**

**F. Other**

- ***The Rosary Mysteries with Venerable Mary of Agreda.*** Father Pefley gave a pitch for Brother Kevin Kelly's new book on Venerable Mary of Agreda. Brother Kelly left fliers at the meeting. Sister Mary Kelly has copies of the book for sale if you are interested.
- **Pilgrimage to Ireland:** Sister Margie Melquist announced that the pilgrimage to Ireland from September 17 through 2026 needs more pilgrims. Please contact her for more information.

**IV. Upcoming Schedule**

- NEXT SENATUS MEETING: Sunday, April 12, 2026, at 2:00 PM
- HOST PRAESIDIUM: Queen of Apostles (Saint James Parish)
- PRAESIDIUM REPORTS: Our Lady of Hope
- COUNCIL REPORT: Raleigh Comitium, Nashville Comitium

May God continue to bless you for your work on behalf of Our Lady,

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