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All of the Articles in this Issue are from members of your current CAHNS Board – we're trying for you. Your own articles are always welcome, info on page 3.

Are you really a Catholic? How do you Vote?

Pope Francis has said, "We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true, good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." Pope John Paul II once reminded us, "As to a law permitting abortion, '...it is never licit to obey it... or to vote for it.'"

Bishop Sheridan of Colorado has made it very clear. "Any Catholic politicians who advocate for abortion... jeopardize their salvation. Any Catholics who vote for candidates who stand for abortion...suffer the same consequences."

Bishop Paprocki now in Springfield, IL, a Church legal scholar has said, "Bishops and priests must warn Catholics that it is a mortal sin to vote for those that support abortion. The Church teaches that you place the eternal salvation of your own soul in serious jeopardy. A vote for a candidate who advocates actions or behaviors that are intrinsically and gravely sinful makes you morally complicit and places the eternal salvation of your own soul in serious jeopardy."

Bishops and Cardinals call attention to issues with significant moral dimensions that should be carefully considered each campaign. Some issues involve principles that can never be abandoned. We must vote to protect the basic right to life and marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

The Supreme Court has overruled the Law of God with abortion, same sex marriage, homosexual scoutmasters, recently even same-sex bathrooms. The next president will name two, possibly four, new Supreme Court Judges. Will they continue the attacks on our Faith and God? Will priests (Continued on page 3)

Jubilee of Mercy *by Fr. Nicholas Monco O.P. HNS Promoter*

Pope Francis has declared this time as an “Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.” There is an important connection between mercy and devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. Do not perceive that honoring Jesus’ Holy Name is the primary work of the Holy Name Society without including that works of mercy or service to others is a part of that honor and devotion to Him and a way to inspire others to do the same.

Jesus said in His Great Sermon on the Mount, “Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16) This is a clear declaration of Our Lord that we must do good works and that this will inspire honor to be given to God. We see that at the Last Supper Jesus declared to His apostles, “I am the vine and you are the branches.” (John 15:5) Works of mercy done out of love for God return to Him and often require us to do things that have no easy or natural explanation, such as forgiving our enemies. These good works are so important in our world because many others do not know or understand and the only obvious contact and realization of Him is through those who say they believe in Him. Jesus said in parable, “Good trees do not bear bad fruit.” (Matthew 7:18) This is something most realize and will acknowledge even if they don’t believe in Jesus Himself. All Religions, political philosophies, programs, etc. are evaluated by the fruit they bear, their success.

Nowhere is the importance of mercy for inspiring people, to honor God, clearer than in the work of Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta. Her aid and devotion to the very poorest of the poor, both the materially and spiritually poor, witnesses God operating within her. God moved her with His love and taught us to love others in return. As we move to help other begin or grow their personal relationship with Jesus and His Holy Name, let us never forget the example and success of Saint Mother Theresa and her works of mercy that inspired honor and devotion to God and Jesus.

October is Respect Life Month *by Jim Matthews, St. Cletus*

The first Sunday in October is always, “Respect Life Sunday.” By the time this issue of the CAHNS Fall Newsletter reaches you, we may already be well into the “Forty Days of Life” Chicago campaign which runs from September 28 to November 6, just in time for the elections.

At our Parish, St. Cletus in LaGrange, as perhaps in your own parish, the Respect Life Committee distributes plastic baby bottles to parishioners as a way to collect coins and cash for the nearby Women’s Care Center of LaGrange, a pro-life crisis pregnancy center. The Care Center helps women who need support as they wait for birth. Last year the parish contributed more than \$8,300 to the center, which is now a “preferred provider” of the Archdiocese of Chicago’s Respect Life Office.

“Forty Days of Life” is a nationwide movement that through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach works to save babies from abortion and the horrors inherent. The Chicago headquarters is at 659 W. Washington Blvd, 60661. For more information and to get involved, contact Theresa Jedziniak at 847-647-7704. A march for life is being planned for Chicago on January 15, 2017. Archbishop Blaise Cupich confirmed that an archdiocesan-wide Respect Life Mass will be at St. Cletus in LaGrange at 5 p.m. on January 7, 2017.

Also with the Respect Life Movement, assisted suicide is now legal in two western states. A poll in 2014, commissioned by the U.S. Bishop’s Conference, revealed that only 46% of senior citizens supported the idea. The strongest support, 60%, was from the 35-44 year olds. They are the “sandwich generation” now often caring and paying for both children and elderly parents. For more information regarding Catholic opposition to assisted suicide, go to: www.usccb.org . Search life issues forum pro-life activities.

Memories *by Manuel Moyado, Ascension/Immaculate Heart of Mary*

I was in High School when I first joined the Holy Name society as a Junior member, our pastor was very active and borrowed a president from nearby old Sacred Heart parish to get us started. As an adult I remember there were a lot of fund raisers and raffles. When attendance dropped we decided to become the 3rd Spanish speaking parish in Chicago.

We quickly grew and began to realize that the Holy Name Society was more than a social money making group. Fr. Joseph Gallego got us more spiritually active. He told us to get the men out of the taverns into church and to *(continued on next page)*

make sure they were sending money back to families in Mexico. We still had Saturday night smokers and my Dad would bring a small TV to still watch bullfights from Mexico. Fr. Joe also initiated one-day conferences for married couples in Spanish at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT OFFICERS MEETING

1/17/17 @ FIVE HOLY MARTYRS

7:30 PM

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

11/12/17 ST. HILLARY PARISH

9:00 AM

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HOLY HOUR @ JOSEPH PARISH

SUMMIT 12/01/16 @ 7:00 PM

SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING

TBD - CAHNS IS SEEKING A

VOLUNTEER NORTHSIDE PARISH

SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY 6/3, 10, 17

SUBJECT TO ARCHBISHOP CUPICH

Are You really a Catholic? How do you vote?

(Continued from page 1) have to choose between performing same-sex marriage and prison? Will we wake up in time to realize that we have voted America to an abyss of total immorality? Do you now know what you didn't know, that we are responsible for what we have allowed to happen to our country? Now knowing," how will you vote?"

CAHNS 2016 Raffle News

Thanks to your support the June 17 raffle was sold out for the first time in many years. The CAHNS portion will be used to support the Deacons' of the Archdiocese at their St. Francis event on 10/9/16. The Early Bird winner - James Witt, St. Christina.

1st Prize Tom Carvlin - Ascension St. Susanna

2nd Prize Paul Dachota - St. John Fisher

3rd Prize Gerry Divine - Brooklyn, NY

4th Prize Paul Guillemette - St. Constance

5th Prize David Tomalis - Mater Christi

The 2016 St Jane de Chantal Spiritual Assembly *by Lou Rexing*

Thank you to the the Members of the St. Jane de Chantal Holy Name Society for their hard work in hosting the very successful 36th Annual Spiritual Assembly. The Mass again reminded us of the spiritual nature of the event. Fr. Nick Monco, O.P. our Dominican Promoter of the Holy Name Society, was both our celebrant and homilist. It was amazing that "someone so young and still in High School" could deliver such an inspiring "God Is Alive" call to action to all present. For clarification Father looks very young and is on staff at Fenwick High school, the above was his quote. On the occasion of this Mass their was no choir. The church was FILLED with the voices of our two cantors and hundreds of Holy Name Society members from across the Archdiocese. If unable to attend, you missed a truly moving and inspirational Mass.

During the reception following the Mass this year we recognized two very outstanding gentlemen during our awards ceremony. This year the CAHNS Board decided that the decision for the Deacon Ed Condon Man of the Year Award was so difficult that we knew double recognition was necessary. Therefore, John Elstner of St. Jane de Chantal was honored as the 2015 Ed Condon Man of the Year. Additionally, Larry Kulik of Five Holy Martyrs was most surprised to receive the Holy Name Society Lifetime Achievement Award. Larry is one of only three recipients of the reinstated award since 2001. The only other two were Deacon Ed Condon and Stanley Yuska. Again, congratulations to both John and Larry.

GIVE US YOUR HOLY NAME NEWS

If you have an article or news to share about your Holy Name Society, send it to me at: Stan Baran 4015 N. Denley Ave., Schiller Park, IL. 60176. You may also email any article attached to: HNS.Stan@gmail.com

Five Holy Martyrs Holy Name Society Happenings *by Jim Koziel*

At our August 14th meeting we again honored our very own Larry Kulik with presentation locally of his distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from the CAHNS Board earlier in the year. To list all of Larry's contributions would take another entire newsletter.

As is usually the case, also on August 14th we had a guest speaker. This time it was our Community Resource Educator, Bertha Estudillo. Also speaking were David Gordon and Diane Rice, both Health Asset Coordinators. We learned about the expansion of St. Anthony Hospital's new development called Focal Point and the many services and wellness programs offered for seniors.

I can also report that all of our Holy Name Society members and many from neighboring parishes attended a two day silent retreat at the Bellarmine Retreat House in Barrington, IL. Also as a reminder our Holy Name Society attends the 9 a.m. Mass on the second Sunday each month. Following the Mass we have a short meeting with a guest speaker and a Continental Breakfast in our school cafeteria.

As I write this article, I am reminded to bring to the attention of other Holy Name Societies the importance of members coming together for the 2nd Sunday Mass at your own parishes. You may not know it, but this practice actually dates back several hundred years.

2017 37th Annual Spiritual Assembly call for a Parish *by Stan Baran*

Gentlemen the Parish, we had anticipated might host the next Spiritual Assembly, informed us of their inability to do so at this time. In order to continue this tremendous honor to Our Lord we are seeking a north side parish willing to host. You will have the complete and total support, if needed, from the CAHNS Board and the past parish chairman of the event. Please meet with myself at your convenience or I will attend your parish regularly scheduled meeting, your officers are available whenever you need us. Call 847-894-3101 We have already extended an invitation to Archbishop Cupich to attend. In an effort to coordinate with his busy schedule we have given him the option of any of three Friday evenings in June. We await his response.

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