

**ARCHDIOCESAN UNION
HOLY NAME SOCIETIES
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President's Report

Yesterday we held our annual Archdiocesan Holy Name Convention at St. Maria Goretti Church.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Rev. Daniel Green, St. Maria Goretti parish and their Holy Name Society for hosting our annual convention and for the delicious breakfast they prepare for us.

I am proud to serve as your Archdiocesan President for 2026-2028 and I ask each of you to pray to me and OUR success this year.

We have many issues that we will be addressing starting on Tuesday April 21, 2026, at St. Clement of Rome at our monthly executive board meeting beginning at Noon. All presidents as well as all Holy Name Society members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

If we are going to be successful in making changes that will improve our society and to reach our goals it will take ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER AS ONE. Strength is in numbers and numbers will make us successful. All ideas are welcome and appreciated.

Please make every effort to join us at our executive board meeting and let's start the new year moving in the right direction!

God Bless You
Anthony Smith
Archdiocesan President

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ROSARY DRIVE



RADIO ROSARY 80th Anniversary

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

**Please support our Radio
Rosary Drive**

Deadline: March 31, 2027



“Dear children, The poison of selfishness and hatred rules human hearts and that is why you do not have peace. I am calling you, little children: be love and my extended hands to all those whom you meet. In humility, pray for peace and work on reconciliation among people, so that it may be good for every person on earth. 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
April 21, 2026 at 12:00 pm.
at St. Clement of Rome
4317 Richland Ave. Metairie, La.**

COME JOIN US!!

**The February meeting is cancelled due
to Mardi Gras**

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

The new Scriptural Rosary Book order form (PLEASE NOTE THERE HAS BEEN A PRICE INCREASE.)

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.

The Heart of a Spiritual Warrior



We have had a few cases in the recent past that have been particularly brutal. A few young women have been repeatedly brutalized by demons at night and during the sessions. They have been choked, limbs twisted, bruised and beaten, demonically raped at night, and more. Demons have threatened them, raged, cursed, and terrorized them. One experienced all the excruciating sensations of a knife being plunged into her hand by the demons, although it physically never happened.

It breaks my heart to see how they suffer. Some will disbelieve, but I have seen it repeatedly. Some will wonder why God allows it. But God allows his fallen creatures, human and demonic, to inflict horrible evils on our world. We trust, as God told the mystic Julian of Norwich that, in the end: "All shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

What is striking with these young women is their courage in the face of such frightening evil and painful torture. As I told one of them recently, "God is making you into a strong Spiritual Warrior." Each of them has much needed graces and strengths for the spiritual combat. Each of them has the heart of a Spiritual Warrior.

A true Spiritual Warrior is:

***Fearless & Trusting.** Demons can be terrifying. They threaten great tortures and evils. These women do not succumb. They trust that Jesus is Lord and that Jesus "has their backs."

***Humbly obedient.** Human arrogance is quickly overcome by demons. Self-direction in humans inevitably leads to disaster. These women are humbly obedient to God, the Church and the exorcist, all of which are critical for the success of an exorcism.

***Calm acceptance.** The demons tempt them to succumb to self-pity, resentment, and an inner rage. This path is easy to take and many in our world fall into it. But this path leads into the dark world of demons; this is Satan's hell. These women endure such torments without rancor or bitterness. They exude a sense of inner peace.

***When knocked down, they get up.** This is perhaps the most striking of their qualities. When the demons choke them; they continue fighting. When the demons threaten them; they keep praying. When the demons knock them down; they get back up.

Being possessed is a terrible experience and some are possessed through no fault of their own. There have been many saints who suffered intense demonic attacks as victims for the salvation of souls, such as St. Mary of Jesus Crucified (the "Little Arab."). (Some suggest that, for forty days, the "Little Arab" was even fully possessed!*) It is precisely in such dark moments when we can most fully participate in the Cross of Christ.

These young women exemplify the traits of a true Spiritual Warrior. Theirs is courage, fearlessness, trust, humility, obedience and perseverance in the Lord. They show us the path that we all must take. May our lives be filled with such graces and virtues. May we, too, be true Spiritual Warriors.



**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

If you have any questions regarding 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. It can also be live streamed at www.600wvog.com

The 2026 Radio Rosary schedule has been mailed to all parish representative and is available on our website.

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



**N.O. Holy Name Society
Archdiocesan Union**



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.

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.

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!

Anthony Smith
Archdiocesan Holy Name Society President

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
Earl 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
Leroy Gautreaux
Wayne Deck
Sidney "Sid" Chrestia

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Holy Name Society Parish Reports

St. Christopher— They had 12 members that attended their radio Rosary and 5 members that attended their monthly mass and meeting.

Christ the King— They had 14 members that attended their radio Rosary. They had 10 members that attended their monthly mass and 14 members that attended their monthly meeting.

St. Maria Goretti— They had 8 members that attended their radio Rosary and 28 members attended their monthly mass and meeting.

Most Holy Trinity— They had 3 members that attended their radio Rosary.

St. Matthew— They had 3 members attend their radio Rosary.

Blessed Sacrament— They had 5 members that attend their radio Rosary and 5 members that attended their meeting.

**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.