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**The Chicago Association of Holy Name Societies Newsletter**      **FALL 2014**

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## **Really? Yes!**

What were you doing Halloween? I had the great pleasure of dining at a table for a Catholic Radio benefit in Northern IL. To my left was All American and Hall of Fame Tight End Dave Casper, and yes he is still a big guy. He was Guest Speaker. To my right was Bishop David Malloy of Rockford, the Keynote Speaker. The Emcee was Patrick McCaskey of the Bears and WSFI Chairman. What was I doing there, donating and trying to recruit all of the Priests in the room and of course Bishop Malloy to take another look at the Holy Name Society? Follows is a rational, one you should all use when talking to your own Pastors.

Many think that the Holy Name Society is something only from the past, or outdated. That the Holy Name Society is unneeded and ineffective in today's modern and often distracted Catholic Community and Culture. Nothing can be further from the truth, in fact those views and opinions are exactly why the Holy Name Society is needed and should be promoted. Our society needs the type of strong defenders it had come to its defense during the Crusades of the Middle Ages. An inspiration of Pope Gregory X, The Great, in 1274 was to commission our recognized founder Blessed John of Vercelli to promote and defend the Name of Our God and Jesus and called the Universal Church to a special devotion to His Holy Name. Did you know that St. Bernadine of Siena after preaching would expose the Sacred Name of Jesus, "I H S", for veneration and pleaded with all to embrace as their way of life the heavenly name and all it signified?

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Let me take this to a WOW or can that really be moment. More often than not when speaking to older priests and clergy about the Holy Name Society, I hear the following.

“My Father was a member of the Holy Name Society.” “I remember going to some of those meetings or Spiritual events with him.” “I think all of those moments with and about the Holy Name Society had something to do with my own calling” Our own Cardinal Francis George in homily at our Immaculate Conception Spiritual Assembly mentioned his Dad taking him the Holy Name Society meetings at St. Pascal. **BAM!!**

**That’s it!** There really is a direct correlation or reason for the current shortage of American born priests. An entire generation and now a second one no longer has the guidance and example of men, fathers and grandfathers, who are devoted to Our Lord. With the decline of the Holy Name Society, its membership and support from Church hierarchy we can see that there really is this unintended consequence, fewer priests.

That brings us to another observation, many parishes here and elsewhere in the Great(?) United States are now being served by foreign born priests. They come to us from Ireland, Poland, Africa, South America and the Pacific Rim countries. There is no and never has been an active Holy Name Society presence where they originate from. Spiritually they are not lacking; they are the same as our own priests. Or are they lacking as many of our own priests are when it comes to that Special Relationship with Christ, the one that comes from being a vowed member of the Holy Name Society.

My uncle, Rev Casmir Kozien, was a former Cicero Pastor and Assistant at St. Bartholomew in his semi-retirement years where he served as Spiritual Advisor to the Holy Name Society. I remember his telling me that his own decision to become a Priest was due largely in part to his own parent’s devotion to Mary, Our Saviors Mother. When he was in Seminary at Mundelein he and all seminarians were introduced to the merits of the Holy Name Society. Today, our parishes often have seminarians come to speak at masses with their individual telling of when or why they were called to the Priesthood. Every time, after a donation, in reception I ask them if they know about the Holy Name Society. I don’t have to tell you their response, you’ve anticipated it. I ask them, while handing my card, to ask why not on their return to Mundelein. I haven’t heard anything back yet.

Besides these seminarians, just entering study for the priesthood, I have asked Bishops about the Holy Name Society in my efforts to garner support for our growth. By now you will not be surprised to hear responses heard from Bishops include: “I didn’t know anything about the Holy Name Society” or “I’ve never heard of you guys; didn’t know you existed or what you do.” How do we grow? Do what you can and pray. Pray for those who guide our Faith and Church to realize the Holy Name Society is an asset and can become a greater one if not overlooked or ignored.

For Him and His Holy Name, Amen. Stan Baran/CAHNS President

### **Limited Edition 2015 Fund Raising Raffle**

Suggested donation for tickets are \$50, we are selling five tickets for just \$200-a \$50 SAVINGS! There are five prizes and an early bird drawing. The prizes are as follows: Grand Prize \$5000, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$1500, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$1000, 4<sup>th</sup> prize \$500, 5<sup>th</sup> prize \$250 and the early bird prize is \$250 (drawn April 2015). The top five prizes will be drawn at our Annual CAHNS Mass at St. John Brebeuf Parish on Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> 2015. Contact Lou Rexing if wish to get some raffle tickets @ 773-447-7964. Thank You for your support!

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **OFFICERS BOARD MEETING**

PLACE ST MARIA GORETTI PARISH  
3929 N WEHRMAN AVE, SCHILLER PARK IL 60176  
TIME 7:30 PM  
Wednesday October 22nd 2014

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

PLACE ST BARBARA PARISH  
2859 S THROOP ST., CHICAGO, IL 60608  
TIME 9:00AM, PHONE 312-842-7979  
WWW.STBARBARACHICAGO.ORG  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH 2014

### **CAHNS ANNUAL HOLY HOUR**

PLACE ST JOSEPH PARISH  
7240 W. 57<sup>TH</sup> ST., SUMMIT, IL 60501  
TIME 7:00PM, PHONE 708-458-0501  
MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2014

### **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 @ 847-894-3101 OR  
[hns.stan@gmail.com](mailto:hns.stan@gmail.com) for more information.**

### **Rev. Robert Jerome Botthof, O.P. 1928 – 2014**

A member of the Dominicans, Order of Preachers, Province of St. Albert the Great. Before entering the Dominicans, Fr. Botthof was married to Mary Elizabeth (Nutt) Botthof in 1957. Mary died in 1980. Fr. Botthof was ordained on May 24, 1987 at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish in River Forest, Illinois. He is survived by many relatives.

CAHNS made a donation to the St. Pius V Priory in Fr. Bob's memory. His most recent residence and former assignment while serving as our HNS Promoter for the St. Albert the Great Province.

## **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 CANONIZATION OF BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI, THE FOUNDER OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY (FOUNDED 1274)

MONDAY DEC. 1<sup>ST</sup> 2014 (Blessed John's Feast Day).

ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
7240 W. 57<sup>TH</sup> ST., SUMMIT, IL 60501  
708-458-0501 - THE TIME WILL BE 7:00PM.

FELLOWSHIP AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS  
WILL BE PROVIDED AFTERWARD  
HOSTED BY ST. JOSEPH HOLY NAME SOCIETY

### **THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS**

At the most recent CAHNS Officers Meeting we spoke of how to make things better for our member parishes and to help recruit others. One idea with consensus approval was to join together in a concept of combined purchasing power. An example is what it costs an individual parish to rent a school bus for any of many sponsored trips. What if CAHNS, based on the anticipated needs of all member parishes and new ones could negotiate a special CAHNS rate for bus rental. This theory can be extended to reduce rates for other items such as printing needs, event supplies such as brats, dogs, and burgers as well as all that go with them, for event equipment rental and other supplies. This is to give you notice to start compiling a list of what your parish does purchase during the year for any of your programs or events. Based on feedback given in the future when requested we will see if we can come up with a conceivable combined purchasing program for all.

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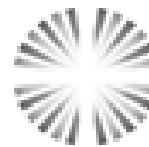


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