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Gentlemen! Did You Know?

The purpose of the holy Name Society was to revere the Holy Name of God and Jesus, to promote the Holy Name by making It known throughout the world, to end blasphemy, perjury, profanity, and the breaking of oaths, and to promote respect for authority---both civil and religious.

That served us quite well for a long time, but different from that now is that the Mission of the Holy Name Society is:

To assist all to begin or grow their personal relationship with Jesus through honor, devotion, reverence of His Most Holy Name and His Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

The Board of the National Association of Holy Name Societies has made that change with many more coming to bring it back to an organization worthy of membership for all.

When we, The Holy Name Society, began!

During the Thirteenth Century a group known as the Albigensians, began denying that Jesus became man (flesh) because they denied the goodness of created things. Then additionally, many philosophers denied either that we needed God or that we could get to God. Additionally culturally, blaspheming was common because people didn't think it was wrong, and they could get away with it.

Just a thought –

the above also describes the World of today, especially the United States.

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In 1274 Pope Gregory X and the Second Council of Lyons recognized the problem and the Pope asked John of Vercelli, the Master General of the Dominican Order, to promote reverence to the Holy Name of God and Jesus. His task: “to deliver pious instructions, calculated to please God and to nourish their soul...to revere in a particular manner the Name which is above all names – the only Name under Heaven by which those who believe in it can be saved – the Name of Jesus Christ, Who has purchased His people from their sins.”

Blessed John traveled throughout Italy and Europe reforming the Dominican Order and preaching as tasked by Pope Gregory X until his death in France in 1283. We celebrate his feast on December 1. His grave was later destroyed by Calvinists to the extent that his only remaining relic is his walking stick, portions of which are enshrined in both Philadelphia and New Orleans. To date, there have been three miracles attributed to his intercessions; the Holy Name Society is the primary effort promoting his canonization.

Popes and the Holy Name Society

Pope Gregory X in 1274, and the Second Council of Lyons initiated devotion of the Most Holy Name of Jesus when Blessed John of Vercelli, as sixth Master General of the Dominican Order, was tasked as above. Pope Julius II (1503-1513) granted two separate indulgences to the Franciscan-initiated Confraternities of the Holy Name of Jesus. Pope Pius V in 1571, gave sole jurisdiction over the Confraternity of the Most Holy Names of God to the Dominican Order. Pope Innocent XI, from 1676 to 1689, heavily promoted the Holy Name Societies. Pope Benedict XIII, on May 26, 1727, gave exclusive rights to the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of Jesus as the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus to the Dominican Order. Pope Benedict XV even appointed Thomas Cardinal Pius Boggiani, Cardinal Protector of the Holy Name Society.

Many Processions Honoring Him

Many of you are aware of our own Procession of Banners and Spiritual Assembly in Chicago, usually held in June. Ours is certainly not the first. In fact, processions honoring Jesus as an infant have occurred worldwide for a very long time. Jesus' Namesday has been celebrated on January 1, for centuries, and His Image has been depicted in infancy or young because of that date, shortly after His birth. In fact, The Brotherhood of the Holy Name in Estepa, Spain, has been processing since 1590. We now celebrate it on January 3, or at least try to! Often the Church Calendar now celebrates the Feast of the, “Epiphany” instead.

What Happened to the Holy Name Society?

Our once prominence in the United States is gone but it did exist from the twenties through the sixties. Gatherings and events nationally drew numbers in the tens of thousands. Then something happened, it was not just the wars, but what I call the, “distractions of the devil” or life in America. Television, organized sports, two-income family life, movies depicting irreverence to God and Jesus, the growth of entertainment violence and immorality, which of course now influence detrimentally our culture today. The lack of Church Hierarchy support for the Holy Name Society, in favor of other organizations has not helped either. Unlike the Holy Name Society, they are not recognized as an Arch Confraternity of the Catholic Church established by Papal Authority. The reason must also include the lack of waning leadership at the parish level all the way to the National Organization.

Change is Coming

It started right here in Chicago last April with a weekend meeting of the National Board near O'Hare. We drafted a Five-year plan with a multifaceted approach to bring us back. The plan includes information, outreach, assistance, training and even an avenue to fund the effort. This year the National Convention will roll it out to attendees and start implementation. Please view the nahns.com website to see some of the changes. The next issue of this newsletter will also contain updates on the plan as it is implemented. The National Convention will be held this year in Lancaster, PA. Check out nahns.com for more information if you would like to attend.

For the Faithful

No matter the problems of this world, keep Jesus at the center of your life, in your heart, and with you always on this difficult journey the world presents us today. Remember to **Pray** for those in need, suffering, persecuted, and martyred for our Faith. **Learn** about our faith and what you can do to help. Read the Bible, go online. **Take Action** in your parish, voice your objections to the entertainment industry, and with elected officials to support legislation which promotes and defends our Faith and especially the devotion, honor, and reverence for Jesus and His Holy Name.

From Now until November visit *CatholicVote.org*
by Jim Matthews, CAHNS Recording Secretary, St. Cletus

“Politics and the new evangelization” was the topic discussed by Brian Burch, the president and co-founder of *CatholicVote.org* (CV) at a meeting sponsored by the KC Chapter from St John of the Cross parish in Western Springs recently. Several Holy Name Society members from St. Cletus of LaGrange were part of the audience listening to Mr. Burch’s back story and watched TV public service ads that CV has broadcast or shown online in recent elections.

CV was founded to organize, inspire, and mobilize the Catholic vote through education, legislative advocacy, and direct political action. CV is a lay organization inspired by Pope Saint John Paul II’s call for new evangelization in 1983. The Pope urged all Catholics to focus our energy on a new evangelization.

Although CV’s viral video ads have reached over two million adult viewers online, Burch’s public service ads have even appeared on America’s. “secular feast day” – Super Bowl Sunday. He believes that the best way to spread the positive CV messages is via the internet. CV seeks to evangelize American politics with a hope-filled message that is both faithful to the Gospel, and to the heritage of our country’s best political traditions. A draft ad titled, “A Prayer for America” was shown to the group and led to intense discussion

Brian Burch became active with CV during our recession in 2008. He urged that action by the lay faithful is the key: “We are all missionaries, and we should be Christ to our friends.” Brian and his wife Sara reside in a Chicago suburb with their eight children. He can be contacted via the website, *CatholicVote.org*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

QUEEN OF ANGELS – 4412 N. WESTERN AVE
TIME 10 A.M. DOORS OPEN AT 9:30 A.M.
SATURDAY MAY 21, 2016

SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING MEETINGS

ST. JANE DE CHANTAL PARISH
5201 S. MCVICKER, CHICAGO IL 60714
– IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA

PLANNING MEETING DATES

MARCH 15, APRIL 19, AT 7:30 P.M.

(THE DATE FOR THE OFFICER’S BOARD MEETING AT 7 P.M.)

MAY 17. WALK-THROUGH ALSO AT 7:30 P.M.

36TH ANNUAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY MASS

JUNE 17, 2016 (GATHER AT 6:30 P.M.)

LIMITED EDITION 2016 FUND RAISING RAFFLE

Suggested donation is \$50 each, with five tickets for just \$200---a \$50 SAVINGS! There are five prizes: Grand Prize \$5,000; 2nd \$1,500; 3rd \$1,000; 4th \$500; 5th \$250 (based on the sale of 225 tickets) and an earlybird prize of \$250 (April 2015). The top five prizes will be drawn after our Annual CAHNS Mass at St. Jane de Chantal, Friday June 17, 2016. Lou Rexing has more tickets available at: 773-447-7964. Thank You for your support!

2015 C.A.H.N.S. Man of the Year Award

It’s not too early to start thinking about who to nominate for the “Man of the Year” award. Consideration will be given for this award to a man who has made major contributions and distinguished himself by outstanding meritorious service to the society, parish and/or community. You can pick up a nomination form at the upcoming planning meetings and quarterly meeting, or contact President Stan Baran by calling him at 847-894-3103 to have one mailed to you. The deadline to submit is mid-April. The award will be presented at the 36th Annual Spiritual Assembly at St. Jane de Chantal Parish on Friday June 17, 2016.

Pop Music by Holy Name Choir

by Jim Matthews

A Men's Choir organized by the Holy Name Society at St. Barbara parish in Chicago is singing both church and popular music, with monthly performances this Spring. "People like it, so we will keep it up" says Phil Whitehouse. The HNS choir is scheduled for the 9:30 a.m. Mass on April 17, on Mother's Day, and on future dates.

Holy Name member Bill Webb came up with the idea of starting a men's singing group about two years ago. He and Holy Name President Bill Whitehouse, persuaded members to perform at a, "one and done" parish event. Soon the Holy Name chorus was singing hymnal music at the 9:30 mass, and also performing popular music from yesteryear at parish events, such as a medley of Three Dog Night hits from the 60's. With the help of parish organist and director of music Eva Mrgan, they plan to continue the "Beat".

GIVE US YOUR HOLY NAME NEWS

If you have an article or news to share about your Holy Name Society, e-mail it to Stan Baran at hns.stanbaran.com. You can also mail to: Stan Baran, 4015 N. Denley Ave. Schiller Park, IL 60176

CALLING FOR CANDIDATES

Just a reminder that the next Quarterly Membership Meeting, that's you, will be held at Queen of Angels. The time and locations are listed in the meeting section on page 3. This is the meeting at which nominations for your next officers, are accepted and are elected. If not pleased with your current leadership, do something about it. Nominate someone, or enter your own name. Seriously, CAHNS is always in need of men willing to give their fair share of return to Our Lord. Think about it!

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