



# Holy Name Society Newsletter

*Spreading Devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus*

## A CRITICAL JUNCTURE

The first NAHNS convention to be held in the Southwest was held in Santa Fe, New Mexico from September 23-25. This year's convention presented a great opportunity to reach out to untapped resources in a region which is significantly Catholic and largely Hispanic.

Recently there has been a new emergence throughout the country of a movement which has significant support from some Bishops and pastors. This movement involving Catholic men and

women in standing up for and witnessing their faith in the public arena is promising and needed. Such things as the "Manhattan Declaration" provide a focus for this effort which Holy Name members could well adopt in order to help fulfill their Holy Name pledge. I urge members to look into this movement in your Dioceses.

The technological improvements in reaching out to present the Holy Name message and mission that have been introduced this past year can be an effective and

timely instrument to help us meet the challenges of bringing Jesus and a love of His person and Name to our brothers and sisters starving and thirsting for spiritual nourishment. Using the modern communications media can not only encourage the present members but inspire and attract potential members.

I want to report a new liaison for the Holy Name Society with the Dominican Order in the east and northeast (Saint Joseph Province) in

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## HOLY NAME SOCIETY - DEVELOPING VIRTUE

The Holy Name Society is a worldwide Catholic Confraternity founded to proclaim publicly that Jesus is the Lord and Savior. Its purpose is to provide opportunities that encourage members to strive for personal

holiness and ultimately their salvation. The Holy Name Society works to show all men and women, even with all of their imperfections,

they can still praise, serve and love Jesus and witness to His word and make real His presence in the parish community.

*"Being a member of the Holy Name Society helps all of us by broadening and increasing our understanding of our Catholic faith and beliefs."*

In our private lives, members of the Holy Name Society have reverence for His name using it properly in prayer and encouraging others to do likewise. In public we show our love and respect for our neighbors, just like Jesus taught us by

helping and serving others in their time of need. We practice both the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Belonging to the Holy Name Society develops a man or woman in many ways including growing in Christian grace and moral virtues. This is accomplished by strengthening his or her participation in the Eucharist and the beautiful sacrament of mercy – confession. Being a member of the Holy Name Society helps all of us

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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.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I wish to thank NAHNS 3rd Vice President Ron Schmitz and Region XIII Vice President Benny Bachicha for their efforts in planning this year's convention in Santa Fe, NM. The convention was a great opportunity to promote the Holy Name Society in the American southwest. For the first time in the 40 year history of our organization, we held our national convention in this region! Through the efforts of Region XIII Vice President Benny Bachicha, I was able to speak with some priests from the Santa Fe Deanery about the benefits of the Holy Name Society.

At this past convention our energies were devoted to complete a review of the NAHNS Constitution and Policy Manual. This effort will continue at the Spring Board meeting and will continue up to next year's where we will focus our time to transforming the NAHNS into a more viable organization for the 21st century. One of the goals for this year's convention was to lay the groundwork for a constitutional convention next year in Baltimore since some of the changes to the Policy Manual will require changes to our constitution.

The agenda for this year's convention was a little different from past conventions, with a goal of focusing the delegates

on the most important topics and issues rather than just reviewing reports and information. The Technology Advancement Committee developed an on-line reporting system for regional vice presidents, committee chairmen and diocesan leaders that made it easier for members to submit their reports. A summary of these reports is in this issue of the newsletter for you to review.

It was with deep regret that I informed the delegates that on August 4th, the NAHNS 2nd Vice President Jim Mannion announced his intent to resign from his position. Jim made this decision because of personal and health reasons. In accordance with the NAHNS Constitution, his resignation became effective 10 days later, on August 15th. We will all miss Jim and appreciate all of the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm he gave to the promotion of the Holy Name Society.

At the convention the following changes were approved by the delegates: Ron Schmitz was elected 2nd Vice President; Pete Carbone was elected 3rd Vice President and Ronnie Rome was elected to the Recording Secretary's position.

This past summer, I was contacted by the History Channel.

They were preparing to do a documentary about the History of Profanity. They wanted to look at all perspectives of the subject and were looking for a representative of the Holy Name Society to talk about our philosophy on profanity, since members pledge ourselves against the use profanity and obscene speech. They sent a film crew from New York City to Santa Fe to interview John Bradley and to conduct a video documentary of the NAHNS delegates in action. Look for the airing of this documentary to be early 2011.

Finally, I would like to inform the membership that, on [March 1, 2011](#), I will be retiring. After more than 40 years in the construction industry and 50 plus years in the workforce, I am looking forward to a new lifestyle. This will afford me the time to be more effective in fulfilling my responsibilities as your President. However, I want to remind you that I am always available to any member of our organization. Please do not hesitate to contact me via US mail, email or phone at any time, with any concerns or comments. I will strive to answer all inquiries in a timely manner.

Yours in His Holy Name,

*Joseph W. Lapointe*  
President NAHNS

## NAHNS ANNOUNCES E-NEWS

Members of the National Association of the Holy Name Society can now sign-up to receive activity updates from the National Association. All that is required to receive these automatic updates is an active e-mail address and a connection to the internet. Once subscribed to the new service members will receive periodic updates from National on selected topics chosen by the member.

The communications will be delivered directly to the members' e-mail addresses.

"We are very excited to bring this new technology to members of the Holy Name Soci-

ety," said Bill Rysavy, member of the Technology Advancement Committee and technology lead in enabling this technology for use within the Holy Name Society. "Communications between

Pope Paul VI said the Church "would feel guilty before the Lord" if it failed to use the media for evangelization. The Church sees these media as 'gifts of God' which, in accordance with his providential design, unite men in brotherhood and so help them to cooperate with his plan for their salvation". This remains our view, and it is the view we take of the Internet.

*Pontifical Council for Social Communications - The Church and the Internet*

*February 22, 2002; Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*

the National organization and (Arch)Diocesan Unions, Parish Holy Name Societies, individual members, and potential new members is vital for the continued growth this special organization. We are follow-

ing the advice of the Catholic Church to use the new media available through the internet to help build the kingdom of God here on earth."

To subscribe to the new service, visit the NAHNS Website (nahns.com) and follow the e-news links on the home page. A simple form will pop-out for you to select the areas of communication you want to receive, add your e-mail address and hit the submit button—that's all that is required.

"Your privacy is very important to the Holy Name Society. We will not rent, sell, trade or give your name or any personal information. At

any time, you can select the link at the bottom of every e-mail message to unsubscribe or to receive less or more information. We take the privacy of our members extremely seriously and many safeguards have been put in place to prevent personal information from being used without permission." said Mike Gores, Technology Advancement Committee Chairman.

This e-news system is designed to improve the communications between the Executive Board, Committee members, (Arch)Diocesan Unions, parish Holy Name Societies, individual members, potential members and the general public. In the near future the NAHNS may offer the official newsletter of the NAHNS in an electronic format.

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by broadening and increasing our understanding of our Catholic faith and beliefs. It also teaches us the importance of supporting, assisting and serving our pastors and our parish community. Membership in the Holy Name Society devel-

ops the person of God in the important areas of moral decency, virtues, education, loyalty and service to others.

In order to bring others into this special Confraternity we need to do as Jesus taught us – with personal invitation and personal example. Jesus never stopped doing what his Father wanted.

*"Each of us have an obligation to work within our parish and diocesan Holy Name Societies to provide programs and activities that encourage all to come and pray with us."*

Jesus worked right up to His last breath by forgiving us for our weaknesses and shortcomings. To this day, Jesus is still working within us, trying to get us to just hang in there, be patient, have faith and never give up or give in.

Each of us have an obligation to work within our parish and diocesan Holy Name Societies to provide programs and activities that encourage all to come and pray with us. As we attract new members,

through our spiritual activities and personal example, it is my belief that God will touch their hearts and they too will desire to share in our special devotion to the Holy and Sacred Name of Jesus. They too will desire to become active in our apostolic works within our parish and community.

*Raymond W. Zientara  
Director of the Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies  
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## HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

### Baltimore Archdiocesan Union HNS

Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Holy Name Society was held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Five years ago the Baltimore Archdiocesan Union was the first organization to hold an event at the newly renovated Basilica. The event was organized by Fr. Michael Carrion, Spiritual Director of the Baltimore Archdiocesan HNU and Deacon Henry Siarkowski.

Fr. Carrion, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Baynesville, sang the national anthem on August 6<sup>th</sup> at Camden Yards. It was the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Name Night at the ballpark. The Baltimore Archdiocesan Union purchases a block of tickets to an Orioles game each year as part of a fund raiser to provide grants for students attending Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese.

Preparations have begun for hosting the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual NAHNS National Convention. This will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Baltimore Archdiocesan Union. The goal is to provide a meaningful and enjoyable time for Holy Name Society members from all over the country as well as for local members. The Convention will be held at the Tremont Hotel from September 21<sup>st</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### St. Catharine's Diocesan Union HNS

Nights of reflection are held every other month at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario with Mass, a spiritual talk, and general discussion. Although sponsored by the Holy Name Society, the evening is also open to non-members. The St. Catharine's Diocese Annual Holy Name Convention was hosted this year by the men of Immaculate Conception parish and the theme was "*Life after Death, Saved by Hope.*" Pope Benedict's encyclical, *Spe Salvi (In Hope We Are Saved)*, will be highlighted in the presentation.

This year's annual retreat was held the last weekend of October in Derby, NY, with men from both the Diocese of St. Catharine's and the Diocese of Buffalo attending.

March 7<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of The Scapular parish in Niagara Falls hosted the Annual International Communion Breakfast for Holy Name members and families.

Holy Name members in the Diocese of St. Catharine's continue to support student bursaries, parish ministries, parish and diocesan financial support, Development and Peace, and the St. Vincent De Paul Society. It continues to have the exceptional support and guidance of Spiritual Director Father Peter Rowe, who inspires each meeting with a message of deep faith and hope.

### Holy Family Church, Latrobe, PA HNS

The Holy Name Society of Holy Family Church, Latrobe, turned 100 years old Sept. 25, 2010. The Parish community was formed in 1910 following a visit by Carmelite Father Phillip Best, who was conducting a mission at the church. He instigated the movement. Through the outreach of HNS members, the Society grew to as many as 600 active members. In Sept., 1924, the Society embarked on a trip to Washington, D.C. where the President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, reviewed the HNS members as they marched on parade up Pennsylvania Ave.

Fifty years ago, Bishop William G. Connare, congratulated the organization by commenting, "It is with genuine delight that I join with the members of the Holy Name Society of Holy Family Parish in commemorating their golden years of service to the Church in Latrobe. Uppermost in our thoughts today is our gratitude to God for the privilege of serving Him through the activities of the Society over these intervening years."

The official newsletter of the Holy Name Society of the Church of the Holy Family in Latrobe, PA under editor Paul J. Volkmann ([peevee73@verizon.net](mailto:peevee73@verizon.net)) is issued monthly and highlighting the history of the parish Society over the past century.

### New Dominican Promoter of the Holy Name Society - Province of St. Joseph (Eastern US)

Fr. Bruno Shah, O.P. has been appointed to replace Fr. Alcott as the new Dominican Promoter of the Holy Name Society for the Province of St. Joseph. Fr. Bruno, ordained to the priesthood in May of 2009, has been recently assigned as parochial vicar at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish in New York City, which is also the headquarters of our Province of St. Joseph.

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### (Arch)Diocesan Members

The following (Arch)Diocesan Unions are active members in the National Association of the Holy Name Society: Brooklyn, Allentown, Philadelphia, Baton Rouge, Pittsburgh, New York, Galveston-Houston, Boston, Buffalo, Milwaukee, San Antonio, St. Catharine, Ontario, Canada, Chicago, Metuchen, Baltimore, Rockville Center, St. Paul/Minneapolis, Greensburg and Los Angeles.

# HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

## Canonization Cause of Blessed John of Vercelli

Tuesday, November 30, 2010 marked the 727th Anniversary of the death of Blessed John of Vercelli, patron of the Holy Name Society. His Feast Day is December 1st. The 31st Annual Mass for his canonization was celebrated on Sunday, November 21, 2010 at the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, in Philadelphia, PA. This year's celebration was sponsored by the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Holy Name Union and the National Association of the Holy Name Society.

## Honolulu Hawaii Diocesan Union HNS

Mr. Albert C. Souza 102 years young died September 9, 2010 in Kailua, Hawaii. Albert was the oldest member of Saint Patrick's Holy Name Unit, and the oldest member of the Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies of Honolulu Hawaii. He was a Charter Member of the organization dating back to August 4, 1927. In 2003 The Catholic Charities of Hawaii recognized him as The Island Treasure of Hawaii. The members of the Holy Name Society were Honorary Pallbearers.

## San Antonio Archdiocesan Union HNS

An hour of prayer was held on November 21 in honor of the Feast of Christ the King at the Church of St. Gabriel in San Antonio.

A special memorial Mass for deceased members of the Holy Name Society was held on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Church of St. Gregory the Great in San Antonio, TX.

The Annual AUHNS Awards banquet was held on October 23 at Fort Sam Houston Golf Club.

## Archdiocese of Manila, Philippines HNS

Ferdie Seidel is the Diocesan President of the Holy Name Society in the Archdiocese of Manila in the Philippines. The Spiritual director is Fr. Frank Beltran O.P, parish priest of University of Santo Tomas, Manila.

Fifteen parishes belong to the Union and efforts continue to promote the Holy Name Society to other churches that belong to the diocese territory.

# NAHNS PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES

The Technology Advancement initiative of the NAHNS Communications Office put in place an e-reporting system to collect vital information from Region Vice Presidents and (Arch) Diocesan Union Leaders. The results of the information collected are provided in the

charts below.

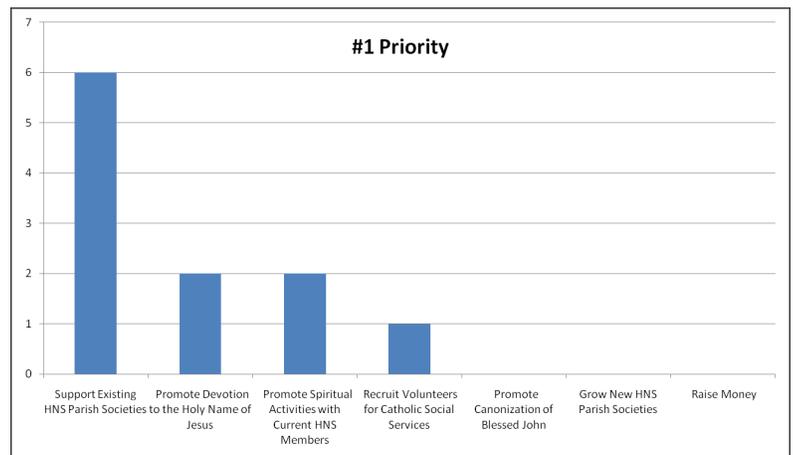
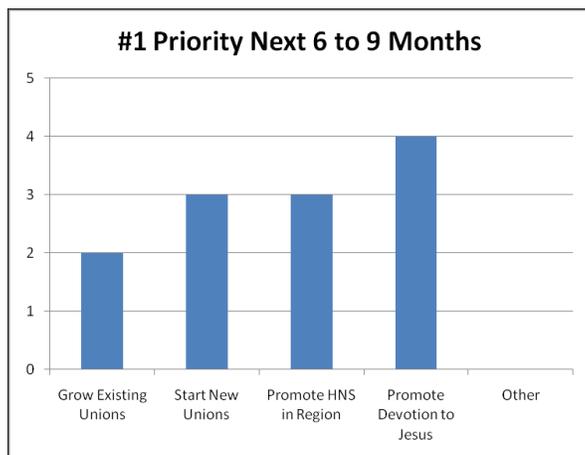
The chart below shows how many Region VP's indicated each particular activity was their #1 priority. For example, four of the Region VP's indicated that promoting devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus is their number one priority

in the region over the next six to nine months.

(Arch)Diocesan Union leaders were also polled to determine what they thought was their highest priority activity over the short term – next 6 to 9 months. As the chart below indicates, supporting existing

Parish Holy Name Societies is the number one priority for the Unions. The next highest priority activity of the (Arch) Diocesan Unions is establishing new parish Holy Name Societies in parishes that currently do not have an active Society.

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## HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

### NAHNS Investigating New On-Line Store

Over the past several years a significant number of members have requested the opportunity to purchase Holy Name Society Supplies over the web using a secure credit card payment system.

The advantages of the on-line store would be to provide clear color images of the merchandise, provide accurate and timely price and shipping information, and to provide faster turnaround times from order to receipt of merchandise. The Executive Board of

the NAHNS has been working with the Technology Advancement Committee to determine the best alternatives for the organization. One of the options is to partner with a Catholic Religious Supply Store to provide this service. This would have the advantage of offering lowest cost implementation and the fastest time to implementation.

This matter will be discussed in full detail at the Spring Board Meeting.

### 41st Annual National Convention - Baltimore, Maryland

The 41st Annual National Convention of the NAHNS will be held in Baltimore, Maryland from September 22nd through September 25th, 2011.

This convention will be a Constitutional Convention - meaning delegates will be asked to ratify a new Constitution - setting the future direction of the Holy Name Society. Additionally, the host city and Archdiocese of Baltimore have much to offer

in natural beauty, attractions, shops, restaurants, and religious locations and activities.

More information will be forthcoming in the coming months. Updates will be made available via e-mail, the national website and this newsletter.



## NEW NAHNS COMMITTEE ON LIFE, MARRIAGE, FAMILY, YOUTH

The delegates to the National Convention held in September in Santa Fe, NM voted to form a new national committee - Life Marriage Family Youth. This new committee will work to promote a culture of life, protect the sanctity of marriage, foster healthy families, and educate and enrich youth. This organizational change focuses efforts on important life and family initiatives while helping to align Holy Name Society members to the initiatives of Catholic bishops around the world.

"The Holy Name Society has an 800 year history of working to promote life, marriage, purity, families, and social justice" said Joe Lapointe, NAHNS president. "The for-

mation of this committee strengthens and focuses the activities within our national organization. Our efforts in the areas of life, marriage, family and youth will be aligned with the ongoing efforts of Catholic bishops and their (Arch)diocesan offices. We can all work together

more effectively to build God's kingdom here on earth."

The Catholic social teaching regarding the dignity of each human remains at the core of this initiative. The central belief is that each person is

uniquely holy and worthy of respect regardless of personal characteristics or circumstances. The unborn, the poor, the disabled, the homeless, the elderly, the ill and injured, the imprisoned, and those on the fringes of any society are equally precious in the eyes of God and are worthy

*"The unborn, the poor, the disabled, the homeless, the elderly, the ill and injured, the imprisoned, and those on the fringes of any society are equally precious in the eyes of God and are worthy of dignity and respect."*

of dignity and respect. The Holy Name Society, through the efforts of the Life Marriage Family Youth committee, works to enrich and protect the dignity of each person as an individual and also within the family as God has

established.

"We are excited to bring focus to the Holy Name Society Life Marriage Family Youth activities," said Rich Kehoe, chairman of the new NAHNS committee. "We will work hard to inform and educate people on the beauty and integrity of Catholic teachings in these areas while we develop and lead specific actions and plans for Holy Name Society members across the country and around the world."

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the person of Father Bruno Shah O.P. recently ordained and in residence at Saint Vincent Ferrer Priory working in the parish there. We also have a new Master of the Order, the Most Reverend Bruno Cadore O. P. just completing his term as Provincial of the Province of France, a medical doctor before he joined the Dominicans, and an expert in bioethics. I have written to him to elicit his support for the Holy Name Apostolate as we received from his predecessor, Fr. Carlos Aspiroz-Costa.

In 2016 the Dominican Order in France will mark the 800th anniversary of its birth and we have been asked to encourage all to pray the Rosary in these years preparing for that anniversary. It is significant that the Dominican Order has been entrusted to two great, powerhouses of prayer: the Confraternity of the Holy Name and the Rosary. I am urging our Holy Name members to use the spiritual resources of the

Rosary and the Holy Name activities that have provided so many benefits to building up the Faith in these years.

As Dominican Promoter of the Holy Name here in our ten Western States, I am overwhelmed by the task of getting the Holy Name Society re-established, and reinvigorated. To do this we need much prayer, the cooperation of Bishops and pastors, the energy and initiative of dedicated Holy Name men and women who will carry the torch. Our Western States are comparatively young and new and they can benefit very much from the example of the Holy Name men and women of previous generations and particularly the Dominicans of Saint Joseph Province. The forces of darkness and evil are hard at work to draw souls away from God and leave them ignorant of Jesus and His love for all. It has been said that all the forces of evil need to do to accomplish their malign

purposes is for enough good people to do nothing. We can, by the grace of God, do much to bring Jesus into the lives of those who do not know Him. If we ask Him in prayer and cooperate with Him in action, the Holy Name Societies can flourish.

The Holy Name apostolate is at a critical juncture. I am praying that with the infusion of new energy coming from our convention in Santa Fe we can be the instruments of God's mercy and love. With the stirrings of great promise in the West as we have seen in Nevada, and the influx of young and vigorous leadership throughout the country we can accomplish the same kind of results that fulfilled the request made by Pope Gregory to Blessed John of Vercelli for the honor praise and glory of the Holy Name of God!

*Fr. Thomas Hayes O.P.  
Spiritual Moderator  
National Association of the Holy Name Society*

## FAVORITE HYMN HONORING JESUS?

A survey was conducted to ascertain what people thought were the most favorite hymns honoring Jesus. Both Catholics and Protestants were polled. The number one hymn of the Roman Catholic faith was, "How Great Thou Art." The most favored song by those of the Protestant faith was, "Rock of Ages." One woman, a Protestant, remarked, "I know 150

songs honoring Jesus and sing any number of them on my way to work." As with this middle-aged woman, I too have numerous favorite hymns honoring Jesus. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "He" and "In the Garden," are three of the many songs I love to sing. What is your favorite song and how often do you sing them? Our mission as members of the

Holy Name Society is to group together, and let others know, through our actions, activities and character, that we are dedicated to honoring His Holy Name. Let's make this coming year one of action, showing others that we are Catholics of devotion.

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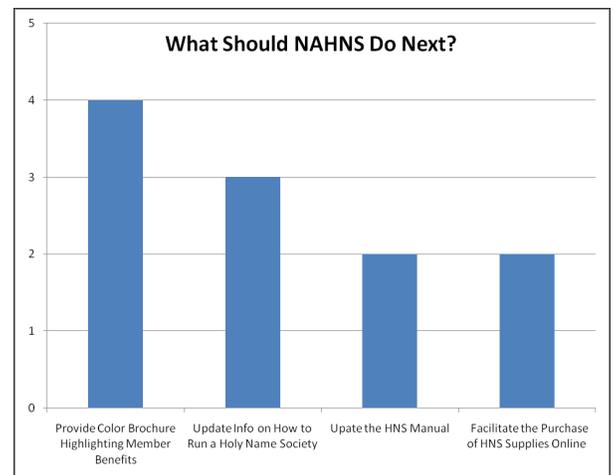
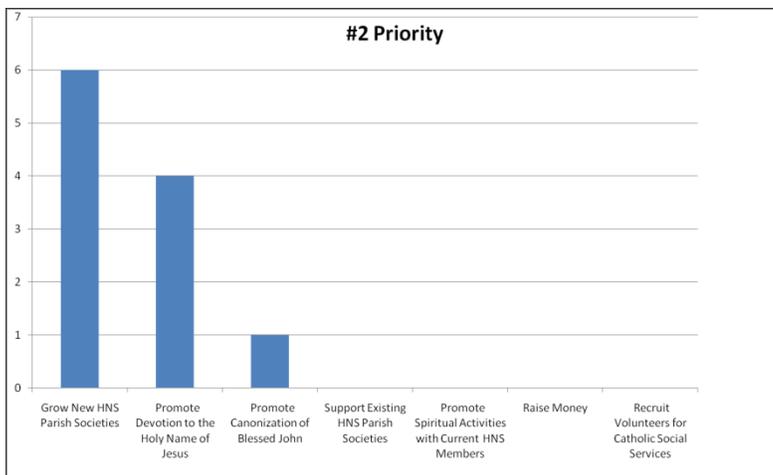
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The Regional Vice Presidents and the (Arch)Diocesan Union leaders were asked to prioritize what activities or initiatives they needed from the national organization. The tables above and on page 5

show the results of this survey.

The highest ranked item requested was the development of a new tri-fold brochure that could be used to help market the Holy Name Society within parishes to potential mem-

bers. The second highest priority issue was to update information on how to properly, effectively and efficiently run a parish Holy Name Society.

The NAHNS has completed

the design of a new brochure and is in the process of getting quotes for printing the brochures and determining the best and most efficient method of making these and similar materials available to members.