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ON SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY MASSES, PETER & PAUL, AND SAYING YES

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The Holy Name Societies of St. Columbanus Church and St. Elizabeth Church got together for a little celebration the other night and over three hundred of their closest friends came along. As a member of my parish's HNS, I was happy to be in that number, as were the several St. Constance Holy Namers who went with me. St. Columbanus on E. 71st Street physically hosted the event, the 28th Annual Chicago Association of Holy Name Societies Spiritual Assembly Mass, and George Phillips, the President of the St. Elizabeth HNS, called it an "historic gathering" because it was the first time the Mass had been sponsored conjointly by two African American parishes. Cool.

As it always does, the Mass began with a procession of banners. I didn't get a count of how many individual Societies participated, but banner after banner was held high as we made our way from the gym to the church, led by a St. Columbanus man dressed in a flowing robe and beating a large drum. When we entered the church, the drumbeat faded to the voices and instrumentation of the St Columbanus and St Elizabeth choirs. A lot of clapping, swaying, praying. I added my voice and my hands to the measure, and from the sound of it, so did the hundreds of HNS men all around me who came that night--as I did--to pay

NEWS AROUND TOWN

St. Constance

Our new president for 2008-09 is Mr. Paul Guillemette who has been involved in the St. Constance HNS for many years. Our big fund raiser is our annual Wally Moore Memorial Golf Outing that will be held Sunday, August 3rd at the Chapel Hill Country Club in McHenry, IL. The cost is \$85 which covers a cart, lunch, & dinner. We always have a great time, and we're looking for golfers & hole sponsors. If you would like to join us or to donate, please call Jim at 773-631-3870. May all have a blessed summer. Blessed be His Holy Name!

St. John Brebeuf

The Archdiocese of Chicago welcomed eight new permanent deacons May 25 2008. The men were ordained by Cardinal George at St. Cletus in La Grange after they completed years of preparation and discernment. The men now will minister to their parishes by assisting at Mass and celebrating sacraments such as baptism and matrimony, preaching homilies and engaging in acts of service.

One who we are very familiar with is Andy Beierwaltes of St. John Bredeuf/Niles. A long time Holy Name Society member.



Beierwaltes plans to work with youth ministry, baptismal preparation and serve as spiritual director for Holy Name Men's Club.

Five Holy Martyrs

The Five Holy Martyrs/Chicago Holy Name Society celebrated their 50th anniversary at a noon Mass on April 13th at the Church. This was followed by a dinner at Polonia Banquets on Archer Ave. Congratulations to Casey Niedos and his men!

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2008 C.A.H.N.S. Raffle Winners

1st Prize

Emma J. Bara – Chicago, IL

2nd Prize

Nancy Tait – Abington, PA

3rd Prize

Edward Wojtczak – Crete, IL

4th Prize

Norbert Wayer – Chicago, IL

5th Prize

Rich Maciuszek – Chicago, IL

Congratulations to our winners!

Thanks to all for supporting our annual raffle.

BOWLING AT IC

BY DON JOHNSON

DON HAS BEEN COORDINATING BOWLING NIGHTS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH (NORTH TALCOTT) WITH THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. THEY HAVE THEIR OWN BOWLING LANES ON PARISH GROUNDS. IT REQUIRES A VOLUNTEER TO MANUALLY SET THE BOWLING PINS. DON HAS BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE FRIENDLY COMPETITION BETWEEN NEIGHBORING PARISH HOLY NAME SOCIETIES.

FOR INFO CALL DON @ 773-267-4910

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OFFICERS BOARD MEETING

PLACE STS. PETER & PAUL
3745 S PAULINA AVE CHICAGO
TIME 7:30PM
Wednesday August 13th 2008

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE ST. COLUMBANUS PARISH
331 E 71ST ST CHICAGO
TIME 9:00AM
Saturday August 16th 2008

CHICAGO CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

PLACE DONALD E. STEPHENS CONVENTION CENTER
ROSEMONT
TIME SEPTEMBER 5TH & 6TH 2008
CALL 312- 751-5353 FOR MORE INFO

2008 N.A.H.N.S. NATIONAL CONVENTION

PLACE MINNEAPOLIS MN 55402
TIME SEPTEMBER 24TH THROUGH 28TH 2008
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homage

to the Holy Name of Jesus. Then the priests took over...

The homilist for the Mass was Fr. Richard Andrus Jr., pastor of St. Elizabeth. The celebrant was Fr. Matt Eyerman, pastor of St. Columbanus. They were like tag team wrestlers, these guys--think Hulk Hogan and Dick the Bruiser, in priest wear--and they had every bit the fight in them. Referencing the Holy Name Society Mission Statement, Fr. Rich called on us to be active in our homes, parishes, and communities, and he encouraged us to never weary of doing good in Christ's

name. Fr. Matt called on us to say yes to Jesus and all that he represents. Yes. And when our response was lackluster, he told us again to say yes. Yes. And when our response was lackluster still, he reminded us of how we yell when the Bears score, and he told us again to say yes. **YES!**

Co-chair Grady Davis of St. Columbanus took the podium to make a few concluding remarks as the Mass was ending, but before he spoke, he went to the altar and bowed. I wonder if he did so to thank God for the day or to ask God for just the right words. Either way, the prayer found its mark. Today the church celebrates Saints Peter and Paul, two more prayerful men of Christ. "The Lord stood by me and gave me strength," says Paul in today's second reading. And when Jesus asks Peter in the Gospel, "But who do you say that I am," Peter replies, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God." As disciples, we are called to make the same proclamation to the world. "So what's it going to be?" Fr. Matt asked us that night. "Are you going to step up? Or step out?" Let's step up, my friends. Every day as best we can, let's step up to bring the kingdom home. Somebody say yes: Yes.

Say yes: Yes. Say yes: **YES!**

THE END

2007 DEACON ED CONDON

“MAN OF THE YEAR” AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS!

The recipient of the Deacon Ed Condon “Man of the Year” Award for 2007 was presented to Charlie Hum of St. Priscilla Parish Holy Name Society by our President Dr. Jack Claxton. It was presented to him in front hundreds at the reception following the historic 28th Annual Chicago Association of Holy Name Society Spiritual Assembly and Procession of Banners on Friday evening June 13th 2008. This was hosted at St. Columbanus Parish. Organized by the partnership of the St. Elizabeth and St. Columbanus Holy Name Societies.

HELP WANTED:

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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!

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