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In the year 1993 on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the birth of an annual retreat for teenagers came about as a result of the lack of available retreat for our adolescent legionaries. Seggy Acosta was also observing the growing problems of teens who were misguided, facing substance abuse, suicide, lack of interest in the practice of their Catholic Faith with increasing violence. Upon consulting, Rev. Francis Peffley, they decided to name the event as Teenage Enrichment for the Apostles of Mary. It made a lot of sense that thirty years after, the grave danger facing the youth with growing number of atheists and agnostics, our Blessed Mother is calling upon the Apostles and Disciples of the Last Times, the members of the Legion of Mary, to become vigilant and zealous in their work of evangelization in order to save souls and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the young people which also led to developing retreats for the young adults.

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place for years to Holy Trinity Jubilee from God. The 66.2 fell on the lap of Acosta who were land for a small God! Finally, there Legion of Mary to and to eventually for their ministry. so picturesque sur- the river, streams, rolling hills are ety of trees, includ- pawpaw trees.

Ropes and obstacle games have increased through the years as volunteers initiated the creation of challenging games that would appeal to the youth. Charlie McCormick, Mark Hoffman, Tony Lupetaliaami, Leo Acosta, Robert Hawkins, Joe Witter, the Mee Family, Robert Alvarado and with the help of countless men were responsible in building all these fun activities which also teach about our faith, moral values, and the lives of the saints. Many members of the Legion of Mary have volunteered their time to keep up with the park. Sandy Witter was another member of the board who served for many years and helped Seggy Acosta in planning, executing programs, including begging for materials needed for the park. Blessed be God!!!

# 2024 T.E.A.M. RETREAT



Through the Grace of our Lord and intercession of Our Lady, we had over 90 teens attend the retreat this year. Over half of the attendees were members of Junior praesidia under multiple Hispanic councils, including the Prince William Hispanic Comitium, the Fairfax Curia, Manassas Curia, and the Potomac Curia. Everyone had a wonderful time, including in the skits, which tends to be overlooked by the teens. Fr. Jeb Donelan led the procession with the Blessed Sacrament and gave a bilingual talk. Fr. John Melmer celebrated Mass and confessions were heard.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers and team leaders who have given their time to help lead the youth. We had many new volunteers this year as well, with some even being parents of the teens in attendance. We also had a couple of young adults help with the set up of the park and the clean up. It had rained multiple days during the week, but everything was all dried up by the time the retreat came around. Many of the teens left with greater love for the Lord and our Blessed Mother, and some even commented about joining the Legion of Mary as a junior member and returning to next year's retreat. Let us keep praying for the youth as they are the future of the Church.



# SUMMER FUN, FAITH and FOOD in the PARK

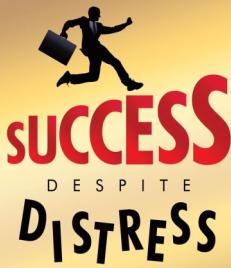
In the midst of sweltering heat, the young adults together with all the volunteers came to HTJP to minister to each other the Power of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ in their lives. Fr. Guillermo Gonzales addressed the group bilingually on the power of the Precious Blood against evil while Fr. Francis Peffley shared testimonies in the lives of the saints who were devoted to the Precious Blood. Music was provided by Jon Nyties, Paul Kayanan, Emily Calis and Ginny Miele. Robert Alvarado completed the repair on the zipline with the help of Leo Acosta. The legionaries tremendously enjoyed the adrenaline rush of the exhilarating speed down the wire as others cheered their fellow team members. The water balloons provided the refreshing relief of getting slightly wet as they tossed the balloons while teasing those who missed the mark. Overall, the attendees had a blessed time, as well as the volunteers.



# Thirteenth Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner and Talent Show 2024

St. Veronica Parish Hall was used once again to host this year's Clergy Appreciation Dinner and Talent Show. There were around 200 in attendance! The rosary was led both in English and Spanish. We had many presentations from all types of cultures from around the world. There was also plenty of food and it was a blessing to see how many Legionaries were meeting each other for the first time. We would like to thank all of our Spiritual Directors for giving their time and their devotion to Our Lady and to the Legionaries. There were new clergy who joined this year. The juggling act of Fr. Peffley was accompanied with the drum rolls of Fr. Melmer as the audience held their breath with the juggling of the machetes.





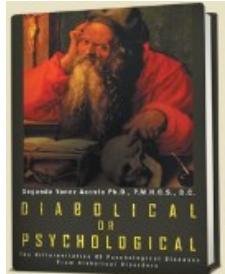
DR. SEGUNDA YANEZ ACOSTA, PH.D.,  
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Seggy has a new book! It is entitled ***Success Despite Distress***

Are you interested in learning the qualities and health habits of executives who are wealthy, healthy, happy, and holy? Check out the book.

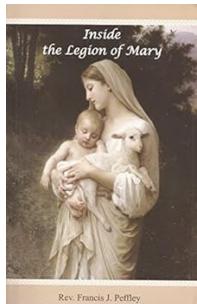
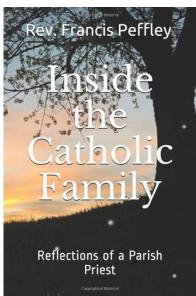
The other book is ***Diabolical or Psychological, The Differentiation of Psychological Diseases from Diabolical Disorders***.

This book is to assist anyone, particularly priests and clinicians, in identifying particular signs of those who have mental illness versus diabolical disorders.



These books are available at [Xlibris.com](http://Xlibris.com), [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) or Barnes & Nobel in hardcover or paperback. All proceeds go to Holy Trinity Jubilee Park.

Pick up a copy of Fr. Peffley's books, *Inside the Catholic Family* and *Inside the Legion of Mary*, if you haven't yet.



## SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS WITH LEGION OF MARY

**Sat. May 24, 2025: HTJP Volunteer Training**

**Saturday May 31 2025: Summer Fun, Faith, Food in the Park (14-35)**

**Sat. June 28 2025: TEAM Retreat (12-17)**

**Sunday, Sept. 14 2025: Clergy Appreciation Dinner**

## New Board Members Needed!

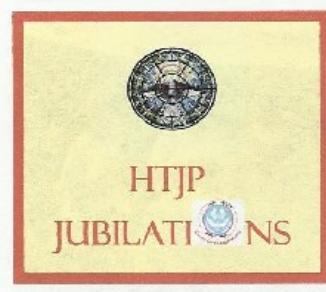
As many of our present board members are now in our "Golden Years"

We are looking for new, young people to pickup the reins and continue the progress we have made at HTJP. The work is fun, rewarding, and will bring many graces and a stronger faith as you connect with so many other faithful Catholics and their families.

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