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REFLECTION

By Gregory Webster of St. Raphael the Archangel/Antioch

The other day I was in my parent’s kitchen and my mother said “Greg, with all the Knights of Columbus and Holy Name stuff you do, I have a question for you. I can’t remember the prayer to the Holy Spirit that begins with Come Holy Ghost... How does it go?” I looked up to her and said “Mom, I went to public school – how would I know!?” Poor excuse, I know. However, looking back on this I wondered, isn’t this real problem in our church? How many of the “faithful” really know our faith?

Reason 201 why we need a Holy Name Society: Not only for the novel concept of men praying together, but even more importantly for men being catechized together. Traditionally the role of religious educator in the American household has been mom’s. This is a cop out guys. How can we witness to Christ and say to our children “go to church with mom, I have a 9 am tee time.” No, our children see us witness the Gospel in our actions, not our words. We must continually remind ourselves of the wisdom of St. Francis who calls for us to always preach the Gospel, and only when necessary use words. What Gospel do you preach? I think I preach “The Rocky Horror Picture Show”... but we can all change this. Together as a men’s group we can learn, pray, and learn. Throw in a few more prayers and we’re golden. We can fail like men and as men, pick ourselves up and try again. That is teaching our kids values they can believe in. I take refuge in knowing Peter denied Christ three times. If a guy who ran with him for three years didn’t always get it.... When we fail him, as we all do, we can repent like men. What could be more powerful to our children than seeing Dad on bended knee in prayer?

The responsibility of knowing the faith is not just Fr. John’s and Fr. Ron’s. Our baptism calls us to be missionaries to the Gospel as well. The power that raised Christ from the dead resides within us as well. Scary thought knowing we carry such responsibility. It is so much easier to check in for an hour on Sunday and on they way out tell Fr. “take care of business; I’ll be back in a week”.

Catholic ignorance of the faith is a responsibility of every man. It means more than just dropping off your kid at CCD or holding a sign at the ballpark saying “John 3:16”. It demands that as parents we insist our children’s religious education classes be more than craft and snack time. (Our classes at St. Raphael’s are among the best!) It is also not deluding ourselves that we are Ph.D. theologians because we

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Blessed John of Vercelli News

T. Paul DiVito (past Chairman for the Cause for the Canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli) has agreed to write the History of the Cause for the Canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli (the founder of the Holy Name Society).

He has a wealth of information and documentation in his files. He also worked closely with three previous chairmen. As an Archivist, he needs the support and assistance from all: Archdioceses, Dioceses, Parish Holy Name Societies and any individual that has knowledge of the History of the Cause for the Canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli. Detailed and historically accurate information on what was done in the past and what is being done now is requested. Information should be submitted to T. Paul DiVito on the following topics and any other topics pertinent to the Cause for Canonization:

1. Holy Hours in support of the canonization.
2. Novenas for canonization.
3. Articles appearing in Archdiocesan or Diocesan level newsletters.
4. Masses in support of canonization.
5. Submission of favors; both large and small.
6. Petitions for canonization-signed and unsigned.
7. Prayer meetings.
8. Distribution of prayer cards.
9. Display in homes of statues, pictures of Blessed John.
10. Distribution and use of relics of Blessed John.

He needs the help of all individuals that may have any information regarding the movement of the Canonization Process since its inception.

Please submit your information to:

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Blessed John of Vercelli pray for us!

Celebrate Life!

We are in the season of the Resurrection, a special period of 50 Days from the Easter Vigil to Pentecost Sunday, in which the Church proclaims with particular emphasis and joy that death has been conquered and that by our baptism we have a share in the Risen Life of Christ!

This is the season of life. We therefore invite all believers to pray the "Easter Prayer for Life" each day, to counteract the most widespread and violent attack on human life in our day, which is abortion.

An Easter Prayer for Life

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the Author of Life,
Who died and now lives forevermore.

May we who work and pray
That children in the womb may be protected
Always draw strength, confidence, and joy
From Your victory over death,

For you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

NOMINATIONS FOR CAHNS OFFICERS **2010-2012**

Nominations for men to become officers of CAHNS are open. We have the following positions open for the two year term of 2010-2012: President, Treasurer, Board of Director. Nominations need to be turned in by April 28th 2010 to Bill Webb/Nominations Committee or to John Ortiz/President. Elections will be held on May 15th at our quarterly meeting at Holy Innocents. Installation of the newly elected officers will be at the Spiritual Assembly during the Mass.

**Year of
Priests**
June 19, 2009-June 19, 2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OFFICERS BOARD MEETING

PLACE OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH

5240 W. AGATITE AVE. CHICAGO

TIME 7:30PM

Wednesday April 28th 2010

SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING MEETING

PLACE ST. PRISCILLA PARISH

6949 W. ADDISON ST. CHICAGO

TIME 7:30PM

TUESDAY MAY 11TH 2010 (WALK-THROUGH)

NOTE: AD BOOK DEADLINE IS MONDAY MAY 3RD 2010

SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY FRIDAY JUNE 11TH 2010

ARRIVE BY 6:30PM, PROCESSION BEGINS AT 7PM.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH

743 N. ARMOUR ST. CHICAGO

TIME 9:00AM

SATURDAY MAY 15TH 2010

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

“The marvelous spiritual effects of spending time with the Lord, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, will deepen the life of sanctity in the Archdiocese, make us more sensitive to both personal and social sins, and give us fervor for the new evangelization.”

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.,
Archbishop of Chicago



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had eight years of CCD as kids. If only we learn to read the literature of our faith like we read the sports section in the daily newspaper ...imagine the impact!

No longer could the Speaker of the House get away with saying on national TV that the Church teaches abortion is “a matter of personal conscience”. Sorry Nancy, church teaching and encyclicals hold this position is clearly wrong. I don’t know if Nancy went to public school like I did. What scares me is how so many “Catholics” like me with only eight years of elementary school catechism are in the media citing Church positions. Shouldn’t even a minimum requirement of actually having read the bible be sought before such input? For the “Catholic” position perhaps the media could try something more radical than Bill Maher, say perhaps... a man in the Roman collar?

I can’t change ol’ Nancy. I need to focus on Greg. (ok, and pray she gets voted out...) I must take baby steps. That Gospel that St. Francis says I should be preaching can be looked at each morning in the mirror when I shave. Perhaps, more importantly, it should be evaluated again each night before I go to bed as well. That way I can reflect on the chapters I am not so proud of and work on ways to rewrite them. I can tell my kids I am sorry for yelling at them because something bad happened at work that day and I brought it home to terrorize them with. My kids are in public school. Does the Gospel I preach sew the seed of faith necessary for them to fight modernism, materialism, secularism and MTV?

My wife says I don’t tell her that I love her enough. I tell her to look around her home. In the same regard as St. Francis doesn’t that tell her so? But alas, she says she needs to “hear it.” If its true for my wife (she read this so it must be!), imagine how all the more true it is to the One who gave us the breath of life. He wants to hear it too. My Gospel should talk to God and say “thank you” when the times are good every bit as often as I say “I need” when the times are not. I have so much rewriting to do on the Gospel I’ve preached over the years. I think of those chapters covering years 15 to 30 when I thought God needed me more than the other way around. Let’s not forget those early adult chapters when I thought I was driving and telling God *my* plans. The pronouns I used saying that “He” was not listening need to be switched to “I”... Great. More work on my busy schedule...

By the way Mom, I may not know the Baltimore Catechism but I can use the internet:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Work the Beads.

Greg

Gregory K. Webster, Ph.D.

NAHNS NEWS

The National Association of the Holy Name Society is now on facebook. If you already have a facebook account you can become a Fan of The Holy Name Society. Keep up on current events and activities of the National Association of the Holy Name Society by becoming a Fan today! www.nahns.com

2009 C.A.H.N.S. Man of the Year Award

Consideration will be given for this award to a man who made major contributions and distinguished themselves by outstanding meritorious service to the society. You can pick up a nomination form at the upcoming planning meetings and quarterly meeting. Or contact President John Ortiz @ 708-695-9375 to have one mailed to you. The deadline to submit is mid-April. The award will be presented at the 30th Annual Spiritual Assembly at St. Priscilla June 11th 2010.

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PRAYER FOR EMPLOYMENT

God, our Father, I turn to you seeking your divine help and guidance as I look for suitable employment. I need your wisdom to guide my footsteps along the right path, and to lead me to find the proper things to say and do in this quest. I wish to use the gifts and talents you have given me, but I need the opportunity to do so with gainful employment. Do not abandon me, dear Father, in this search, but rather grant me this favor I seek so that I may return to you with praise and thanksgiving for your gracious assistance. Grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

.....Get out of the boat.... 3Mt 14, 22-33



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