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“29th Annual Spiritual Assembly and Procession of Banners at St. Constance”

The men of St. Constance did a spectacular job of organizing and giving us the gift of the 29th Annual Spiritual Assembly and Procession of Banners on Friday evening June 12th 2009. Many Holy Name parishes participated. Fr. Frank “Rocky” Hoffman of Northridge Prep was the main celebrant of the mass. The Knights of St. Peter Claver and the Knights of Columbus were well represented as the honor guard. The procession was led by the music of a Polish brass band. They later entertained guests to music during the reception. They were delightful! The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima carried the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our newly acquired statue of the Sacred of Jesus was carried in the procession by volunteers from different Holy Name Society Parishes. During mass, three men were sworn in as new officers for C.A.H.N.S. for the 2009-2011 term by our Spiritual Moderator Fr. Michael Bowler. They are Paul Setlak/Vice President, Don Johnsson/Marshal and Rich Kehoe/Board of Director. Congratulations!

After mass, all our guests were invited to have some food and refreshments in the school gymnasium. It was delicious and plenty! Between sets of music from the band. We held our annual Grand Prize Raffle drawing (winners will be listed in next newsletter). We also presented our Annual Deacon Ed Condon C.A.H.N.S. Man of the Year for “2008” Award to Manuel Moyado of Holy Cross/Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Congratulations to all our winners and God Bless all who participated this year. Thank You!

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SEPTEMBER MEMBER DRIVE

I PROPOSE THAT WE BEGIN TO PLAN TO HAVE A CITYWIDE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER.

It takes planning to make a concerted effort from many different approaches. Our future members need to come from the young married men, who will be in the parish for many years. Their children are in the parish school and are committed to the parish. Here's an idea! **PIZZA PARTY** – The classroom that has the most dads sign the register at the men's meeting, will get the party. Their children will get dad to the meeting. The dads sign up as being from a certain classroom. This gets them in the door, but a welcoming committee is needed to meet them and invite them to participate in activities. Name tags with a star or red mark designate the potential member to the current members.

Four years ago at our parish, seven active members died during the year from many causes. It got the message to everyone that our membership was dwindling and our organization was doing a good job of preparing everyone for the next life. As president of the Holy Name, I asked the president of the schools Mother's Club, if I could talk for 15 minutes at the next meeting. She was most gracious and invited me to speak. I told the mothers about our membership situation, old men on a short trip. I advised them of the successes of the past and the many benefits provided by the men's Holy Name Society. I told them that they must get their husbands to the next meeting. Our situation was serious. At our next meeting, we had twenty young men show up. I gave them name tags and a pep talk about what could be, if they got into it. I tried to sell the dream based on the past. Ten of the men have become regulars and five others gradually joined our group. We now have 30 young active men who schedule events and run them. The future looks much brighter.

Think about your potential source of young members. The Athletic program or the Mother's Club? *(From archive of Deacon Ed Condon)*

New Holy Card – Blessed John of Vercelli

After a world wide search for an authentic image of Blessed John of Vercelli, which included the Vatican, for paintings, pictures, and images of Blessed John of Vercelli, one was finally selected.

After detailed examinations and discussions, it was agreed by all committee members to accept a photograph taken by Rev. William Crandall, now deceased. Father Crandall had taken this photograph of a painting which was in a Dominican Convent located in Vercelli, Italy.

Approval of the picture had to be obtained by the Most Reverend Carlos Aspiroz-Costas, O.P., Master General of the Dominican Order thru Rev. Stephen Carmody, O.P., Vice Postulator for the Cause for Canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli and Rev. D. Dominic Izzo, O.P., Provincial for the Province of St. Joseph. All approvals were obtained, including permission from Rev. William Crandall, for the National Association of the Holy Name Society to use his picture. This image is now the official picture of Blessed John of Vercelli to be used on Holy Cards promoting the canonization of the patron of the Holy Name Society.

The new Holy card can be ordered from the NAHNS Supply Store as part number 922. Price is .20 cents each and \$18.00 for 100. # 907

Blessed John of Vercelli

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE ST. BRUNO PARISH
4751 S. HARDING AVE. CHICAGO
TIME 9:00AM
Saturday August 15th 2009

2009 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOLY NAME SOCIETIES ANNUAL CONVENTION IN BOSTON

The Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies of Boston will be hosting the 39th Annual National Holy Name Convention. The convention will be held at the Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA from Thursday, October 8 through Sunday, October 11, 2009. A link to the retreat center's website: <http://www.miramarretreat.org/>.

Send your reservations to:
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Prayer to God the Father of All Life

Eternal God, You have revealed Yourself as the Father of all Life. We praise You for the Fatherly care which You extend to all creation, and especially to us, made in Your image and likeness.

Father, extend Your hand of protection to those threatened by abortion, and save them from its destructive power. Give Your strength to all fathers, that they may never give in to the fears that may tempt them to facilitate abortions.

Bless our families and bless our land, that we may have the joy of welcoming and nurturing the life of which You are the source and the Eternal Father. Amen.

VOCATIONS

Universal Call to Holiness-Generous Single Life

The beauty and burden of the vocation of the single person is often overlooked in today's world. The single vocation can have a spiritual dimension, just as all other vocations do. While it is sometimes said to be the hardest vocation to accept, it is definitely not meant to be a life of loneliness and solitude.

Most of us exist, to a certain degree, within this vocation for some transitional amount of time, prior to our discernment and entrance into other vocations. It is an opportunity and a freedom to give themselves completely in service to others. Singleness as a vocation is not an end in itself, but is directed in self-giving and life-giving generosity and activity.

The single person has no bond of commitment to a community of persons like other vocations do. Thus, there is not a built-in support system for them. Living this call thus presents an opportunity to nurture a strong relationship with God. The solitude of being single can be a blessing that allows the individual to discover the incompleteness of life without God being present.

*Faithfulness of Christ,
faithfulness of priests.*

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a "Year for Priests" beginning with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. The year will conclude in Rome with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father on June 19, 2010.

With the [announcement of this Year for Priests](#), the Pope has declared St. John Vianney the Universal Patron of Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Curé d'Ars.

Please pray for our priests that they might always be faithful to their sacred calling.

CATHOLIC FESTIVAL OF FAITH RETURNS TO CHICAGO

Gathering to Celebrate Faith in the Archdiocese of Chicago

The 2009 Catholic Festival of Faith, an opportunity for Catholics to come together to dialog, exchange ideas and strengthen their faith, will be conducted on Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17, at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont.

The Festival will include a wide-range of practical workshops and sessions for all.

Keynote speakers scheduled to appear at the Festival include Chicago native, Most Rev. Wilton Gregory, Archbishop of Atlanta.

Go to www.catholicfest.org for on-line registration or to learn more about the 2009 Catholic Festival of Faith. For additional information call the Catholic Festival of Faith at 312-534-3100 or email decw@archchicago.org.

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VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED

C.A.H.N.S. has an opening on their Board of Officers. The volunteer opportunity is for Recording Secretary. Pat Conroy of St. Genevieve is not able to seek a new term in this position He has served us very well all these years as our Recording Secretary. We thank him very much for his dedication to CAHNS and his office.

If you may be interested in stepping up to this service opportunity, please contact President John Ortiz at 708-452-3168. The general duties are as follows. The Recording Secretary writes the minutes, conducts the correspondence, and keeps the records of the society. These duties indicate the required qualifications for the office namely, the ability to write well, a sense of accuracy, and the understanding of system and the value of records, and sufficient leisure time to perform the many duties of the office. The current term is for two years (2009-2011).

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