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Reverence for the Name of God

The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, brethren, affords an opportunity for meditating upon reverence for the honor of God, especially in the person of our Blessed Savior, reverence for God is something different from the love of God and the fear of God. Have you not noticed that when a bad boy neither fears his father nor (as far as we can see) loves him yet often keeps up at least a show of respect for him? I don't care much for him, he says, but after all he is my father; I must respect him. It is so with sinners. Many a sinner will break every commandment of God and the church except one or two, which he fancies he must observe in order to keep up appearances; that is to say, show at least some outward respect. The most atrocious scoundrel will not eat meat on a Lenten Friday because that would be a sign of losing all respect for religion. A wretch abandoned to every vice will say a Hail Mary or make the sign of the cross sometimes in order to persuade at least himself that he has not lost all respect for religion. He will not despise the piety of his friends, but rather respect it. Respect for holy things and holy practices are the last remnants of religion in the sinner's soul.

Well brethren, let us ask if Almighty God has not set up any particular sign of reverence that we are to pay Him? What among all religious practices would he have us do as a token of inner and outer reverence? Of course you know that is reverence for His Holy Name.

The Name of God, especially the Name of Jesus, is set as the divine standard before which every man will prove his reverence for God and Jesus. Those who swear, curse, and blaspheme forget this. **Continued on page 2**

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No sin is as common as profanity in its various forms. Yet it shows a heart not only void of the fear of God, and of the love of God, but also, and worst of all, void of even reverence for God. A man who habitually curses is penetrated with defiance of the Divine Majesty. Holy Scripture says that he has put on cursing like a garment; that it has entered in unto his bones. In the old law a blasphemer was stoned to death. And in our own times God often anticipates the wrath to come by sending sudden death upon profane men. I lately read in the papers that a man, standing at a saloon-counter, cursed his own soul, and instantly sank down upon the floor stone dead. Many of you have doubtless heard or even seen such visitations of divine justice.

And it is in view of the sacred obligation of reverence to God in His chosen symbol—which is His Name and his Son’s Name—that, although he had but ten commandments to give us, one of them was set apart to secure respectful speech when dealing with God : Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Brethren, you and I in future will be particularly careful to honor the sacred name of Jesus. Are you tempted? His name is a resistless charm against assaults of the flesh, the world, and the devil. Are you tired? The name of Jesus is a restful and soothing influence. Are you sick? That holy name will strengthen you with supernatural vigor. I hope when you come to your last breath may you call the Name of Jesus with deep confidence, and that He will answer your dying sigh with an affectionate welcome to his heavenly court.

Blessed be God. Blessed be His Holy Name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, True God and True Man. Blessed be the Name of Jesus. In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Excerpts from an Internet article by Noah Moerbeek a brother in the Poor Knights of Christ

January Third? By Stan Baran

I have had a dilemma now for several years. The Feast of the Holy Name is January third, however can you tell me that last time you heard the scripture readings for the feast. You probably missed it this year and will also next because it is a moving feast on the calendar and as such it is subject to the Sunday feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. I miss hearing those readings, but this year my Pastor did allow me a few minutes to speak to those attending the Saturday evening mass. Most of what I said went something like this.

Today is the feast of the Holy Name, but the feast is not really to His Name but to Him, to Jesus. The shortest prayer we know is simply that – His Name, “Jesus”. When you’re in doubt, in need, or to avoid temptation just call His Name reverently, He will not deny you. His Name and He are one in the same. This is a fact of our Faith and the way we speak. How often do we hear, “Through Jesus”, “Through His Name”, and “In His Name”, and “In the Name of” in Scripture and during the Mass.

I hope yours was a Blessed Christmas. That is one that properly welcomed Jesus, held special recognition, honor and devotion to Jesus. We also soon extend a Most Blessed Easter to each other. As Catholics, how many of us have 363 other Blessed days, days also with recognition, honor and devotion to Him, Jesus.

Every morning do we ask Him to bless the day for us, to guide us, to aid us, to keep us safe, to be with us? That’s what He wants; to be with us. When the day is through do we thank Him for that day and ask Him to keep us safe through the night for another day? I pray that yours will be a Blessed New Year friends.

That means recognizing, honoring, and asking – no welcoming Jesus all 365 days of the year into our lives. We, who pledge to His Holy Name, do so every day. If interested let us help you do the same.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: TBD

TIME 9 A.M.

SATURDAY MAY 16, 2015

OFFICER BOARD MEETING

AFTER SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING MEETING

APRIL 20, 2015 MONDAY (*SEE BELOW!*)

SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING MEETINGS

PLACE: ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH

(*IN THE PARISH MINISTRY CENTER*)

8305 N. HARLEM AVE, NILES, IL 60714

TIME: 7 P.M.

DATES:

APRIL 20, 2015 MONDAY

MAY 20, 2015 WEDNESDAY

JUNE 5, 2015 FRIDAY (*WALK-THROUGH*)

35TH ANNUAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY MASS

JUNE 12, 2015 (GATHER AT 6:30 P.M.)

Any Body Out There???

We never hear from you. CAHNS sends out this quarterly Newsletter, frequent reminders about meetings and other events on both fb and email. The nonresponsive results leads the Board to wonder if we are doing something wrong. Please let us know if so.

We need your involvement and want to help address your concerns. This leads me to another urgent request. Your Board is seeking new members; several positions will be vacant for the next term, June 2014 to June 2016. They are Recording Secretary, a Director's position, and possibly Vice-President.

Serving honors Our Lord and fellow HNS members. If interested call Stan Baran at 847-894-3101 or email hns.stan@gmail.com

Limited Edition 2015 Fund Raising Raffle

Suggested donations are \$50, with five tickets for just \$200, a \$50 SAVINGS! There are five prizes, Grand Prize \$5000, 2nd \$1500, 3rd \$1000, 4th \$500, 5th \$250 and an early bird prize of \$250 (April 2015). The top five prizes will be drawn after our Annual CAHNS Mass at St. John Brebeuf Friday June 12, 2015. Lou Rexing has more tickets @ 773-447-7964. Thank You for your support!

2014 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 made major contributions and distinguished themselves 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 @ 847-894-3103 to have one mailed to you. The deadline to submit is mid-April. The award will be presented at the 35th Annual Spiritual Assembly at St. John Brebeuf Parish on Friday June 12, 2015.

GIVE US YOUR HOLY NAME NEWS

If you have an article or news to share about your Holy Name Society, e-mail it to johneortiz@sbcglobal.net. You can also mail it to:

John E. Ortiz, 34 Conti Parkway #2, Elmwood Park IL 60707.

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