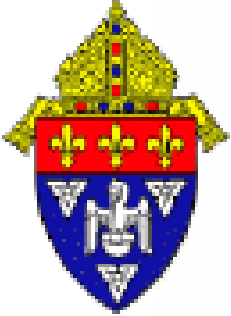


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PRESIDENTS REPORT

On behalf of the Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies, I thank the Saint Maria Goretti Holy Name Society for hosting this year's convention. The phenomenal effort that goes in to preparing the breakfast that is enjoyed by all and hosting the convention is greatly appreciated. I also thank the fifty-two members representing nine parish societies who attended the convention for your dedication to the Holy Name Society.

As Holy Name Society members we are dedicated to spreading the devotion to the Holy Names of God and Jesus. This year, the month of May, being the month dedicated to the Virgin Mary offers us a unique opportunity to spread the devotion. This year, being the Centennial of the Virgin Mary's apparition at Fatima brings with it worldwide attention as Pope Francis canonizes Francisco and Jacinto Marto, two of the Fatima seers on May 13. We can have a profound impact on many people in our parishes and throughout the archdiocese by leading others to Jesus through Mary by hosting a rosary between May 13 and October 13. Our example can be the catalyst to bring about an increase of the faithful praying the rosary daily for peace in our world as the Blessed Mother requested at Fatima. As we have seen by recent events, our world is turmoil with war, famine, drought, genocide, and persecution. Who's better than the Holy Name Society in leading a resurgence of prayer; no one is.

Finally, the Holy Name Union Executive Board is committed to assisting parishes and providing spiritually rewarding experiences for our members. This month, we are asking members to complete a short survey to help us to better meet your needs. We're asking that parish officers distribute the survey to members and that the parish representative return the surveys at the next Executive Board meeting on May 16. Your cooperation is appreciated.
Your Brother in Christ,

Joseph Simon
President

Mother's Day Rosary Crusade for Life

The Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling and Prayer Ministry will hold its 19th annual Mother's Day Rosary Crusade for Life, honoring Our Lady of Fatima the 100th anniversary of the 1st apparition and all mothers, will be held on Saturday May 13, 2017, from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Shrine, 2701 State St., New Orleans. Mass will begin at 9:00 AM with Archbishop Aymond as the celebrant. After Mass there will be Adoration, and five decades of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed. Closing Benediction will be at 10:45 AM. Please contact Pam and John Richard for more details at 504-460-9360.

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Our Archdiocesan Holy Name Society annual convention was held on April 2, 2017.

There was only 52 members in attendance representing 9 parishes.

In an effort to improve attendance and the format of our convention President Joe Simon has composed a survey that is attached on the adjoining page.

Please take the time to look it over and respond to the survey!

You can email the completed survey to Joe Simon at salubrious1978@aol.com

The survey will be an attachment to the email with the newsletter.

New Orleans Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies Survey

The purpose of this survey is to ascertain the needs of Holy Name Union members and to determine methods that the Holy Name Union can best support members. All responses are anonymous.

1. Are Spiritual Growth and Renewal activities/ events important to you?

Yes _____ No _____

2. The Holy Name Union sponsors a Morning of Reflection in fall and spring. Are you interested in attending an event?

Yes _____ No _____

3. The Holy Name Union has traditionally held a convention on Holy Name Sunday in the month of April. Would you be more likely to attend the convention if:

a. The convention is held on a Sunday that is not Holy Name Sunday in April. Yes__ No __

b. The convention is held on a Saturday in April. Yes__ No

c. The convention is held on a Sunday during the summer months. Yes__ No __

4. The Holy Name Union Executive Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Would you attend these meetings to voice your concerns or make suggestions? Yes__ No__

5. What types of activities/ events would you like to get involved in? This includes activities/events currently held as well as suggestions for new activities/events. Be specific.

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! Love, pray and witness my presence to all those who are far away. By your witness and example you can draw closer the hearts that are far from God and His grace. I am with you and intercede for each of you so that, with love and resoluteness, you may witness and encourage all those who are far from my Immaculate Heart. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday May 16, 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 7:06 p.m.

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

Treasurers Report— Our checking account balance as of March 31, 2017 is \$ 10,832.08.

Parish Reports:

Christ the King - They had 15 members that attended their monthly mass and 25 members that attended their monthly meeting. They had 15 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation. They had 3 members that attended the convention. They will pray the Rosary on the weekend of May 13, 2017 before all masses in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.

St. Maria Goretti - They had 30 members that attended their monthly meeting They had 10 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation. They hosted the annual convention.

St. Christopher - They had 12 members that attended the convention and 18 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation.

St. Matthew - They had 24 members that attended their monthly meeting and 16 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation. They had one member that attended the convention.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help — They had 4 members that attended the convention and 8 members that attended the Radio Rosary recitation.

St. Dominic— They had 1 members that attended the convention. They will pray the Rosary on May 13, 2017 following 8:30 mass in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.

Hunt Correctional Institute— They had 19 inmates, Chaplin Toliver, Herman Sweeney and Ronnie Rome that attended their Radio Rosary recitation

Our Lady of Mercy — They had 12 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation.

Our Lady of the Rosary — No Report

St. Clement of Rome—They had 8 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation , 9 members that attended Their monthly meeting . They had 3 members that attended the convention.

Spiritual Renewal :

Anthony Cucchi - Reported he will be working on a retreat in October. He will provide more information as it becomes available.

Membership and Youth

Larry Lagarde—Reported that he met with his Pastor about building up their Holy Name Society and he is in the process of making a brochure to pass out to parishioners.

Old Business : The HNS sign will be installed at the shrine. We are working with the Pastor to set a date.

New Business : None

Presidents report : Reported that 52 members attended the convention representing 9 parishes. The new website is completed. We have a HNS facebook page, www.facebook.com/HSNNOLA.

The 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima



May 13, 2017 will mark 100 years since the Fatima apparitions, and an opportunity to reflect deeply again upon their message. The Angel of Peace appeared three times to the shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, beginning in the spring of 1916 in Fatima, Portugal. These visitations prepared the way for the six apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima the following year. The message of Fatima may be lost sometimes in the mysterious and the spectacular: the apparitions; the “three secrets;” the “dancing of the sun.” Yet, the main entreaties from Heaven concerned our day-to-day earthly activities and how these will forge our eternal destiny. The everlasting consequence of unrepented mortal sin is Hell; knowing this, we should live our lives according to the laws of God, in obedience, purity and virtue. The central message of Fatima was an urgent plea to stay on the narrow path to Heaven.

Fatima calls us to conversion, and a daily turning away from sin. In order to convert the unrepentant, the Angel first taught the children the great value of intercessory prayer. Underscoring the importance of our intercession, the only thing the Virgin Mary requested at all six appearances was for us to pray the Rosary, every day. She told them that our prayers can help save souls, *“Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell,*

because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them.” It is not only intercessory prayer, but also our intercessory sacrifices and sufferings that are efficacious. By virtue of our Baptisms, we are all brought into the Body of Christ and partake in His priesthood, as part of the common priesthood of the faithful. Acting in our priestly role, we can offer ourselves up as “spiritual sacrifices” acceptable to God and in atonement for sins. (CCC 1141)

Further linking us to the Body of Christ, the Angel and the Virgin Mary said we should seek to console God through worthy reception and adoration of the Eucharist. While the idea of consoling an all-powerful God may seem counter-intuitive, we are reminded by Pope Pius XI that “*we can and ought to console that Most Sacred Heart,*” which is continually wounded by our sins (*Miserentissimus Redemptor*, 13). In a similar way, the Angel offered the children holy Eucharist to make reparation for sins and to “console your God.” This was later echoed in Our Lady’s Eucharistic prayer: “*O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You! My God, my God, I love You in the most Blessed Sacrament!*” The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life (CCC 1324), and the Fatima apparitions remind us that worthily receiving Jesus in Communion has the grace to save our souls and console our God.

The Virgin Mary also asked us to make reparation through the “First Five Saturdays” devotion. Our Lady promised Sister Lucia, “*to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation*” those who will practice this devotion of Confession, Eucharist, recitation of the Rosary, and meditation upon its mysteries. The Church rightly honors the Mother of God, because it was through her, and in consent of her freewill, *let it be done to me*, that the Savior was born into the world. (*Lumen Gentium*, VIII) This is what we proclaim in the words of the Rosary: the moment of the Incarnation of God. As Pope Paul VI issued in his 1967 Apostolic Exhortation, *Signum Magnum*, on the 50th anniversary of Fatima, it is fitting that we consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as the spiritual Mother of the Church, for her mediatory role in the salvation of the world.

Now, on this 100th anniversary of Fatima, we are reminded again to contemplate its message and embrace its devotions. Although the Angel of Peace and Our Lady of Fatima appeared during the carnage of World War I, the divine messages are perhaps even more relevant today, in an age of nuclear weapons and renewed militancy across the globe, rampant atheism, materialism and loss of faith, a diminishing Church in the West, and a rapidly growing permissive society. As faithful disciples, we are called to be holy, and intercessors for each other. Fatima was a wake-up call. In it, Jesus’ last words from the Cross come alive “*Behold, your mother.*” (*Jn. 19:27*) In the midst of a passing world, we need to get right with eternal things: penance, Confession, the Eucharist, prayer, especially the Rosary. Our Lady of Fatima renews this call again, to stay on the narrow path to Heaven.



Happy
Mother's
Day

There are



Angels

God puts on this Earth

Who care for us and guide us.
You can feel their love and gentleness
as they walk through life beside us.

They do great things for us every day
they whisper in our ears,
they even hold us in their hearts
when we are filled with all our fears.

They are always there to give a hug
and try to make us smile.
They treat us with respect and love,
they treat us like their child.

God blessed me with an Angel,
I'm proud to call my own.
She's been with me throughout my
life, been with me as I've grown.

She's guided me the best she can,
she's taught me like no other,
and I'm thankful I'm the lucky one
who get's to call her...



Mother

Month of Mary, Our Guide and Our Model

May 1, 2017 by Dan Burke , <http://www.spiritualdirection.com>

Presence of God – Under your protection I take refuge, O Mary; be the guide and model of my interior life.

MEDITATION

Month of May, month of Mary! The heart of every Christian turns spontaneously toward his heavenly Mother, with a desire to live in closer intimacy with her and to strengthen the sweet ties which bind him to her. It is a great comfort on our spiritual way, which is often fatiguing and bristling with difficulties, to meet the gentle presence of a mother. One is so at ease near one's mother. With her, everything becomes easier; the weary, discouraged heart, disturbed by storms, finds new hope and strength, and continues the journey with fresh courage.



“If the winds of temptation arise,” sings St. Bernard, *“if you run into the reefs of trials, look to the star, call upon Mary. In danger, sorrow, or perplexity, think of Mary, call upon Mary.”*

There are times when the hard road of the “nothing” frightens us, miserable as we are; and then, more than ever, we need her help, the help of our Mother. The Blessed Virgin Mary has, before us, trodden the straight and narrow path which leads to sanctity; before us she has carried the cross, before us she has known the ascents of the spirit through suffering. Sometimes, perhaps, we do not dare to look at Jesus the God-Man, who because of His divinity seems too far above us; but near Him is Mary, His Mother and our Mother, a privileged creature surely, yet a creature like ourselves, and therefore a model more accessible for our weakness.

Mary comes to meet us during this month, to take us by the hand, to initiate us into the secret of her interior life, which must become the model and norm of our own.

COLLOQUY

“O my soul, do you fear to approach God? He has given you Jesus as Mediator. Is there anything that such a Son could not obtain from His Father? The Father who loves Him will answer Him, because of the love He bears Him. But do you yet hesitate to approach Him? He made Himself your brother, your companion, and in everything, sin excepted, He willed to undergo all the humiliations of human nature, just to compassionate your miseries. Mary has given you this brother. But His divine Majesty still awes you, perhaps; for, although He is man, He does not cease to be God. Do you want an advocate with Him? Have recourse to Mary. Mary is a pure creature, pure not only because she is free from sin, but also because of her unique human nature. I am sure, O Mary, that your prayers will be heard because of the respect you deserve; your Son will certainly hear you because you are His Mother, and the Father will hear His Son. This is why my confidence is unshakable; this is the reason for all my hope! O Blessed Virgin, the Angel declared that ‘you have found grace before God.’ You will always find grace, and I need only grace; I ask for nothing else” (cf. St. Bernard).

“Draw me after you, O Virgin Mary, that I may run in the odor of your ointments. Draw me, for I am held back by the weight of my sins and the malice of your enemies. Since no one comes to your Son unless he is drawn by the Father, I dare to say that no one, so to speak, comes to Him if you do not draw him by your prayers. You teach true wisdom, you beg grace for sinners, you are their advocate, you promise glory to those who honor you, because you are the treasury of grace. You have found grace with God, O most sweet Virgin, you who have been preserved from original sin, filled with the Holy Spirit, and have conceived the Son of God. You have been given all these graces, O most humble Mary, not only for yourself, but also for us, so that you may be able to help us in all our necessities” (cf. Ven. Raymond Jourdain).



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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.**



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
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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

We currently do not have enough parishes participating in the live radio rosary broadcast to have every weekday covered. If any parish is interested in participating in our broadcast or if you know someone we can contact at another parish please contact Anthony Smith at 504-481-3407 or our rosary chairman

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