

**ARCHDIOCESAN UNION  
HOLY NAME SOCIETIES  
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## ***THE VERCELLIAN***



### Presidents Report

In the last two newsletters I have included a copy of our Archdiocesan Holy Name Society survey.

I also emailed it to all parish representatives but as of today I have only received two replies.

This month I have attached a link that you can click on to complete the survey and simply click the submit button to forward it to us.

We are attempting to implement changes and improvements in various areas but we need your input and suggestions.

Working together and implementing change is the only way we will be successful in moving our society forward,

We need to change our approach and grow as our society changes. Please join us and help to assure our success.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and forward it to us.

God bless you,  
Anthony Smith  
Holy Name Society 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

**Your support is vital to  
our Radio Rosary Drive  
success!**

**Deadline: March 31, 2027**



Dear children! While darkness and peacelessness rule in many hearts, you, little children, be prayer and my extended hands of love. Little children, place the Sacred Scripture in a visible place in your family and read it, so that it may be an encouragement for you to conversion and a new life; because Satan is strong and seduces hearts. Your hearts, through my maternal Heart, I desire to commend to the Heart of my Son Jesus, so that He, the Risen One, may reign in you and joy may begin to reign in you and around you. 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  
August 18, 2026 at 12:00 pm.  
at St. Clement of Rome  
4317 Richland Ave. Metairie, La.**

**COME JOIN US!!  
Everyone is welcome  
We need your support!**

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](http://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](mailto: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.**

## **PARISH REPORTS**

**St. Christopher— They had 12 members that prayed the radio Rosary and 14 members that attended their monthly mass and 8 members that attended their meeting.**

**Blessed Sacrament— They had 5 members that attended their radio Rosary. They had 5 members that attended their monthly meeting.**

**St. Maria Goretti— They had 8 members that attended their radio Rosary. They had 26 members that attended their monthly meeting.**

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

**Our Lady of the Rosary— They had 6 members that prayed the radio Rosary and 5 members attended their monthly mass and hosted their monthly coffee and doughnuts.**

## Why You Should Give Money to Homeless People

It was not his business to judge whether they were deserving

Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' (Matthew 25:34-36)

Some of you may not realize that I've given this piece a provocative title. You might well be thinking, 'What's next? Will John tell me to brush my teeth twice a day?' But while you might have shrugged your shoulders at this title, I strongly suspect it will come across as irritatingly naive to others. Lots of people, including a surprising number of Christians, strongly oppose giving money to the homeless.

To be sure, this is a complicated social issue. You can probably think of a few cities suffering immensely because of a homelessness problem spiraling out of control. Furthermore, many pan handlers are alcoholics and drug addicts. Some of them are flat out con artists. Asking for money can even be the prelude to a robbery. By giving these people money, the argument goes, you are enabling their self-destructive lifestyles, and you're putting yourself in a dangerous situation to boot. Better to give your money to organizations that actually work towards real solutions to the problem.

What say I in response? Right off the bat I want to clarify that in any situation where someone on the street asks you for money, you need to be aware of your surroundings and trust your gut. If someone is obviously asking in bad faith, or you don't feel safe, I am not talking about these sorts of situations. I also won't discuss whether it's better to give food rather than money because buying food doesn't really let you off the hook with the arguments I listed above. 1

What I am talking about is the vast majority of instances where a person who poses no threat to you asks for money. This situation is uncomfortable, but it is not dangerous. It is uncomfortable because we know we can give but we don't want to, and we feel guilty for not wanting to. I suspect this is one explanation for the strange vehemence I see from some people arguing against giving money to the homeless. At different points in my life their arguments have caused me to wonder whether I should stop giving all together. But two things changed my mind: the examples of Saint Robert Bellarmine and the wisdom of my friend Gabriel.

### The Example of Saint Robert Bellarmine

Cardinal Robert Bellarmine is widely known and revered for being a stalwart pillar of Catholic theology and moral authority in the turbulent wake of the Protestant reformation. What is far less known and appreciated about him is his radical generosity towards the poor. I learned about his inspiring witness while reading Thomas Dubay's life changing book *Happy Are You Poor*. Dubay quotes Bellarmine biographer James Brodrick at length:

"It was not merely what he gave, however, but his manner of giving that made St. Robert the idol of the unfortunate. He treated them as gentlemen, always standing and removing his cap when they came in. No matter how late might be the hour or how weary and worn out he might be, there was a welcoming smile for them, and a patient ear for the longest of stories. He had no use for the platitudes of officialdom. It was enough for him that a fellow creature was cold or hungry or houseless. It was not his business to judge whether they were deserving, and his charity was of the authentic kind that thinks no evil, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. He had quite a good deal to endure for, of course, he was

close as it gets to the polar opposite of Christian morality. If we are anywhere near as generous as the Gospel calls us to be, we have to accept that our generosity will be wasted and taken advantage of from time to time. For me I think the error lies in risk calculation. When you give money to a pan handler, there's a real chance (and probably a strong one) that your generosity might be wasted, and even turn out to be counterproductive. But in order to properly judge a risk, you have to compare it to the opposite risk. Here the opposite risk is that you fail to help someone who needs it.

In that case, not only did you ignore the cry for help from someone who needed it, but according to the scriptures, you are ignoring the cries of Christ himself in the poor. In my opinion, the risk of unintentionally giving someone a little extra drug money pales in comparison to the risk of further cementing the isolation, degradation, and poverty of someone bearing the image of Christ.

My friend Gabriel

In a conversation I had with my friend Gabriel, he said something which accentuated this point even further. When the question of 'but isn't it true that a lot of them are addicts?' came up, Gabriel spoke up and said that in these situations 'I think about all the graces I have wasted.' This is a crucial insight. Jesus says that "...the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you." (Matthew 7:2)

We fear and judge homeless people for the possibility that they will waste and take advantage of our generosity. But how many times have we wasted and taken advantage of the generosity of God and others?

How many times have I gone to confession only to fall right back into the same sins? How many times have I promised to change my behavior without serious follow through? How many times have I accepted help without it producing long term change? Does any of this stop me from asking for second chances? Would I want others to immediately judge me and reject my desperate and humiliating pleas for help because of these failures?

After all of the money I've blown without a second thought on fast food, entertainment, impulse purchases, overpriced alcohol etc., who am I to turn around and start meticulously vetting where my pocket change goes?

Why do I all of sudden get extremely fiscally responsible when someone asks for my help?

After all of the second chances I've squandered from God and others, who am I to appoint myself as the one in charge of giving out tough love to someone I've never met and know nothing about?

Final thoughts

Whether you've been persuaded by all this or not, and whether you choose to give money to a pan handler or not, it is of the utmost importance that you remember the dignity of the person. You can refuse to help someone without dehumanizing them.

-Look them in the eye.

-Don't pretend you don't see them.

-Don't pretend you don't have time to talk to them when you really do.

-Don't lie or make lame excuses for not giving to them.

-If you can't or don't want to give to them or spend time with them, tell them directly and respectfully.

-Don't run from the discomfort you feel - what is God trying to tell you about himself and the poor by allowing you to experience these feelings of turmoil and helplessness?

I am not claiming to perfectly apply any of these thoughts, and I certainly don't think this reflection is the final word on the issue. But I hope that it will inspire you to think and pray seriously about whether and why you courage and love to accept God's help in carrying it out

**New Orleans Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies**  
**Executive Board**  
**Participation Survey**

In order to better serve parish Holy Name Societies, receive input and increase parish representation on the Executive Board, we are asking for your participation in taking a brief survey. Please take a minute to answer the questions below and/or provide feedback.

Please review the survey and share it with your members at your next meeting.

Please email your completed survey to: [anthonys2029@gmail.com](mailto:anthonys2029@gmail.com) or scan the QR code with your phone fill out the survey and click submit.



Your participation in completing the survey is vital to our efforts to advance the Holy Name Society.

As of today I have received ONE response.

1. Are you aware of the New Orleans Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies (Holy Name Union)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ No

2. Are you aware that parish Holy Name Society presidents are members of the Holy Name Union Executive Board by virtue of their office?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ No

3. The Executive Board meets every third Tuesday of the month at 12:00 pm at St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church. Is the time, day, or location an impediment to your attending a meeting?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_ No

4. Are you willing to serve as a representative on the Executive Board or send a representative and assist as a member of any ad hoc committee?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ No

5. What can the executive board do to help you get involved with the Holy Name Union?

Comment:

6. Has your membership increased or decreased over the last five years?

Increase                      Decrease



## 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 an 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](http://www.600wvog.com)**

**We are currently working on improving our live broadcast and fixing issues we are having with the broadcast.**

**All parishes must install the Field Tap app on your cell phone to broadcast the Rosary.**

**If you don't have it installed on your phone please call Tom Courtney at 505-491-6221 for help to install the app.**



**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 80 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

## ST. BENILDE FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT PRESENTS



Sister Kathleen sees divine purpose when she meets Jake Bauer, a broken man needing redemption. She offers him a job at St. Mary Immaculate School for Boys, then convinces him to create a football team for the troubled teens. Evolving into a father figure, Bauer starts to face past decisions that haunt him while reigniting his faith in this feel-good story.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026 AT 7:00PM

ST. BENILDE SCHOOL LIBRARY

1901 DIVISION STREET

METAIRIE, LA. 70001

There is no cost to attend. Popcorn and snacks will be available. Contact person is Val Hebert at [valencemet@aol.com](mailto:valencemet@aol.com) or at 504-427-0327



## ***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 Selesi  
Vincent Selesi  
Gasper Selesi  
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  
Gerald Buquet

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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.

**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.**