



# Holy Name Society Newsletter

*Spreading Devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus*

## DEVELOPING VIRTUE

**T**he Confraternity of the Holy Name of God and Jesus is a Catholic (Universal) confraternity founded to publicly spread devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus Christ and teach reverence for the Holy Name of God. Through this apostolate, opportunities are provided to encourage members to strive for personal holiness and ultimately obtain their personal salvation. The Holy Name Society

strives to show all men and women, even with all of their imperfections, they can still praise, serve and love Jesus and witness to His word and make His presence real.

Members of the Holy Name Society show reverence for His name by using it properly in all communications and have a strong and devoted prayer life and encourage others to do likewise. In

public, members of the Holy Name Society show love and respect for their neighbors, just like Jesus taught us by helping and serving others in their time of need. Holy Name Society members practice both the Corporal Works and the Spiritual Works of Mercy - for as St. James taught us, "faith without works is dead."

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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 HOLY NAME PLEDGE - MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE

*Editor's note: The Holy Name Pledge is a concise profession of how we pledge to live out our Catholic faith as members of the Catholic Church and as members of the Confraternity of the most Holy Name of God and Jesus – the Holy Name Society.*

*Over the next several issues of the Newsletter we will take a section of the pledge and analyze its rich meaning and significance – this is the second in the series – the first part of the pledge was covered in the last issue.*

cession this responsibility and authority has been handed down to our current Pope - Our Holy Father - The Vicar of Christ on Earth.

**I proclaim my love for the Vicar of Christ on earth.**

*The Holy Name Pledge is one of the most significant prayers ever written for members of the Holy Name Society. Because we recite it frequently, we are very familiar with the words; but because of this familiarity we may not stop to consider the rich meaning and significance of the pledge.*

**I**n the following verse of the Pledge we acknowledge the apostolic nature of the Catholic Church; that Jesus entrusted His Church to the guidance of St. Peter, and that through Apostolic suc-

*"The Holy Name Pledge is so rich in meaning and the profound and powerful promises we make each and every time we recite these words can be life-altering."*

The word vicar comes from the Latin word vicarious and means "is a representative, deputy or substitute; anyone

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

“What is the Holy Name Society – and what is our role in the Church today?” We, the Holy Name Society, as an organization, are working to answer this and other important questions through the strategic planning process. Strategic planning is not a conference call, a meeting, or a document. Rather, it is an adventurous journey. As an analogy, it is somewhat similar to a European pilgrimage. Perhaps, it’s also something like taking a bus tour through nine countries in eight days!

There is usually a scramble to get the trip started. Once it’s underway, it is a challenge to keep everyone moving as a group. When the tour bus pulls up to the next stop, you can hear the tour director say, “Everyone must be back at the bus by 2:00.” And then what happens? A few stay in the bus or very close to it. Several explore the treasures of the location and return to the bus ready to go at 2:00. Some get absorbed in the beauty to behold and are nowhere to be found at 2:00. This sets off a frenzy of activity in an effort to bring the group back together.

The bus can’t go on to the next stop until all are back together.

Our strategic planning effort has many of these same dynamics. There are many interesting stops along the way. Each stop has its own treasures and discoveries. We have a tendency to want to stay in an interesting spot for additional time. This is similar to one of the pilgrims on the bus tour saying, “There are 54 museums in Paris, and you only took us to 3; we want to see the other 51.” At that point the tour guide says, “We need to get going; Rome and the Holy Father are waiting for us..”

We are currently at the point of the journey where we are defining the Holy Name Society: its mission, value, and vision. The NAHNS Executive Board plans to spend time on this during March, and April of this year. After that, the next stop on the journey will be to define the top three or four initiatives that will enable the Holy Name Society to fulfill its mission. This part of the journey starts in April. We should be near the end of this journey as summer begins.

We, the Holy Name Society, as an organization, likely will want to take this journey again in the future. We’ll be “experienced travelers” next time around, knowing better what to expect, and better prepared to get the most out of the trip. Others perhaps will want to return in the future for an extended stay at some of the stops from this initial trip. Some of the vistas we’ve seen are worth a closer look in the future, and could be worthy of their own pilgrimage.

For the moment, we continue to press on. It is important that we go to each of the planned stops and also that we get to the end of the pilgrimage. That allows us to deliver the most benefit to the Holy Name Society – defining the mission and vision of the organization, describing the values that guide the organization, and identifying the top three or four important initiatives to put in place at this time to make the HNS vision a reality. At that point, we’ll be able to clearly answer the question – What is the Holy Name Society?

*Ronald G. Schmitz  
NAHNS President*

## A TIMELY MESSAGE FROM SAINT PAUL

**I**n Saint Paul’s famous First Letter to the Corinthians, he asks, in Chapter 6, “*Do you not know your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is within the Spirit you have received from God in your body.*”

In the modern secular world, personal conduct is painfully similar to the conditions in the notoriously sinful city of Corinth in Greece where prostitution flourished along with scandals, quarrels, pagan wor-

ship of idols, love of money, sports and suppression of women. The citizens of Corinth even denied the need for charity despite being confronted with the existence of the poor, marginalized, sick

## MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD - A MODEL OF LIFE

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord commemorates the appearance of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce that she was chosen by God to be the Mother of our Lord. Once Mary said her fiat (“yes”), the Holy Spirit descended upon her and she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. You can find this great story in the gospel of Saint Luke, chapter 1, verses 26 to 38.

This feast not only commemorates Jesus becoming true man, it also commemorates Mary’s willingness to be completely open to the will of God. When the Angel Gabriel explains that she will become pregnant with a son, and that He will be the Son of the Most High, she is confused. She replies, “How can this be since I have no relations with a man?” (Luke 1:34). Once the Angel Gabriel finished the explanation to Mary, she very openly responds, “Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord, May it be done to me according to

your word.” (Luke 1:38) Mary’s resounding - YES to the Holy Spirit is a model of selflessness and resignation to the will of God that all of us as members of the Holy Name Society can learn from and should strive to emulate.

At the very moment the Holy Spirit descended upon Mary, the moment of conception, the child within her womb was fully

Jesus Christ. Mary's trust in God and her openness to the life within

her womb teaches us that all life is a gift from God and that all life is sacred. Today in our society, women can legally end the life of the child within their womb through abortion and it is justified by calling it a freedom - a “freedom of choice”, a “choice” driven by selfishness. The child has no rights and is not even considered to be human.

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In the gospel of Saint Luke, we learn of Mary traveling to support her cousin Elizabeth, who despite her old age was pregnant with a son. When Elizabeth first meets Mary she spontaneously says to Mary, “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” (Luke 1:42) The child within Elizabeth’s womb would grow up and give his life defending a moral code of life given to us

by God. The child in Elizabeth's womb was St. John the Baptist.

This narrative from Saint Luke of the Annunciation not only teaches us the special place Mary holds in salvation history, it also teaches us the importance of following Mary’s lead and being open to the will of God in our life in all things - the big life changing events and the small events in our life. It also teaches us the importance of

life from the moment of conception and that all life is sacred - yes, God has a purpose for every human life and He is involved in every stage of every life, from the moment of conception until natural death.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation. This year on March 25th all Holy Name Society members are encouraged to spend additional time in prayer reflecting on the obedience and humility of Mary the Mother of God and asking God to help us better emulate her fiat.

*“Mary the Mother of God and patroness of the Holy Name Society, teach me to be a humble servant of your Son, Jesus Christ and to always be open to His will in my life. We ask this through the Most Holy Name of Jesus.” Amen.*

*Deacon Thomas R. Tortella  
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and disadvantaged.

In response, Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to divorce themselves from the prevalent corrupt world and emulate the Life of Christ in the midst of the existing chaos, shun

immortality, practice purity, and concentrate on devoting their lives to practice charity for the lives of other people.

All of this seems so similar to our world today. Members of the Confraternity of the Holy

Name of God and Jesus through our Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy strive to heed these words of St. Paul and work to influence our neighbors, parishioners and family members that devotion to the Holy Name and

all it signifies is the key to transforming our society.

*Taken from “The Sentinel” of the Brooklyn Diocesan Union Winter 2014 Issue*

*Leslie MacFarlane, Editor*

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

### Life Marriage Family Youth Committee

The Catholic 2015 World Meeting of Families is currently set for Philadelphia, PA, September 22-25, 2015. The Life, Marriage, Family Youth Committee of the National Holy Name Society is active in spreading the word on this wonderful, critically important conference. This “World Meeting” will be followed in October 2015 with an Ordinary Synod of Bishops on the Family.

The National Association of the Holy Name Society (NAHNS) has reserved an Exhibit Booth at the World Meeting of Families. Our member unions are generously supporting this venture: we have received donations from Baltimore, Bergen County (Archdiocese of Newark, NJ), Boston, Cleveland, and New Orleans, with pledges from additional member unions.

This meeting will provide the Holy Name Society with a wonderful opportunity to create awareness of our unique charism, as the only Catholic organization dedicated primarily to giving honor and glory to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. If you desire more information about our exhibit, please contact John F. Bradley, Esquire, coordinator for the Holy Name Society Booth at the World Meeting of Families, (610) 312-1657, or sending an email

to: [johnfbradleyesq@gmail.com](mailto:johnfbradleyesq@gmail.com),

NAHNS Life, Marriage, Family, Youth Committee recommends all Holy Name Society members pray the following official prayer for the success of this world meeting and for Pope Francis who will be attending the meeting as well as visiting in New York City, at the United Nations, and in Washington, D.C. at which he will speak to a Joint Session of the United States Congress:

*“God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church, May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world to be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel. May he example of the Holy Family, with the aid of Your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially the most troubled to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live in your love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us.”*

Two references for reading are suggested for further insight into the goals of this unique world focus on the sacredness of the family in God’s Name: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website and the “Family and Life” website (“Lifeline” from Dublin, Ireland).

### Blessed John of Vercelli Committee

The Blessed John of Vercelli (BJV) committee has long been an important part of the Holy Name Society. The committee has tirelessly worked to make the life and virtues of Blessed John more widely known, to impart his faith and spirituality of the Holy Name members, and to advance his cause for sainthood.

Much has been accomplished over the years. Many favors have been identified. Two strong favors have been extensively researched and documented. The “cult” of Blessed John has been kept alive and promulgated. The path for canonization has been documented. BJV religious items are available via the HNS supply store.

As we look forward to the future, much work still remains. For this reason, the Holy Name Society is now seeking new members for the Blessed John of Vercelli committee. These new committee members will carry this effort forward for the next several years.

Some important work involves continuing to index and investigate new favors as they happen. Yes, new favors are still occurring—thank you Blessed John!! Efforts to the “cult” of Blessed John must continue. The two strong favors that have been exten-

sively documented need to be routed through the proper channels and then navigated through the Vatican. Help is also needed with all the steps of the overall canonization process.

The Holy Name Society is looking for new Blessed John of Vercelli committee members at this time. Positions open include:

- Committee Members
- Committee Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Coordinator of Incoming Favors
- Coordinator of the Two Major Favors

This is a challenging yet rewarding initiative. Those involved will learn much more about Blessed John: past, present, and future... They will interact with the Dominicans, faithful Catholics around the world, and Church leaders in Rome. They will be blessed in ways unimaginable.

Let us know if you are interested and willing to join this team. If interested, send a note to [info@nahns.com](mailto:info@nahns.com) or contact the NAHNS President, Ron Schmitz, at 651-216-4734 on or before 15 April 2015.



## HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

### Dominican Order Promoter of the Holy Name

From the recently concluded Western Dominican Province (Province of the Holy Name of Jesus), Fr. Thomas Hayes reported that Fr. Mark Padrez, O.P. had been re-elected for a second four year term as head of the Province. Fr. Augustine Hilander, O.P., of the staff of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, Anchorage, AK. has been appointed Dominican Promoter by his Provincial Prior at the conclusion of their recently concluded Provincial Chapter. Fr. Augustine, O.P. has communicated his commitment to the assignment in addition to his current responsibilities as parochial vicar for Holy Family Cathedral.

### Building from Our Traditions

Three American Dominican preachers served as pioneers for the Holy Name Society, Fathers Stephen Byrne, P.A. Dinanhan, and Charles H. McKenna. Their work was instrumental in spreading and growing the Holy Name Society in Catholic parishes across the eastern part of the country – ultimately culminating in a national movement founded at Saint Vincent Ferrer Church, New York City.

In 1924, the “national director” of the society, Michael Joseph Ripple, organized a national convention in Washington, D.C., which included a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to

commemorate the 16,000 Catholic soldiers killed in World War I. The speaker on this occasion, Ignatius Smith, called out “to you states and to you representatives of the Catholic dioceses of the United States to report what our Holy Name men did for the United States during the World War. Tell us how they served and how they died.” Performing “unstinted service,” Smith made note that many of those “found in the ranks of the Holy Name Society are now represented here in Arlington.”

On the last day of the convention, no fewer than 100,000 Holy Name members marched down Pennsylvania Avenue. “If ever there was a public event that signaled that Catholics had ‘arrived’ in the United States it was the Holy Name Convention of 1924.”

### Region Vice President Update

Ned Pascua, NAHNS Regional Vice President reports on a renewal of contacts with Msgr. Paul Montoya, Los Angeles Archdiocesan Union HNS and that they are preparing a meeting with Archbishop Jose Gomez. Msgr. Montoya and the Holy Name Society members have asked Fr. Thomas Hayes to write a letter in support of the Holy Name Society. Also Ned reports on some parish development in the Las Vegas, NV area.

### Bulk Mailing Without a Permit for Non-Profit Entities

Non-profit entities who receive special approval by the US Postal Service do not have to pay a yearly permit fee. The requirement is that you must:

- Mail a minimum of 200 pieces at a time
- Use pre-cancelled stamps
- Use the free on-line Intelligent Mail for Business Tool to presort and bar code the mail.

If you meet all three of the above criteria you can then take your mail directly to the US Postal Service bulk mail center and pay the difference between the pre-cancelled stamps and the actual needed postage. The individual piece mailing cost will be the same as mailing with a permit. The savings to the non-profit is you no longer have to pay the \$220 annual fee.

The difference to the non-profit is you cannot be billed later for the needed postage as you would when using a permit. You have to pay the difference at the time of mailing.

USPS Publication 417 explains the process for applying for non-profit status with the postal service, which is different from your legal entity non-profit status.

For additional information,

contact the Business Mail Entry Office that serves your local zip code, this is much faster than using the USPS “800” number – where delays in response time can be significant. If you would like further information on this topic, contact Randy Duva, NAHNS Financial Secretary / Treasurer at [rduva@verizon.net](mailto:rduva@verizon.net).

### Archdiocesan Union of San Antonio, TX

The Archdiocesan Union of San Antonio, TX. asks for prayers for the repose of one of their finest leaders: Robert M. Muilenburg, US Army (Retired), 13 July 1926 to 29 November 2014. Bob Muilenburg was past archdiocesan union president from 1988-1991 and Region X Vice President, 1991-2010.

### Cleveland Diocesan Union HNS

The 68th Annual Cleveland Diocesan Convention was held on February 21 at Immaculate Conception Church in Willoughby; presided by Father Chris Weber.

The East and Central Deaneries have agreed to merge due to the lack of Holy Name Parishes in their respective deaneries.

Many HNS members attended the March for Life in Washington DC or attended pro-life rallies in Cleveland on January 22nd

## NAHNS METANOIA RETREAT PRISON MINISTRY

**D**ear Holy Name Members and Prayer Supporters; please pray for the success of the NAHNS Prison Ministry "Metanoia Retreat" at a state prison near Gainesville, FL. We have 40 men signed up for the retreat. We are also planning a May 2015 Metanoia Retreat at the State Correctional Institution, Fayette, PA.

The following story happened over just ONE WEEK. Never in 32 years of doing Prison Retreats has the Holy Spirit opened the door so fast as what happened in January 2015.

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, I received a letter from "Casey," a prisoner at the Druel Vocational Institution, a state prison in Tracy, CA. Part of what he wrote was:

*"I am interested in the Catholic Church because of its history; and because my own family is Irish Catholic and Greek Orthodox. I have never been to Mass and know virtually nothing about Catholic doctrine. Please help me! Thank you."*

I really prayed to the Holy Spirit to guide me. I found the phone number of the local Catholic Church in Tracy, CA; Saint Bernard's and spoke with Marie White, parish secretary. She was very helpful. I explained to her about the letter from "Casey," she told me she would track down the information and call me back. When she called me back, she had the name and phone number of the Catholic chaplain

*"I am reminded of the words of Jesus, 'Whatever you do for the least, you do for me.'"*

located at the prison, Deacon Edwin Santiago. In fact, Marie had called the prison and talked to Deacon Edwin personally to confirm the information. I felt that was wonderful that Marie would

do all this extra work and wrote to her:

*"You will never*

*realize how powerful the Holy Spirit worked through you on my contact with the Catholic Deacon, Edwin Santiago, at DVI, and through him with "Casey," who was asking for help in becoming a Catholic. I had prayed to the Holy Spirit to lead me. At the time this story started, I had never heard of DVI or of Tracy, CA. I am so thankful that you, Marie,*

*had answered my phone call. You were the one who opened the door for our planned Metanoia Retreat in the near future. I am reminded of the words of Jesus, 'Whatever you do for the least, you do for me.'"*

On January 30, Marie wrote back, "Dear Bud, I was blessed to be in the right place at the right time... and it was the Holy Spirit working, I'm sure... I am glad that I could help. May you, Bud, continue to be blessed in your ministry." I have since talked again to Deacon Edwin; we've had a positive dialogue about our shared prison ministries. So, now a Metanoia should be happening in the near future, from a "chance" phone call. Amen!

*Bud Cope, Chair  
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## DEVELOPING VIRTUE

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Belonging to the Holy Name Society develops Catholics in many ways including showing them how to grow in sacramental grace and strengthen moral virtues. This is primarily accomplished by frequent participation in the sacraments of Confession and Holy Eucharist. Confession, the sacrament of God's Mercy, reconciles us with God for all of our transgressions and gives us the strength to avoid these temptations of sin. The sacrament of Holy Eucharist feeds

us spiritually to live out our lives as Christ taught us in the Gospel.

Being a member of the Holy Name Society helps us by broadening and increasing our understanding of our Catholic faith and beliefs. Membership provides us the opportunity to unite with like-minded Catholics who are interested in supporting and assisting our neighbors and bringing the love of Christ to all. Holy Name members go through a dynamic transformation that strengthens their moral de-

velopment and cultivates virtues.

As members of the Holy Name Society your personal example, your formal programs, events and activities should provide all the opportunity to be transformed - to be more Christ like. If we are faithful servants and active members of this Confraternity, our spiritual activities and personal example will touch the hearts of others and they too will desire to share in our special devotion to the Holy and Sacred Name of Jesus Christ. They too will

desire to become active in our apostolic works - and start their own dynamic transformation.

In order to bring others into this special Confraternity we need to do as Jesus taught us - use personal invitation and personal example. Consider spreading the word and ask many to become members of this wonderful Catholic apostolate.

*Raymond W. Zientara, Director  
Buffalo Diocesan Association of  
Holy Name Societies*

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acting “in the person of” or “as an agent for a superior”. As Catholics we understand that the faith of St. Peter was rewarded by Jesus Christ - Jesus anointed St. Peter as the earthly head of His Church.

*And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” (Mt. 16:17-19)*

This statement by Jesus is extremely important to us as Catholics. It shows that Jesus knew His Church would need continued guidance in areas of faith and morals and that He had clearly given this responsibility to St. Peter.

In all of Sacred Scripture there are only two times that Jesus uses the word “church”: when He tells Peter that He will build His Church upon him and when He instructs His apostles the proper way to intercede with those that are living a life of sin.

*“If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a*

*tax collector.” (Mt. 18:17)*

As members of the Holy Name Society we are proclaiming we understand the importance of the Pope and apostolic succession and we are proclaiming our love and support for the Pope and all he represents.

In the next verse of the Pledge we acknowledge that the Catholic Church is Holy and guided by the Holy Spirit and so incapable of error and worthy of our complete trust.

*“As members of the Holy Name Society ... we are proclaiming our love and support for the Pope and all he represents.”*

### **Believes and teaches.**

The four marks of the Catholic Church are, it is: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. These marks are inseparably and intrinsically linked to each other. Our Lord Himself in founding the Church marked it with these characteristics - which reflect its essential features and mission. Through the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Church will always give us instruction for living the Gospel message.

We profess that the Church is holy. Our Lord Himself is the source of all holiness: “*The one*

**I believe all the sacred truths, Which the Holy Catholic Church**

*“A meditative recitation of the pledge can help all members grow in holiness and lead us well on our journey to eternal happiness ...”*

*Christ is mediator and the way of salvation; he is present to us in His body which is the Church.” (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, #14)* Christ sanctifies the Church, and in turn, through Him and with Him, the Church is His agent of sanctification. Through the ministry of the Church and the power of the Holy Spirit, our Lord pours forth abundant graces, especially through the sacraments. Therefore, through its teaching, prayer, worship, and good works, the Church is a visible sign of holiness.

As professed members of this religious Confraternity we share in many special graces and gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Name Pledge is so rich in meaning and the profound and powerful promises we make each and every time we recite these words can be life-altering. All members of the Confraternity are encouraged to recite the Holy Name Pledge often; it would be well advised to make it a part of our daily prayer life. A meditative recitation of the pledge can help all members grow in holiness and lead us well on our journey to eternal happiness with the Lord our Savior!

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## WHAT WILL WE DO FOR THE HOLY NAME?

**T**he Holy Name of Jesus... What holy thoughts, impulses and resolutions it provokes. What will we do for the Holy Name? This at least we can do - love it more, use it more reverently, bless with it more, make it the sweetness of our mouths, the music of our ears, the love of our hearts, the light of our minds, the strength of our wills and the joy of our souls.

We can say it and say it again - with love, praise and devotion. We can use it in so many ways of praise, adoration, thanksgiving and in reparation for the many times His Name is defamed and used inprop-

erly...we can use it for ourselves and our friends and have our friends use it for us. We can even use it to honor GOD, in His praise; and to ask Jesus, Mary and Joseph to use it for us. We can meditate in prayer on the many glories of His Name.

We must remember - we cannot forget - that we have a special grace; yes, so uniquely is it ours as members of the Confraternity of the Holy Name of God and Jesus, that it is a life work and perhaps a destiny given to only a few - to spread devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. We must therefore, hold the Name of Jesus dear in our hearts and

share our love for His Name with others that they may also place it in theirs. We must use it in our words and in our writings; use it in season and out of season. Praise be to the Holy Name of Jesus! We can begin and end all of our good works with the Holy Name on our lips. We can work tirelessly and with zeal so that all things on earth may confess the Holy Name of Jesus.

Let us all work for greater strength and community through the proper reception of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in the most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Let us all pray that His Divine Name -

may be more known and adored. I would suggest an aspiration for the coming year to be found frequently on our lips: "Blessed be the Name of Jesus!" Let us also make a resolution to cherish the desire to please GOD more and more.

Let us help one another to do Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, let us bind ourselves together in His Name to resolve to become saints. Blessed be the most Holy Name of Jesus Christ. Now and forever more!

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