



Holy Name Society Newsletter

Spreading Devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus

GLEANINGS FROM THE VINEYARD

We are taught that faith without works is empty. So also, works not centered in Christ are ultimately empty. That said, those who have loved greatly, believed greatly, and served the Lord through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy for the Love of our Lord and neighbor, have much to offer that can be a powerful, persuasive example to us. There are those active in the Holy Name Society, in different ministries and Church roles who have much to share with us.

Those individuals currently laboring in the vineyard can teach us how to pray and how to serve. So it was with the disciples of Jesus when they asked, "Lord, teach us how to pray." And the Lord responded with His prayer to His Heavenly Father. And so the Lord said to His disciples and to each one of us, "Whenever you did for the least of my brethren you did for Me."

Fr. Paul Chauvenac, Pastor, St. Justin Martyr Parish, Houston, Texas, shares one

example from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians most appropriate to the development of our Holy Name devotion and spirituality. Specifically, Fr. Paul recounts a letter by St. Paul, written about A.D. 55, not long after he had established a Christian community at Philippi. Incorporating what Fr. Paul refers to as "The Christ Psalm," celebrating the greatness of the Lord, or *kyrios*, and cites from the glorious conclusion, words that should be dear to the

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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.

THE NEED FOR CATHOLIC WITNESS

Almost a year ago, Mr. Bill Harris called me and asked if I would be willing to serve as Episcopal Liaison from the United States Catholic Bishops' Conference for the Holy Name Society. We had been acquainted with one another through my ministry with Our Lady of the Fields Parish in Millersville, MD. After Bill had explained the duties entailed, I was happy to accept and look forward to attending my first National Convention for the Holy Name Society in

Pueblo, CO the 5th through the 28th of September 2013.

In so many ways, the witness of the Holy Name Society is

needed more than ever in our world and particularly in our country. The

devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, acknowledging Him as our Savior, is the base for a life dedicated to prayer and

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good works. As individuals, we may feel helpless at times in trying to better our world, but as a group, we build on one another's

strengths and assistance to address the needs of our communities.

Recently in the Catholic news, there has been much publicity over the Health and Human Services mandate regarding health care coverage

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following welcoming message from NAHNS President Mr. William "Bill" Harris provides our readers, leaders and loyal associates with needed reference points as we move toward newly prioritized initiatives developed from the context of our past:

At the Invitation of the Most Reverend Fernando Isern, D. D., Bishop of Pueblo, almost two years ago, we were invited to bring the Holy Name Society to the Pueblo Diocese.

"Because I hold in high regard the ministry of spreading the devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, I would welcome heartily creating further opportunities for men and women young and old to gather for prayer and service across our Parishes and for the Diocese as a whole."

I encourage you all to attend this year's Convention, to be

held at the:

**CLARION INN
4001 North Elizabeth
Street, Pueblo, CO 81008**

We have a variety of events planned for our Convention, to include:

- A talk by our Episcopal Moderator, Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski, Auxiliary Bishop for the Baltimore Archdiocese, responsible for Hispanic Outreach Efforts in the Baltimore Archdiocese. He will speak to us on his success in the Baltimore Archdiocese, and will encourage us all in our efforts to grow the Holy Name throughout the United States.
- A talk by our Spiritual Director, Father Stephen Carmody, O.P. ; Fr. Carmody will speak to us on procedures for Chartering New Holy

Name Societies and for re-issuing Charters, if a current Holy Name Society cannot locate their current Charter.

In spite of the horrific fires we have all read about in the Pueblo / Colorado Springs Area, our friends in Pueblo have opened their City and their Hearts to the National Holy Name Societies, in helping us plan a most interesting and memorable Convention.

In closing, let's also remember this July 4th, all of our Nation's Heroes: those who gave their lives, and those who gave their Service, to make this the Greatest Country in the World.

May God bless you all, in His Holy Name,

William W. Harris, Jr.
NAHNS President

OFFICIAL HANDBOOK FOR PARISH HOLY NAME SOCIETIES UPDATED

The NAHNS Marketing Communications Committee updated the *Official Handbook for Parish Holy Name Societies* in May of this year. The Handbook has been essentially rewritten for today's Catholic Parish Holy Name Society. Key information on

the origins, purpose, and directives of the Confraternity of the Holy Name of God and Jesus has been added. Step by step instructions on how to charter a Holy Name Society with the Dominican Order and how to organize and run a successful parish Holy Name Soci-

ety are now included.

The *Handbook* is available in two formats and is ready for download from the NAHNS website. Visit nahns.com and click the links under membership and how to start a Society to obtain this key information.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Your “Holy Name Newsletter” has been unavailable for the past several months; however, during this same time, your national and regional leaders have been very active addressing needs identified and prioritized to provide a resource of support for our professed members and associates in today’s Church. Mr. Bill Harris, NAHNS President, had set two particularly important goals to enhance the spiritual development of the Holy Name Society.

Clearly, to assure that our association is adhering to its approved charter, national,

regional, and local leaders are commissioned to provide leadership appropriate to the Church in its current cultural and socio-political environment. Throughout the Association, we need to be clearly affiliating with and drawing from the teachings of the Church, from the traditional spirituality of Saint Dominic, as espoused by Blessed John of Vercelli and others; and from the Church hierarchy as it interprets Christ’s message in today’s context.

Mr. Harris has worked tirelessly and successfully in achieving the goal of having in place an Episcopal Moderator

and a National Spiritual Director.

We have been blessed with the acceptance of the position of Episcopal Moderator by the Most Reverend Mitchell Rozanski, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop, Baltimore Archdiocese; and the acceptance also as our National Spiritual Director of Reverend Stephen Carmody, O.P., Pastor, Saint Joseph Church, Diocese of Columbus, Ohio. We are most fortunate and thank Jesus for the support of both of these men of God.

Those who will be attending

our 43rd Annual NAHNS Convention, September 25-28, in Pueblo, Colorado, will have the opportunity to meet and share ideas with each other and with Bishop Rozanski and Father Carmody, O.P. In announcing the acceptance of these important positions in our society, Mr. Harris stressed that we are most fortunate to have been joined by these leaders of our Church who have confidence in our ability to make a difference through our devotion to being disciples of the Lord Jesus.

Paul McKeough, NAHNS Secretary and Newsletter Editor

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of contraception, abortifacients and abortion procedures themselves. This certainly is of grave concern to all of us, but it is indicative of an alarming trend of infringing upon our Religious Freedom, a hallmark of our country’s Constitution as fashioned by our founding Fathers.

As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI stated often, we cannot have Christ without His Church. And we are all members of His Church. We believe that our Faith is lived in the public square and that no

government can make us compromise our beliefs.

Over the past two summers, from June 21st until July 4th, we have

witnessed the Fort-night for Freedom, bishops, priests, deacons, religious men and women and lay people, coming together to pray, educate ourselves and get involved in preserving Religious rights of all people in our nation.

“As members of the Holy Name Society, let us stand united in our Catholic Faith through prayer, education, and witness to the core values of our beliefs and the foundational principles of our nation.”

This powerful tool of prayer and personal conversion helps us to stand strong in our Faith and to witness to others that

our Faith makes a difference not only in our lives, but also in the lives of believers and non-believers alike. As members of the Holy Name Society, let us stand united in our Catholic Faith through prayer, education, and witness to the

core values of our beliefs and the foundational principles of our nation. Now, more than ever, we need committed lay men and women willing to speak out and live our Catholicism. I am grateful for the members of the Holy Name Society and look forward to working with you in the future as we seek to give honor to the Name of Jesus by committing ourselves to truly living His Gospel message.

Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski, Auxiliary Bishop, Baltimore Episcopal Moderator, NAHNS

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heart of every member of the Holy Name Society: "So God bestowed on Him that Name that is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father," (Phil. 2:6-11). Drawing from a reflection on the words of St. Paul, Fr. Chauvenac notes that an invocation of the Holy Name of Jesus is the simplest way of praying always... [and that] prayer impels us to ministry... [that] prayer (most specifically Eucharistic prayer) is "intrinsically linked to the sacramental nature of ecclesial ministry in its character as service." [Fr. Chauvenac's reflection "Christ's Psalm" will

be included in the next issue of this newsletter.]

So we look at the ministry of those members of the Church who are speaking out from their prayer life and their commitment through service to their neighbor even as the

Good Samaritan did. If, as some have suggested,

the Holy Name Society is not growing as we "wish" it would, perhaps it's because that wish needs to be grounded in authentic prayer and self-sacrificing service in and through Jesus Christ. The simplest of actions in the context of our chapter meetings can be the spark of light that draws others to question and

explore our motivations and inspire them to become participants in the work to be done.

A powerful example of good work spurring others to involvement can be cited from prison ministry experience.

"... we are called to speak out, to be present, to respond to the demanding needs of participating in the healing presence of Jesus."

Mr. Bud Cope has been credited deservedly for leading this

ministry in close affiliation with the Holy Name Society since 1980. That's when, for the first time, in conjunction with the Saint Dismas Society at the State Prison, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Mr. Cope entered for a *metanoia* (*change of heart*) cursillo retreat. Thirty years later, Mr. Cope was recognized at last year's con-

vention with the NAHNS Humanitarian Award. He still continues to provide testimony to his experience in this ministry. "While leading a prison retreat, God showed him his own sinfulness and the Lord's power. 'It was there that I knew God was calling me...'. Retreats inside prisons became his 'life's calling.'" Over thirty three years, Mr. Cope, his wife, adult daughter, and numerous others who have been drawn to this ministry have entered state and even federal prisons for these experiences. Most would say with "Bud" that "We have drawn far more from what we did than what we gave, as we reflect back, than could have been imagined." Fr. Tom Hayes, O.P., 50+ years a Dominican this year, says the same thing. "When you offer an authentic presentation of

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The agenda topics for de-liberation for this convention are ambitious but can be achieved for the good of the whole association with team-work. Certainly, one of our continuing issues is how best to communicate with each other. We certainly made progress in this area during our time together at last year's convention in Pittsburgh, where, among significant achievements, the delegates and associates developed a draft blueprint of priority initiatives to be undertaken by

the Association from the conclusion of that convention forward. Hopefully, this newsletter begins to provide bridging where needed between past achievements, identified objectives, and an accounting of accomplishments, especially over this past year.

As to primary topics for agenda considerations, one key task for all of us is a reflective, prayerful reflection and shared articulation of what it is to be a professed

member of the Holy Name Society. In this context, we should all consider identifying:

- how individual members can participate more effectively,
- how we look within our own parishes;
- how can we extend mutual support of fellowship, prayer, and service with other Societies and other parishes;
- how can we support and draw resources from our

respective deaneries, vicariates, federations and (arch)dioceses;

- how can we more effectively contribute to and benefit from our relationships across our NAHNS regions, our national ministries, and our national association.

All members of the Holy name Society, individually and in union, have critical roles to play within the Holy Name Society.

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the Gospel, there is a positive result.”

As Pope Francis has been saying with the crowds of people, the thousands of youth, and even in the slums of Argentina, and as others are saying from many different ministry settings, we are called to speak out, to be present, to respond to the demanding needs of participating in the healing presence of Jesus.

From the beginning of Christian time, from the time of Saint Dominic and Blessed John, from our own more recent history as members of the present day Holy Name Society, we have been called to continue to witness to the “Light of Faith” that leads from sharing, to Christian love, to serving as an incarnated healing presence in the Name of

Jesus the Lord.

As members of the Holy Name, as Christians, we are a people called to prayer and action, to witness and to evangelization. Because we are called, we need, for our own spiritual growth to participate in visiting, talking and listening, feeding, praying, singing, and celebrating with those in need. The possible ministries, opportunities for service, include each of the many corporal and spiritual works of mercy. What we need to understand is that, as we have been called to be members of the Holy Name Society, we are also being invited to grow together as we experience Jesus Christ in all of our prayers and actions. It is key as Pope Francis is saying that we and those to whom we minister are, for each other, a

“Light of Truth.”

Specifically, in the ministry of prison visiting and shared prayer experience, we encounter incarcerated prisoners, men and women. Some are imprisoned for life. Many have been committed for actions based in debilitating addictions or resulting from horrendous military, domestic, or social traumatic experiences (PTSD). Still others have been perhaps deprived of their freedom for actions done consequent to a range of life experiences or poor decisions that may have permanently limited their capacity to fully cope with life. That we reap what we sow from our ministries can be realized in many ways. The responses of those to whom we minister are, like Pope Francis has said, a drawing from service and aware-

ness to love and fulfillment. We learned this years ago from the Catechism where we were taught that our calling is to know, love, and serve God and one another in this world to be happy with God forever in the next.

One prisoner ministered to during a *metanoia* experience put it this way: “What you and your fellow missionaries have brought us is hope: hope and affirmation of life. You brought us the light of Christ in an otherwise very dark place. God’s grace is in you and all the team members. No amount of “thank you” could convey quite properly my personal gratitude without sounding insignificant; but I must say it: thank you and may God bless you all.”

OFFICIAL NOTICE 43RD ANNUAL NAHNS CONVENTION

The 43rd Annual Convention of the National Association of the Holy Name Society (NAHNS) will be held in Pueblo, Colorado on the dates of September 25-28, 2013.

Business meetings will be held at the Clarion Inn, 4001 North Elizabeth Street, Pueblo, CO 81008. (719) 543-8050.

Constitution Amendments:

Proposed amendments to the

NAHNS constitution must be submitted per the procedure defined in the NAHNS Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE VIII – Amendments

Section 1: Amendments to this *Constitution can be submitted by any Voting Member in good standing. Amendments must be sent in writing to the Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.*

Section 2: *The Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall notify in writing all Voting*

Members of record of the proposed Amendments at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Membership Meeting.

Submit any proposed constitutional amendments in writing on or before August 9, 2013 to:

John Bradley, Chairman, NAHNS Constitution and Bylaws Committee via email at: zoomerbrad@gmail.com

Or via USPS at:
7214 Sellers Avenue
Upper Darby, PA 19082

Resolutions:

Resolutions for consideration at the convention must be submitted to the chairperson of the Resolutions Committee in writing on or before August 9, 2013.

Submit to: Gerry Devine, Chairman, Resolutions Committee

via email: gjdevine@aol.com

Or send via USPS to:

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IN SAINT DOMINIC'S FOOTSTEPS

Like Blessed John Garbella of Vercelli, Italy, members of the Holy Name Society, are called to walk in the traditions and with the spirit that inspired Saint Dominic (1170-1221) to a total life of reverence and love of the Lord Jesus. Those in Christ's holy name, we are called to serve faithfully the *magisterium* of the Catholic Church. We also called to serve loyally our country with due respect to all *lawful* authority, both civil and religious.

Specifically, given our roots in the traditions of Dominican spirituality, we should come to observe signs of those roots, draw from the richness of their tradition, and develop from them insights for our prayers and actions, especially the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

In this context, our spiritual

readings should include materials that will bring us into contact with St Dominic, Blessed John Vercelli, their devotions to Christ, to His blessed Mother and to the Church. Specifically, we should seek guidance as how to people and the laws of our nation to a reverence for all life from its

moment of conception to the moment of natural death

Concerning Blessed John, Mr. Harris has recently shared some encouraging ideas about the progress of the process of canonization of our founder. Specifically, Mr. Harris reports that efforts for the canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli continue. Several of

our members continue to commit substantial time and effort to bring forward evidence in support of this action. For the record, it is noted that our current Spiritual Moderator, Fr. Carmody, is immediate past vice postulator for this cause.

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In the past few months, some very important evidentiary documen-

tation has been brought forward attesting to the appropriateness of this cause continuing to be open and active under the direction of Dominican leaders in this country and with officials in Rome. Based on the current status and increased interest in this cause for canonization we should pray that, if it be the will of God through our Holy

Father Pope Francis, that Blessed John be canonized. Regardless of the eventual outcome of this process, we are certainly encouraged and will continue to reap rich benefits in the Holy Name Society through his intercession.

Two recommended resources for Dominican-inspired spiritual reading include, first, the on-line "*Dominican Daily*" (accessible at www.op-stjoseph.org), produced daily by the seminarians of St Joseph Province (Eastern United States); and, second, the *Magnificat*, produced monthly by the Dominicans has excellent daily prayers and reflections as well as the text for each day drawn from the approved Roman Missal available in many parishes or from www.magnificat.com.

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Brooklyn, NY 11218-3116

Officer Elections – Candidates for Office

Per the NAHNS Bylaws, (Article IV, Section 5), Any candidate for an elected position must submit a biography and a written certification by the Spiritual Moderator or Bishop of the Diocese

indicating that the candidate has proper credentials for office in this Association. Any and all nominations not accompanied by certification will not be accepted or considered.

People interested in seeking office are to send the required information to the chairman of the Nominating Committee as follows:

Ray Zientara, Chairman,
NAHNS Nominating Committee

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rzientara@buffalodiocese.org

Or via USPS:
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For more information: Please visit the Official website of the NAHNS at:

www.nahns.com

Or Send an email to:
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(410) 987-2009

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NAHNS CONVENTION REGISTRATION

2013 National Holy Name Convention

September 25-28, 2013 in Pueblo, Co

Hotel and Registration Information

Clarion Inn, 4001 North Elizabeth Street, Pueblo, CO 81008 (719) 543-8050

Rate is \$75 per night. Ask for the Holy Name Society rate.

Reservations must be made on or before 9/10/2013 to receive this special rate.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE \$275.00

Registration deadline: September 13, 2013

Registration fee includes: Friday Evening President's Dinner, Saturday Banquet, Saturday tour and all Convention Materials. A Friday tour for non-voting delegates is also included.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone No: _____ E-mail: _____

Date & Time of Arrival: _____ Departure: _____

Airport for arrival/departure: _____

Please check one:

_____ Voting Delegate _____ Non-Voting Delegate

_____ Check here if interested in sharing a room with someone.

Non-Voting Delegates please indicate if you plan to attend the non-voting delegate tour:

Friday 9:00am-4:00pm _____

For more information contact: Bill Harris at (410) 987-2009 or send an email to info@nahns.com

REGISTRATION FEE: \$275 Please make check payable to NAHNS – 2013 Convention.

Mail check and this form to:

2013 NAHNS Convention

c/o Ron Schmitz

2119 Viburnum Trail, Eagan, MN 55122

Pueblo, Colorado

Approximate distance from city center to airports:

Pueblo Memorial Airport (PUB) 9 miles

Colorado Springs Airport (COS) 45 miles

Denver Intl Airport (DEN) 90 miles

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Advanced registration is requested. Convention Registration must be received on or before **September 13** Please book your hotel reservations by **September 10th** at the Clarion Inn Hotel located in Pueblo, CO. The rate is \$75 per night (state and local taxes and fees will be applied to the rate). Phone number for reservations is **(719) 543-8050**.

Remember to ask for the **Holy Name Society** rate of \$75 per night. Reservations must be made on or before **September 10, 2013** to receive this special rate.

For more information on the Convention Lodging please see information below:

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