



Holy Name Society Newsletter

Spreading Devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus

ST. JOSEPH - A MAN FOR ALL AGES

When Pope John XXIII added the name of Saint Joseph into the Roman Canon in 1962 (Eucharistic Prayer I) he was simply reflecting the teachings of the Doctors of the Church who have long considered Saint Joseph a very special person in the Divine plan of salvation. St. Joseph is considered the patron of so many persons, places, and vocations that it is no wonder that he occupies such a prominent place in everyday Catholic devotional life. He

was named patron of the Universal Church by Pius IX in 1870 and guardian of the Church in its battle with Communism in the 1930's by Pius XI. The institution of the Feast of Joseph the Worker on May 1st by Pius XII was promulgated to help the world meet the evil of the Communist challenge. When we consider the testimony of Sacred Scripture in the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke and the distinguished line-up of saints who encouraged the devo-

tion to Saint Joseph, such as Bernard of Clairvaux, Thomas Aquinas, Bernardine of Siena and Teresa of Avila for example, it is amazing that it was only in 1324 that Joseph was given a feast day. It is the constant faith of the Church and the devotion of centuries that have set aside Joseph as a very important figure in the economy of salvation.

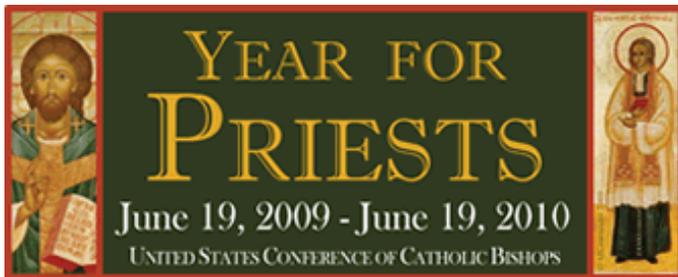
Sacred tradition honors St. Joseph as a "just man." Here the term "just man" means

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

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

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION - "YEAR FOR PRIESTS"



Pope Benedict XVI has declared a "Year for Priests" beginning with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. The year will conclude in Rome with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father on June 19, 2010. The Pope has declared St. John Vian-

ney the Universal Patron of Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Curé d'Arns to help commemorate this special year dedicated to the sanctity of priests.

Priests are the greatest benefactors of humanity because it is through them that Christ

continues to re-enact his unique sacrifice for the salvation of humankind. It is through them that he extends his forgiving hands and opens his heart full of Divine Mercy. Called to be the living monuments of Christ's love in the world today, priests spend their whole life, for God and His people. Priests need prayer support to live their priestly commitment and mission in today's challenging world.

Holy Name Society members individually and collectively in their parish, diocesan or

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not only honest, upright, and dutiful, but also faithful, obedient to God's will, pure, and true to his vocation as the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus.

Over the years some have tried to portray Joseph as an old man, thus providing some supposed credibility to the fact that Mary remained a virgin before, during and after the birth of Jesus.

However, it is pure hypothesis and altogether unnecessary to go to such lengths when it is entirely reasonable and compatible with the facts of He-

brew married life and family relationships, as we now better understand them, to simply accept the fact that Joseph, faced with fantastic challenges, resolved these by his faith in God and his love for the Blessed Virgin Mary.

When we meditate on the loving re-

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sponse of Joseph to the news that Mary was pregnant and the tremendous burdens that he bore in those early years of Jesus' life with Mary in Nazareth, we can readily see why

he is the patron of the family. St. Joseph is also an example of a happy and blessed life in the home, a good provider for the family, a champion of honest and honorable work and a comfort for the sick and dying. He is indeed a man for all ages and seasons.

Today in our world, every man, every husband, every father, needs an example, a role model and an advocate. They all need St. Joseph!

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SPIRITUAL ADOPTION - "YEAR FOR PRIESTS"

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archdiocesan Societies and or Unions are encouraged to spiritually adopt a priest.

Spiritual adoption consists in

offering up prayers and sacrifices for a specific

priest. The aim of this ministry is to strengthen the sanctity of priests. The Holy Name Society wants to let every Catholic priest know that someone has adopted him spiritually during this year of priests (June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010) declared by Pope Benedict XVI.

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The NAHNS is requesting that all parish Holy Name Societies Spiritually Adopt their parish priest or their Spiritual Advisor / Director. Adopting a priest spiritually is very sim-

ple. You can adopt a priest spiritually by offering up to God various spiritual deeds for the sanctification of a particular priest. Given below are a few examples.

- Praying the rosary.
- Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- Offering Masses for the intention of the priest.

- Eucharistic adoration.
- Offering up to Almighty God your little sacrifices, sufferings, privations of life, etc. for the sanctification of the priest whom you adopt.
- Fast, abstinence, penances, mortifications, etc. as reparation for the sins of the priest.
- Visiting holy places like Marian shrines, grottos, places of pilgrimage.

Remember, whatever you do, do it out of love for Christ and His priest. To learn more about this special "Year for Priests", visit the NAHNS website at:
NAHNS.com

ST. JOSEPH - A WISE AND LOYAL SERVANT

“No, St. Joseph is not the patron saint of aspirin,” I once had to tell a quick witted student, “he is the patron of a happy death, since he himself died in the arms of Jesus and Mary.” Of course no member of the Holy Name Society would have given his teacher that kind of an answer, right?

St. Joseph, the husband of Mary, the foster father of Jesus, and the patron of workers, is especially dear to those who love the Holy Name of Jesus, because it was to Joseph that the angel revealed that “Jesus” would be the Name of God’s Incarnate Son. In the dream of St. Joseph in Mat-

thew, 1:20-22, the angel urged Joseph not to be afraid and to accept Mary as his wife. Of her Child, the angel said to Joseph, “You shall name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Every year the Church honors St. Joseph, the foster father of Christ, on March 19th. This feast was kept in various places in Europe in the later Middle Ages, but devotion to St. Joseph began to gain popularity in the fifteenth century through the preaching of St.

“St. Joseph, husband of Mary, the foster father of Jesus ... is especially dear to those who love the Holy Name of Jesus.”

Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444) famed also for preaching devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

The Preface of the Solemnity of St. Joseph tells us that he is that just man, that wise and

loyal servant, whom God placed at the head of His family.

With a husband’s love, he cherished Mary, the virgin Mother of God. With fatherly care, he watched over Jesus Christ, conceived by power of the Holy Spirit.

The liturgy is careful to indi-

cate, as the Faith has always held, that St. Joseph was not the biological father of Christ whose true Father is God alone and whose mother is the Blessed Virgin Mary. In this careful phrasing of the glories of St. Joseph, the liturgical texts imply the virginal conception of the Savior, the great marvel of the Incarnation, and the privileged role of St. Joseph, witness of the wonder and guardian of the Virgin and her Child.

“The gospel accounts understand the virginal conception of Jesus as a divine work that surpasses all human understanding and possibility. ‘That

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39TH ANNUAL NAHNS NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies of Boston is hosting the 39th Annual National Holy Name Convention from October 8 through Sunday, October 11, 2009. The convention will be held at the Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA.

The theme for this year’s convention is: “Fruits of the Holy Name.” Advanced registration is requested. The registration fee will be \$400 per person, double occupancy. The registration fee includes all convention materials; the convention tour on Saturday; 8 meals (Thursday evening, 3 meals each on Friday and Saturday, and Sunday morning

breakfast); and lodging for three nights. For nonvoting delegates or spouses, there will be an additional \$25 fee if you wanted to participate in an optional tour on Friday.

For more information e-mail: jw13148@aol.com

This is an election year for the NAHNS and all positions on the Executive Board will be up for election. Mr. Mark D. Kennebeck has been appointed the Nomination Chairperson. Mark can be contacted at: mkennebeck@sbsglobal.net or at:

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Please submit your nominations and resolutions to these chairman as soon as possible.

Most Reverend John Anthony Dooher, Vicar General, South Regional Bishop, Archdiocese of Boston will be the celebrant for the special Mass for

the installation of officers on Saturday evening.

Registration forms and the complete agenda for the convention can be found on the NAHNS website at: NAHNS.com

Please send your completed reservations to:

**2009 NAHNS Convention
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Hanson, MA 02341**

All Officer and Committee Reports were due into the Office of Communications by Friday, September 11, 2009.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

Cleveland Diocesan Union HNS

A Blessed John of Vercelli Holy Hour was held on Monday, July 13th at St. Stanislaus Church. Lake-Geayga Deanery held its 37th Annual Awards Dinner on May 17th at the Kirtlander Party Center. Distinguished Service plaques were presented to Joe Morgan and Warre Wissman for their many years of service to the Deanery. Fr. Lou Pizmoht, Spiritual Director received the Clegyman of the Year Award.

The 107th Prayer Vigil in honor of Blessed John of Vercelli was hosted by St. Stanislaus parish on July 13th. Fr. Michael Surutka led the Holy Hour, which concluded with Benediction.

The 54th Annual Bishops Award Dinner is on November 1, 2009. Bishop Gies will be the keynote speaker.

The Cleveland DUHNS sponsored this year's Catholic Family Festival which was held on Sunday, August 9th. The Catholic Family Festival "FEST" is a special day committed to providing families a faith filled day of fun for the whole family. The festival featured many nationally known Christian musicians and opportunities for personal prayer, reflection, and the sacrament of Reconciliation. Thanks to sponsors like the Cleveland DUHNS the festival was free of charge.

The Southern District Deanery's 25th Awards dinner will

be held at St. Eugene's Parish on Sunday October 18, 2009. The Memorial Mass for Holy Name Society members will be held Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at Christ the King Church.

The Southern district Deanery is sponsoring the Traveling Rosary for World Peace the first Sunday of each month. This is the 15th consecutive year of the Traveling Rosary program.

Brooklyn Diocesan Union HNS

The Brooklyn Diocesan Union held its election for officers in June for the next two year term of office. Installation of officers will take place on Sept. 13, 2009 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Brooklyn after the 2 pm Benediction.

A delegation from the Brooklyn DUHNS will be attending the NAHNS National convention in Boston in October 2009.

Efforts are taking place to increase their membership this year with the re-organization of several parish Holy Name Societies.

On Sunday November 1, 2009 the third Annual Prayer service for the Canonization of Blessed John Cause will be held at Resurrection Church at 2331 Gerritsen Ave., Gerritsen Beach.

Chicago Association of the HNS

The 29th Annual Spiritual Assembly and Procession of Banners was held on Friday evening, June 12th at the Church of St. Constance. Fr. Frank Hoffman of Northridge Prep was the main celebrant of the mass. The newly acquired statue of Jesus was carried in procession by volunteers from several different parish Holy Name Societies. During the Mass, three men were sworn in as new officers of the C.A.H.N.S. for the 2009 to 2011 term. Spiritual Moderator, Fr. Michael Bowler led the ceremony. The Annual Deacon Ed Condon Man of the Year award for 2008 was presented to Manuel Moyado of Holy Cross/Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

September is membership drive month. Parish Holy Name Societies are encouraged to find creative ways to attract young men with young children to help the Society grow. There is an opening on the Board of Directors for a two-year term as Recording Secretary. Please contact President John Ortiz if interested.

Greensburg Diocesan HNU

The Greensburg Diocesan Holy Name Union is working on plans to hold a Diocesan wide Holy Name Society Conference on Sunday, November 15, 2009.

San Antonio Archdiocesan Union HNS

The Annual Memorial Day Mass was held on Sunday, May 24th at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Richard Pena, Spiritual Moderator, who is a Vietnam Veteran. Deacon Frank Matinez from Blessed Sacrament parish assisted. The August Holy Hour and Baby Needs Drive was held at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in San Antonio on August 23rd. The September Hour of Prayer will be held on September 27th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Seguin, Texas.

Buffalo Diocesan Union HNS

A special committee under the direction of John Redman, St. Gabriel Parish, is committed to re-building the Holy Name Society within the Diocese. The Annual Awards Dinner Banquet will be held at the Fr. Schaus Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall in Lancaster on October 16th. This event is held to honor individuals who have shown outstanding contribution to the Church, to the Community and to the Holy Name Society. Bishop Edward U. Kmeic, Bishop of Buffalo is the honored guest for this event.

The Holy Name Society of the Church of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Depew, New York holds a Nocturnal Adoration in honor of the Holy Name of Jesus the First Friday of each month

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

New Website Unveiled!

The National Association of the Holy Name Society (NAHNS) unveiled a completely new website on the Feast of the St. Joseph the Worker, May 1, 2009. The new site **NAHNS.com** replaces the existing site and contains updated information about the Holy Name Society and key information about the NAHNS.

The site was designed to provide information on the benefits, obligations and activities of the Holy Name Society and at the same time assist in the communication of timely information among members of the Holy Name Society.

It is now possible to read back issues of the NAHNS Newsletter on-line and to purchase a subscription to the NAHNS Newsletter on-line using a credit card. All transactions

are safe and secure.

The new site allows visitors to submit questions and comments directly to the NAHNS. Requests are streaming in at about one per week from members and prospective members. Questions are typically responded to in 12 hours or less.

If you have not yet visited the new website – please consider doing so today at: **NAHNS.com**

NAHNS to Host Online Auction - Proceeds to go to Spreading Devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus

The National Association of the Holy Name Society (NAHNS) announces it will be

hosting an online auction in October, 2009. Proceeds from the online auction will fund the creation of new communication, evangelization, and promotional materials. These items will enhance the organization's ability to implement its mission - spreading devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

To learn more about this opportunity to help promote the Holy Name of Jesus, visit the NAHNS website at **NAHNS.com** and click on "on-line auction." See details in this newsletter.

St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocesan Association HNS

Bishop John LeVoir of the diocese of New Ulm will be featured speaker October 6th

at 7pm for the first in a series of talks sponsored by the AAHNS of the St. Paul/Minneapolis archdiocese. The event is being hosted by the Church of St. Mary in downtown St. Paul.

The talk is entitled: *"On a Mission for Christ - Ways You Can Carry Out Your Baptismal Mission and Imitate Christ by Acting as Priests, Prophets, and Kings"* and will be followed by a Q&A session. The talk is free and open to the public.

The Annual Membership Assembly will be held on October 19th at the Church of St. Albert the Great in Minneapolis. A special Mass will immediately precede the Membership Assembly. Elections for the Archdiocesan Executive Board will be held during the Assembly.

**2009 NAHNS National Convention Registration - Thursday, October 8th - Sunday, October 11th
Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies of Boston**

Advanced Registration Requested: Please register early! Registration must be received on or before **September 15, 2009**. For more information e-mail: jw13148@aol.com

Registration is **\$400** per person, double occupancy. For non-voting delegates or spouses, there is an additional **\$25** fee if you want to participate in an optional tour on Friday. The registration fee for a single room is **\$500**.

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30th Annual Mass for the Canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli

On Sunday, November 22, 2009, The National Holy Name Society and the Pennsylvania Archdiocesan Holy Name Union will again sponsor the Annual Mass for the Cause for Canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli, O.P., Patron of the Holy Name Society. The host for this year's Mass is the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, located at the corner of Berks and Gaul Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. This will be the 30th year

of the celebration. The Sacrament of Confession will begin at 2:30 p.m. and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will commence at 3 p.m. Celebrant for the Mass will be Rev. Francis P. Groake, Pastor of the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus.

The Mass will be followed by veneration of the Relic of Blessed John of Vercelli and a visit to the Chapel located to the right of the altar. After the visit at the Chapel, a social hour and dinner will be pro-

vided in the lower level of the Holy Name of Jesus Church

This is a National Function sponsored by the National Association of the Holy Name Society. For additional information please contact:

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which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit,' said the angel to Joseph about Mary his fiancée. The Church sees here the fulfillment of the divine promise given through the prophet Isaiah: 'Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son.'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #497)

On March 25th, a week after St. Joseph's feast day, the Church

celebrates the Annunciation of the Lord and commemorates the marvel of the Incarnation, namely, that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. St. Joseph's role was to be the protector of Mary and the foster father of Christ.

In the mid-1900's, when the atheists of the Soviet Union glamorized work and labor in the extravagant celebration of May Day, May 1st, the Church countered with the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on the same date. The spirit of that

feast is summarized in the words of the Catechism, "By His obedience to Mary and Joseph, as well as by His humble work during the long years in Nazareth, Jesus gives us the example of holiness in the daily life of family and work" (CCC, #564).

Every May 1st, in the Opening Prayer of the Mass,

"Inspired by the example of St. Joseph, O Lord, may our lives manifest Your love; may we rejoice for ever in Your peace."

we pray: "O God our Father... with St. Joseph as our example and guide, help us to do the work You have asked and come to the rewards You have promised." Thus the example of St. Joseph reminds us that work is not an end in itself, that there is more to life than this passing world, and that by our toil we build not only the kingdom of this world but the Kingdom of God as well.

Not only do we labor to build the world and the Kingdom of

God here on earth, we also strive to prepare ourselves for eternal life. "The Church encourages us to prepare ourselves for the hour of our death. In the litany of the saints, for instance, she has us pray: 'From a sudden and unforeseen death, deliver us, O Lord;' to ask the Mother of God to intercede for us 'at the hour of our death' in the Hail Mary; and to entrust ourselves to St. Joseph, the patron of a happy death." (CCC, #1014)

As members of the Holy Name Society, we can find in St. Joseph a wonderful example of holiness. With all his friends throughout the world, let us pray in the words of the Communion Prayer of the memorial of St. Joseph the Worker: "Inspired by the example of St. Joseph, O Lord, may our lives manifest Your love; may we rejoice for ever in Your peace."

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PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

It is recommended that *The Peoples' Prayer for Priests* be recited throughout the Year (June 19, 2009 through June 19, 2010) for all Priests. All Holy Name Society members are encouraged to recite this prayer at all Holy Name Society sessions, assemblies and conferences.

Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your Priests and

through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your Priests to follow her own words,

"Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5)

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.

Amen



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