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A Prayer for our Nation as we Prepare to Elect our Leaders

from www.priestsforlife.org

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord,
 Not only of individuals, but of nations and governments.
 We thank you for the privilege
 Of being able to organize ourselves politically
 And of knowing that political loyalty
 Does not have to mean disloyalty to you.
 We thank you for your law,
 Which our Founding Fathers acknowledged
 And recognized as higher than any human law.
 We thank you for the opportunity that this election year
 puts before us,
 To exercise our solemn duty not only to vote,
 But to influence countless others to vote,
 And to vote correctly.
 Lord, we pray that your people may be awakened.
 Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation,
 Their response to you requires that they be politically
 active.
 Awaken your people to know that they are not called to
 be a sect fleeing the world
 But rather a community of faith renewing the world.
 Awaken them that the same hands lifted up to you in
 prayer
 Are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth;
 That the same eyes that read your Word
 Are the eyes that read the names on the ballot,
 And that they do not cease to be Christians
 When they enter the voting booth.
 Awaken your people to a commitment to justice
 To the sanctity of marriage and the family,
 To the dignity of each individual human life,

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Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

On January 3 the Church celebrates the optional memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Before the reform of the Roman Calendar this feast was celebrated on January 2. In the liturgical revisions of Vatican II, the feast was deleted in 1970 when the new liturgical calendar went into effect. It was deleted at least in part due to the fact that in the United States the Epiphany was transferred to this Sunday from its fixed date of January 6. Throughout this time a votive Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus had been retained for devotional use - especially by the Dominican and the Franciscan Orders

Pope John Paul II created a new Holy Name of Jesus feast in 2002, to be observed on January 3, bearing the official status of an "optional memorial". The feast was formally restored to the liturgical calendar as an optional memorial with the release of the revised Roman Missal in March 2002.

In addition, the second Sunday of each month is designated in the Roman Catholic calendar as a "Holy Name Sunday", and has its own special Mass, which may be substituted for the regular one that would otherwise be solemnized on that Sunday (except if a major observance such as Easter falls on that day). This is similar to the Catholic devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which by tradition is practiced on the first Friday of each month, which has its own special Mass (the same Mass as the one used annually on the Feast of the Sacred Heart).

The Feast of the Holy Name is an obligatory memorial for professed members of the Holy Name Society - all professed members are required to attend Mass on this day or pray the Liturgy of the Hours for the Holy Name, or recite the Litany to the most Holy Name of Jesus or make another special devotion to the Holy Name on January 3rd.

An Inspirational Message For Fall

A Brighter World through a Better You!

"Most of us spend the first six days of each week sowing wild oats; then we go to church on Sunday and pray for a crop failure" – Fred Allen, American Comedian 1894-1956.

Let's celebrate fall by reflecting on the harvest. Fall is a great season to take stock of the inner seeds destined to become the spring crop.

"A man's mind may be likened to a garden, which may be intelligently cultivated or allowed to run wild; but whether cultivated or neglected, it must and will, bring forth. If no useful seeds are put into it, then an abundance of useless weed seeds will fall into it, and will continue to produce their worthless kind.

"Just as a gardener cultivates his plot, keeping it free from weeds and growing the flowers and fruits which he requires, so may a man tend the garden of his mind, weeding out all the wrong, useless, and impure thoughts, and cultivating toward perfection the flowers and fruits of right, useful, and pure thoughts." James Allen, As a Man thinketh.

Prayer: Lord, help me to sow Holy seeds, inside and out.

From info@christopherleadership.com ■

Some Holy Names of Jesus

Immanuel (Mt. 1:23)

Last Adam (1 Cor. 15:45)

Capstone (Acts 4:11; 1 Pet. 2:7)

Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Rev. 5:5)

The One Mediator (1 Tim. 2:5)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OFFICERS BOARD MEETING

PLACE STS. PETER & PAUL
3745 S PAULINA AVE CHICAGO
TIME 7:30PM
Wednesday November 12th 2008

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH
3929 N WEHRMAN AVE SCHILLER PARK
TIME 9:00AM
Saturday November 15th 2008

SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY BOARD MEETING

PLACE ST. CONSTANCE PARISH/BOROWCZYK HALL
NEXT TO CHURCH ON 5800 W. AINSLIE AVE CHICAGO
TIME 7:30PM
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18TH 2008

2008 CAHNS ANNUAL HOLY HOUR

PLACE HOLY CROSS/IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
4541 S. WOOD ST. CHICAGO
TIME 7PM
MONDAY DECEMBER 1ST 2008

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Bowling at IC

Holy Name Societies from the northwest side have participated in bowling events at Immaculate Conception's (Talcott Ave/Chicago) bowling alley. Groups from visiting Holy Name Societies have been to IC to have friendly competition and fellowship. Some Holy Name Societies that have played there in recent years are: St. Tars, Queen of Angels, St. Bart's and OLV. They have been a lot of fun and well attended. The Immaculate Conception Holy Name Society is a member of our association and is very active in their parish.

The next gathering is on Saturday Nov 8th at 7pm. The cost is around \$20 per person. This covers bowling, food and tip for the pin setter. Since spots are limited, contact Don Johnson @ 773-267-4910 to make a reservation.

CAHNS would like to know about other parishes with bowling alleys. We will encourage our brother Holy Name Societies to organize an evening of fun and fellowship. It's wonderful to know that we can support events like this that build up our relationships in our neighborhoods and the archdiocese.▪

And to the truth that human rights begin when human lives begin,
And not one moment later.
Lord, we rejoice today
That we are citizens of your kingdom.
May that make us all the more committed
To being faithful citizens on earth.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ▪



Faithful Citizenship

Thinking About Priesthood?

*"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
'Make straight the way of the Lord'" (Jn 1:23)*

If you would like to explore the possibility of discerning the priesthood in the seminary, join us for an **Exploring Priesthood Weekend**, a retreat experience designed to help men discover if God may be calling them to the priesthood. College-age and older men are invited to join us the weekend of January 16-18, 2009. For more information contact: Fr. Joe Noonan at (312) 751-8298 or jnoonan@archchicago.org. Please visit www.ChicagoPriest.com for more details.▪

Blessed John of Vercelli Update

Sunday, September 7, 2008 four members of the BJV Executive Committee met with the President of a Holy Name society in North Jersey and his testimonial was taken on tape. This is the **fourth Strong Favor** that has been reported to the chairman. This man was diagnosed with psoriatic arthritis in 2006 and could not go up and down the steps nor walk. After stopping all medication and only praying to Blessed John of Vercelli he is now out there running with no pain. A write up on him has been sent to the Editor of the national News Letter for all to read.

Two other strong favors are now in the process of being investigated and more should be coming out by the end of this year.

Yours in His Holy name.

T. Paul Di Vito, National Chairman

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Blessed John of Vercelli Prayer

God our Father, You raised Blessed John of Vercelli to leadership in Your church and made him an apostle of the Holy Name of Jesus, Your divine Son. We ask of you, through the intercession of Blessed John, a renewal of devotion to Your son among ourselves and our fellow men. May all men come to know, to love and to reverence the most Holy Name of Jesus -- "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" Amen!

HELP WANTED:

Please submit your article ideas and news to the attention of John Ortiz via e-mail. Reach him at johneortiz@sbcglobal.net

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