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A Man that Believes...Hears the Word of God

By Deacon Alfred Coleman II

When I started to go to church and wanting to understand the bible, I had no clue to what to do or where to look. There were so many definitions of what a Christian man should be and was shared by both Christians and non-Christians. Life has many ways to pull us away from God, church and family. Do not let the world say what is man, God created us and only he can truly define us.

I went to mass on the army base in Ft Jackson South Carolina, it was a field mass. No choir, no seats no building and the mass was unbelievable! I wanted more, I needed more and God was real and his church, the Catholic Church, was my home. So, I handle my search for God the same way I did when I looked at the military. 1: Made a commitment, 2: Went to basic training, 3: Went to Army Individual Training, 4: Joined my company and did my part. So, I 1: Committed to RCIA, 2: Went to the parish bible study, 3: Went to Leadership Day for more faith development and joined a men's group, 4: Asked the parish priest how could I help?

I began to learn a lot from the Christian men they have been where I was and done and seen it all and lived to talk about it. They shared their lives openly with wisdom and humor the way men share over coffee and donuts. They talked about family life, working in this world as a believer in God with friends and co-workers living worldly. I came to learn that at times the life of a Christian man feels and looks lonely but they reassured me the pain would pass. Also, family leadership is not based on who makes the most money: the presence of a Christian man is priceless. Sadly our family will not truly fill the fullness of our life until we are back home with God, our presence shells our family from evil. Yes, the world has so many definitions of what a man should do, how a man should talk and how a man should lead his family. Our society is doing its best to direct and push men in to a mode that changes every time the current social trend bend to its worldly desires. We must always stay on guard, Satan is slick, slimy sucker and he'll lie to us each time.

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NAHNS Convention Report

The 2013 National Convention was a great success for our organization and Faith. The site presented some early difficulties, which the Board managed to overcome. Pueblo Colorado was selected several years ago at the behest of Bishop Fernando Isern in 2011.

Similar, as with many areas of our country, Bishop Isern had a very active Knights of Columbus presence in his Diocese, however he felt that they did not offer the spiritual support our Faith and he needed for his parishes. He wrote, "Because of this, I believe the Holy Name Society has a contribution to make to the life of the Diocese. Men here are responsive to prayer and service. Because I hold in high regard the spreading of devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, I would welcome heartily creating further opportunities for men young and old to gather for prayer and service across our parishes and for the diocese as a whole.

Regrettably, Bishop Isern for health reasons left Pueblo in June and local coordination for the NAHNS Convention was almost non-existent. Our President Mr. Bill Harris with the help of other national board members arranged for all attendee accommodations, meals, tours, meeting areas, Installation Mass, and concluding President's Banquet with the help of just one individual in Pueblo.

Although, Pueblo Colorado may seem out of the way to many it gave us surprisingly great rewards as far as the venue and the convention results. Side trips included the Pueblo River Walk, The Steel Industry Museum, and the Military and Air Force Museum. The comments of most attendees were that "it was informative, very constructive, rejuvenating, and rewarding. Of major importance here in Chicago is that we now have available from the NAHNS website store many new and revised items at no cost to help us grow in both English and Spanish. The link is at www.nahns.com then select the store.

Our new National President, Ron Schnitz, has been instrumental these past few years in modernizing us, bringing us up to date, and preparing us for action in a modern age. He has worked on our website, coordinated moving our store to the internet, revised many of our support publications including our Officers Handbook, Official Book of Ceremonies, our tri-fold flyers (Spanish and English), and the recently developed Holy Name Novice Pledge form. Everyone at the Convention, indeed all of our members are both thankful to him and are eager to stand with him and not only bring our Lord deeper into our own lives, but to share Him with others. His first remarks as President urged us to grow slowly as has the Oak tree in his own back yard, planted twenty years ago. He urges us to be patient but busy in bringing new parishes and unions to NAHNS. Like the tree, although slowly growing, someday we too will be a strong and much larger group fostering devotion to and respect for Our Lord and Savior Jesus.

As most of you know by now, CAHNS is fortunate to have both at new Spiritual Moderator, Fr. Andrzej Beltowski and a newly delegated Dominican Promoter, Fr. Nicholas Monco, O.P. At this year's Pueblo convention I met Bishop Rozanski, our NAHNS Episcopal Moderator. His position and its guidance and support to our organization has been lacking in our recent past. In my view, we finally have direct contact and representation with the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. Bishop Rozanski's noted comments start with, "In so many ways, the witness of the Holy Name Society is needed more than ever in our world and particularly in our country. The devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, acknowledging Him as Our Savior, is the base for a life of dedicated to prayer and good works.... We believe that our Faith is lived in the public square and that no government can make us compromise our beliefs." The "powerful tool of prayer and personal conversion helps us to stand strong in our Faith and to witness to others that our Faith makes a difference not only in our lives, but in the lives of believers and non-believers alike. Also there was Fr. Thomas Hayes, OP, Past Spiritual Moderator of NAHNS, a man among men and of God. It was my first meeting with him and most rewarding to me and all in attendance. Although, himself at times frail and aged, he is still the constant warrior and crusader for our Lord. In his words, "Today for men and women, for old and young the Holy Name Society is a great way to do what each individual needs to do – to seek Jesus – to accomplish the one thing important in life – to be a friend of Jesus."

Both have stressed as I do that what is important for us all is a relationship with Jesus. To take things a step further that respecting His Holy Name. Although a starting point, we need to keep Him with us always because He wants to have that personal relationship with us and we must do the same, as father Hayes concluded, "to be a friend of Jesus."

As always, I remain with and for Him and His Holy Name,
Stan Baran, President, CAHNS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OFFICERS BOARD MEETING

PLACE ST MARIA GORETTI PARISH
3929 N WEHRMAN AVE, SCHILLER PARK IL 60176
TIME 7:30 PM PHONE 847-678-3988
Wednesday October 23rd 2013

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE ST BARTHOLOMEW PARISH
4949 W PATTERSON AVE, CHICAGO IL 60641
CORNER OF ADDISON AND LAVERGNE IN LOWER CHURCH HALL
TIME 9:00AM, PHONE 773-286-7871
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16TH 2013

CAHNS ANNUAL HOLY HOUR

ON THE FEAST OF BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI (HNS FOUNDER)
PLACE OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH
5212 W AGATITE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60631
SUNDAY DECEMBER 1ST 2013 AT 12:30PM
RECTORY PHONE 773-286-2950

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?

PLEASE CONTACT STAN BARAN, PRESIDENT @ 847-671-0262 OR schillerparkstan@gmail.com for more information.

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Fatherhood is a vocation, a calling to a distinctive state in life that will bless, support and care for the family life, and further of the church. Men do not pray like women, we may not look like we are spiritually concern or hurting and looking for God's direction. But we're concerned about our loved ones, our community and our place in this world. Yes we hold things in and do not talk openly about our feelings but we do care and sadly at times to the point that it will look as if we do not care.

When our families turn to us in times of trouble we must turn our family troubles over to our Lord, we can't hold what is not ours. When they throw it to us, we must throw it to God, put it where it belongs. There are four things that we must do for our family. 1: Protector, Shell our family from the world; we should always be on watch. 2: Provider, Be a giver of wisdom, friendship and to add to our family life. 3: Promoter, Help your family look good, help their light shine better. 4: Prayer, We need a prayer life.

To be true and live healthy, men need to stay connected with the church and other Christian men so they can stay fed spiritually. Men's prayer groups, Men's Choirs, Knights of Columbus and St. Peter Claver and other groups that openly share the faith are a blessing to any man wanting to hear the Word of God. Every CMCS Conference provides Christian men with support, wisdom and a place to see and feel what a Christian man's life is about. It's great for new seekers of men with great wisdom to share and take some time to give time for your family and community. The better you are in your faith, the better your family and community will be so, let God use you to bless His people.

The article above was from a CMCS Blog entry.

Deacon Coleman is Director of Zacchaeus House and a member of the (CMCS) Catholic Men Chicago Southland Advisory Board.

**THE CHICAGO ASSOCIATION
OF HOLY NAME SOCIETIES
ANNUAL 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).**

**IT WILL BE SUNDAY DECEMBER 1st 2013
(Blessed John's Feast Day).**

**THE TIME WILL BE 12:30PM.
If arriving early, you may attend mass at 11:15am**

**IT WILL BE HELD AT OUR LADY of VICTORY CHURCH,
5212 W AGATITE AVE, CHICAGO 60630
773-286-2950
Parking Lot behind church on Sunnyside Ave.**

**FELLOWSHIP AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE PROVIDED AFTERWARD
HOSTED BY THE OUR LADY of VICTORY HOLY NAME
SOCIETY**

The Chicago Association of Holy Name Societies
c/o Stan Baran
4015 Denley Ave
Schiller Park, IL 60176

**Holy Name Society
Annual "BICYCLE DRIVE" for
Chicago Catholic Charities**

The St. Barbara of Chicago and St. Raphael the Archangel of Antioch Holy Name Societies are holding their Annual Christmas "Bicycle Drive" for Catholic Charities. Bikes in any condition will be repaired and donated to the needy children served by Catholic Charities. Bikes can be dropped off at the St Barbara rectory, 2859 S Throop St/Chicago. Arrangements can be made if you need a bicycle to be picked up. Additional information is available from Phil (312-567-1321) or Bill (312-326-3242) at St. Barbara/Chicago.

For St Raphael the Archangel/ 40000 North U.S. HWY 45, Old Mill Creek, you can drop them off in their church parking lot on Saturday November 2nd, noon to 4pm and Sunday November 3rd 8am to noon. Additional information is available from Matt 847-548-6288 or Gary 847-738-6671 at St. Raphael the Archangel/Antioch.
Don't have a bicycle? Cash donations accepted to help with refurbishment costs.

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