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HOLY NAME SOCIETIES
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THE VERCELLIAN



Presidents Report

The 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks will be marked on September 11, 2026, with nationwide remembrance events, ceremonies, and media tributes.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY to honor the victims of 911, and their families, by making time to pray the Rosary tomorrow.

We all know that the Blessed Mother asks us all to pray the Rosary for peace in our world and I can't imagine a better day to pray for peace and a better way to honor the victims and their families than by praying the Rosary tomorrow.

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, Today I am calling you: return to God, return to prayer, so that you may become carriers of peace. Pray, little children, for peace that is in danger; and may prayer begin to flow anew from your hearts and from your families, so that, in joy, you may feel the voice of Jesus in your hearts: 'Peace be with you.' Be, little children, carriers of peace and prayer for all those who do not pray. I am with you and I pray for you before my Son Jesus. 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
September 15, 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

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>

PARISH REPORTS

St. Christopher— They had 14 members that prayed the radio Rosary and 10 members that attended their monthly mass and 10 members that attended their meeting.

Blessed Sacrament— They had 5 members that attended their radio Rosary. They had 4 members that attended their monthly mass.

St. Maria Goretti— They had 22 members that attended their radio Rosary. They had 29 members that attended their monthly meeting.

Christ the King— They had 15 members that prayed the radio Rosary. They had 8 members that attended their monthly mass and 19 that attended their monthly meeting.

Most Holy Trinity— They had 10 members that attended their radio Rosary.

To experience true relationship with God in the liturgy, faithful's participation cannot be passive, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — “Firmly rooted” in the Church’s living tradition, the liturgical reform put forth by the Second Vatican Council grew from the need for the faithful to celebrate the liturgy more “consciously and actively,” and not “as strangers and silent spectators,” Pope Leo XIV said.

“The faithful ‘cannot and must no longer remain silent and passive. Their physical presence cannot be reconciled with their spiritual absence,’” he said, quoting Cardinal Giovanni Battista Montini of Milan, the future Pope Paul VI and saint, who was attending the council’s first session at the time in 1962.

The Council Fathers expressed “a renewed awareness of the value of the liturgy,” Pope Leo said during his general audience talk in St. Peter’s Basilica Aug. 26, which focused on the constitution on the sacred liturgy, “Sacrosanctum Concilium,” and why the council sought to promote the liturgy’s reform.

It was the pope’s final catechesis dedicated to the council’s first constitution after beginning his new series of talks on the documents of the Second Vatican Council Jan. 7, so people would be motivated to reread and reflect on them rather than base their understanding of the texts on “hearsay” and the interpretations of others, he had said.

While the liturgical reform promoted by the council is “firmly rooted in the living tradition of the Church,” Pope Leo said, the reform must also be properly understood.

“A correct understanding of it also enables us to reject the abuses that occurred in certain sectors of the Church during the post-conciliar period, and which, unfortunately, still occur from time to time today, where some of the principles underlying the reform itself have been taken to extremes or misunderstood,” he said.

During the liturgy, “the memorial of the work of salvation is celebrated,” and the Church’s ritual actions also provide an opportunity “to experience a true relationship with God, coming into contact with the salvific event,” the pope said.

“Since the gestures and words of the sacred liturgy are critical to realizing this experience, the participation of the faithful cannot be passive.”

The council’s reform put “at the center that which constitutes the heart of the ecclesial experience,” he said. Therefore, the intention was “to allow the liturgy to shine forth as ‘the primary source of that divine exchange in which the life of God is communicated to us.

Because of the importance of language, teaching and “intelligibility,” there was “the need to make the richness of the biblical texts and prayers more accessible to all the faithful, and to streamline the order of the celebration compared with that set out in the liturgical books then in use,” he said.

The liturgy is “a living entity,” he said, and it has always been subject to developments and changes over the centuries.

Therefore, it is “not surprising that the Second Vatican Council, too, with the utmost respect for the heritage of tradition, and precisely in order to make it more accessible, considered it necessary to revise the liturgical books,” Pope Leo said.

Quoting the conciliar constitution, he said, “the liturgy is made up of immutable elements divinely instituted, and of elements subject to change. These not only may but ought to be changed with the passage of time if they have suffer from the intrusion of anything out of harmony with the inner nature of the liturgy or have become unsuited to it.”

Texts and rites should thereby be “drawn up so that they express more clearly the holy things which they signify; the Christian people, so far as possible, should be enabled to understand them with ease and to take part in them fully, actively, and as befits a community,” he said, citing the constitution.

“In this way, the Christian people learn to recognize sacred realities, offer themselves with and through the hands of the priest, and become more open to receiving God’s grace,” he said in his summary to English speakers.

In his main catechesis in Italian, he said it is still the primary responsibility of bishops and priests “to safeguard and promote a liturgy which, while respecting liturgical norms, shines with noble simplicity and thus manifests the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.”

As the council teaches, “Liturgical services are not private functions,” but are celebrations that pertain to the whole body of the Church, “which is the ‘sacrament of unity,’ namely, the holy people united and ordered under their bishops,” he said, quoting from the constitution.

“At every celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, let us ask for God’s help to be strengthened on our journey and to enter into a deeper relationship with the Lord,” he said in his English summary.

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 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

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



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 Selec
Vincent Selec
Gasper Selec
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.**