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The Son of the living God.

I proclaim my love
For the Vicar of Christ on earth.
I believe all the sacred truths.
Which the Holy Catholic Church
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To the flag of my country
And to the God given principles
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For which it stands.
I pledge my support
To all lawful authority
Both civil and religious.

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To the Honor of the Sacred Name
Of Jesus Christ,
And beg that He
Will keep me faithful
To these pledges
Until death. Amen

The NAHNS Exists to:

- Promote reverence for the Name of the Most Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and to praise and venerate the Most Holy Names of God.
- Promote sanctification of Holy Name Members by the frequent reception of the sacraments and by faithful correspondence with the grace of their state of life;
- Foster observance of the promises in the Holy Name Pledge;
- Cooperate with the hierarchy of the Holy Catholic Church in its collegiate unity with our Holy Father, the Pope;
- Cooperate with the National Spiritual Director and the (Arch) Diocesan Unions, Federations and Associations in the United States and Canada;
- Promote the founding and strengthening of Archdiocesan and Diocesan Unions, Federations, Vicariates and Associations;
- Provide a means of effective communications and coordination among Archdiocesan and Diocesan Unions, Federations, Vicariates and Associations throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Philippines and Canada;
- Publish, manage and distribute materials that promote devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus and membership in the Holy Name Society;
- Publicly proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the Power of His Most Holy Name and in His Name foster meaningful spiritual programs and perform spiritual and corporal works of mercy;

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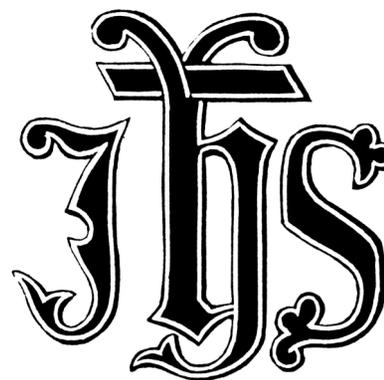
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National Association of the Holy Name Society

The National Association of Holy Name Society (NAHNS) was formed on February 1, 1970 when the Dominican Order formally transferred governance and organization of the Confraternity to the lay members of the Holy Name Society in the United States and Canada.

All Archdiocesan and Diocesan Holy Name Unions, Federations, Vicariates or Associations are encouraged to join the National Association - to work together in fraternal charity to promote honor, reverence and devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. The NAHNS organization is basically simple: each Union which acts with ecclesiastical approval and is not delinquent in dues has one vote in the Association as do the voting members of the Leadership Board (per Constitution and Bylaws ratified September 2011).

The Association has a network of Regional Vice Presidents who attempt to strengthen existing Holy Name Societies, start new parish Societies and Diocesan Unions, and take many other steps for the glory of the Sacred Name of Jesus Christ.



Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Holy God we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee;
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
All in Heaven above adore Thee.

Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign. (Repeat)

Hark! the loud celestial hymn,
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,

Fill the heavens with sweet accord,
Holy! Holy! Holy Lord! (Repeat)

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name Thee,
While in essence only One;
Undivided God we claim Thee,

And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery (Repeat)

Preface

Vatican II has had a profound impact on all of the apostolates within the Catholic Church, and this is particularly true of the lay apostolates. One of the key documents from Vatican II on the proper role of the laity within the Church; *The Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity; Apostolicam Actuositatem*, states,

“...the laity likewise share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ and therefore have their own share in the mission of the whole people of God in the Church and in the world.(2) They exercise the apostolate in fact by their activity directed to the evangelization and sanctification of men and to the penetrating and perfecting of the temporal order through the spirit of the Gospel.” (Chapter 1, Number 2)

For over a century, the Holy Name Society has been exercising that sort of genuine apostolate in North America and beyond, particularly by spreading devotion to His most Holy and Sacred Name of God and Jesus through Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

The “Official Book of Ceremonies” of the Holy Name Society contains special ceremonies for inducting Professed Members into the Confraternity, a ceremony for Professed Members to renew their promises and an installation ceremony for officers .

May God reward all members of the Holy Name Society for their efforts to spread devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus Christ!



Obligations of Members

All who are professed members of the Holy Name Society must:

- Praise and glorify God by fidelity to prayer, especially by both private and public Holy Name devotions and as far as it can be done, bring others, particularly those committed to the member's care, to know and honor the name of God.
- Recognize His divine authority and believe that all power on earth, civil and religious comes from Him and respect and promise to obey all lawfully constituted authority.
- Proclaim love and obedience to the Pope, the Vicar of Christ on Earth.
- Believe all the sacred truths, which the Holy Catholic Church believes and teaches and to educate themselves and all those in their care in these truths.
- Promise to strive for perfection by frequent reception of the sacraments, daily prayer, spiritual reading, acts of penance and mortification, and fraternal charity - "You must, therefore, be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Mt 5:48.
- In honor of His Divine Name, avoid disrespect to the name of God, of Jesus, and of what is sacred and should abstain from all improper language, such as blasphemy, perjury, profanity, cursing, obscene speech and indecency, and as far as prudence permits induce others to refrain from such insults to God and immorality. – "Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name." Mt 6:9
- Avoid any conduct that would be scandalous or cause or tempt others to ridicule or despise the Catholic faith or the Confraternity – lest it be true "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you." Rom 2:24.

In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown Him as your Captain in temptation's hour;
Let His will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With His Father's glory, with His angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

C. Noel, d. 1877

O Holy Name

O Holy Name of Majesty and Power,
O sacred Name of God's own Son.
In ev'ry joy and ev'ry weary hour,
be Thou our strength until life's war is won.

Chorus: Fierce is the fight for God and the Right;
Sweet Name of Jesus, in Thee is our might.

All o'er the earth the hearts of men are dying,
chilled by the storms of greed and strife.
All o'er the land rebellion's flag is flying,
threat'ning our altars and the Nation's life.

Chorus: Fierce is the fight for God and the Right;
Sweet Name of Jesus, in Thee is our might.

Ages ago, our fathers firm and loyal,
fought for the faith, forever the same.
We are their sons, our heritage is royal,
and we shall conquer in the Holy Name.

Archbishop William Cardinal O'Connell (1859 – 1944)

Hymns

At the Name of Jesus

At the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Mighty and mysterious in the highest height,
God from everlasting, very light of light:
In the Father's bosom with the spirit blest,
Love, in love eternal, rest, in perfect rest.

At His voice creation sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders, in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom He came,
Faithfully He bore it, spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious when from death He passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Name Him, brothers, name Him, with love strong as death
But with awe and wonder, and with bated breath!
He is God the Savior, He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

- Fulfill all the obligations of membership in the Mystical Body of Christ, the Catholic Church, according to one's state in life, as well as the specific obligations of membership in the Society, particularly attendance at all devotional events.

It should be noted that regulations imposed do not bind under the pain of sin. Members of the Confraternity as a matter of honor and obedience should live up to these regulations. They should also, in all of their activities, as members, be mindful of the divine law of charity.

Spiritual Benefits of Membership

All Professed Members of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus, while faithful to their obligations share in all of the blessings from the Masses, good works, preaching, teaching and the manual labor of the Dominican Order. This includes a share in the thirty-three Masses which each Dominican is bound to say every year for the souls of the departed brethren.

The Sacred Penitentiary, in response to the petition of the Dominican Order, granted a plenary indulgence to the members of the Most Holy Name of God and the Most Holy Name of Jesus, on the following occasions:

- The day of the member's induction into the Confraternity
- Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ - Christmas Day
- The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and the Holy Name of Jesus (January 1)
- Resurrection of the Lord - Easter Sunday
- The Solemnity of Christ the King (Last Sunday in Ordinary Time – last Sunday prior to the start of the Season of Advent)

- The Annunciation of the Lord (March 25)
- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15)
- The Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker (May 1)

The following partial indulgences are particularly applicable to faithful Professed Members of the Holy Name Society who:

- In the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, asking – if only mentally – some pious invocation. "Blessed be the name of God", and similar invocations of devotion to the name of God would be applicable in this grant. (cf. The Decree in the Apostolate of the Laity, 4.

"Whatever you do in word or work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him").

- In a spirit of faith and mercy give of themselves or of their goods to serve others in need.
- In spirit of penance voluntarily deprive themselves of what is licit and pleasing to them.
- Recite the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus.
- Wear the Holy Name emblem – properly blessed by any priest.

(Reference the Enchiridion of Indulgences given by the 1968 Decree of the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary for all of the requirements necessary to obtain Indulgences)

fallen into so many sins, because I did not call on Thee; from henceforth Thy name shall be my defense, my refuge, my hope, my only consolation, my only love. Thus do I hope to live, and so do I hope to die, having Thy name always on my lips.

The Incarnation, Birth and Infancy of Jesus Christ; or, The Mysteries of the Faith. St. Alphonsus de Liguori, Redemptorist Fathers, 1927.

Prayer to the Holy Name - St. Bernardine of Siena

Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, love and strength! You are the refuge of those who repent, our banner of warfare in this life, the medicine of souls, the comfort of those who mourn, the delight of those who believe, the light of those who preach the true faith, the wages of those who toil, the healing of the sick.

To You our devotion aspires; by You our prayers are received; we delight in contemplating You. O Name of Jesus, You are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen.

Holy Name Prayer of Contrition

Most Merciful Jesus, by that Precious Blood which you willingly shed for sinners, I beg You to wash away all my sinfulness and to look mercifully upon me, a poor and unworthy sinner, as I call upon Your Holy Name. Mercifully grant me, through Your adorable Name, which is the joy of heaven, the terror of hell, the consolation of the afflicted, the refuge of sinners and the strength of those who repent, the grace of eternal salvation through the holy Name of Jesus.

I ask this in Your Name, who live and reign with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Sweet Name of Jesus

O sweet Name of Jesus, holy above all names in heaven and on earth, and to which every knee, both of men and of angels in heaven, on earth and in hell bends. You are the way of the just, the glory of the saints, the hope of those in need, the balm of the sick, the love of the devout and the consolation of those that suffer.

O, Jesus be to me a help and a protector so that your Name may be blessed for all times.

Thomas A. Kempis....(Manualis Parvulorum XIII)

The Golden Arrow

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most mysterious and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in heaven on earth and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar.

This prayer is said to have been revealed by Jesus Himself to a Carmelite Nun of Tours in 1843 as a reparation for blasphemy. "This Golden Arrow will wound My Heart delightfully," He said, "and heal the wounds inflicted by blasphemy."

Prayer to the Holy Name - St. Alphonsus

O my Jesus, thou art the Savior who hast given Thy blood and Thy life for me, I pray Thee to write Thy adorable name on my poor heart; so that having it always imprinted in my heart by love, I may also have it ever on my lips, by invoking it in all my necessities. If the devil tempts me, Thy name will give me strength to resist him; if I lose confidence, Thy name will animate me to hope; if I lose confidence, Thy name will animate me to hope; if I am in affliction, Thy name will comfort me, by reminding me of all Thou hast endured for me. If I find myself cold in Thy love, Thy name will inflame me by reminding me of the love Thou hast shown me. I have

Holy Name Society—A Confraternity

The Confraternity of the Holy Name of God and Jesus, popularly known as the Holy Name Society, is fundamentally and essentially a spiritual organization for Catholics. It is canonically erected to the Dominican Order. Its purpose is to assist the members of the confraternity grow in holiness, achieve their salvation, and zealously labor to build the Kingdom of God here on earth by practicing and spreading devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

There is nothing extraordinary expected or demanded of Confraternity members. They are asked to be faithful to their religious duties and to perform some of them in union with fellow members of the Society. For this corporate activity and their spiritual and corporal works of mercy, members of the Holy Name Society receive special indulgences.

Basically spiritual but zealously active, embracing Catholics from all walks of life, this Confraternity under the guidance of its Spiritual Moderators renders service to the Church, while bestowing uncounted blessings on its members.

Description of a Member

A member of the Holy Name Society is a practicing member of the Catholic Church who through devotion to the Name of Jesus Christ is inspired to holiness and sanctification, who through a personal commitment to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, labors to spread the Kingdom of God here on earth for the greater glory and honor of Jesus Christ.

What are the Charisms of Holy Name Society?

Canonical ties to the Order of St. Dominic give members special charisms that stem directly from the holiness, preaching, teaching, and good works of the many religious who have consecrated their lives to Jesus Christ as Dominicans. In a very special way members

share in the tireless zeal for the salvation of souls of St. Dominic, the unsurpassed intellect and humility of St. Thomas Aquinas, and the sanctity and holiness of Blessed John of Vercelli. The Holy Name Society has been adorned with privileges, indulgences, and other apostolic graces by Pope Pius IV, Clement VIII, Innocent XI, Benedict XIV, Pius X, and Paul VI. The Magisterium of the Church has uniquely positioned the Holy Name Society within lay apostolates in the Church. These indulgences come from the abundance of graces won for mankind by the passion and death of Jesus Christ.

What is the Apostolate of Holy Name Society?

The Holy Name Society promotes reverence for the Sacred Names of God and Jesus Christ, obedience and loyalty to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, and the personal sanctification and holiness of its members. Members are called to contribute to the evangelization mission of the Church and to make perpetual acts of reverence and love to our Lord and Savior. The apostolate of the society is to assist in parish ministries by performing the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Corporal Works of Mercy are those that tend to bodily needs of others. They are to: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead.

Spiritual works of mercy are to: instruct the ignorant (teach the faith), counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses willingly, comfort the afflicted and pray for the living and the dead.

Members of the Holy Name Society – both individually and collectively in parish Societies – are called to build the kingdom of God by practicing and spreading a special devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

Prayer for Vocations to Holy Name Society

Most Divine Jesus, we ask in Your most Holy Name that You bless those that have heard Your call to the Confraternity of the Most Holy Names of God and Jesus and have answered it with faith, hope and charity.

We pray that You will open the hearts and minds of many more whose souls are stirred by the sound of Your voice and the invocation of Your Name. Please bring these souls into this Confraternity. We ask that You grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Devine Praises

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Consoler.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

Prayer Petition to the Holy Name of Jesus

God, You appointed Your only-begotten Son to be the Savior of mankind, and You commanded His Name to be Jesus. I beg that a most ardent love of Your Divine Son imprint that Name upon my heart; that it always be on my mind, and frequently on my lips; that it be my defense in temptation, my refuge in danger, and my consolation and strength in the hour of my death.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

Spiritual Moderator: Jesus, hear us.

ALL: Jesus, graciously hear us.

Spiritual Moderator: Let us pray.

ALL: O Lord Jesus Christ, You who said: Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you; grant we beseech You, to us who ask the gift of Your most Divine love, that we may ever love You with our whole heart and with all our words and deeds, and may never cease from praising You. Make us, O Lord, to have a perpetual fear and love of Your Holy Name, for You never fail to help and govern those whom You bring up in Your steadfast fear and love: Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

The Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus was most likely composed by St. John Capistrano (1386-1456) and by St. Bernadine of Siena (1380-1444) who both preached extensively on the devotion to the Name of Jesus. The Litany was approved for private use by Pope Sixtus V in 1585. The present form was approved by Pope Pius IX for local use in 1862. In 1866 Pope Leo XIII approved it for public use in the Universal Church. Members of the Confraternity of the Holy Names of God and Jesus can receive a partial indulgence for reciting this prayer.

Holy Name Society members through their spiritual and corporal works of mercy labor to become like the good servant (Mt 25:21) not the unprofitable servant (Lk 17: 10) or the useless servant (Mt 25:29).

Canonical Requirements

When a parish wishes to establish a Society, the Pastor or Spiritual Moderator requests a “charter” from the Confraternity Director of the Dominican Order in the appropriate Dominican Province. The Charter is an ecclesiastical document and as such is issued in the name of the church. The Charter is issued “in perpetuum” (forever), should the Charter be lost or destroyed, the canonical status of a parish Society is not affected.

Each parish Holy Name Society must be properly chartered by the Dominican order. Also, if the local Holy Name Society spans several parishes, (example: New York Firefighters, south Miami Beach, southeast Metro Junior HNS, etc) a charter will need to be properly issued for at least one of the parishes that falls within the scope of the Holy Name Society. A charter may be issued under the title of a church or a chapel in which the Blessed Sacrament is usually reserved and access to public worship is usually available.

The Dominican Confraternity Director of the Dominican Province is responsible for issuing the charter. You may find the appropriate contact for your region by going to the National Holy Name Society web site – nahns.com.

The second canonical requirement of the Society is keeping the names of all Professed Members in a permanently bound book. This book is referred to as a Holy Name Register. Special Holy Name Registers may be obtained from the National Association of the Holy Name Society Supply Office. The register should be kept with the other official records of the Society.

A special induction ceremony is required for a person to become a Professed Member of the Confraternity of the Holy Name of God and Jesus.

Since the Society is an Indulgenced Confraternity of the Church, the above mentioned canonical requirements must be met in order that the members of the Society may receive all of the spiritual benefits.

Formation of Members

Membership into the Holy Name Society is restricted to Catholics in good standing with the Church as defined under Canon Law. (Can. 316 §1)

Candidates must be 18 years of age to become a Professed Member in the Confraternity of the Holy Name of God and Jesus.

Before induction as a Professed Member at the formal Induction Ceremony, recruited candidates or novitiates, must learn about and understand the Obligations of Membership in the Confraternity.

During their novitiate (trial period), novice-members should demonstrate their sincerity and commitment by attending all spiritual conferences, devotional activities and assemblies.

The Spiritual Moderator of the parish Society should contact each of the novice-members to assist them in learning the History, Purpose, Mission, Spiritual Benefits of Membership, Obligations of Membership and the Holy Name Pledge before the formal Induction Ceremony. They should be given a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Parish Society so they fully understand the purpose of the Confraternity and how it is governed.

To become a Professed Member of the Society requires making public professions at a special Induction Ceremony. After the Induction Ceremony the candidate becomes a Professed Member in

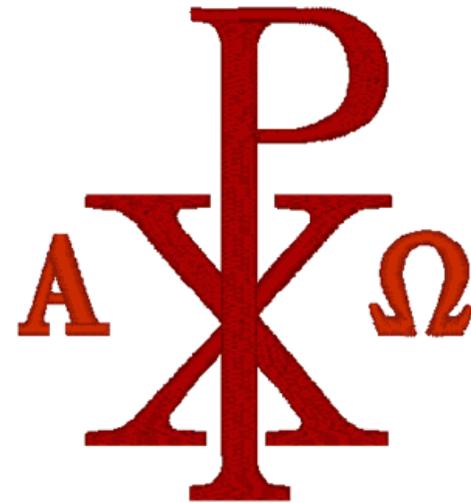
Jesus, true Light, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, eternal Wisdom, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, infinite Goodness, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, our Way and our Life, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, joy of Angels, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, King of the Patriarchs, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Master of the Apostles, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Light of Confessors, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Purity of Virgins, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Crown of all Saints, *have mercy on us.*
Be merciful, *spare us, O Jesus!*
Be merciful, *graciously hear us, O Jesus!*
From every evil, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
From every sin, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
From your wrath, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
From the snares of the devil, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
From the temptation of fornication, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
From everlasting death, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
From the neglect of your inspirations, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
By the mystery of your Holy Incarnation, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
By your Nativity, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
By your Infancy, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
By your most divine Life, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
By your Labors, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
By your Agony and Passion, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
By your Cross and Dereliction, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
By your Sufferings, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
By your Death and Burial, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
By your Resurrection, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
By your Ascension, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
By your Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
By your Joys, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
By your Glory, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Lord, have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*
Christ, have mercy. *Christ have Mercy.*
Lord, have mercy. *Lord have Mercy.*
Jesus, hear us. *Jesus hear us.*
Jesus, graciously hear us. *Jesus, graciously hear us.*
God, the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*
God, the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Son of the living God, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Splendor of the Father, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Brightness of eternal Light, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, King of Glory, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Sun of Justice, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, most amiable, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, most admirable, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, the mighty God, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Father of the world to come, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, angel of great counsel, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, most powerful, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, most patient, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, most obedient, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, meek and humble of heart, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, lover of Chastity, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, lover of us, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, God of Peace, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, author of Life, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, example of Virtues, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, zealous lover of souls, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, our God, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, our Refuge, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Father of the Poor, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Treasure of the Faithful, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, good Shepherd, *have mercy on us.*

the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus and now obtains the graces, indulgences, rights, privileges and Spiritual Benefits of Membership.

The names of the Professed Members must be written in ink in the Official Register of the Holy Name Society. The Spiritual Moderator 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, benefits and spiritual benefits of membership.



Fidelity to the Catholic Church

“No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother.” — St. Cyprian

Members of the Holy Name Society - believe that the Catholic Church - the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church - is the one true Church founded by Jesus Christ.

We believe Jesus Christ is the invisible Head of the Catholic Church - our Pope, the Vicar of Christ on earth and the direct Successor of the Apostle Peter, is the spiritual guide and shepherd of the Catholic Church.

We believe the Church is Christ’s Body on earth, it is protected by the promise of Jesus Christ to be guided by the Holy Spirit, protected from all error, and victorious over evil as He says “the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Mt. 16:18).

In this Third Christian Millennium, the Holy Name Society is committed to the New Evangelization proclaimed by our Holy Father of blessed memory, Pope John Paul the Great, to take advantage of this “springtime” for the Church and the unprecedented opportunity we have to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our apostolate to spread devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus is intended to give a tangible, visible witness to Christ and His Church.

The Holy Name Society is committed to helping its members grow in holiness through devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Members in this confraternity are called to be leaders and to follow the footsteps of St. Dominic and St. Bernardine of Siena and all the saints to strengthen themselves with the Most Holy Eucharist, cleanse themselves in the sacrament of penance, nourish their souls on Sacred Scripture, increase their desire of divine love through prayer, and lead their families, friends, neighbors and coworkers by their acts of charity and piety.

Consecration to the Most Holy Name of Jesus

To You, Lord Jesus Christ,
I consecrate myself today to Your Most Holy Name.
I consecrate to You all my thoughts, words and deeds,
all my sufferings and labors, all my hopes, consolations and joys.
I consecrate to You my body with all its senses,
my soul with all its faculties, my entire being without reserve.
In particular I consecrate to You my heart
so that it may love only You and may be consumed
as a victim in the fire of Your Divine Love.

Do with me what You will, my Jesus.
I place within Your hands all my cares and anxieties.
I place my trust in You.
Take this offering of myself and give me the deepest love and respect
for Your most Holy and Sacred Name.

I promise to love, honor and serve You and to spread,
with my whole heart, soul, mind and strength
devotion to Your most Holy Name,
until I draw my dying breath.

Amen



Canticle: Philippians 2:6-11 Christ, God's Holy Servant

Though He was in the form of God, †
Jesus did not deem equality with God *
something to be grasped at.

Rather, He emptied Himself †
and took the form of a slave, *
being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate, *
and it was thus that He humbled himself,
obediently accepting even death, *
death on a cross!

Because of this, *
God highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the name *
above every other name,

So that at Jesus' name *
every knee must bend
in the heavens, on the earth, *
and under the earth,
and every tongue proclaim †
to the glory of God the Father: *
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

Erecting a Parish Holy Name Society

Prior to inducting members into a parish Holy Name Society the Society must be chartered properly to the Dominican Order in the Dominican Province that has jurisdiction over the (Arch)Diocese the parish is located. Once the parish Society is chartered, the following documents are used to properly erect the Society. Two forms are provided for the ceremony - one for erecting the Society during Mass and one during Morning or Evening Prayer.

The following ceremony should be used to properly erect a Parish Holy Name Society. Two forms are provided for the ceremony; one for erecting the Society during Mass and one in a separate time such as during Morning or Evening Prayer.

The following program is to be used for erecting the Parish Holy Name Society. The ceremony consists of the following:

- *Reading from the Sacred Scripture section.*
- *Brief Homily by presiding Priest.*
- *The official letter from the Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province that has granted the parish the official charter.*

If it is desired to complete the erection ceremony during Mass, the following formula should be used. After the homily, the Celebrant stands at the Main Altar facing the people and reads the Letter from the Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province that granted the official Charter.

If the erection ceremony is to be completed during Morning or Evening Prayer, the Pastor stands at the Main Altar facing the people after Prayer is completed and if desired a short homily on devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus can be given. The Priest reads the following declaration in a loud voice:

Spiritual Moderator:

As delegated representative of the Most Reverend (name), Master of the Order of Preachers, I institute and erect, on his behalf, in this Church of (name), in (city and state), the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus, also known as the Holy Name Society.

I declare it to be instituted and erected with all the graces, privileges and indulgences granted and to be granted to the same Confraternity by the Holy See.

I declare that the Pastor of this Church and all successors in this office of perpetuity, are designated and instituted as Chaplains of the Confraternity now erected, with all the rights and faculties proper to such an office, by the aforesaid Master of the Order of Preachers.

Likewise, I declare that the principal altar of the Church of (name of Church) is to be used by the members of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus for their religious services and devotions, in order that the faithful may gain the indulgences which have been granted by the Holy See to those who visit the altar of the Confraternity.

In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

O merciful Jesus, beloved Savior of mankind, we thank Thee for Thy infinite love, and we venerate Thy Sacred Name, in union with the fellow members of our Confraternity. Strengthened by Thy promise, “ask and you shall receive,” we petition Thee for the graces and favors we ask in this prayer, if they be for the good of our souls and Thy eternal glory.

Animated by Thy love, we offer this act of adoration in reparation for the sins committed against Thy Holy Name. May Thy Holy Name be our defense in temptation, our refuge in danger, our consolation in life, our joy for all eternity.

Spiritual Moderator: We ask this in Your Name, who live and reign with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen

Spiritual Moderator: I Give thanks to Thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart.

ALL: And I will glorify Thy Name forever.

Spiritual Moderator: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

ALL: Now and for ever.

Spiritual Moderator: May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Prayers to Holy Name of Jesus

Confraternity Prayer the Most Holy Name of Jesus

The following prayer is intended to be recited by Holy Name Societies during spiritual retreats, and other religious and spiritual exercises.

Spiritual Moderator: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Spiritual Moderator: Incline unto my aid, O God.

ALL: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Spiritual Moderator: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

ALL: As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

Spiritual Moderator: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

ALL: Who made heaven and earth.

Spiritual Moderator: Thou, O Lord will open my lips.

ALL: And my lips shall announce thy praise.

Spiritual Moderator: Let us Pray.

ALL: Most merciful Jesus, who has said, “where two or three are gathered in My Name, I shall be in the midst of them,” come then, into the midst of us. Come into our hearts, and enkindle therein, the fire of Thy divine love. Come into our souls, and strengthen them, with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit. Come into our minds, and enlighten them, with the light of Thy wisdom.

Induction Ceremony

Professed Members

In order to become a Professed Member in the Confraternity, special promises made before God and fellow members is required by the novice. This ceremony consists of Scripture Reading, Prayers honoring the Holy Name of Jesus, Promises, Blessing and Presentation of the Society’s Insignia, and Prayers for the Intentions of the Pope.

Two different formats of the Ceremony are available, one for during Mass and one for during Morning or Evening prayer.

The names of all new members must be written into the Official Society Register and the Register must be signed and dated by the Pastor or his designate for the members to be properly admitted into the Confraternity. This is a canonical requirement for membership in the Confraternity. The Official Society Register Book is available from the NAHNS. Visit nahns.com for details.

The following ceremonies should be used to properly induct a Professed Member into the Holy Name Society. Two forms are provided for the ceremony; one for during Mass and one during a separate or special ceremony during Morning or Evening Prayer.

If the ceremony is completed after Mass or during Evening or Morning prayer the following ceremony is used.

If the ceremony is to be used during Mass, the ceremony is completed following the Homily and only the Promises of the Candidates are made in front of the Congregation..

[All please Stand]

Spiritual Moderator: Let us pray for those here present, who have asked to be admitted into the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus.

ALL: O Glorious Name of Jesus, Gracious Name, Name of Love and Power! Through You sins are forgiven, enemies are vanquished, the sick are freed from illness, the suffering are made strong and cheerful. You bring honor to believers, instruction to those who preach, strength to those who toil, and sustenance to those who are weary.

Our love for You is ardent and glowing, through You our prayers are heard. The souls of those who contemplate You are filled to overflowing; and all the blessed in heaven are filled with Your glory. Grant that we too may reign with them through this Your most Holy Name. Amen.

Spiritual Moderator: O Jesus. Your Name means "Savior". We ask in Your glorious name that You mercifully grant the following petitions:

Jesus, You said, "Whatever you ask the Father, He will give you in My Name" (John 16:23). We ask that a most ardent love of Your Divine Son may imprint the Sacred Name of Jesus upon our hearts; that it may always be on our minds, and frequently on our lips; that it may be our defense against temptation, and our consolation and support at the hour of our death.

O God we earnestly beseech Thee, bless the intentions of each one of these Candidates standing here before you today and strengthen their resolutions. With the help of Thy divine grace, may they be forever faithful to their promises and to the practices of the Confraternity, and merit to attain eternal life. We ask this through the Holy Name of Jesus.

ALL: Amen.

Father is in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own. The Father who dwells in Me is doing His works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in My name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of Me in My name, I will do it.

Mathew 1:18-25

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,* but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,* yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord* appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this Child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name Him Jesus,* because He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with Child and bear a son, and they shall name Him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son,* and he named Him Jesus.



Luke 1:26-33

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of David his father, and He will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 2:21-24

When eight days were completed for His circumcision,* He was named Jesus, the name given Him by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. The Presentation in the Temple.

* When the days were completed for their purification* according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord," and to offer the sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

John 14:6-14

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth* and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you know Me, then you will also know My Father.* From now on you do know Him and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Master, show us the Father,* and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the

[All please Sit]

{If ceremony is used during Mass, omit this section and move to Promises of the Candidates}

Moderator: A Reading from Sacred Scripture (use one of the readings from Scripture Reading Section)

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Amen

Moderator: "Veni Creator Spiritus"

Spirit Creator of mankind.
Come, visit every pious mind.
And sweetly let Thy grace invade
Our hearts, O Lord, which Thou hast made.
Thou art the Comforter, whom all
Gifts of the highest God must call,
The living fountain, fire and love,
The ghostly unction from above.

Spiritual Moderator: Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

Response: And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

[All please Stand]

Spiritual Moderator: Let us pray.

O God, who, by the light of the Holy Spirit has instructed the hearts of the faithful, grant us, in the same Holy Spirit, to relish what is right and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

{If ceremony is performed during Mass, begin ceremony here}

Promises of the Candidates

Moderator: Father, these candidates here present desire to become Professed Members of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus.

Spiritual Moderator: If there shall be no objection on the part of the Confraternity, let them come forward.

Moderator: Will those who have indicated their desire to become Professed Members of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus, please come forward as your name is called.

[When the name of each Candidate is called, the candidate should proceed to the altar rail and kneel]

Moderator: My dear Brethern in Christ, you have manifested a desire to be admitted into the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus. As members of this Confraternity we come together today to profess our faithfulness to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to the one true Church which He founded.

Spiritual Moderator: Candidates, since you have manifested a desire to be admitted into the Confraternity, it is necessary to know your dispositions. Are you disposed to observe the Constitutions of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus, so as to merit a participation in its spiritual benefits?

Candidates: With the grace of God, I am.

Spiritual Moderator: Candidates you know what will be required of you as members of the Confraternity. Do you, therefore, promise to respect and to love the Sacred Name of Jesus, and to do all in your power to extend that respect and love, as well as belief in the divinity of Jesus Christ?

Acts of the Apostles 3:11-16

As he clung to Peter and John, all the people hurried in amazement toward them in the portico called "Solomon's Portico." When Peter saw this, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why are you amazed at this, and why do you look so intently at us as if we had made him walk by our own power or piety? The God of Abraham, [the God] of Isaac, and [the God] of Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified* His servant Jesus whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence, when he had decided to release Him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One* and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised Him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. And by faith in His name, this man, whom you see and know, His name has made strong, and the faith that comes through it has given Him this perfect health, in the presence of all of you.

Acts of the Apostles 4:5-12

On the next day, their leaders, elders, and scribes were assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly class. They brought them into their presence and questioned them, "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 Nazorean 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.' There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." has raised from the dead, even in this name does he stand here before you, sound. This is 'The Stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the corner stone.' Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption. As proof that you are children,* God sent the spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Philippians 2:5-11

Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus,* Who,* though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.* Rather, He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness;*and found human in appearance, He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.* Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the 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 Christ is Lord,*to the glory of God the Father.

Acts of the Apostles 3:1-8

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple area for the three o'clock hour of prayer.* And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple called “the Beautiful Gate” every day to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. * Peter said, “I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, [rise and] walk.” Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong. He leaped up, stood, and walked around, and went into the temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God.

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise.

Spiritual Moderator: Do you promise to abstain from blasphemous and immodest language, and to labor that those under your charge refrain from such language?

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise.

Spiritual Moderator: Do you promise to strive, both by word and example, to promote the glory of God and the reverence due to His Holy Law.

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise.

Spiritual Moderator: Do you promise to recognize His divine authority and believe that all power on earth, civil and religious, comes from Him; and do you promise to respect and obey all lawfully constituted authority.

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise.

Spiritual Moderator: Do you promise to fulfill all of the obligations of membership in the Mystical Body of Christ, the Catholic Church, according to your state in life.

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise

Spiritual Moderator: Do you promise your love and obedience to the Pope, the Vicar of Christ on Earth.

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise.

Spiritual Moderator: Do you promise to believe all the sacred truths, which the Holy Catholic Church believes and teaches and do you promise to educate yourself and all those in your charge in these truths.

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise.

Spiritual Moderator: Jesus has commanded us, "You must, therefore, be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Mathew 5:48). Do you promise to strive for perfection by frequent reception of the Sacraments, daily prayer, spiritual reading, acts of penance, and fraternal charity.

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise.

Spiritual Moderator: May God bless your resolutions; may His holy angels and saints assist you to keep them. Laboring during your whole life for the glory and honor of the Holy Name of God, may you merit to share in the glory of the Apostles, the Martyrs, and Confessors who labored and died for the Name of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

ALL: May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most mysterious and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in heaven on earth and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar.

Spiritual Moderator: Praised be the Name of God and blessed be the most Holy Name of His Divine Son Jesus.

Candidates: Now and forever!

Blessing and Presentation of the Society's Insignia

[We now have the blessing of the Holy Name Insignia. – All Candidates should remain kneeling at the communion rail]

are great and do wondrous deeds; and You alone are God. Teach me, LORD, Your way that I may walk in Your truth, single-hearted and revering Your name. I will praise You with all my heart, glorify Your name forever, Lord my God. Your mercy to me is great; You have rescued me from the depths of Sheol. O God, the arrogant have risen against me; a ruthless band has sought my life; to You they pay no heed. But You, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in mercy and truth. Turn to me, be gracious to me; give Your strength to Your servant; save the son of Your handmaid. Give me a sign of Your favor: make my enemies see, to their confusion, that You, LORD, help and comfort me.

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,* and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses: Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!* So shall they invoke My name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is Your name through all the earth! I will sing of Your majesty above the heavens with the mouths of babes and infants.* You have established a bulwark* against Your foes, to silence enemy and avenger.* When I see Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and stars that You set in place—*What is man that You are mindful of him, and a son of man that You care for him? Yet you have made him little less than a god,*crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of Your hands, put all things at His feet: All sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field, The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is Your name through all the earth!

Psalm 86

Incline Your ear, LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and oppressed. Preserve my life, for I am devoted; save Your servant who trusts in You. You are my God; be gracious to me, Lord; to You I call all the day. Gladden the soul of Your servant; to You, Lord, I lift up my soul. Lord, You are good and forgiving, most merciful to all who call on You. LORD, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help. On the day of my distress I call to You, for You will answer me. None among the gods can equal You, O Lord; nor can their deeds compare to Yours. All the nations You have made shall come to bow before You, Lord, and give honor to Your name. For You

Spiritual Moderator: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

ALL: Who made heaven and earth.

Spiritual Moderator: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Spiritual Moderator: Let us pray. O God, by Whose word all things are made holy, pour forth your blessings on these emblems and grant that each one who, prompted by grace, employs these emblems lawfully and according to Thy will, by calling on Thy Most Holy Name may enjoy, under Thy guidance, bodily health and peace of soul. Through Christ Our Lord. And may Almighty God bless these emblems, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

[After saying "Amen" candidates should remain kneeling at the altar rail. The emblems will then be sprinkled with holy water and presented to each member by the Spiritual Moderator.]

Spiritual Moderator: I offer you this blessed emblem of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus; may they be to you a pledge of eternal salvation.

[Once the insignias have been distributed, the ceremony continues with the following prayer.]

Spiritual Moderator: Lord hear my prayer.

ALL: And let my cry come to Thee.

Spiritual Moderator: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Spiritual Moderator: Let us pray. Look down, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon Thy servants who wish to be numbered among the brethren of the Confraternity of Thy Most Holy Name, that praising and blessing Thy Name on earth, they may merit to praise and bless Thee in Heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Spiritual Moderator: By the authority granted me, I receive and enroll you in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus and make you sharers of all the graces, indulgences, privileges, and spiritual benefits of this Confraternity. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

{If Ceremony is performed during Mass, the Prayers for a Plenary Indulgence are not prayed, the Holy Name Members return to their pews and the Mass resumes with the Prayers for the Faithful, signing the Official Register and the Prayers for a Plenary Indulgence are not used.}

[All Candidates should stand and return to their seats and remain standing]

Plenary Indulgence

Moderator: In order to gain the Plenary Indulgence attached to your reception into the Confraternity of the most Holy Name of God and Jesus, let us pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

All: Our Father ... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...

Scripture Readings

Use one of the following Psalms and Sacred Scripture Readings during the Ceremonies during Morning or Evening Prayer.

Exodus 3:11-15

But Moses said to God, “Who am I* that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” God answered: I will be with you; and this will be your sign* that I have sent you. When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God at this mountain. “But,” said Moses to God, “if I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is His name?’ what do I tell them?” God replied to Moses: I am who I am.* Then He added: This is what you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.

God spoke further to Moses: This is what you will say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever; this is My title for all generations.

Sirach 51:8-12

Then I remembered the mercies of the LORD, His acts of kindness through ages past; For He saves those who take refuge in Him, and rescues them from every evil. So I raised my voice from the grave; from the gates of Sheol I cried for help. I called out: LORD, You are my Father, my champion, my savior! Do not abandon me in time of trouble, in the midst of storms and dangers. I will always praise Your name and remember You in prayer! Then the LORD heard my voice, and listened to my appeal. He saved me from every evil and preserved me in time of trouble. For this reason I thank and praise Him; I bless the name of the LORD.*

Secretary, Treasurer and Marshal: “For the greater honor and glory of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, I promise to fulfill to the best of my ability all the responsibilities entrusted to me.”

Spiritual Moderator: I hereby declare you to be the Secretary, Treasurer and Marshal of the Parish Holy Name Society and surrender to you all the properties and responsibilities of your offices. May God bless your work and reward your sacrifices.

ALL: We offer our prayers and support so that God, who has now begun this good work in you, will bring it to completion for the praise of the Holy Name.

Spiritual Moderator: Let us pray: Ever-gracious God, we come before You to ask Your grace and strength for those who have been chosen to provide leadership for the Parish Holy Name Society. Deepen their faith, hope, and love. Give them a generous and cooperative spirit to serve our Confraternity and our Church through the offices entrusted to them. Help them to give good example to the membership through living graciously their commitments as members of the Holy Name Society.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN

Spiritual Moderator: Please join with me and the newly installed officers in reciting the Holy Name Pledge.

ALL: Holy Name Pledge.

Mass continues with the Prayers of the Faithful.

Closing hymn at end of Mass: “**Holy God We Praise Thy Name**”

Spiritual Moderator: Let us pray. O God, Whose mercy is boundless and Whose goodness is infinite, we give thanks to Thy most gracious majesty for gathering us together, always praying Thy clemency, that Thou may fulfill the requests of those who ask, and so dispose them that they may merit rewards in the days to come. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Spiritual Moderator: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

ALL: Now and for ever.

Spiritual Moderator: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

ALL: Who made heaven and earth.

Spiritual Moderator: May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

[All should stand for the closing hymn]

All: Holy God We Praise Thy Name

After Mass or after the ceremony—at a convenient time, each member should proceed to the location of the Official Registry of names of members of the Confraternity. They then write their full names in the Registry. After the last member writes his name in the Registry, the Spiritual Director or the Pastor must witness the signatures by his signature and date.

The names of all new members must be written into the Official Society Register and the Register must be signed and dated by the Pastor or his designate for the members to be properly admitted into the Confraternity.

Renewal of Promises

Professed Members

The following ceremonies should be used by Professed Members of the Holy Name Society to renew their promises. Two forms are provided for the ceremony; one for during Mass and one during a separate or special ceremony during Morning or Evening Prayer.

If the ceremony is to be used during Mass, the ceremony is completed following the Homily and only the Promises of the Candidates are made in front of the Congregation..

Spiritual Moderator: Let us pray for those Professed Members of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus that have asked to renew their Promises to the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus.

ALL: O Glorious Name of Jesus, Gracious Name, Name of Love and Power! Through You sins are forgiven, enemies are vanquished, the sick are freed from illness, the suffering are made strong and cheerful. You bring honor to believers, instruction to those who preach, strength to those who toil, and sustenance to those who are weary.

Our love for You is ardent and glowing, through You our prayers are heard. The souls of those who contemplate You are filled to overflowing; and all the blessed in heaven are filled with Your glory. Grant that we too may reign with them through this Your most Holy Name. Amen.

Moderator: A Reading from Sacred Scripture (use one of the readings from Scripture Reading Section)

The Word of the Lord.

Are you willing to accept the responsibilities of being a Vice President of the Archdiocesan Association of the Holy Name Society?

Vice President: “For the greater honor and glory of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, I promise to fulfill to the best of my ability all the responsibilities entrusted to me.”

Spiritual Moderator: I hereby declare you to be Vice President of the (insert name of parish) Holy Name Society and surrender to you all the properties and responsibilities of the office. May God bless your work and reward your sacrifices.

ALL: We offer our prayers and support so that God, who has now begun this good work in you, will bring it to completion for the praise of the Holy Name.

Spiritual Moderator: Will the Secretary-elect, Treasurer –elect and the Marshal – elect please come forward.

Spiritual Moderator: (Insert First Name Last Name) as Secretary, you are the official keeper of the minutes of the meetings of the Parish Society and Leadership Board. The President will rely on you for the accurate and efficient way in which you fulfill your responsibilities.

(Insert First Name Last Name) as Treasurer you are responsible for the careful collection and handling of the funds of the parish Holy Name Society, for the prompt payment of all financial obligations and for keeping the parish Society and the Leadership Board informed of the financial status of the organization.

(Insert First Name Last Name) as Marshal you are responsible for all physical arrangements and supplies which are required for the activities and conduct of the Society.

Are you willing to accept the responsibilities of being Secretary, Treasurer and Marshal of the Parish Holy Name Society?

It is your responsibility to preside over the general meetings of the parish Holy Name Society and of the Leadership Board, to ensure that the other officers and committees are working together to fulfill their responsibilities for the good of the Society, and to communicate information to all concerned regarding the various programs and projects of the parish Holy Name Society.

Are you willing to accept the office of President of the (insert name of parish) Holy Name Society and to fulfill its responsibilities?

President: “For the greater honor and glory of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, I promise to fulfill to the best of my ability all the responsibilities entrusted to me.”

Spiritual Moderator: I hereby declare you to be the President of the (insert name of parish) Holy Name Society for the next (term of office) and surrender to you all the properties and responsibilities of this office. May God bless your work and reward your sacrifices.

ALL: We offer our prayers and support so that God, who has now begun this good work in you, will bring it to completion for the praise of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Spiritual Moderator: Will the Vice President-elect please come forward.

Spiritual Moderator: (Insert First Name Last Name), you have been elected to serve as Vice Presidents of the (insert name of parish) Holy Name Society for the next (insert term of office). In addition to fulfilling the duties outlined in the Constitution, you are expected to assist the President with your help and advice. Please do so in a way that inspires our membership and enables our association to accomplish its goals.

ALL: Amen

Spiritual Moderator: O Jesus. Your Name means "Savior". We ask in Your glorious name that You mercifully grant the following petitions:

O God we earnestly beseech Thee, bless the intentions of each one of these Professed Members standing here before you today and strengthen their resolutions. With the help of Thy divine grace, may they be forever faithful to their promises and to the obligations of the Confraternity, and merit to attain eternal life. We ask this through the Holy Name of Jesus.

ALL: Amen.

Spiritual Moderator: Let us pray.

O God, who, by the light of the Holy Spirit has instructed the hearts of the faithful, grant us, in the same Holy Spirit, to relish what is right and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

{If ceremony is performed during Mass, begin ceremony here}

Moderator: Will those present who have indicated their desire to renew their promises, please come forward and stand together in community.

[The Professed Members silently come to the front of the Church and Stand together in Community]

Moderator: Father, these Professed Members desire to renew their promises of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus.

Moderator: My dear Brethren in Christ, you have manifested a desire to renew your promises as Professed Members of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus. As Professed Members of this Confraternity we come together today to profess our faithfulness to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to the one true Church which He founded.

Spiritual Moderator: Members; since you have manifested a desire to renew your Promises for Professed Membership into the Confraternity of the Holy Name of God and Jesus, it is necessary to know your dispositions.

Are you disposed to observe the Constitutions of the Confraternity, so as to merit full participation in its spiritual benefits?

Candidates: With the grace of God, I am.

Spiritual Moderator: Do you promise to respect and to love the Sacred Name of God and Jesus, and to do all in your power to extend that respect and love, as well as belief in the divinity of Jesus Christ?

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise.

Spiritual Moderator: Do you promise to abstain from blasphemous and immodest language, and to labor that those under your charge refrain from such language?

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise.

Spiritual Moderator: Do you promise to strive, both by word and example, to promote the glory of God and the reverence due to His Holy Law.

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise.

Discharge of Past Officers

Following the homily the following ceremony should be performed.

Spiritual Moderator: At this time I would ask all members of the current Leadership Board of the Holy Name Society to stand.

On behalf of the members of the Holy Name Society, I want to thank you for the generous and conscientious fulfillment of the responsibilities of the offices you have held these past two years. You have worked together in a dedicated fashion to achieve the goals of the Society and to promote devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. May God bless you for your labors.

On behalf of your fellow Holy Name Society members I thank you for the devotion and dedication you have shown these past two years and for the hard work you have contributed to accomplish our goals. Thank you very much for a job well done. May the Lord bless you and keep you in his love.

I hereby discharge you of your duties and responsibilities as officers of the Holy Name Society. Please be seated.

Installation of New Officers

Spiritual Moderator: At this time I would ask all members of the incoming Leadership Board of the Holy Name Society to please come to the front of the Church.

Spiritual Moderator: (insert First Name Last Name), you have been elected to serve as President of the (insert name of parish) Holy Name Society for the next (insert term of office). You will represent the parish Holy Name Society on many and various occasions. As such, please remember that when you speak, you do so as President of a long-standing and respected Confraternity and as someone committed to respect for the Holy Name of God and Jesus. Do so then in a way that inspires the membership and brings added respect to our Confraternity.

Installation of Officers

Since success of a Holy Name Society depends upon how well the officers perform their respective duties, it is recommended that officers be inducted into their new office via an Installation Ceremony. The Installation Ceremony should be led by the Pastor or Spiritual Moderator; or in the case of (Arch)Diocesan Officers, the installation could be performed by the bishop/archbishop.

The installation ceremony should be conducted in the Church as part of a Special Mass or immediately after a Special Mass of the Confraternity.

If the installation ceremony is being used for an existing parish Holy Name Society the ceremony begins with the official discharge of responsibilities of the current officers.

The new officers are then called by name to affirm their responsibilities as officers. The ceremony can be completed during Mass following the homily.

The installation ceremony should be lead by the Pastor or Spiritual Moderator. In the case of diocesan/archdiocesan leaders, the installation can be performed by the bishop/archbishop or the Spiritual Moderator of the Society.

The installation ceremony included here or one similar to it should be used to introduce new officers to their posts. This ideally would be conducted in the Church as part of a Mass or immediately thereafter.

Spiritual Moderator: Do you promise to recognize His divine authority and believe that all power on earth, civil and religious, comes from Him; and do you promise to respect and obey all lawfully constituted authority.

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise.

Spiritual Moderator: Do you promise to fulfill all of the obligations of membership in the Mystical Body of Christ, the Catholic Church, according to your state in life.

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise

Spiritual Moderator: Do you promise your love and obedience to the Pope, the Vicar of Christ on Earth.

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise.

Spiritual Moderator: Do you promise to believe all the sacred truths, which the Holy Catholic Church believes and teaches and do you promise to educate yourself and all those in your charge in these truths.

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise.

Spiritual Moderator: Jesus has commanded us, "You must, therefore, be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Mathew 5:48). Do you promise to strive for perfection by frequent reception of the Sacraments, daily prayer, spiritual reading, acts of penance and fraternal charity.

Candidates: With the grace of God, I do promise.

Spiritual Moderator: May God bless your resolutions; may His holy angels and saints assist you to keep them. Laboring during your whole life for the glory and honor of the Holy Name of God and Jesus, may you merit to share in the glory of the Apostles, the Martyrs, and Confessors who labored and died for the Name of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

ALL: May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most mysterious and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in heaven on earth and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar.

Spiritual Moderator: Praised be the Name of God and blessed be the most Holy Name of His Divine Son Jesus.

Candidates: Now and forever!

Spiritual Moderator: Lord hear my prayer.

ALL: And let my cry come to Thee.

Spiritual Moderator: Let us pray. Look down, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon Thy servants who wish to be numbered among the brethren of the Confraternity of Thy Most Holy Name, that praising and blessing Thy Name on earth, they may merit to praise and bless Thee in Heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

{If Ceremony is performed during Mass, the Prayers for a Plenary Indulgence are not prayed, the Holy Name Members return to their pews and the Mass resumes with the Prayers for the Faithful}

Spiritual Moderator: Let us pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

All: Our Father ... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father...

Spiritual Moderator: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

ALL: Now and for ever.

Spiritual Moderator: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

ALL: Who made heaven and earth.

Spiritual Moderator: May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

[Stand for the closing hymn Holy God We Praise Thy Name]

