



Holy Name Society Newsletter

Spreading Devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus

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When the Irish emigrants left their homeland in those desperate days of the mid-19th century, their families and friends gathered at portside to see their loved ones depart, knowing that they would probably never meet again in this world. They called it the “emigrants

wake”, for it was just about as sad and moving an experience as you could imagine. No one could know the dangers awaiting these brave souls.

“... the Holy Name Society in each parish became one of the bulwarks for the preservation and expression of their Catholic Faith.”

These Irish emigrants and their Christian brethren from all parts of Europe found their Catholic faith sustained them in the new world. They built churches,
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NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

New Executive Board Officers were elected at the NAHNS Annual Membership Meeting held in Baltimore. William Harris (Baltimore Archdiocesan Union) was elected the new President of the Association. Ron G. Schmitz (St. Paul-Minneapolis Archdiocesan Union) was elected First Vice President, Pete Carbone (Cleveland Diocesan Union) was elected the Second Vice President and Gerry Devine (Brooklyn Diocesan Union) was elected Third Vice President. Paul McKeough (Baton Rouge Diocesan Union) was elected the Secretary. The Financial

Secretary position on the Board was not filled at the convention and under the terms of the new constitution this position will be filled temporarily by the appointment of the President with approval of the Executive Board Officers.

Joe Lapointe (Past President of the NAHNS) will serve as an officer representing the Executive Advisory Committee. The Executive Advisory Committee is composed of all past presidents of the Association. The newly created Regional Vice President Committee which is made up of all Regional Vice Presi-

dents will meet soon to elect a chairperson. The Chair of this new committee will also serve on the Executive Board.

To learn more about the roles and responsibilities of the elected Executive Board Officers, please visit the NAHNS website and look under the **Membership** link under the **NAHNS** tab. You can download a copy of the new Constitution and the Bylaws. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Executive Board Officers directly using the contact information available on the website under the **Contact Us** link.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

- Promotes the honor and glory of our Divine God and the personal sanctification of its members by acts of love and devotion to the most Holy Name of Jesus. This spiritual life of its members is a perpetual act of reverence and love.
- Promotes respect for the most Holy Name of God, faith in the Catholic Church and the Magisterium, loyalty to one's country, and respect for all lawful authority, both civil and religious
- Our members perform the Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty, shelter to the homeless, tend the sick, visit those in prison, and bury the dead; as well as the Spiritual Works of Mercy: to convert sinners, instruct the ignorant, counsel the wayward, comfort the sorrowing, bear adversity patiently, forgive offenses, and pray for the living and the dead on a parochial, diocesan and national level.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been an honor serving as your President for the past two years. As I look back over the past two years, I note advancements in the areas of technology (website, electronic reporting); improvements to the convention agenda and the goal of updating our Constitution. However, there is still much work to be done by the incoming Officers who will need your help and support.

I want to thank all our members for their support. I

pledge to continue to remain active in the organization. My first responsibility as Past-President will be to Chair the Executive Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is comprised of all the Past-Presidents of the NAHNS and shall act in an advisory capacity to the new Executive Board.

I submit my final report as your President knowing there is plenty of work remaining to be accomplished by the incoming Executive Board. They

will need all our help. I plan to remain active on the National level and I encourage you to do the same by supporting the incoming Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted, I remain...

Yours in His Holy Name,

Joseph W. Lapointe
Immediate Past President
NAHNS

NEW NAHNS CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS RATIFIED

A new Constitution and Bylaws were ratified by the delegates to the 41st Annual National Membership meeting held in Baltimore, Maryland, from September 21 through September 25th. The new Constitution clearly defines membership in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Names of God and Jesus at both the Novice and the Professed levels.

To become a Novice member requires the candidate to fully believe and put into practice in their daily lives all of the promises specified in the Holy Name Pledge. The candidate must also fulfill any and all of the obligations and duties for a

Novice Member as prescribed by the Parish/Deanery/(Arch)diocesan Holy Name Society with jurisdiction over the area the Novice resides.

Novice members may belong directly to the National Association if they reside in an area where there is no active Parish, Deanery or (Arch)diocesan Holy Name Society.

Professed Members of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Names of God and Jesus make promises at a special Induction Ceremony at a parish that has been properly chartered to the Dominican Order. The names of the Professed members must be written in

ink in the Official Register of the Holy Name Society. The Spiritual Director or the priest conducting the induction ceremony should sign and date the page containing the signatures.

After the induction ceremony the candidates become Professed members in the Confraternity of the most Holy Names of God and Jesus and now obtain the graces, indulgences, rights, privileges and Spiritual Benefits of Membership.

The new governing documents now pave the way for the NAHNS to apply for Non-profit status under Section 501

NAHNS CENSUS INFORMATION

The following information was prepared and presented at the NAHNS National Convention by the new Marketing Communications Committee of the NAHNS. This information was received from Regional Vice Presidents and the (Arch)

Diocesan Union representatives prior to the convention.

The following information is

used by the Executive Board Officers of the NAHNS to assess the health of the organization and develop plans and

initiatives to support long term sustainable growth of the Holy Name Society.

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Region	# of Diocese	# Active Unions	# Unions Added	# Unions Dropped
Region I	13	0	0	0
Region II	4	4	0	0
Region III	14	6	0	0
Region V	4	2	0	0
Region VII	16	2	0	0
Region VIII	10	1	0	0
Region XI	15	3	0	1
Region XIV	11	0	0	0
Region VI	14	7	1	0
	101	25	1	1

24.75%

(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Service Code.

New Standing Committees required to carry out the fundamental activities of the Association were redefined in the new Constitution. They are the Religious and Spiritual Renewal Committee, Regional Vice President Committee, Executive Advisory Committee, Financial Advisory Committee, Marketing Communications Committee, Constitution & Bylaws Committee and the Blessed John of Vercelli Committee. Roles, responsibilities, duties and activities of these committees are defined in the Bylaws.

The Regional Vice President Committee is made up of all current Regional Vice Presidents. This Committee shall present a summary report of Regional Vice Presidential activities, successes, needs and important upcoming initiatives at the Annual Membership Meetings and shall make recommendations to the Executive Board as needed regarding items, initiatives, and changes that would enhance the effectiveness of Regional Vice Presidents.

New Appointed Positions were redefined in the constitution as the Marketing Communications Director, Communications Office Manager,

Supply Director, Legal Counsel, Public and Media Relations Director, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Web Applications Editor. All Appointed Positions shall be nominated by the President, with the approval of the Officers of the Executive Board, for a term of two (2) years, and shall be eligible for reappointment by the incoming President, subject to the same approval process for each successive term.

Another new Committee defined in the Constitution and Bylaws is the Marketing Communications Committee. The Communications Office Manager, Media and Public Rela-

tions Director, Newsletter Editor and Web Application Editor are members of this Committee. The responsibilities of the committee are to develop and communicate a marketing message and archive official documents of the Association and to broadcast and release the official Press Releases of the Association.

If you would like to learn more about the important changes to these important governing documents and also obtain a copy of the new Constitution and Bylaws, please visit the NAHNS website at **nahns.com** and click the NAHNS link.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

Police Holy Name Society of Nassau County

The Police Holy Name Society of Nassau County New York sponsored a Pilgrimage to Lisbon, Fatima, Spain, and Lourdes from November 2 through the 11th. Group Coordinator was Daniel Danzi, Treasurer of the Society. The Society is located in Mineola, NY.

Rockville Centre, New York Diocesan Union HNS

The annual Diocesan Holy Name Society Convention was held Saturday, October 8, hosted by SS Cyril & Methodius Holy Name Society, Deer Park, NY. Annual Diocesan Christmas Theme Poster Contest will be held on Saturday, December 10. Frank White, (puttinggreen@mac.com) is coordinating. Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name Society will hold the Christmas Poster Awards program in January.

San Antonio Archdiocesan Union HNS

The Annual AUHNS Awards Banquet was held on October 15th at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club in San Antonio. The Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Holy Name Society was held November 6th at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in San Antonio, TX. The Archdiocesan Union continues to sponsor hours of prayer at churches across the Archdiocese every month.

Baltimore Archdiocesan Union HNS

The 100th Anniversary of the Holy Name Union in Baltimore was celebrated in September during the National Convention of the NAHNS. William Harris from the Baltimore Archdiocesan Union was elected President of the NAHNS at the convention.

The Union presented six \$500 grants to Seminarians. Funds for the grants are raised through a special Seminarian Raffle and other fund raising events held throughout the year. The Archdiocesan Holy Name Weekend Retreat was held from October 8th through October 30th at the Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA.

Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased members was held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 6th. Fr. Michael Carrion, Spiritual Director of the Baltimore Union and Deacon Henry Siarkowski were instrumental in arranging the Mass.

Archdiocese of St. Paul / Minneapolis HNS

The Annual General Membership Assembly was held on October 14 at the Church of St. Albert the Great. Fr. Benny Mekkat celebrated the Mass and Fr. Robert Grabner, Spiritual Moderator of the Association, gave a talk on the New Roman Missal and the

important changes in the Mass. New Officers were elected at the Assembly. Plans are being made to host the 10th Annual Apologetics Conference featuring Dr. Peter Kreeft, noted Catholic author, apologist, and college professor. The conference will be held at All Saints Church in Lakeville, MN.

Saint Catherine Union HNS - Canadian Report

Canadian members of the Holy Name Society send best wishes to our brothers in Christ from the United States with the assurance that our thoughts and prayers are with you as you deliberate on issues and items of mutual concern at the national convention in Baltimore.

We are pleased that our good friend, Father Paul Sabo, Spiritual Director of the Buffalo Diocese Holy Name Society, has agreed to act on our behalf. I have indicated in previous reports that Father Paul is a tremendous supporter of Holy Name on the Canadian side of the border with regular attendance at our meetings and spiritual nights of reflection.

Our new series of nights of reflection commence in November and are held every other month at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario. We open with Mass followed by a spiritual talk and then general discussion. Although the nights of reflection are sponsored by

the Holy Name Society, all men of the diocese are welcome to attend. Men of the various Holy Name Societies offer suggest topics and the Carmelite Fathers are most accommodating.

This year marked the 52nd annual convention of the St. Catherine's Diocese Holy Name Society which was hosted by Our Lady of the Scapular Parish in Niagara Falls on October 23rd. The theme, "*The Eucharist: Praying with New Words*" was presented by Diocesan Holy Name Spiritual Director Father Peter Rowe and was specifically chosen to prepare members and others who will attend for changes that are coming in the liturgy this advent. The new bishop, His Excellency Gerard Bergie, attended and celebrated the convention Mass.

The annual retreat organized by the Holy Name Societies of St. Catherine's and Buffalo Dioceses, took place on September 9, 10 and 11 at St. Columban Centre in Derby, New York, with 43 men attending. Both St. Catherine's Diocese HNS Spiritual Director, Father Peter Rowe, and Buffalo HNS Spiritual Director, Father Paul Sabo, participated in the retreat along with presenter Deacon Bill Hynes of St. Benedict's Parish in Eggerstville, New York. Deacon Bill spoke about the many merits and good works of the Holy Name Society with several of the men saying it was one of their best retreats ever.

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A sense of peace and calm prevails through the air as participants drive onto the grounds of the Retreat House, reading the words of the welcoming sign: *“Be Still and Know that I am God”*.

Holy Name members in the

Diocese of St. Catherine’s continue to be involved in the spiritual and social life of their parishes, supporting such charitable causes as student bursaries, various parish ministries, parish and diocesan financial support, Development and Peace, and the St.

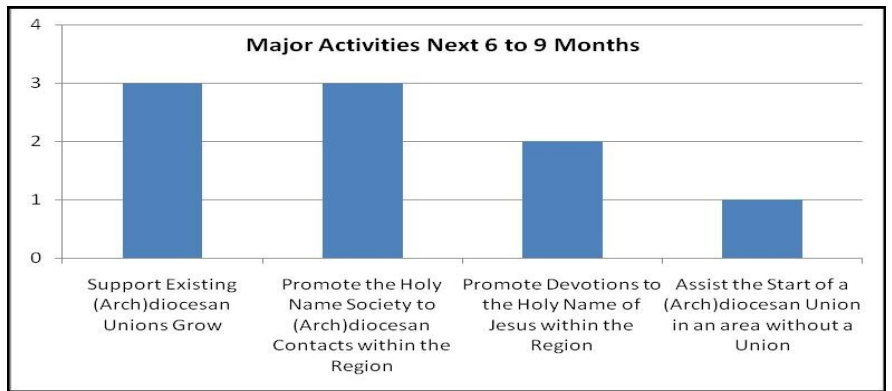
Vincent De Paul Society. Members appreciate the guidance, support and wisdom of Spiritual Director Father Peter Rowe, who is the epitome of the priesthood, and feel further blessed to have such a devout and inspiring priest as a leader. At each of the meet-

ings, Father Peter Rowe inspires us with a message of deep faith and hope that we can take home and put into practice.

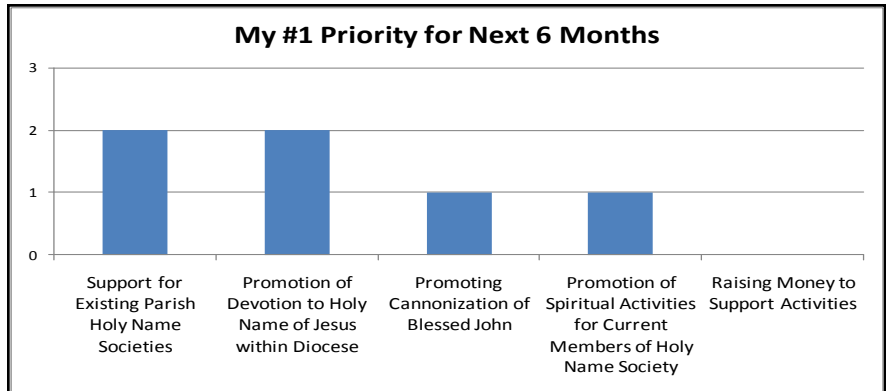
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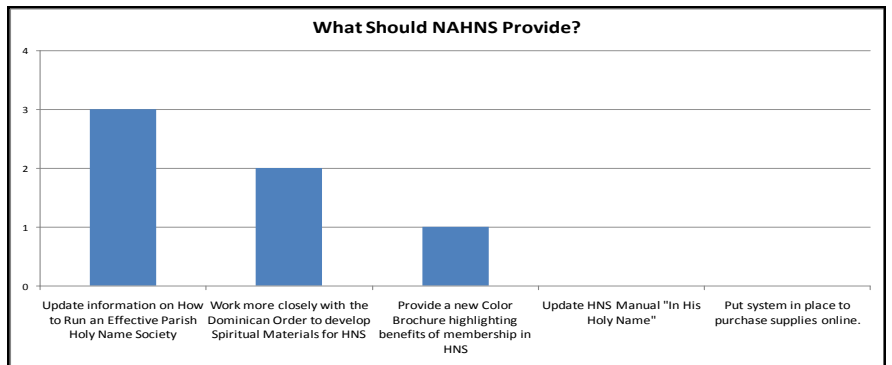
The Regional Vice Presidents were polled to determine their major activities for the next six to nine months. The chart at the right illustrates what they considered their top priorities.



Similarly, the leaders of the (Arch) Diocesan Unions were polled to determine what their top priorities will be for the next 6 months. The chart at the right illustrates the results.



The NAHNS Executive Board requested information as to what type of support the (Arch)Diocesan Unions desired from the NAHNS to help them meet their goals. The chart at the right illustrates their results of the poll.



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schools, hospitals. They stood at the ready to assist their pastors in a formidable challenge. They banded together to form a unity, and the Holy Name Society in each parish became one of the bulwarks for the preservation and expression of their Catholic Faith. Thus these early emigrants became real apostles, missionaries and crusaders for the faith.

Today the descendants of the earlier immigrant forbearers face another formidable challenge. Once again their faith is being tested in an often hostile atmosphere. The bishops and priests again need the sup-

port of a dedicated laity - men and women to embark on a new crusade. What is needed is the restoration of the faith in our daily lives, a new evangelization that will bring the message of the Gospel into our lives, and will help our fellow citizens know and love Jesus Christ.

This is the challenge of the Holy Name Society and its members today. I lay it before you: pick up the banner,

"This is the challenge of the Holy Name Society and its members today ... through your ministry ... and by your dedicated example, hold high the Cross of Christ and bring honor and reverence to His Holy Name."

carry the torch and bring Jesus alive through your ministry and the practice of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Cooperate with your pastors in reaching out to the un-churched and those who have fallen away; and by your dedicated example, hold high the Cross of Christ, and bring honor and reverence to His Holy Name.

We possess two practical examples of this work. One is

the ministry to the imprisoned: the *Metanoia* program of mini-retreats and spiritual renewal. The other example is the *Mary Mother of the Captives* prison pen pal project. In addition, we need to continue our efforts to reach out to the Hispanic immigrants who face many obstacles in living their faith. They need to have printed material and personal contact in their own language. With emphasis on the personal contact with Jesus Our Savior, this new wave of immigrants can be a powerful force in expressing our Catholic Faith.

The prison ministry and the outreach to the Hispanic peo-

NEW RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL COMMITTEE

The NAHNS has commissioned a new Standing Committee as part of the new Constitution. The committee is called the Religious and Spiritual Renewal Committee. The new committee is called upon to: Cultivate, educate, promote and communicate the spirituality of the Confraternity of the most Holy Names of God and Jesus. Promote devotion to the most holy Names of God and Jesus and assist Holy Name Society

members grow in holiness and obtain their personal salvation.

Key initiatives and activities of the Committee will be to:

- Promote proper formation of Holy Name Society members through Catholic religious education, prayer and worship.
- Prayer is the foundation for growing in holiness. This

Committee encourages and provides resources for (Arch)Diocesan Unions and parish Holy Name Societies to sponsor prayer vigils, memorial masses, retreats, days of recollection and other devotions.

- Develop, publish and promote prayer cards and other devotional materials that promote personal and public devotion to the Most Holy Names of God and

Jesus and make them available to members, potential members, and the Catholic public, through the NAHNS Store.

- Develop resource materials that guide (Arch)Diocesan Unions and Parish Holy Name Societies sponsor and promote Eucharistic Adoration, Benedictions, prayer cenacles and other forms of individual and public worship.

ples are just two examples of how the Holy Name apostolate can be carried out effectively today. The prison ministry organizations have accomplished much good, and the efforts to bring the Holy Name message to those immigrants flooding into our cities (often bewildered and lost in a sea of secularism and unsavory influence) need the reassurance that

“What is needed is the restoration of the faith in our daily lives, a new evangelization that will bring the message of the Gospel into our lives, and will help our fellow citizens know and love Jesus Christ.”

God loves them and that Jesus invites them to partake of the good things of His kingdom.

I regret that age and infirmity prevent me from being as active in this Holy Name apostolate

as I should like. Goodbyes are painful but not when you look to the real meaning of the word, which means “God be with you”. In this message, that is what I mean and when I say “good luck”, it definitely is not just an idle wish or figure

of speech. I mean to say I am praying for all the Holy Name members especially those I have had the privilege of serving with these past few years as your Spiritual Director. I pray that God will indeed bless you

all, and prosper the work of the Holy Name Apostolate. God bless you all.

*Fr. Thomas Hayes O.P.
NAHNS Spiritual Director*

(Editor’s note; Fr. Thomas Hayes has officially resigned as the Spiritual Director of the National Association of the Holy Name Society effective with the September 22nd Annual Membership Meeting. We all thank Fr. Hayes for his many years of dedicated and loyal service to the Holy Name Society. We are thankful for his support and we pray God gives him the strength to continue his efforts to promote devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus)

- Provide education and information to help Spiritual Moderators of (Arch) diocesan Unions and Parish Holy Name Societies guide their members in line with the spirituality of the Confraternity of the most Holy Names of God and Jesus.

Responsibilities of the new Committee are to:

- Communicate and educate Holy Name Society mem-

bers about the spirituality of the Confraternity of the Holy Names of God and Jesus and the Obligations and Spiritual benefits of membership.

- Provide national leadership, including consultation and resources for (Arch) Diocesan Unions, parish Holy Name Societies, and individual members, on individual and public devotion to the most Holy

Names of God and Jesus.

- Assist (Arch)Diocesan Unions and parish Holy Name Societies through education and training by providing resources and services to promote proper spiritual formation of members consistent with the spirituality of the Confraternity entrusted to the Dominican Order.

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- Promote the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (currently an optional memorial on January 3rd).
- Improve communication and ties with the Leadership of Dominican Pro-

vinces and the Dominican Promoters of the Holy Name Society to ensure timely generation of Characters for Parish Holy Name Societies.

- Update and keep current the “Spiritual Directors / Moderators Handbook” for parish Priests to help main-

tain the proper spiritual and devotional aspects of (Arch)Diocesan Union and Parish Holy Name Societies entrusted to their care.

The new Religious and Spiritual Renewal Committee contains the National Spiritual Director, the Dominican Promoters of the Holy Name

Society from each of the Four Dominican provinces in the United States, selected Spiritual Moderators of (Arch) Diocesan Unions, and selected/and or appointed lay members of the NAHNS.

The Chairperson of this committee is nominated by the NAHNS President and approved by the Executive Board.



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