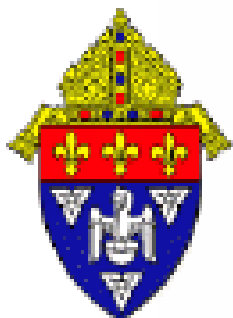


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Religion for all Ages.

At a recent board meeting of the Archdiocese of New Orleans Union of Holy Name Societies the decline of attendance at Masses was discussed. This seems to be a problem many churches and organizations are presently experiencing. It appears that the youth of today put religion on the back burner and state that religion is for older individuals, not them. It is something they will deal with later in life.

Years ago, I read *Passages* by Gail Sheehy, published in 1976. My reason for reading the book was to better understand my life and the crises I would be faced with during my life span. I was disappointed that the period covered only the time frame from the teens to the fifties. Of course, back then the life expectancy of individuals was a lot shorter. I found the book to be most interesting and since then have learned that it is considered one of the most influential books by the Library of Congress.

There was a period in my younger days, when I also put my religion on the back burner like today's youth. I remember when I was confronted with some difficult decisions to make, I saw a poster called "Footprints in the Sand." Several poets claim fame to the religious poem, among them Margaret Powers, Carolyn Carty and Mary Stevenson. The scene on the poster shows sand on a beach with two sets of walking prints impressed in the sand. Then only one set of prints is shown. It is poignant to me that the meaning of the prints represents that God carries the walker when he is alone and in need of God's help.

These two means of communication assisted me in returning to the church. They offered me a lesson of life. We all go through difficult times in life, but we can turn to God for assistance with our needs. I have learned not to ask for God to resolve the situations my way, but I trust that in His own way matters will be resolved for the best. Religion means much to me and with the advent of this New Year, I hope that more people will turn to God in assisting them in dealing with life's issues.

May you all have a happy and prosperous New Year,

Vince Petreikis
President

Archdiocese of New Orleans Union of Holy Name Societies

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ROSARY DRIVE



RADIO ROSARY 76st Anniversary

ROSARY DRIVE ENVELOPES ARE
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722-9422

**Deadline:
March 31, 2023**



At the last daily apparition to Jakov Colo on September 12th, 1998, Our Lady told him that henceforth he would have one apparition a year, every December 25th, on Christmas Day. This is also how it was this year. The apparition began at 2:18 pm and lasted 8 minutes. Our Lady came with little Jesus in her arms. Through Jakov, Our Lady gave the following message:

“Dear children! Today, when the light of Jesus' birth is illuminating the entire world, in a special way, with Jesus in my arms, I am praying that every heart becomes a stable of Bethlehem, in which my Son will be born, so that your lives become a light of His birth. Little children, you live in peacelessness and fear. That is why, little children, today,



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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!

**Our next meeting is
January 17, 2023 at 12:00 pm.
at St. Clement of Rome
4317 Richland Ave. Metairie, La.**

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.

Our website address is

www.noauhns.org

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

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!

Please send in information on any activities taking place in your parish! This will make it possible to send it out to all of the other Holy Name Societies!
Please contact Anthony Smith at 481-3407 or email me at anthonys2029@gmail.com

The 2023 RADIO ROSARY SCHEDULE has been emailed to each parish if you have not received it please contact me at 540-481-3407.

The National Holy Name Societies website address is NAHNS.COM

You can also like us on facebook! The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/hnsnola>

Three ways to avoid church snobbery



Parish life can be and is beautiful. However, sometimes as in any group setting, people can be “cliquey”. In other words, there can be an air of unwelcoming behavior that to an outsider is unattractive and unappealing. When people stray away from their faith for whatever reason, unfortunately, one of those reasons may be a feeling of not being welcomed in their own church setting. Jesus certainly would not agree with this behavior of snobbery toward others as his teachings point to reaching out in terms of kindness and openness to new people and new families. Here are ways to avoid church snobbery which may be a help during holiday seasons when people who have been away come back.

Avoid cliques

Cliques and friend groups are everywhere. There is nothing wrong with developing good friends who you love to “hang out” with and befriend. The problem is when we become closed off to making new friends and/or exclude others. Cliques are found in schools, work places, neighborhoods, extended families, and many other places. One place we would hope to not find them is within the Catholic Church or any church or faith-based group. It is sad to see when a new person shows up to church, to a group, or event, and no one walks over to say hello or offer a friendly smile. Avoiding cliques is number one when it comes to not coming off a “snob” to others.

Have a spirit of openness toward others

Being friendly is not a gift that everyone has, but through prayer and effort, we can become more friendly and kind. A big reason people leave a church or “the Church” is for this reason that they felt their church community was not friendly and hospitable. Make no mistake, the reason we as Catholics go to Mass and celebrate our faith is out of love of Jesus and of the sacraments. However, it is not a reason to forget to be friendly and open to newcomers when we meet them. A spirit of openness is another way to avoid church snobbery.

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Learn to listen more and talk less

After Mass when people “chit chat” afterwards, groups can tend to form which is natural. When we learn the art of listening more and talking less, we will begin to notice more of what is happening around us instead of focusing only on the little group we are engaged in. Whether this pertains to a church group, the office, or other setting, listening more and talking less is a sure way to not come off with an air of superiority toward other people.

Church snobbery is real, and when we open our eyes, our hearts, and our souls to the will of God we will begin to understand the will of God which is to be open, kind, and affable toward our peers everywhere we go. Especially in a church or faith-based setting, it is extremely important to remember the command of Christ to love and care for the marginalized. It is a better practice to cease caring and worrying about cliques, gossip, and matters that in reality have no importance whatsoever. Pray for God’s guidance, and he will direct you away from snobbery and toward humility, charity, and outreach toward others.



**HOLY NAME NEWSLETTER
ADS AND MEMORIALS**

**IF YOU WISH TO PLACE AN AD PLEASE EMAIL YOUR
AD COPY TO ANTHONYS2029@GMAIL.COM**

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—\$ 5.00/per year

**If you have a loved one that you would like to add to our memorial or obituary page please email the information to:
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If any updates need to be made on your ad please contact us at 481-3407



WVOG – 600 AM LIVE RADIO ROSARY BROADCAST

The live Radio Rosary broadcast is temporarily postponed and the radio station will be playing the pre-recorded tapes. We hope to resume live broadcasts on February 1, 2023.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We are being charged \$50.00 by the radio station everytime a parish does not keep their scheduled night to pray the Rosary. It is extremely important that you have someone available on your scheduled night, even if it is only one person to call in from their home and recite the Rosary!!

If you have any questions please call Anthony Smith at 504-481-3407.

parish reports

Our Lady of Perpetual Help— Reported they had 9 members attended their monthly meeting. They donated Flowers for the Christmas decorations.

St. Clement— No report.

St. Maria Goretti— Reported they had 24 members at their monthly meeting and 22 members that attended their Jericho Walk every night. Their members assisted in decorating the church for Christmas.

St. Matthew— They will hold their radio Rosary collection on the 3rd weekend of January.

Blessed Sacrament— They had 5 members that attended their monthly mass and prayed the Rosary. They also prayed the Rosary at three funerals. They had 6 members at their monthly meeting. They sponsored their mens Prayer breakfast.

St. Christopher— They had 10 members that attended their mass and meeting. They prayer the Rosary every night during the Jericho Walk. They made a donation for Christmas flowers.

Christ the King— Reported they had 21 members that attended their monthly meeting and Christmas luncheon. They had 10 members that attended their monthly mass. They made a donation to their 60th parish Anniversary celebration.

Most Holy Trinity— They reported they recite the Holy Name Pledge before all masses. They had 12 members that attended their monthly meeting. They made a donation for flowers for Christmas.

We encourage ALL Holy Name Society parishes to send in your monthly report to be included in future parish reports!

Minutes 12/20//2022 Archdiocese of New Orleans Union of Holy Name Societies

Executive Committee Meeting

St Clement of Rome Parish Center.

Members not present Audie, Wayne and Larry.

Meeting started at 12:00 noon.

Rosary recited, Pledge of Allegiance, Holy Name Pledge and Opening prayers recited.

Treasurer's Report provided by Bill Siegel. Working capital fund running low. Radio station not billing us for the next three months. We need Radio Rosary drive funds to be sustainable.

Call to order President, Vince Petreikis

Parish Reports provided, Info to be found in next newsletter.

Old Business

Radio Rosary: Bob Rauch and Joe Simon still working with the radio station to resolve issues. Bob Rauch since has advised the radio rosary will be using taped recordings until next year. Once the situation is resolved Joe Simon will advise us of the procedures to follow. With the advent of 2023

Jericho Walk: Joe Simon reported that four churches participated in the Jericho Walk. Joe will again set up the walk. An article on the walk will appear in the Clarion Herald. Hopefully more churches will get involved in the future. Provisions were made for some participants to simply pray in their respected churches realizing that the walk was too strenuous for them. Joe reported that as the walk progressed some sitters became walkers and found the walk therapeutic.

Regional Vice President's Report Benny Harris. Benny spoke of the men's ministry at Blessed Sacrament -St. Joan of Arc having a MEN'S Prayer -Breakfast on Saturday October 22nd.at 10 am. Benny pointed out that more males should be targeted to return to the church. Although the Society admits both males and females, he would like to see more males attending church services. We all should work towards that end.

New Business

Convention for 2023 made mention, Joe Simon to clear the date with St. Marie Goretti in East New Orleans. Tentative date April 16th. St. Marie Goretti's has accommodated us in the past and run good conventions. It is not too early for us to start planning. However, 2023 will be the second year with the same officers.

Closing prayer Joe Simon.

Meeting adjourned and Bob Rauch had Christmas Cheer to celebrate with all present.

Wishing you, your families and loved one a Blessed Christmas and most prosperous New Year.

Committee members are encouraged to read and implement subjects found in The Vercellian such as the "Jericho Walk" with their membership.

Due to time factor next month's Christmas party not discussed and closing prayer unfortunately omitted.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45PM

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTION PRAYER LIST

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In Loving Memory Of

Patricia Smith
Amelia Kandalaft
Lee Le Blanc
Georgia Le Blanc
Audrey Ledet
Vicky Ledet
Jerry Hymel
Conchetta & Peter Selesi
Vincent Selesi
Gasper Selesi
Theresa & Douglas Haskins
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Our Lady of the Rosary Church”
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Vergel Duplessis
Ben Raphael
Aaron Gilyard
Archbishop Philip Hannan
Rev. John Bendix S. D. Past Spiritual Director
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Rev. Victor Brown—Past Spiritual Director
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Evelyn Cuccia
Kevin Cuccia
Anthony V. Cuccia
Joy Ledet
Jean Darnall
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Frank Connelly
Carroll Le Blanc
Joyce Kurtich
John Calico
Joseph Warr
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Lucille Zitzmann
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Clifton Meaux
Joyce Gautreaux
Tom Norton
Bonnie Schlotterer
William Mc Clain
Jules Albert

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

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