



Holy Name Society Newsletter

Spreading Devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus

A RESTLESS HEART

Preparing our hearts for Jesus Christ deserves our attention especially at this Christmas Season. We are preparing in Advent, the season of great expectations and faith filled hope, for the coming of Jesus. We celebrate at Christmastime, but has He not already come? Certainly he came in the flesh, in person some 2000 years ago. Is this then just a time for remembrance of things past, just as a birthday observance so many of us know and treasure? It is that but much more.

Jesus invites us to share in the love He has shown us and beckons us to turn our

hearts to Him who has shown such great love for us.

The early Christians marked with even greater intensity the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The day of one's death is better than the day of one's birth says the Book of Ecclesiastes. The death and resurrection of Jesus is of much more significance than that day in Bethlehem when the Word Made Flesh was manifest to humanity in the Person of the infant Jesus of Bethlehem. These early Christians were so enthused by the good news of the gospels that they were looking in joyful expectation for His coming.

Any day now He will come again in glory, just as He said, but not that we humans with our poor weak and tainted human nature could ever predict. We pray in every Mass for His coming again, the second coming. When will it be? God alone knows.

It is a human trait to focus on the realities that are close to our human nature. So we celebrate such things as birthdays where there is a time and a place and circumstances we can relate to and understand. No wonder such excitement has been generated and so much cere-

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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 it's 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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The Feast of the Holy Name is celebrated as an obligatory memorial on January 3 by professed members of the Holy Name Society.

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. Since the 16th century Catholic piety has associated entire months to special devotions. In January Holy Mother

Church reveals to us the greatness of His name. In the Jewish tradition, it was on the occasion of the rite of Circumcision that a name was given to children. The Church uses the same Gospel as that of the Feast of the Circumcision, and dwells on the second part, which tells us that "the Child was called Jesus", "as God had bid that He should be called". This name means Savior, for

"there is no other name given to men whereby we must be saved".

Devotion to the Holy Name is deeply rooted in the Sacred Scriptures, especially in the Acts of the Apostles. Although it is not difficult to find devotion to the Holy Name in some ancient Christian liturgy, the official origin of this feast is traced to

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PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR JESUS CHRIST

For several months, Catholic parishes in the English speaking world have been preparing for the new Roman Missal. It went into effect on the First Sunday of Advent, the season of preparing for the coming of Christ.

The long-awaited Roman Missal is like a treasure chest filled with precious gems, and one of them is the optional memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus (January 3rd). The Entrance Antiphon of that memorial is Philippians 2:10-11: "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 Christ is

Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Welcoming the Roman Missal and preparing for Christ's coming require more than mere external changes; they require a change of heart.

Our "heart" is the center of our identity in which our body, mind, and spirit intersect. Our "heart" is who we are without any pretense or self-deception, who we are before God, who we are in the core of our personality. Our heart is the arena of grace. As St. Augustine once prayed, "Our heart is made for You, O Lord, and we are restless till we rest in You." That being the case, why would it not be

easy to prepare our heart for Jesus Christ?

The prophet Jeremiah words the answer: "More torturous than all else is the human heart, beyond remedy; who can understand it? I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart to reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merits of his deed." (Jeremiah 17: 9-10, NAB translation) What is needed here is a *spiritual heart transplant*, a new heart, one that we can prepare for Jesus Christ, at whose Name "every knee should bend."

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the sixteenth century, when it was celebrated by the Franciscan Order. It was promoted in a special manner by St. Bernard, St. Bernardine of Siena, St. John Capistran and by the Franciscan Order. This special feast was extended to the whole Church in 1727 during the Pontificate of Innocent XIII.

The feast is meant to impress on all Christians the dignity of the Holy Name. With the release of the revised Roman Missal, the feast has been restored as an optional memorial for the whole Church and set

on January 3.

The Feast of the Holy Name is celebrated as an obligatory memorial by professed members of the Holy Name Society. It is customary for parish Holy Name Societies to have formal induction ceremonies for candidates wishing to become fully professed members in the Confraternity on this special feast day. The ceremony can be held either during the memorial Mass or immediately following.

May the most Holy and Sacred name of Jesus Christ be Blessed and Adored, Now and for ever more!

"By what power or by what name have you done this?" Then Peter, filled with the holy Spirit, answered them, "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is 'the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.'" (Acts 4:8-11)

THE VALUE OF LIFE GIVING EDUCATION

The world in which we live today espouses many secular and materialistic values. What is important to many Americans is having a high paying job, owning an expensive house and an expensive automobile, having all the new high tech equipment on the market, extra money in the bank and a sound pension plan with early retirement option.

For many Americans traditional values like a belief in God, belonging to a Parish community, having a loving family, being patriotic and caring about your neighbor are passé. We see this exemplified in our movies and tele-

vision shows, in our politics, in our business practices, and in our government agencies. Recently the American Judicial System has been actively promoting the removal of traditional American values and replacing them with political correctness.

Our media has been encouraging the philosophy of relativism – that there are no absolute values in society - morality no longer reflects the will of God; they

want us to believe it should reflect the will of the people.

“A sound value system which has been taught as part of the American scene for almost two hundred years is no longer acceptable ... in our public schools. What about Catholic Schools? Are Catholic Schools important anymore? I believe they are more important now than at any time in the past fifty years.”

Unfortunately this “modern American value system” is now being reflected in our public education

system. Many good teachers in the public schools are being told that they may not teach

about God, patriotism, traditional family values like marriage between a man and a woman. They are told that this might be offensive to persons who do not share their ethical schema. A sound value system which has been taught as part of the American scene for almost two hundred years is no longer acceptable to the educators that are now responsible for what is being taught in our public schools.

What about Catholic Schools? What do they teach? The Christian value system is the bedrock of the Catholic School System. The belief in God, the love of Jesus Christ,

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money and celebration has been centered on the birth of the infant Jesus in Bethlehem.

But we can never lose sight of the fact that He will come again and for this second coming we want to be well prepared. The liturgy of the Church gives us this whole season of Advent (which means “coming”) to remind and prepare us. We want to meet Him and be recognized by Him and brought up to the joys of His presence. And that is why we want to prepare our hearts for Jesus.

I have often noted that the

Book of Psalms mentions in almost every one of the one hundred fifty psalms the Name of God. In the Divine Office, the prayer of the Church, we say each day; another theme word and it is the word “heart.” Look carefully into the psalms and again you will find that word and that theme repeated over and over again.

It should not be a surprise to Catholics and certainly not to us, members of the Confraternity of the most Holy Names of God and Jesus that those two theme-words “Holy Name of God” and “heart” should appear so often. In fact if we turn to Psalm 33 we

find the verses, “our soul is waiting for the Lord”, “the Lord is our help and our shield”, “in Him do our hearts find joy”, “we trust in His Holy Name.” It is no accident that God’s love for us fills our heart with joy and attends to our needs and so we say blessed is His Name. If you look at the liturgy of every Mass we introduce the heart of the Mass, with the invitation: lift up your hearts “*sursum corda*” and we turn to the heart of Jesus born for us, suffering, dying for us, rising again for us for the root cause of our celebrations of birth, life, death and resurrection.

My Christmas prayer is that

all members of the Confraternity of the most Holy Names of God and Jesus lift up their hearts in His most Holy and Sacred Name. Let us give thanks to the Lord, and as Saint Augustine described, we do celebrate and look forward in joyful expectation for that coming of the Lord into our hearts and into our lives. Saint Augustine wrote that memorable phrase: “Our hearts are restless, Lord, and ever restless shall they be until at last, they rest in Thee.”

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

New York Archdiocesan Union HNS

The South Bronx District HNS sponsored their Annual Feast of Christ the King Observance at the Church of St. Anselm, Bronx, New York. The Observance featured an outdoor procession, Mass and Communion Dinner.

Saint Clare's Holy Name Society sponsored a Day of Recollection on October 15th. Fr. Joseph W. Koterski, S.J. from Fordham University delivered an inspirational talk on "The Sanctity of Life." The talk was followed by a Mass, celebrated by Fr. Koterski and assisted by Deacon Thomas R. Tortorella, Associate Spiritual Director of Saint Clare's Holy Name Society.

Holy Name members from the parishes of Immaculate Conception, Our Savior, Christ the King, Saint Margaret Mary, Saint Anselm and Saint Anthony attended the Annual Day of Recollection at the Church of Our Savior in October. The day began with breakfast followed by an outdoor Eucharistic procession lead by Fr. Tulio Ramirez. Three talks were provided by William Arellano of Christ the King, Deacon Frank Vasquez, Spiritual Moderator of Saint Anthony's Holy Name Society and by Fr. Ramirez. The day was concluded with confessions. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Ramirez, assisted by Deacon Cristobal Rodriguez of Immaculate Conception Church.

New York City Police Department HNS held it Annual Children's Christmas party on December 10th.

Saint Brendan HNS, Bronx, hosted a Holy Hour in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 28th in conjunction with members of the parish's Legion of Mary. The Hour of prayer contained a recitation of the Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by Benediction. The Holy Name Society members recited the Holy Name Pledge. Fr. George Stewart, pastor of Saint Brendan and Msgr. Joachim C. Beaumont conducted the Benediction.

Saint Charles Borromeo HNS, Central Harlem, are beginning efforts to revitalize the Society.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel HNS, Bronx, held its Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Members in November. Deacon Solant led the tolling of the bell and the recitation of the Memorial Service prayers for each of the deceased members, which included past Spiritual Directors of the Holy Name Society.

Saint Lucy HNS, Bronx, received three new members into the Confraternity in October.

Saint John the Evangelist, MAHOPAC elected new officers; Fr. Miroslaw Pawlaczyk is the Spiritual Moderator.

Saint Francis De Chantal HNS, Bronx held their Annual Nocturnal Adoration in December. The Mass was followed by an Advent Celebration in the Church.

Buffalo Diocesan Union HNS

Annual Healing Mass at the Fatima Shrine in Lewiston was held on November 27, Rev. Paul Sabo was the main Celebrant for the Mass. Holy Name members stopped for a short prayer at the statue of Blessed John of Vercelli, the patron of the Holy Name Society after the Mass. The special day was closed with the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and Benediction.

The Church of Our Lady Help of Christians hosted the November Diocesan Board meeting on November 21st. The Diocesan Union HNS Annual convention was held on December 3rd at the Church of St. Andrew, Sloan, NY.

The theme of the convention was, "Be a Beacon of Light-Follow the Light of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ." Talks were presented by Deacon Bill Hynes on the New Evangelization, by Rev. Msgr. Thomas Maloney on the Life of Saint Andre-Baupre and by Mark Spenser on Reverse Evangelization.

Holy Family Church HNS Latrobe, PA

The Annual Food Drive is scheduled for three separate weekends – ending on December 11th. John Dornauer is leading the effort. The Holy Name Society completed a successful Blood Drive in September – over 19 units of blood. Mark Piper, President of the parish HNS headed up the event. The Annual Keep Christ in Christmas campaign will again be held using yard signs painted by the Holy Name Society members. The signs will be sold to members and parishioners.

Chicago Association of the HNS

A Special Holy Hour for Holy Name Society members, families and friends was held on December 1, The Feast of Blessed John of Vercelli, patron of the Holy Name Society. The Hour of Prayer was hosted by St. Tarcissus Church in Chicago. The General Membership Meeting was held on November 19th at St. Maria Goretti Church in Schiller Park, IL.

St. Joseph HNS, Joliet IL

The quarterly meeting of the Holy Name Society of the Church of St. Joseph, Joliet, IL was held on December 4th. The Holy Name Society is planning fundraising activities and developing plans to increase membership.

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Cleveland Diocesan Union HNS

The Queen of Heaven parish Holy Name Society held "In His Name Day" on October 16th at St. Eugene's Church with Rev. Neil Crosby as celebrant.

On November 6 the Deanery HNS held the Traveling Rosary at The Village of St. Edward retirement home. On November 17 the Cleveland Diocesan Board had a Memorial Mass for all deceased members for the past year. The Southern District Deanery held their Annual Seminary Visitation in September. On November 21st the Southern District Deanery held their Memorial Mass and Candle Light service for their deceased members of the year at St. Eugene's parish. On November 27th the St. Matthew's HNS had a special Mass presenting five Holy Name Society members with 50 year service pins.

The Annual Bishop's Awards Dinner was held on October 30th with Bishop Pevic as the guest speaker, 222 were in attendance. On December 1st the Feast Day of Blessed John of Vercelli was celebrated with a special Mass at St. Monica's church the home of the Diocesan Union with Rev. Thomas Haren as the celebrant and Deacon Mr. Joseph Litke as the assistant.

Rev. Father Carl Ciprain, a strong supporter of the Holy Name Society for many years,

passed on to Heaven on November 21, 2011 at the age of 78. The Holy Name Society and the Cleveland Diocese lost a dear and treasured friend.

San Antonio Archdiocesan Union HNS

The monthly Hour of Prayer was held in November on the Feast of Christ the King at St. Gabriel Catholic Church in San Antonio, Tx. The Feast of Blessed John of Vercelli was celebrated on December 4th with a Memorial Mass at the Chapel of the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in San Antonio. The January Hour of Prayer will be hosted by the Holy Family Catholic Church on January 22nd in New Braunfels, Tx. The Outstanding Service Award was presented at the Annual Awards Banquet, 10 individuals from 10 separate parishes received honors.

Baltimore Diocesan Union HNS

The Holy Name Society, Emmitsburg and Knights of Columbus, Brute Council 1860, joined with St. Joseph's Church to offer a half day men's retreat on Saturday, October 15. The theme for the morning was 'the role of men in today's church and society'. Twenty-two men

attended the retreat which was held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Father Brian Doerr, Vice Rector of the Seminary, was the retreat master. Father Doerr emphasized the importance of fathers spending time with their sons to demonstrate a virtuous Catholic life. Father Doerr's message to the men was that leading by example is more important than just telling them to lead a virtuous life. He explained, by properly mentoring our youth, in the model of Jesus Christ, we encourage in them virtue and self confidence. As Catholic men we want our sons to grow into responsible, moral and successful adults. Following two presentations and discussions led by Father Doerr, Holy Mass was offered.

The first Baltimore Archdiocesan Holy Name Union Retreat was held on the weekend of October 28 - 30, at St. Joseph-in-the-Hills, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA. Each retreatant spent 15 minutes in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day and night. Many thanks go out to the 38 retreatants from the Baltimore Archdiocese Holy Name Societies who participated. Fr. Joe Breighner was the Retreat Master.

The Archdiocesan Holy Name Union celebrated their 32nd Annual Memorial Mass at the Basilica of the Assumption of

the Blessed Virgin Mother on Sunday, November 6. Deacon Henry Siarkowski arranged the order of worship and had the Music Director Ms. Jesse Limm and the choir sing "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" and "O Holy Name". There were 11 Holy Name Societies present and 5 Societies processed into the Basilica with their banners led by the Honor Guards of the Maryland District 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. Father Michael Carrion celebrated the Memorial Mass and Monsignor Arthur Valenzano celebrated along with Deacon Henry Siarkowski and Deacon Robert Shephard.

NAHNS Executive Board Update

The newly elected Executive Board of NAHNS has begun to hold monthly board meetings via conference call. One of the initial priorities has been to fill open board positions and approve committee chairperson appointments. The following committee chair appointments have been approved by the Executive Board: Life Family Marriage and Youth – Rich Kehoe, Blessed John – Joe Podsiadilo, Religious and Spiritual Renewal – Fr. Paul Sabo, Constitution and Bylaws – John Bradley. The board has also approved the temporary appointment of Ron Schmitz to

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terialistic culture, it is easy for a person's "heart" to become gross and numb. Fervor dies, and the voice of conscience is reduced to a whisper. Each person has to find something that reawakens his conscience and re-enlivens his motivation in seeking holiness. To prepare our heart for Jesus Christ, we need to contemplate His crucifixion and candidly accept our responsibility for contributing to it by our sins. We need to regret our share in the sufferings of Christ, Whose heart was pierced by our offenses. Being moved to sorrow for our sins, we must accept the fact that we need a Savior, we need to be saved. Once we shake off our self-sufficiency, our heart can become more open to Jesus Christ and His grace.

"The prayer of the Church venerates and honors the Heart of Jesus just as it invokes his most Holy Name. It

adores the incarnate Word and His Heart which, out of love for men, He allowed to be pierced by our sins." (The Catechism, #2669) This reminds us of the old versicle and response: "Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine."

Moving from an uncaring heart to one like Christ's own heart is a lifelong project; it is the process of ongoing conversion. As the Catechism says, "The process of conversion and repentance was described by Jesus in the parable of the prodigal son, the center of which is the merciful Father... Only the heart of Christ who knows the depths of His Father's love could reveal to us the abyss of His mercy in so simple and beautiful way." (#1439. Cf. Luke 15:11-24)

As soon as we embark on the journey of conversion, we

may realize that we are at odds with others. Preparing our heart for Jesus Christ leads us to seek reconciliation with those we have offended

"We prepare our heart for Jesus Christ because He prepared His heart for us in the Incarnation and let it be pierced for our redemption."

and to offer forgiveness to those who have of-

fended us. (Just for the record, this is a potent part of what makes Twelve Step programs so effective.)

Preparing our heart for Jesus Christ means seeking and maintaining "cardiovascular fitness." In physical health, cardiovascular fitness refers to the body's ability to inhale, distribute, and use oxygen. If we compare the oxygen we breathe to the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, we can see the deduction to be made: by being docile to the Holy Spirit, the soul of the Church, we advance in spiritual fitness, i.e., in holiness. St. Paul the

Apostle, in his letter to the Ephesians (3:14-19), describes the Holy Spirit as the source of power in our soul and strength in our heart. Faithful to the Church founded by Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit, we seek spiritual cardiovascular fitness through proper nutrition (the Holy Eucharist), exercise (the Works of Mercy), stress management (forgiveness and being forgiven), education (studying the life of Christ), and support (our Holy Name Society and our parish).

Let us promise one another, then, that on January 3rd, the Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, we will lift one another in prayer so that "Just as You (O God) have given to Christ, obedient even until death, the Name that saves, so You may grant us protection by its power." (-- Prayer over the Gifts)

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the Ten Commandments, the Golden Rule, the Bible, the Christian Ethical System, the Mass and Sacraments, Prayer and daily religion classes are all a part of the curriculum of the Catholic School. Also, subjects that are important for having a successful career, like

Reading, Writing, English Composition, Literature, Math, Science, Music, Computer skills, Physical Education, Social Studies, Health and other important topics are taught, but from a Christian perspective.

Are Catholic Schools important anymore? I believe they

are more important now than at any time in the past fifty years.

A special "thank you" to school parents who make so many sacrifices to send their children to a Catholic School. Thanks also to all Holy Name Society members for the support you are giving to our

Catholic School System in our nation.

Remember, our children deserve an education that will make them successful in life and prepare them for obtaining eternal life!

*Fr. Thomas Haren
Cleveland Diocesan Union HNS*

PRISON MINISTRY UPDATE

The following poem and letter were received by the *Mary Mother of Captives Pen Pal Apostolate*. As members of the Holy Name Society we pledge to complete the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy – one of which is to visit those in prison. As you prepare your heart for Jesus, remember His words...
 ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’
 (Mt. 24:40)

My name is Louis. I was provided with your contact information due to my current spiritual struggles that have begun to overwhelm and consume me. I

was encouraged to write to you in the hopes that you would be able to provide me with a spiritual mentor.

I am a 46 year old male Italian, raised in the Catholic Church; I even served as an altar boy. I was born and raised in Boston. Got married after serving 3 years in the U.S. Marine Corps and moved to Fort Lauderdale.

I have been incarcerated for 16-1/2 years for racketeering, with 5 years left. My status now is single as my wife of 25 years just recently gave up and left me.

My faith has weakened lately as my family members continue to die at an unusually fast pace,

and my wife leaving me, I now find myself hundreds of miles from home, in prison and all alone.

On the bright side though I thank God every day that I don't have any health problems as I never abused my body with any type of pollutants such as drugs, alcohol or tobacco products, and I exercise daily.

With that being said, if there are any spiritual mentors involved in your ministry who would be willing to guide this lost soul, I would appreciate it more than I can express in mere words.

*Alone in Solitude,
 Louis C.*

The Bridge

*I used to pass this bridge everyday.
 While going about my daily routine.
 Each time I passed the bridge I always wondered where,
 It went to and what was across there.*

*One day I decided to move closer so I could see it better.
 It was then I realized the wood was old and tattered.
 How odd I thought to myself.
 Just the other day it looked brand new.*

*I felt that I should move closer,
 or maybe even cross the bridge.
 I wondered what was on the other side,
 If what I saw would be a surprise.*

*Would I like what was over there?
 Would I stand and stare?
 How bad could it be, I thought to myself.
 Maybe there is peace, glory and wealth.
 Do I stay or do I go?
 The answer is one most people don't know.*

*Were there people I knew that would meet me there?
 Or would I be all alone? These thoughts I ran through my mind
 over again until they could no more.*

*If I chose to come back, would I be able to?
 What if it was not what I thought, what would I do?
 I felt in my heart that's where I should go.
 I had to cross the bridge if not, I would never know.*

*As I walked over the tattered wood I thought I saw ahead.
 The ones I loved so much that I thought would never be seen again.
 Were they really there for me to see, was it even real?*

*A feeling came over me too wonderful to describe.
 No words can ever be said that would make you realize.
 Finally I understood how much I was loved and cherished.
 To have an everlasting life that would never perish.*

*Many choose not to ever cross that bridge,
 And are lost to the sins they never asked to be forgiven.
 Will you cross it yourself, do you choose to go?
 In the end you are the only one who really knows.*

(I wrote this poem for my mother who died in August 2010. She was my best friend, and was always there for me, and I miss her so much.)

Racbael S.

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the position of Financial Secretary; such appointment is a one year appointment at which time the responsibilities will transition to Randy Duva of Pittsburgh. Mike Gores has been appointed by the Executive Board to the position of Marketing Communications Director. Work is underway to secure an Episcopal Moderator and National Spiritual Director. The chairperson position of the Regional Vice President Committee has not yet been filled but efforts are underway towards this goal.

The Executive Board has formed a new special committee – Communication Office

Transition Committee. This committee will oversee the planned phase out of the physical communications office currently located in Baltimore. As part of this transition, plans will be developed and implemented to address long term storage of important NAHNS documents in a cost effective and efficient manner. Physical assets currently housed in the office such as the copier will be transitioned to more cost effective resources. Members of this committee include Bill Harris, Gerry Novak, Cleveland Cosum, Mike Gores, and Jim Manion.

Work has begun on the submission of the organization's

application for nonprofit status (501 c 3). The people working on this NAHNS submission are the same team that successfully completed the nonprofit application for the Archdiocesan Holy Name organization of St. Paul and Minneapolis. It is expected that the application will actually be submitted to the IRS in early 2012.

Two of the many other important activities being monitored by the Executive Board include the transition to an online web store for the supply office and efforts to revise/improve Holy Name Society materials. Each of these challenging efforts is moving forward. On a re-

lated note, the new tri-fold overview brochures available from the Supply Office in both English and Spanish have been well received.

Much remains to be done to more effectively spread devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. The monthly board meetings are helping to keep focus and progress on the important priorities for the betterment of the organization. The Executive Board looks forward to working with the Unions and members over the next few months on completing the higher priority initiatives in place to improve NAHNS.

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