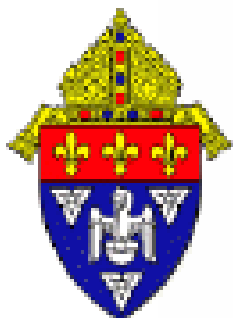


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PRESIDENTS REPORT

On Saturday, August 5 many areas of New Orleans were flooded as the result of heavy rains and inadequate pumping stations. My prayers go out to all who were adversely affected suffering loss or damage to their property and homes. As we enter the peak of Hurricane Season, I implore every member to pray to Our Lady of Prompt Succor for protection against the loss of lives and property.

On a brighter note, I commend those parish Holy Name Societies who have added new Novice members who are undergoing formation enroute to becoming Professed members. Recruiting and retaining new members is the life blood of any organization that ensures it longevity. Growing our membership is vital to the survival and longevity of our confraternity that has strived for 743 years. Therefore, it is imperative that we continue to reach out to our parishioners, especially those younger catholics who are seeking to get involved in the church. These young people are tech savvy and connected on social media which is how they receive the majority of information. They can be a great asset in managing social media to get our message out reaching the masses and generating interest in the Holy Name that will lead to our growth. The use of Face Book, Twitter, and Instagram is evangelization has impacted the church as is evidenced by the tens of thousands that follow Pope Francis on twitter.

As we plan and execute membership drives, as many parish societies are doing, let's keep the future of the Holy Name Society in mind as we strive to spread the devotion of the Holy Names of God and Jesus across our generations.

Your Brother in Christ,

Joseph Simon
President

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ROSARY DRIVE



RADIO ROSARY 71st Anniversary

The Rosary Drive is our main source of income and its never to early to start planning your parishes Rosary Drive.

Your effort and hard work are greatly appreciated.

ROSARY DRIVE ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE PLEASE CONTACT BOB RAUCH AT 831-343488 OR 722-9422

Deadline March 31, 2018



"Dear children! Be prayer and a reflection of God's love for all those who are far from God and God's commandments. Little children, be faithful and determined in conversion and work on yourselves so that, for you, holiness of life may be truth; and encourage each other in the good through prayer, so that your life on earth may be more pleasant. Thank you for having responded to my call."



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday August 15, 2017

All Holy Name Society members are encouraged to attend our monthly executive board meeting held on the third Tuesday of every month. Come and bring your ideas and be a part of our renewal plans and future success!

**The meetings are held at St. Dominic Parish in
the Priory
775 Harrison Avenue New Orleans, La. at
7:00pm.**

COME JOIN US!!

The continued success of our society is greatly dependent on our members attending and supporting the decisions made at these meetings. Your attendance will help us to continue bringing new and innovative ideas to our members.

Monthly Meeting and Parish Reports

The meeting began with the recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

Treasurers Report— Our checking account balance as of June 30 2017 is \$7061.93

Parish Reports:

Christ the King - They had 14 members that attended their monthly mass. They had 19 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation. They had 20 members that attended the monthly meeting.

St. Maria Goretti - They had 29 members that attended their monthly meeting They had 10 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation.

St. Christopher - They had no report.

St. Matthew - They had no report.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help — They had 14 members that attended their monthly meeting.

St. Dominic— They had 5 members that attended their Radio Rosary Recitation.

Our Lady of Mercy — They had 5 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation.

Hunt Prison—They had 18 inmates, Jules Tolliver and Ronnie Rome that attended their Radio Rosary recitation.

Our Lady of the Rosary — They had no report.

St. Benedict - They had no report.

St. Clement of Rome—They had 8 members that attend their monthly mass and 6 that attended their monthly meeting . They had 4 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation.

St. Joan of Arc/Blessed Sacrament— They had 8 members that attended their monthly mass and meeting. They had 20 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation.

Most Holy Trinity— They had 10 members that attended their monthly mass and meeting and 20 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation.

St. Katharine—They had 9 members that attended their monthly meeting.

Radio Rosary Chairman : No report.

Spiritual Renewal :

Anthony Cucchi - No Report

Membership and Youth— No report

Old Business : The HNS sign will be installed at the shrine. We are trying to set up a date in September on National Holy Name Sunday.

New Business : Vince passed out NAMI booklets and talked about the focus of the organization.

Presidents report : No report.

Closing prayers— 8:29

A Priest Tells the Simple Truth About What Being a “Parishioner” Really Means

by Fr. Bill Peckman - July 13, 2017

Some might differentiate between a “parishioner in good standing” or not. I do not ascribe to such a notion.

Parishioners must share in the responsibilities that are part and parcel of belonging to a parish. Why? Because the nature of a parish is that of a family and not a business. **A parish is not a business that offers holy stuff.**

Some parishioners, by virtue of infirmity or advanced age, might well be parishioners in the fullest sense of the word even though their physical limitations prevent their fully living the life of the parish. From these individuals, their prayer is so very important. It is not a second class offering, but their way of connecting to the life and mission of the parish. **Hence, not all of the following applies to them.**

Here’s what it means to be a parishioner:

1) Mass attendance on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation

Catholic Mass attendance is the center of the Catholic life. By Mass attendance, I do not merely mean being present in a building where Mass is happening, but being engaged in thought, word, and action in the worship Of God. When a Catholic willfully exempts themselves from the Mass, they gut the very means of growing in faith.

The Church considers this so important that it mandates that all Catholics go to Mass on Sundays (Saturday night is fine as well) and considers it **mortally sinful when one chooses to not go to Mass.**

2) Support of the parish and its ministries

Support is twofold. First there is the financial support of the parish. Support comes predominantly through the thanksgiving sacrifice. This is what the collection is properly called. **The collection is not a cash register where we pay for services rendered, but a place where we make part of our thanksgiving sacrifice to God.**

This is why I do not look at giving records. The tithe is between you and God and it is to God that you will be responsible. The tithe is your giving thanks to God for the blessings He has given you. The tithe is to be used, according to Scripture, for the mission of the Church and care of the poor. I will talk about the tithe once a year as I do not want to use time set aside for the worship of God to talk about money.

Money is only part of the equation. We also contribute by **giving of our time and energy to help execute the responsibilities Parishes depend on volunteers for many things.** I know everyone is busy. It is fact of life for most people. That said, as the old saying goes, “Many hands make for light work.”

Whether it being in teaching, youth, Mass, shut-ins, school, and various other aspects of parish life, giving of some of your time helps to build up the parish and continue its mission.

3) Participating in the Mission of the Church

The Mission of the Church is geared towards its growth. Parents do this in the raising of their children to be faithful followers of Christ. We do this by evangelizing the fallen away and the unchurched. We do this by being a faithful beacon in the community around us. This is why prayer, Mass attendance, educating ourselves on what constitutes the faith, and teaching our youth to correctly prioritize life are so important. The Church is not a museum for the 99 sheep who don’t stray, but is geared to the 1 who does.

I will not change the teachings of the Church. That would be irresponsible. The goal of any parish to ‘go make disciples of the nations’ and to ‘teach all that Jesus taught us.’ This is the commission of the Jesus Christ at the end of the Gospel of Matthew. This is dominant message in my preaching and teaching.

My Duty as a Pastor

Having said what is the duty of being a parishioner, let me now say how I see my duty as pastor. First and foremost I understand my role as a pastor of souls. I am called ‘father’ for a reason. I am to look to the good and care of those placed under my pastoral care.

As parishioners, you belong to God first, you are members of His flock. You are not my subjects, but the portion of God’s family assigned to my care. I have the responsibility of looking to the good of every parishioner even when they are not looking to their own good. As I see myself as father of the parish, I do not see myself as predominantly a CEO, CFO, storekeeper, or absentee landlord. My goal is to incorporate all the good traits of a good dad in how I guide the parish.

Furthermore, I am bound to teach what the Church teaches in the way the church wants. I am ‘by the book’ in many ways in that I will follow my duties as is prescribed by such documents as Canon Law, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the Catechism, and the Scriptures. I believe that if **I do not respect the authority placed over me that I have no right to expect anyone to respect the authority I have as a pastor.** If I make changes, it will be to bring us in line with the teachings of the Church. Truth is to be applied with charity. My goal as pastor will be to fix what can be fixed, grow what can be grown, and protect my flock whatever would prey on them.

I believe that parishes are not merely meant to survive, but to thrive. This takes our cooperation with Christ. This takes the grace of the sacraments.



Our website address is

www.noauhns.org

Please notice that the website includes an icon to make donations to the Holy Name Society and the Rosary Drive.

**Our NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE IS NOW ONLINE!
PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO GO ONLINE AND ENJOY IT!
THANKS TO TRE WILLIAMS FOR AN EXCELLENT JOB!
WELL DONE!!**

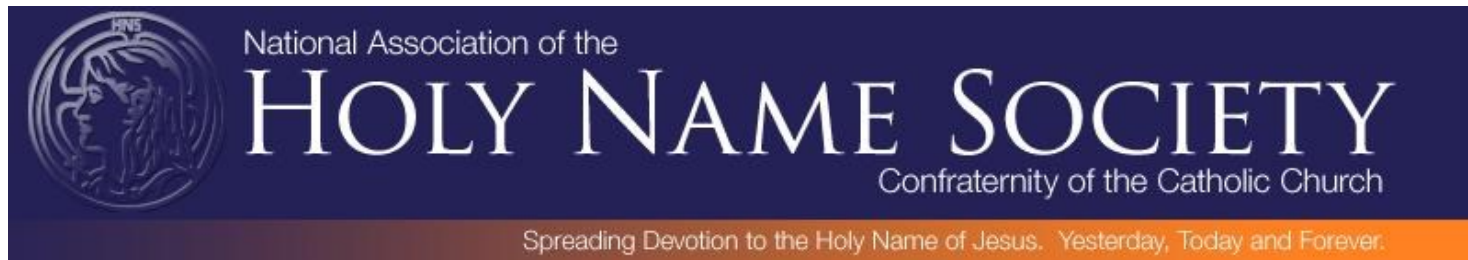
Website Highlights

**9 day Novena to Blessed John of Vercelli
Video clip of the rededication of the Shrine of Blessed
John of Vercelli at St. Dominic Church
Holy Name Society Monthly Newsletter
Holy Name Society Radio Rosary Schedule
Memorial list of deceased members and families**

Please take advantage of the many benefits of our website!

**If your parish has any upcoming events that we can advertise in the newsletter and post on the website
Please contact Anthony Smith at 481-3407.**

We now have a Facebook site for the Holy Name Society the address is www.Facebook.com/hnsnola.



NAHNS Blessed John of Vercelli Committee
April 2017 Bulletin – Life and Works of Blessed John of Vercelli
Holy Name Society PLUS – Pray + Learn + Unite + Serve

Prayer for Canonization - Blessed John of Vercelli

O God, Who has willed that Blessed John of Vercelli shine with wondrous prudence and strength, grant that through his intercession, our families may always and everywhere be governed and blessed by your salutary rule, through Christ our Lord.

O God, we humbly beg You, should it be Your holy will that Blessed John of Vercelli, Your glorious apostle of the Holy Name, be raised to the honors of the altar, to make known Your will by heavenly favors through his intercession.

O God, grant that all members of the Holy Name Society who make ardent petition for the canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli, may be filled both with zeal for honoring the most Holy Name of Your Divine Son and with perseverance in living according to the Holy Name Pledge.

Blessed John of Vercelli, promoter of devotion to the most Holy Name of Jesus, pray for us!

THE LIFE AND WORK OF BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI

- ❓ Born around 1205 in the village of Mosso Santa Maria near Vercelli area of Lombardy, northern Italy as Giovanni Garbella.
- ❓ At the age of 21 received Doctorates in both Civil and Canon Law and taught several years at the University of Paris before becoming a Friar.
- ❓ He took a vow not to ride any vehicle and as Provincial of Lombardy he insisted on the rule initiated by St. Dominic that Friars should travel on foot.
- ❓ He became the 6th Master General of the Order in 1264 and served in that capacity until 1283. Blessed John was already in his sixties and was handicapped by a crippled

leg, but he accepted the office which would require him to walk not only in one country but all over Europe.

- ☐ He was a skillful negotiator and a peacemaker.
- ☐ Blessed John served under thirteen Popes and became an intimate friend and trusted diplomat of seven Popes.
- ☐ In 1274, Pope Gregory X commissioned him to promote reverence for the Holy Name of Jesus and fight blasphemy
- ☐ Died November 30, 1283 at Montpellier, France and buried at the Dominican convent at Montpellier. His tomb was desecrated by the Calvinists in 1562 and his body was never found
- ☐ Beatified by Pope Pius X in 1903. His Feast Day is celebrated on December 1st

Reference on the life of Blessed John of Vercelli can be found on the NAHNS website (nahns.com).

“Blessed John of Vercelli” by Rev. Paul C. Perrotta, O.P. (1956)

“An Historical Sketch of Blessed John of Vercelli” by Rev. Reginald M. Coffey, O.P. (1949)

We will be continuing articles on the Life of Blessed John in the months ahead.

UNITE + SERVE: HOW YOU CAN HELP FOSTER THE CAUSE FOR CANONIZATION

- ☐ Pray for the Canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli daily and at all Holy Name meetings, use the Prayer Petition envelopes for your intentions. We only need one miracle to advance Blessed John to Sainthood.
- ☐ **Learn of a Favor? Contact Edward Redding:** Telephone: 610-868-2843 or Email: reddingfn@aol.com
- ☐ **Unite + Serve:** Continue to send us your History of Devotion to Blessed John both by Individual & Group (Arch) Diocesan Union/Federation/Charter-Parish). Indicate time period and the type of devotions, that is, Annual Masses or Monthly Masses for Prayer or Cause of Canonization, Healing Mass or Service, Holy Hour Devotion, Novenas, Prayer Service, Veneration of Relic, Processions, Prayer Rooms to Blessed John.

Send Information to: Carroll W. Pupa, Chairperson BJV Committee

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HOLY NAME NEWSLETTER ADS AND MEMORIALS

The cost for and ad is used to defer the administrative cost to publish the newsletter. **We would appreciate it if those parishes that haven't taken an ad please speak to your members about taking out and ad.** We have lowered the cost to make it possible for more parishes to afford to take an ad and support our efforts. Please contact Anthony Smith at 481-3407 about renewing your ad if you haven't done so already. Thanks to those parishes that have supported us.

Yearly ads: 3 ½" X 2" \$ 5.00
4 ½ X 3" \$15.00
5 ½ X 4" \$25.00

Memorials for a deceased loved one, a sick family member or a special prayer request will be prayed for daily!

Donations are: One year remembrance \$ 5.00

If any updates need to be made on your ad please contact us at 481-3407

Ad renewals and memorials

We are going to implement a new procedure for ad renewals. ALL ad renewals will be due after the 1st of the year. **If you have not renewed your ad please send a check to the P.O. Box on the first page of the newsletter.**



WVOG – 600 AM LIVE RADIO ROSARY BROADCAST

The radio station will be calling each parish to confirm that they will be reciting the Rosary on their assigned night.

Please call WVOG if you will not be able to recite the Rosary on your assigned night.

If possible please call as early as possible or call Bob Rauch so he can notify the station.

BOB RAUCH AT 831-3488 OR 722-9422



HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTION PRAYER LIST

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PRAY FOR US!**

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