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‘10 WAYS CATHOLICS CAN LIVE THE YEAR OF FAITH’ By Bishop David Ricken

To honor the fiftieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the twentieth anniversary of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Pope Benedict XVI has announced a Year of Faith, starting October 11 and ending November 24, 2013. The goal is to strengthen the faith of Catholics and draw the world to faith by their example. Bishop David Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, offers “10 Ways Catholics Can Live the Year of Faith.” Rooted in guidelines from the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, some of these suggestions are already requirements for Catholics; others can be embraced by Catholics at all times and especially during the Year of Faith:

1. **Participate in Mass.** The Year of Faith is meant to promote the personal encounter with Jesus. This occurs most immediately in the Eucharist. Regular Mass attendance strengthens one’s faith through the Scriptures, the Creed, other prayers, sacred music, the homily, receiving Communion and being part of a faith community.
 2. **Go to Confession.** Like going to Mass, Catholics find strength and grow deeper in their faith through participation in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Confession urges people to turn back to God, express sorrow for falling short and open their lives to the power of God’s healing grace. It forgives the injuries of the past and provides strength for the future.
 3. **Learn about the lives of the saints.** The saints are timeless examples of how to live a Christian life, and they provide endless hope. Not only were they sinners who kept trying to grow closer to God, but they also exemplify ways a person can serve God: through teaching, missionary work, charity, prayer and simply striving to please God in the ordinary actions and decisions of daily life.
 4. **Read the Bible daily.** Scripture offers first-hand access to the
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National Holy Name Society Convention Report
By Stan Baran/CAHNS President

This year's convention was held in Pittsburgh, home to the Steelers, the Pirates, the Penguins and from Sept. 20 -24 The Holy Namers. Although the annual event does offer attendees some social time and seeing the sights of the host city, there were meetings, decisions, and some special innovations.

One of the items decided was to get the Holy Name Society Supply Store on line for ease of use, inventory control, and lowering costs. When the process is complete more information will be available at www.nahns.com. Elections were held for officers entering a new term, many reports were reviewed and changes were made to help us grow our organization.

There is a new form for signing up new members. It can be used for all who have not made a formal pledge in the past and those who possibly can't remember if they have. The reasons for the new form are several. The first is to update a record of individual members. Another is to increase the number of Holy Name Society Unions, a geographical or diocesan organization of local parish Holy Name Societies. This is important not only to help grow the Holy Name Society, but to also have voting representation at national conventions. This will also make the National Holy Name Society newsletter available to all who sign the pledge form and return it. This is a free subscription to the newsletter, rather than having to pay a fee. NAHNS can also save the costs of mailing the newsletter to all members this way. Although nominated, our Newsletter did not win the Communication Award. The San Antonio Holy Name Society newsletter won this award.

The Chicago Association of Holy Name Societies has its own website at www.chicagoholyname.org. Please view it for information on past, present, and future events in Chicago, including articles and reports. The web is the future of all written communication as we know it now. If you are not on line, please find a way to get access to the internet. Practically all libraries offer free or for a minimal cost computer use with access to the internet. Friendly staff will also help with the process as well. Many also offer training sessions to help make you both computer and web comfortable.

Next year's convention is set for Pueblo Colorado in September. Firm dates will follow. Although, no plans exist now, Chicago may want to research further for a future National Holy Name Society convention here. While the last several locations have offered attendees much, everyone in attendance at both still comment on how they enjoyed and were informed the last time the convention was hosted here. We all know that was due to the diligence and leadership of our officers at the time, led by Lou Rexing. Just this year ended his term as our Treasurer. Thank you Lou, and John Ortiz for your service and leadership. Although no longer our President, John continues to be our CAHNS Newsletter editor.

Patron of the Holy Name Society

Blessed John of Vercelli (c. 1205-1283) Feast Day: December 1/ Date of Death: November 30, 1283

John Garbella, was born near Vercelli in northwest Italy in the early 13th century. Little is known of his early life. He entered the Dominican Order in the 1240s and served in various leadership capacities over the years. Elected sixth master general of the Dominicans in 1264, he served for almost two decades.

Known for his tireless energy and his commitment to simplicity, John made personal visits—typically on foot—to almost all the Dominican houses, urging his fellow friars to strictly observe the rules and constitutions of the Order. He was tapped by two popes for special tasks. Pope Gregory X enlisted the help of John and his fellow Dominicans in helping to pacify the States of Italy that were quarreling with one another. John was also called upon to draw up a framework for the Second Council of Lyons in 1274. It was at that council that he met Jerome of Ascoli (the man who would later become Pope Nicholas IV), then serving as minister general of the Franciscans. Some time later the two men were sent by Rome to mediate a dispute involving King Philip III of France. Once again, John was able to draw on his negotiating and peacemaking skills. Following the Second Council of Lyons, Pope Gregory selected the Dominicans to spread devotion to the name of Jesus. John took the task to heart, requiring that every Dominican church contain an altar of the Holy Name; groups were also formed to combat blasphemy and profanity. Even though the Confraternity of the most Holy Names of God and Jesus was not canonically recognized until the 1500's, Blessed John's effort to promote devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus throughout the entire Church make him the patron of the Confraternity of the most Holy Names of God and Jesus.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OFFICERS BOARD MEETING

PLACE ST MARIA GORETTI PARISH
3929 N. WEHRMAN AVE., SCHILLER Pk 60176
TIME 7:30PM IN THE RECTORY
Wednesday October 24TH 2012

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE DIVINE SAVIOR PARISH
7740 W MONTROSE AVE, NORRIDGE, 60706
TIME 9:00AM, PHONE (708) 456-7838-FAX
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17TH 2012

CAHNS ANNUAL HOLY HOUR ON THE FEAST OF BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI

PLACE ST JOSEPH PARISH
7240 W 57TH ST, SUMMIT, 60501
TIME 9:00AM, PHONE (708) 458-0501
SATURDAY DECEMBER 1ST 2012

**FELLOWSHIP AND LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE PROVIDED AFTERWARD**

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

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

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Word of God and tells the story of human salvation. Catholics can pray the Scriptures (through *lectio divina* or other methods) to become more attuned to the Word of God. Either way, the Bible is a must for growth in the Year of Faith.

5. Read the documents of Vatican II. The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) ushered in a great renewal of the Church. It impacted how Mass is celebrated, the role of the laity, how the Church understands itself and its relationship with other Christians and non-Christians. To continue this renewal, Catholics must understand what the Council taught and how it enriches the lives of believers.

6. Study the Catechism. Published exactly 30 years after the start of the Council, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* covers the beliefs, moral teachings, prayer and sacraments of the Catholic Church in one volume. It's a resource for growing in understanding of the faith. Another helpful resource is the *U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults* (USCCA).

7. Volunteer in the parish. The Year of Faith can't only be about study and reflection. The solid grounding of the Scriptures, the Council and the Catechism must translate into action. The parish is a great place to start, and each person's gifts help build up the community. People are welcome as ministers of hospitality, liturgical musicians, lectors, catechists and in other roles in parish life.

8. Help those in need. The Vatican urges Catholics to donate to charity and volunteer to help the poor during the Year of Faith. This means to personally encounter Christ in the poor, marginalized and vulnerable. Helping others brings Catholics face-to-face with Christ and creates an example for the rest of the world.

9. Invite a friend to Mass. The Year of Faith may be global in its scope, focusing on a renewal of faith and evangelization for the whole Church, but real change occurs at the local level. A personal invitation can make all the difference to someone who has drifted from the faith or feels alienated from the Church. Everyone knows people like this, so everyone can extend a loving welcome.

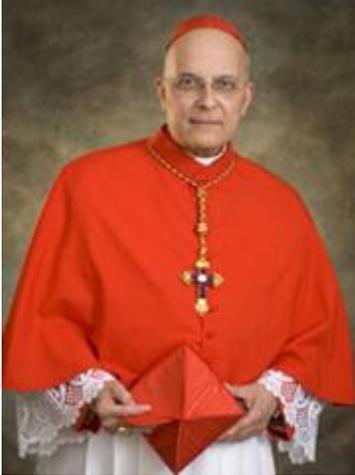
10. Incorporate the Beatitudes into daily life. The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) provide a rich blueprint for Christian living. Their wisdom can help all to be more humble, patient, just, transparent, loving, forgiving and free. It's precisely the example of lived faith needed to draw people to the Church in the year ahead.

visit www.usccb.org for more info

CARDINAL GEORGE HAS ASKED FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Messages and cards can be mailed to the Cardinal at this address:

Francis Cardinal George, OMI
Archbishop of Chicago
835 North Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611



Prayer For A Moral Nation

O Heavenly Father, I know that the spirit of worldliness can creep into the Body of Christ very subtly, and before we know it, we can so easily be led astray. I pray You send Your Holy Spirit upon us, so that a moral, Christian voice can be heard and heeded by our leaders and the media. Cause us, as Christians, to become the standard bearers to such a degree that we can profoundly affect the morality of this nation. Turn our people's hearts to You. Open our eyes that we may see the error of our ways. Gather all Christians, Catholic and Protestant, together so that we form a united front against the wickedness and snares of the devil. Disarm the evildoers, leaving them powerless and not in control of our great nation. Inspire our media--television, newscasters, reporters, filmmakers, and celebrities--to promote a truly moral social justice and morally righteous entertainment and fashion. Be our strength when we are tempted to succumb to worldly things and ways. Help us to lead our lives all for the greater honor and glory of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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