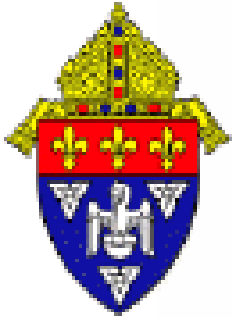


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## THE VERCELLIAN

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says “*A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.*” (Lk 6:43-44) This verse of scripture is a call for as Christians and particularly as members of the Holy Name Society to bear fruit for the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a healthy fig tree with plump ripe figs hanging from its branches or a grapevine loaded with succulent grapes brings out the desire to partake of the fruit in all who see them, so too must we as Holy Name members create the desire in others to seek the full beauty of the faith. One may ask; how can we do such a thing? The answer is as simple as living the Holy Name Pledge. Since its founding, Holy Name Society members were charged to spread the devotion to the Holy Names of God and Jesus by the example of our lives. Thus, we have the Holy Name Pledge to use as our guide. But, we can’t stop there. We have to reach out to others within our parishes on a personal level, especially young people, to get to know them and invite to share in our activities for spiritual growth and fellowship. It’s imperative that we are willing to meet others where they are on their spiritual journey and listen to them. Many times our brethren are searching for someone to listen to them and guide them to the truth of the faith. Many of our young people view the faith as nothing more than a list of rules without understanding that God, in His great love for us, through Jesus gave us an example of how to live so that we can spend eternity in His kingdom. Our parish societies perform a great service to the church through spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and through involvement of many ministries helping the faithful. But, just as our predecessors went among the people to spread the devotion and bring in new members willing to carry on the work of the society to ensure that it survived through the centuries, so to must we do. The time is now for us to plant seeds and bear fruit ensuring that our beloved Holy Name Society continues to flourish.

Your Brother in Christ,

Joseph Simon  
President

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# ROSARY DRIVE



## **RADIO ROSARY 71<sup>st</sup> 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! Today, I desire to thank you for your perseverance and call you to open yourselves to profound prayer. Prayer, little children, is the heart of faith and is hope in eternal life. Therefore, pray with the heart until your heart sings with thanksgiving to God the Creator who gave you life. I am with you, little children, and carry to you my motherly blessing of



## *EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING*

*Tuesday July 18, 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 in June was cancelled due to the threat of bad weather.



## Adoration: The Ultimate Act and Habit of Friendship

Brenton Cordeiro 21/01/2017 catholiclink.com



One of the most fruitful yet daunting experiences in my life has been Eucharistic Adoration.

Just a few years ago, I would often marvel at how some people could sit before the Blessed Sacrament and get lost in the experience. Meanwhile, I was scratching my head trying to figure out what to do or say, whether I should kneel or sit down, and so forth.

But, rather than thinking about it as something to ‘do’ or ‘achieve,’ folks wiser than myself have shown me how to make Eucharistic Adoration more like *spending time with a friend*.

### Honesty:

Jesus isn’t looking for a performance. He wants you to honestly tell Him what’s going on in your life and surrender it into His hands. For years, I mistakenly thought I needed to impress Jesus with eloquent prayers. In the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus points out how God appreciates the tax collector’s honest prayer far more than the Pharisee’s hollow, pious utterances (Lk 18:9-14). I’ve realized that, although God already knows what’s going on, He isn’t the type to barge in on any situation. He wants you to *invite Him in*. Simply lay your heart out, whether you’re there to praise and thank Him, or whether you’ve come in a time of need.

### Give Jesus everything:

God is our father and any prayer offered to Him through Jesus will surely be heard. He wants you to share all your stories, questions and intentions, both big and small. What often inspires me is the example Jesus himself offered us of how to give it all in prayer. Just before His Passion, in the Garden of Gethsemane, He prayed for the sacrifice He was about to make. He expressed the horror He was experiencing ahead of the death He knew awaited Him, He prayed for His disciples and finally He prayed for the universal Church.

One thing I’ve been working on is to try and think like a little child, who upon returning home from school, tells his Mom about his whole day: who played with whom, what the teacher did, what he accomplished that day, the challenges he faced – he tells her everything! Don’t hold back before the Lord! Tell Him about your day, your feelings, sins and desires – ask questions, complain, cry out!

### Listen:

Listening is probably the hardest part for most people. Trying to hear the Lord’s voice with all the noise and busyness that’s usually in my head has taken a lot of practice (and I still often mess it up!). One thing I have learned, though, is that of all the voices in my head, **the Lord usually speaks softly and lovingly**. Moreover, He communicates exactly what I need to hear in that moment. Sometimes Jesus also speaks to us through Scripture. What blows me away is how often after reading that passage I have felt led to, (whether it’s that day’s gospel reading or it’s just a random Bible passage that unexpectedly popped in my head), I find it fits perfectly with what I’ve just shared with Jesus in Adoration.

### Openness:

Now that the Lord has spoken, we have a choice to either accept or reject what He has revealed to us. Openness to God’s word doesn’t come easily obviously (especially when God answers our prayers in ways we sometimes don’t like!), but what encourages me is that the Lord never asks me to do something without first equipping me with the power of the Holy Spirit. So *if today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts!*

### Just be:

Finally, and just as importantly, along with all we say, do or listen to during our time before the Lord, we also need to **just be**. There’s a reason it’s called Eucharistic ‘Adoration.’ We’re expected to actually spend some time just adoring Him (surprise!). The word ‘adore’ implies both love and respect. It calls us to worship Jesus and to love the Almighty God who has humbled himself by being present to us in a tiny host. This requires grace, but is also a habit that we must develop. We must fight the desire to leave quickly out of distraction, instead sitting still in reverence and devotion, letting the Lord take over.

Start off with spending a few minutes speaking, a few minutes listening and a few minutes just being there. Again, it doesn’t have to be perfect. Distractions will inevitably float into your mind. *Learn to listen*. I once heard a priest refer to prayer before the Eucharist as a divine dialogue. It’s my heart speaking to His, but more importantly, it is His heart speaking back to mine. Trust Him – don’t expect lightning to strike you as you sit before Him. Nor should you expect your life’s problems to miraculously disappear overnight, but know He always has your back. Expect something to change with time and dedication. Something will. You will.



Our website address is

[www.noauhns.org](http://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.**

**We now have a Facebook site for the Holy  
Name Society the address is  
[www.Facebook.com/hnsnola](http://www.Facebook.com/hnsnola).**



## 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 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 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 have recently lost two more parishes that were reciting the Radio Rosary!**

**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**

**BOB RAUCH AT 831-3488 OR 722-9422**



## **HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTION PRAYER LIST**

In Loving Memory Of

Patricia Smith  
Amelia Kandalraft  
Lee Le Blanc  
Audrey Ledet  
Vicky Ledet  
Jerry Hymel  
Conchetta & Peter Seleci  
V incent 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  
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Rev. Reginald Masterson - Past Spiritual Director  
Rev. Victor Brown—Past Spiritual Director

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Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for us

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
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**IN SUPPORT OF THE RADIO ROSARY  
AND IN HONOR OF HIS SACRED NAME**

Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for us

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY

New Orleans, LA

ESTABLISHED 1907

Rev. Msgr. Kenneth J. Hedrick, Pastor

IN HONOR OF HIS SACRED NAME AND  
IN SUPPPORT OF THE RADIO ROSARY

ALSO IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED  
MEMBERS

Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for Us



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PRAY FOR US!**

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When you turn to God you discover  
He has been facing you all the time.

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Holy is the Name of Jesus now and  
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