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FALL 2010

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## The 100 Dollar Bill



A well known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$100 bill in a room of 200 people, and asked, "Who would like this \$100 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$100 bill to one of you, but first let me do this...." He proceeded to crumple the \$100 up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. "Well".....he replied, "What if I do this?".....and he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" he asked. Hands still shot up! "My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it...because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$100." Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt, by the decisions we make, and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you never lose your value! Dirty....clean.....crumpled....or finely creased..... you are still priceless to those who love you. ....continued on page 3

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### Perjury, Blasphemy, Profanity and Obscene Speech

*Taken from The Holy Name Pledge-Its Meaning*  
published by the National Association of the Holy Name Society

#### **I pledge myself against perjury, blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech.**

PERJURY is the crime of taking a false oath. Now an oath is the solemn calling upon God to witness the truth of what we say or promise. A false oath, therefore, contains a twofold malice. It is a lie, and it is a calling upon God to bear witness that something is true which we know to be false. Deliberate perjury is always a grievous sin, and certainly this mockery of God can find no place in a member of the Holy Name Society.

BLASPHEMY is a sin of the tongue, the speaking of a direct and deliberate insult against God. Of course, it is unthinkable that a member of the Holy Name Society, one who has proper reverence for the name of God and the Holy Name of Jesus, should be guilty of this horrible abuse.

PROFANITY is irreverence or disrespect towards God or sacred things, whether in speech or in conduct. Again, it is unthinkable that a member of the Holy Name Society could so far forget himself and his duties as a Christian gentleman as to be guilty of this terrible and degrading vice.

OBSCENE SPEECH is any conversation which deals with things that are unclean, immoral, impure and indecent. It is a foul and disgraceful abuse of the God-given gift of speech. How could any tongue which pronounces the Holy Name of Jesus, on which rests the Sacred Body of Christ in Holy Communion, so defile itself as to indulge in language that is filthy and impure?

From all this it should be clear that there is little danger that any member of the Holy Name Society will be guilty of Perjury, Blasphemy, Profanity or Obscene Speech. Why, then, do we include this as part of our Holy Name Pledge? We include it because we must not only abstain from such things ourselves, but we must fight actively

against them in others. Unfortunately the sanctity of an oath too often is disregarded; habits of profanity and blasphemy are found everywhere, they are wide-spread and deep-rooted even among Catholics; and obscene speech seems to be the only speech of which many people are capable.

The reverence we owe to the Name of God demands that we use every effort to wipe out these abuses. We protest and fight against dirty and unsanitary conditions in places where we live and eat and work; we avoid as much as possible people who suffer from dangerous diseases because we are afraid of contamination. Equally great should be our fear of spiritual contamination in any tainted atmosphere where blasphemy and profanity or filthy and obscene speech are to be found. But there is another and a higher motive than this motive of self-preservation. When things that we love and reverence, things that are dear and sacred to us, as for instance, the honor of a parent or the good name of a sister, are insulted or held up to ridicule, our anger rises up and we are willing to do almost anything to wipe out the insult. How, then, can we stand by unmoved when the name of God or His Blessed Mother, the Holy Name of Jesus or anything that is held sacred in our Holy Religion is insulted, reviled and ridiculed? Can we stand by unmoved while dirt and immorality are implanted in the hearts of the innocent, while sin is glorified, while Christian morals and decent living are looked upon as old-fashioned and completely out of date? Certainly we should be most unworthy members of the Holy Name Society if we did not take an active part in the crusade against these insults to God, to Religion and to Morality.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**OFFICERS BOARD MEETING**

PLACE OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH  
5240 W AGATITE AVE., CHICAGO 60630  
TIME 7:30PM  
Wednesday OCTOBER 27TH 2010

**SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

PLACE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
7211 W TALCOTT AVE, CHICAGO 60639  
BOWLING ALLEY  
TIME 7:30PM  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9TH 2010

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

PLACE ST. GENEVIEVE PARISH  
4835 W ALTGELD ST, CHICAGO 60639  
TIME 9:00AM  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20TH 2010

**ANNUAL HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION**

Date: Wednesday December 1st, 2010  
Time: 7:00pm  
Location: St. Dorothy Church  
450 E 78th St., Chicago IL 60619  
Phone: 773-651-7000

**CHICAGO CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

PLACE OAK BROOK MARRIOTT  
1401 W 22ND STREET  
OAK BROOK, IL 60523  
SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY MARCH 19TH, 2011  
MORE INFO: [WWW.CATHOLICMENOFCHICAGO.ORG](http://WWW.CATHOLICMENOFCHICAGO.ORG)  
OR 1-312-534-5288 OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION

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The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE.  
You are special....don't ever forget it.  
Count your blessings.....NOT your problems.  
Author Unknown

**ROMANS 8:38-39**

*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, <sup>2</sup> nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, <sup>10</sup> nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Advent Morning of Recollection for Men**

***“Catholic Men: Today’s Challenges & Our Response”***

**Special Guest Speaker**

**Fr. Frank “Rocky” Hoffman**

Executive Director of Relevant Radio, 950AM & Co-Host of radio show “Fathers Know Best”

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:00AM followed by Fr. Rocky’s dynamic talk, Eucharistic Adoration, & the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Penance. The morning will conclude with lunch at 11:30

**Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00AM - 12Noon**  
*St. Constance Parish, 5843 W. Ainslie Ave., Chicago, IL 60630*

**\*\*Pre-registration is necessary. Call Rich by Dec. 10 @ 773-545-2491.\*\***

***You won’t want to miss this opportunity!***

Sponsored by the Chicago Association of Holy Name Societies, the Knights of Columbus Tonti & Mater Christi Councils, and the Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Association

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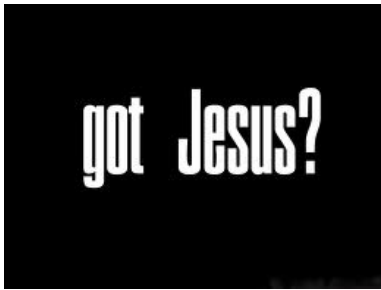
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**The Golden Arrow**

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."*



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**GIVE US YOUR HOLY NAME NEWS**

**If you have an article or news to share about your Holy Name Society, please e-mail it to [johnortiz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnortiz@sbcglobal.net). You can mail it to me at John E. Ortiz, 34 Conti Parkway #2, Elmwood Park IL 60707.**

**SPREAD OUR GOOD NEWS**

We need your assistance in spreading the good news about the Holy Name Society in Chicago. Please make copies of this newsletter and share this with your membership.

*Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever; and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow.  
St. Augustine*

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**THE CHICAGO ASSOCIATION  
OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION**



**ALL HOLY NAME SOCIETIES ,FAMILIES AND FRIENDS  
ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL CITY-WIDE  
HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION.  
OUR PRAYER INTENTION IS FOR THE CAUSE FOR THE  
CANONIZATION OF BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI,  
THE FOUNDER OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
(OLDEST CONFRATERNITY FOUNDED 1274).**

**THE DATE WILL BE WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> (HIS FEAST DAY).**

**THE TIME WILL BE 7PM.**

**IT WILL BE HELD AT ST. DOROTHY CHURCH,  
450 E 78<sup>TH</sup> ST, CHICAGO 60619,  
773-651-7000**

**FELLOWSHIP AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS  
WILL BE PROVIDED AFTERWARD  
HOSTED BY THE ST DOROTHY HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

**BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI, PRAY FOR US!**

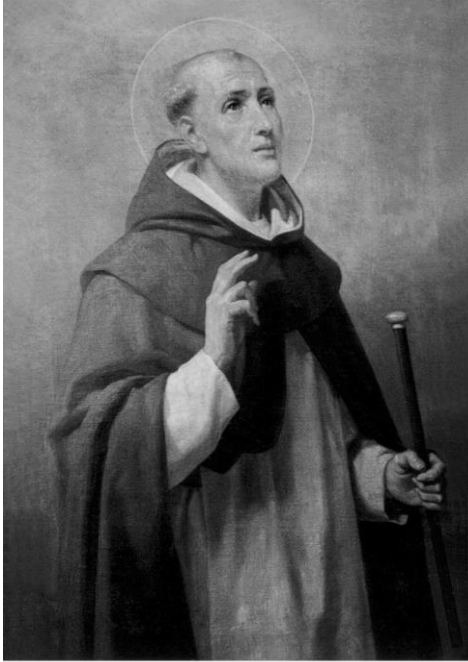
**HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME!**

**IS YOUR PARISH INTERESTED IN JOINING C.A.H.N.S. (CHICAGO ASSOCIATION OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY)?**

**CONTACT JOHN ORTIZ, PRESIDENT @ 708-695-9375 OR [johneortiz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johneortiz@sbcglobal.net) for information.**



**WEBSITE:www.chicagoholyname.org**



**Blessed John of Vercelli** was 5'8" tall. he had a pointed chin, blue eyes - standard Northern Italian features. Although he was lame, walking with a limp on his right side, he walked barefoot. He used a walking stick everywhere he went (it was his symbol). He took a vow not to ride any kind of transportation. If you laid every mile, end to end, that he walked during the last nine years of his life, he walked around Europe three times!

Bl. John entered the Order of Preachers in the 1230. He was the sixth Master General of the order. The preaching from Bl. Jordon of Saxony led him to the order and John received the habit from him. He studied in Bologna and was ordained there in 1229, becoming a noted preacher. In 1232 he established a priory in Vercelli.

He had a great gift of peace-making and was sent to reconcile various conflicts in his day, such as conflicts between Venice & Genoa and France & Castile. This was a very difficult period with many heresies and bands of robbers. It was during this time the great Saint Peter the Martyr (aka of Verona) was killed by heretics.

He was commissioned by the pope to draw up the Schema for the Second Ecumenical Council of Lyons in 1274. This council would lay the groundwork for the founding of the Holy Name Society still in existence! It was also at that council he met the future Pope Nicholas IV; they would later be called together using John's great peace-keeping skills to help in a dispute involving King Philip III of France.

He personally knew many great saints & blessed that were his contemporaries: St. Albert the Great, St. Thomas Aquinas, King St.

Louis IX and Peter of Tarentaise (the future Pope Innocent V).

He became Master General of the Order in 1264 and remained so until his natural death in 1283. He made personal visits (on foot, see above) to most of the Dominican houses encouraging them in their observance of the rule.

After the death of Pope Clement IV, Bl. John was almost elected pope! He was warned of the possibility which frightened him and he fled. Toward the end of his life he was offered the role of patriarch of Jerusalem, but declined.

My personal favorite Bl. John of Vercelli story:

*Tradition says that during the translation of the relics of Saint Dominic de Guzman 1267, when the body was exposed to view, the head was seen to turn towards Blessed John. Embarrassed, John moved to another part of the church, giving his place to a cardinal. The head of Saint Dominic was seen by all to turn again toward John.*

### **Blessed John of Vercelli Cause for Canonization**

**Kirk Struhart** is the CAHNS Advocate for the Cause for Canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli in the Archdiocese of Chicago. He'll help promote knowledge and devotion to Blessed John of Vercelli. He'll also be promoting the use of the special prayer and blessed medal of Blessed John of Vercelli. Kirk will also notify the appropriate committee of the National Association of any miraculous favors granted through the intercession of Blessed John of Vercelli.

You may contact him at 312-566-6977 or write him: Kirk Struhart, 3943 W. Diversey Ave #219, Chicago, IL 60647.