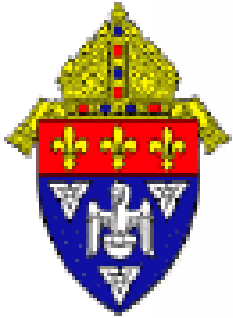


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THE VERCELLIAN

PRESIDENTS REPORT

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, many of our fellow Americans are beginning to question what are we giving thanks for and to whom. It seems as though the year has been filled with mass shootings, terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and divisiveness. Our mantra has been “Pray For”. Pray for London, Pray for Paris, Pray for Houston, Pray for Florida, Pray for the Virgin Islands, Pray for Puerto Rico, Pray for Las Vegas, Pray for Charlottesville, and now Pray for Sutherland Springs. And we did. Unfortunately the 24 hour news feed has many in our country on the verge of despair. However, as Holy Name Society members, we cannot and must not give in, but instead remain steadfast in our pledge. We must resolve to live up to our commitment to spread devotion to the Holy Names of God and Jesus. We must, as St. Paul say; “live in a manner worthy of the Lord, so as to be fully pleasing, in every good work bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with every power, in accord with his glorious might, for all endurance and patience, with joy I giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.” (Col 1:10-12) This is what we commit to every time recite our pledge. This is in keeping with Blessed John of Vercelli’s letter to the province as our confraternity was established when he directed “ that there be observed in the churches a dignified conduct so pleasing to God and beneficial to the faithful in a manner which will not only impress but even edify all those who go to church”. In essence, as members of the Holy Name Society we are called to live our faith as an example for all not hidden away inside the confines of our homes or church. As we approach Thanksgiving and Advent, let us all commit to living our faith through Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy to bring hope to the hopeless, joy to those in despair, nourishment to the physically and spiritually hungry, and yes, love to the hated. We can become the catalyst for change in our society and bear much need fruit for the Kingdom of God if we allow the Holy Spirit to use us. This Thanksgiving as we give thanks for our blessings received, let each of us be a blessing from God to someone else. Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Advent!

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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! I am calling you to be prayer in this time of grace. You all have problems, afflictions, sufferings and lack of peace. May saints be models to you and an encouragement for holiness; God will be near you and you will be renewed in seeking through your personal conversion. Faith will be hope to you and joy will begin to reign in your hearts. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday November 21, 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.

Practicing What We Preach

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In the Gospel reading this weekend at Mass, Jesus criticized the Pharisees for being hypocrites. He listed many of their two-faced behaviors, and summed it up by saying that they don't practice what they preach.

However, Jesus added a very surprising comment. He said that although the Pharisees were selfish hypocrites, they held positions of authority and therefore the people must "do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example."

During Jesus' earthly ministry, He offered his most stinging rebukes to the Pharisees. He called them white-washed tombs, a brood of vipers, blind guides, and hypocrites. You would think if the Pharisees were that corrupt, Jesus would've told the crowds to ignore them and follow some other religious leaders. Instead, Jesus acknowledged that they were the rightful religious authorities and the people must obey their instructions.

A similar situation exists today. Far too many people refuse to go to church anymore because they don't like the priest or minister. Over the years I've heard a lot of grumbling and excuses. "He's too boring." "He's too fanatical." "His homilies are too long." "His homilies are too short." "He's too old." "He's too young."

Blah, blah, blah.

I'm convinced that even if Jesus Himself returned to pastor one of our churches, there would be plenty of pious Christians complaining behind His back. "His hair is too long." "He talks funny." "He's too weird." "He spends way too much time talking to that trampy-looking divorced woman."

The point Jesus was trying to make about the Pharisees—and the point we must understand within our own faith communities—is that church leaders are not the church. Church is not some kind of show starring Reverend So-and-So. We do not gather each Sunday morning to be entertained.

If you go to a concert and don't like the singer, then obviously you shouldn't buy tickets to see that performer again. But church is different. The priest or preacher is not a performer. This ain't show biz. He's the leader of a community worship service.

When it comes to practicing our faith, God is the main attraction, and the clergy merely help facilitate the event. God is the sole reason we go to church. We gather each week as a community of faith to give glory and honor to our Creator and to live our lives according to His plan.

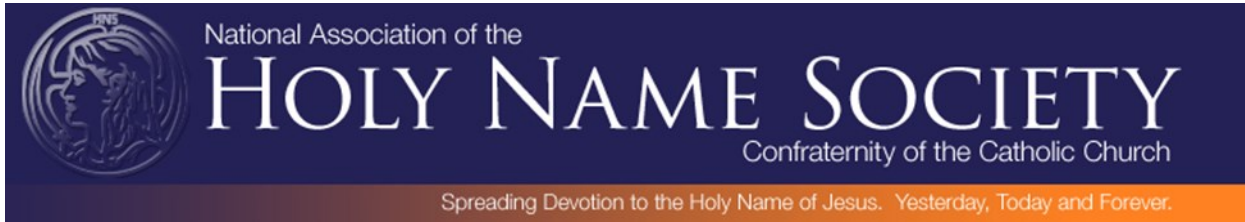
Not going to church because you don't particularly care for the pastor is like refusing to go to a World Series game because you don't like the guy who sells the hot dogs.

If Jesus told the people to fulfill their religious duties even though those flaming hypocrite Pharisees were the official leaders, then there's absolutely no excuse for us to skip church over petty personality reasons.

Are there hypocrites in leadership positions in today's church? Yup. There are also liars, thieves, and New York Yankees fans. Welcome to reality. As long as we live in a sinful world, our religious organizations will be staffed by sinful people, similar to our places of work and the other organizations we belong to.

Certainly, I'm not suggesting that the clergy can do whatever they want and we should just sit there and ignore it. When someone abuses his authority and inflicts physical, emotional, or financial harm on others, that's a different story. But let's not exaggerate; the ones who do this are few and far between.

If we would spend more time focusing on the true purpose of church—honoring and worshipping God—and less time bad-mouthing our religious leaders, then our faith communities would be more vibrant and loving, not to mention more attractive to those lost souls who need to find the Lord.



NAHNS Blessed John of Vercelli Committee
March 2017 Bulletin – Exciting News on Cause for Canonization
Holy Name Society PLUS – Pray + Learn + Unite + Serve



Prayer through Intercession of Blessed John of Vercelli
God our Father, You raised Blessed John of Vercelli to leadership in Your Church and made him an Apostle of the Holy Name of Jesus, Your divine Son. We ask of you, through the intercession of Blessed John, a renewal of devotion to Your Son among ourselves and our fellow men. May all come to know, to love and to reverence the Most Holy Name of Jesus – “So that at Jesus’ name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: JESUS CHRIST IS LORD.” Amen.

Favor 1 – Buffalo – Individual suffered stroke and massive brain hemorrhage, given 3 days to live. Regained consciousness and is living at home.

Favor 2 – New Jersey – Individual cured of lung disease. Now lives in Pittsburgh.

Favor 3 – Fairlawn, NJ – Individual cured of aggressive form of rheumatoid arthritis.

Favor 4 – San Francisco, CA – Individual cured of cancerous lesions on liver.

UNITE + SERVE: HOW YOU CAN HELP FOSTER THE CAUSE FOR CANONIZATION

Learn of a Favor? Contact Edward Redding: Telephone: 610-868-2843 or

Email: reddingfn@aol.com

Unite + Serve: Provide us with a History of Devotion to Blessed John both by Individual & Group ((Arch) Diocesan Union/Federation/Charter-Parish) devotions. Be specific as to time period, and the type of devotions, that is, Annual Masses or Monthly Masses for Prayer or Cause of Canonization, Healing Mass or Service, Holy Hour Devotion, Novenas,

Prayer Service, Veneration of Relic, Processions, Prayer Rooms to Blessed John.

Send Information to: Carroll W. Pupa, Chairperson BJV Committee

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CURRENT COMMITTEE

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FORMER COMMITTEE

The BJV Committee, active since 1979, evidences decades of diligent work. Our Archives contain many attributed miracles, as well as articles, books and correspondence on the life and works of Blessed John. We prayerfully thank all Committee members since 1979, especially the five past Chairs, the first three having gone before us in the sign of faith:

EDWARD CUFFE JOHN FARMERIE ROBERT MILLER TITO PAUL DiVITO JOSEPH PODSIADLO

Tito Paul, active since the inception, is presently a consultant to the Committee.

Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for us

Monthly Meeting and Parish Reports

The meeting began with the recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Pres. Joe Simon reported that Monsignor Gautreaux's health is improving.

Treasurers Report— Our checking account balance as of August 31, 2017 is \$4118.38

Parish Reports:

Christ the King - They had 14 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation. They 13 members that attended their monthly mass and 22 at their monthly meeting.

St. Maria Goretti - They had 11 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation. They had 22 members that attended their monthly meeting and 13 that attended the Rosary for Our Lady of Fatima.

St. Christopher - No report

St. Matthew - They had 12 members attend their Radio Rosary recitation and six members served as Ministers and Lectors.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help — They had 3 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation and 7 members that attended adoration that the Rosary Congress.

St. Dominic— They had 6 members that attended their Radio Rosary Recitation.

Our Lady of Mercy — No report

Hunt Prison—No report.

Our Lady of the Rosary — They had 6 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation and 10 members that attended their monthly mass.

St. Joan of Arc/Blessed Sacrament— They had 10 members that attended their monthly mass and meeting. They had 50 members that attended their Prayer Breakfast.

Most Holy Trinity— They had 5 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation and 5 members that attended their monthly mass.

St. Clement of Rome—They had 6 members that attended their Radio Rosary recitation.

Radio Rosary Chairman : The new Radio Rosary calendar should be available following our next Ex. Board Meeting. Radio Rosary at the Rosary Congress was poorly attended.

Spiritual Renewal :

Anthony Cucchi - No Report

Membership and Youth— Larry will be meeting with the Pastor at St. Ann regarding establishing a Holy Name Society in the parish.

Old Business : None

New Business : We were approached by the National Holy Name Society about the possibility of hosting a National Convention in either 2019, 2021 or 2022.

Presidents report : Joe reported that 7 members attended the Rosary Congress Radio Rosary recitation. He also discussed more ways to promote the Holy Name Society.

Closing prayers— 8:30

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!

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.

The National Holy Name Societies website has been updated . The website address is NAHNS.COM

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



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
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 page please email the information to anthonys@nocoxmail.com

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



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

BOB RAUCH AT 831-3488 OR 722-9422

St. Anthony's Gardens in Covington has recently been added to our Radio Rosary members. Thanks to Vince Petreikis for his efforts and Most Holy Trinity Parish that will be reciting the Radio Rosary at the facility.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTION PRAYER LIST

In Loving Memory Of

Patricia Smith
Amelia Kandalajt
Lee Le Blanc
Audrey Ledet
Vicky 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
Vincent T. LoCoco

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**Our Lady of Prompt Succor
Westwego (Est. 1920)**

Holy Name Society

Rev. Edward Grice, Pastor
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John Poche, Treasurer

**ST. BENILDE HOLY NAME SOCIETY
METAIRIE, LA.**

Father Robert Cooper, Pastor

FOUNDED MARCH 8, 1970

45 years of service to the Radio Rosary

And to the honor of His Sacred Name

Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for us

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
HOLY NAME SOCIETY
Kenner, La.**

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CHARLES BALLARD
JAY K. DAVIS
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HENRY RENZ, JR.
EDDIE ORTIZ
GEORGE "RED" BENEFIEL
MERLIN R. ROMIG
RICHARD J. ACHEE
¹⁴ LEO SANCHEZ**

**ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
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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

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
HOLY NAME SOCIETY

New Orleans, LA

ESTABLISHED 1907

Rev. Jonathan P. Hemelt, Pastor

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

ALSO IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED
MEMBERS

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

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY
Msgr. Andrew Taormina, Pastor
Edward Laizer, President

**CHRIST THE KING
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

In support of the Holy Name Society
Radio Rosary

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Gary Schlotterer – 1st Vice President
Joe Boullosa – 2nd Vice President
Leroy Gautreaux – Tres.
Malcolm Ledet – Secy.
Frank Fradella - Marshall

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

St. Katharine Drexel

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Est. 10-17-08

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

Support the Radio Rosary
Msgr. John Cisewski, Pastor
V. A. Duplessis, President

**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.

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METAIRIE (Est. 1921)**

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY
SUPPORT THE RADIO ROSARY**

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In Memory of Rev. Roger A. Swenson



Help Create a Better New Orleans!

Apply to Become a Board Member for NAMI New Orleans!

About NAMI New Orleans:

NAMI New Orleans, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, offers hope, help, and healing to people with mental illness - and to those who share their lives - through family support, education and advocacy, and quality psychosocial services. Our work helps individuals live with dignity and independence within the community, enriching all of our lives.

The Board of Directors of NAMI New Orleans is the policy making body of the organization. Board members are volunteers elected to serve a three-year term.

**Contact Lisa Romback
to learn more!**

504-896-2345

Lisa@namineworleans.org

Are you our next Board Member?

The NAMI New Orleans Board of Directors is comprised of members with professional experience useful to the organization and/or individuals whose lives and families are impacted by mental illness.

We are especially looking for those meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- African American, Vietnamese, and/or Latino
- Those working in the criminal justice system
- Faith leaders and clergy
- Under 35 years of age

Help NAMI New Orleans continue to thrive by joining our Board of Directors by November 15th

Requirements:

- Attend 4-6 board meetings per year
- Help the Board of Directors to reach group decisions
- Actively participate on committees such as governance, fundraising, marketing / public relations, education / membership / outreach, finance, and more!
- Participate in fundraising activities and events, including the annual NAMI Walk held in September
- Maintain active NAMI New Orleans membership