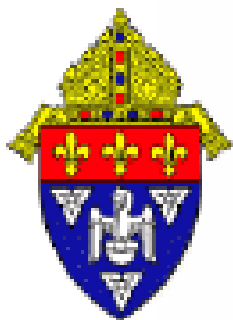


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President's Report

For the first time since the pandemic we are not able to celebrate National Holy name Sunday together as a Holy Name Union due to Father Paysee the Pastor of St. Dominic recovering from an accident and being unable to host us. However, as disappointing as this may be, I am optimistic about the opportunity that this presents. As we celebrate National Holy Name Sunday in our parishes we have an opportunity to bring attention to our society creating an interest among parishioners that can lead to the recruitment of new members. In order to do this, we must first maximize members attendance at mass and if possible to serve as lectures or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The procession of members prior to the celebrate is a great way to bring attention to our organization. We can take a few minutes after mass to talk to parishioners about the Holy Name Society inviting them to join us. I encourage members to ask their pastor to mention that we are celebrating National Holy Name Sunday. His mere recognition of our celebration can help to generate interest in the Holy Name Society. However, we must be prepared to give a brief explanation of what the society and National Holy Name Sunday is. As we keep Father Paysee in our prayer let us also give thanks for Blessed John of Vercelli for answering the call to form the Holy Name Society and open our arms to others to join us.

Lester Thomas

President

New Orleans Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies

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ROSARY DRIVE



RADIO ROSARY 78th Anniversary

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

Deadline: March 31, 2025



“Dear children! Today, my prayer with you is for peace. Good and evil are fighting and want to prevail in the world and in the hearts of people. You be people of hope and prayer and of great trust in God the Creator to Whom everything is possible. Little children, may peace prevail in you and around you. I am blessing you with my motherly blessing that you, little children, may be joy for all those whom you meet. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



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
Sept. 17, 2024 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

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 National Holy Name Societies website address is NAHNS.COM

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

Anyone can go online to read the latest edition of the national newsletter.

Sainthood cause for Martin de Porres Ward receives Vatican approval

The Boston-born Black missionary to Brazil died 25 years ago this summer and was the first African-American to join the Conventual Franciscans.



A devotee holds a Portuguese prayer card of Servant of God Martin Maria de Porres Ward at his grave on June 22, 2024, in Andrelândia, Brazil. (Order of Friars Minor Conventual)

The sainthood cause for Servant of God Martin Maria de Porres Ward has received approval from the Vatican to proceed to its next stages, according to the Order of Friars Minor Conventual.

Br Douglas McMillan, OFM Conv., shared that an official biography of the late African-American friar is now underway, part of the Roman Phase of the canonization process. Ward, a Boston-born missionary who spent his ministry in Brazil, died 25 years ago this summer and in 2020 became the seventh Black Catholic sainthood candidate from the United States.

“As of July 1, we received notice, through the Brazilian Historical Commission, that we have official approval from the Dicastery of the Causes of Saints,” McMillan told BCM. “We are now in the process [of] working on putting together the final copy of the positio for the dicastery.”

The positio is an official dossier on the life of a sainthood candidate that, if approved by Rome, allows the pope to issue a decree of heroic virtues, granting the title “Venerable.” There are currently four African Americans to have reached that stage—the most recent being Venerable Mary Lange, who founded the nation’s first order of Black nuns.

Raised in Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., Ward converted to the Catholic faith as a teenager and felt a call to religious life thereafter, first to the Salvatorians before a health condition precipitated his exit from the seminary. He followed his call in an era when African Americans were typically barred from entering formation for the priesthood in the United States, save for a few religious communities.

Ward later overcame the obstacles of American racism to become the first African-American member of the Conventual Franciscans and was ordained in 1955 in upstate New York. He is revered as a uniquely holy figure in Brazil, where he worked for more than four decades as a missionary teacher, pastor, vocations promoter, spiritual director, and chaplain.

He was christened a “Citizen of Andrelândia” in 1995, an honor named after the municipality in Southeast Brazil where he worked for most of his priesthood. Four years later, Ward suffered a series of heart attacks and died at the age of 81. Conventuals mark 25th death anniversary of U.S. Black priest

The latest update from the Conventual Franciscans, who are investigating the life of the latest African-American Catholic on the path to sainthood.

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On June 22 of this year, the local province of friars marked the 25th anniversary of Ward's death with a special Mass and procession, the latest in a series of regular celebrations honoring his legacy of service and holiness.

"For many of the faithful, his simplicity and joy were a sign of the presence of God," the province shared after the event, where devotees prayed for Ward's intercession at his tomb.

Ward's cause for sainthood is headed by the Diocese of São João del Rei, with the Brazilian research commission aided by friars in the U.S., including McMillan. The Archdioceses of Washington and Boston, where Ward lived before becoming a priest, are not expected to officially join the cause.

Should the efforts succeed, and with a miracle approved by the Vatican, Ward could become the first beatified African-American in history. He would also be the second in Brazil, after Blessed Francisco de Paula Victor, a formerly enslaved man who later became a priest and was beatified in 2015.



**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:

anthonys2029@gmail.com

Ad renewals are now due. Please forward your check to P.O. Box 6644 Metairie, La. 70096

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



WVOG – 107.9 FM LIVE RADIO ROSARY BROADCAST
Due to reception issues on 600 AM please tune into
107.9 FM to listen to the live broadcast.

**The 2024 Radio Rosary schedule is posted on the HNS
website.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The radio station informed us that going through the
internet would give us a much clearer transmission.

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

Dear Holy Name members

On May 13, 1917 the Blessed Mother appeared to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta at Fatima.

The Blessed Mother appeared to them a total of 6 times and on each occasion, she repeatedly told them to pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world.

Since the apparition in Fatima the Blessed Mother has appeared in Banneux, Belgium, Kibeho, Rwanda and Akita, Japan among other places, in EVERY apparition there has been one common theme. The Blessed Mother has told us to pray the Rosary daily.

There is no greater time to honor the Blessed Mother's request than NOW due to the unrest in our world!

The Holy Name Society of New Orleans in 1946, at the request of Archbishop Rummel, began the live broadcast of the Rosary to honor the request of our Blessed Mother at Fatima.

The Holy Name Society has successfully prayed and sponsored the live radio Rosary broadcast for 78 years, through the generous contributions of society members and various other contributors through our radio Rosary drive. In each of the last five years our contributions have dropped to the point that this past year we didn't raise enough to cover the cost to WVOG to broadcast the Rosary.

The live radio Rosary broadcast is available to everyone throughout the world on WVOG 600 AM, 107.9 FM or by live streaming on WWW. 600WVOG.COM.

We are asking all of our societies to speak to your Pastors and your members regarding the seriousness of this situation and to help us to increase our contributions and to promote the radio Rosary drive.

Let's all join together to save the radio Rosary broadcast and the request of Our Lady of Fatima.

This is our mission! Let's not fail!

God Bless,
Lester Thomas
New Orleans Archdiocesan Holy Name Society
President

parish reports

St. Maria Goretti—They had 15 members that attended their radio Rosary, 31 members attended their monthly mass and meeting. They have one new member.

Christ the King— They had 14 members that attended their radio Rosary, 8 members attended their monthly mass and 15 members attended their monthly meeting.

St. Matthew— They had 5 members that attended their radio Rosary.

Blessed Sacrament— No report

St. Clement— They had 10 members and parishioners that attended the radio Rosary

St. Christopher— They had 10 members that attended their radio Rosary and 11 that attended their monthly mass and meeting.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help— They had 11 members that attended their monthly meeting and 5 members recited their radio Rosary.

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
Rudy Ledet
Jerry Hymel
Conchetta & Peter Seleci
Vincent Seleci
Gasper Seleci
Theresa & Douglas Haskins
“In Memory of Our Deceased HNS Members –
Our Lady of the Rosary Church”
Ignace Tanner
Vergel Duplessis
Ben Raphael
Aaron Gilyard
Archbishop Philip Hannan
Rev. John Bendix S. D. Past Spiritual Director
Rev. Reginald Masterson - Past Spiritual Director
Rev. Victor Brown—Past Spiritual Director
Msgr. Lawrence Earl Gauthreaux— Past Spiritual
Director
Luke Cuccia
Evelyn Cuccia
Kevin Cuccia
Anthony V. Cuccia
Joy Ledet
Jean Darnall
Richard Hoffman
Donald Mossy
Frank Connelly
Carroll Le Blanc
Carol Le Blanc
Joyce Kurtich
John Calico
Joseph Warr
Rhodes Family
DiFranco Family
Hope Vignes

Lucille Zitzmann
Lois Zitzmann
Henry Dupaquier
Roy Phelps, Sr.
Clifton Meaux
Joyce Gautreaux
Tom Norton
Bonnie Schlotterer
William Mc Clain
Jules Albert
Feltus Sterling
Amadee Garibaldi, Sr.
Calvin Herbert, Sr.
Gilmore Alexander, III
Osborne Picou, Sr.
Wayne M. Preyan, Sr.
Ophelia Knox
Harry LeBlanc
Tom Norton

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**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Kenner, La.

IN MEMORIUM

**MSGR. ROBERT GUSTE
FRANCIS WARREN
CHARLES BALLARD
JAY K. DAVIS
JUDGE EDWARD STOULIG
HENRY RENZ, JR.
EDDIE ORTIZ
GEORGE "RED" BENEFIEL
MERLIN R. ROMIG
RICHARD J. ACHEE
LEO SANCHEZ**

**ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

River Ridge, La.

ESTABLISHED 1959

Father Joseph Tran, Pastor

**IN SUPPORT OF THE RADIO ROSARY
AND IN HONOR OF HIS SACRED NAME**

Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for us

**St. Benilde Holy Name Society
Metairie, La.**

**Rev. Matthew Johnston, Pastor
Founded March 8, 1970**

**49 Years of service to the Radio Rosary
And to the honor of His Sacred Name**

Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for us



**St. Christopher's Holy Name Society
Chartered 1950**

At the Name of Jesus, every knee must
bend in heaven, on earth and below the
earth.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
HOLY NAME SOCIETY
New Orleans, LA

ESTABLISHED 1907

Rev. Philip G. Landry, Pastor

IN HONOR OF HIS SACRED NAME AND
IN SUPPORT OF THE RADIO ROSARY
ALSO IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED
MEMBERS

Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for Us

**CHRIST THE KING
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

In support of the Holy Name Society
Radio Rosary

Anthony Smith – President
Gary Schlotterer – 1st Vice President
Joe Boullosa – 2nd Vice President
Malcolm Ledet – Tres.
Dianna Lehmann – Secy.
Frank Fradella - Marshall

**BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI
PRAY FOR US!**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT/
ST. JOAN OF ARC
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Let us open our eyes and our ears to His
presence through the Holy Rosary

Holy is the Name of Jesus now and
forever more.