

## ***HOLY NAME SOCIETY***

- Will help me greatly to be regular in the performance of my religious duties especially Confession and Holy Communion
- Will broaden your knowledge of your religion through the discussion at the meetings, the messages brought by faithful and good guest speakers and other means.
- Develops a genuine parish spirit and solidarity which is of untold value and assistance for your parish priest.
- Welds your individual endeavours with those of thousands of fellow Holy Name men into one mighty united force for God and Country.

If these are the benefits of the Holy Name Society than one must have obligations as a member?

Yes, the Holy Name man assumes the special obligation to strive by word, deed and example to fulfill the first petition in the Our Father, "Hallowed be Thy Name."

- To avoid disrespect to the Name of God, of Jesus and of holy things. To strive to abstain from all improper language such as blasphemy and profane, impure and unchristian language.
- To encourage others, with prudence, to abstain from insults to God and morality in speech.
- To safeguard the proper observance of Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- To attend the meetings of the parish branch and to live up to the Constitution and by-laws governing the Society.
- to cooperate generously, as far as ability and circumstances permit, in those spiritual and temporal works of mercy, proposed by the Pastor, Spiritual Director or Diocesan Director.

A great encouragement in joining and persevering in the Society is the men who preceded us in their faithful membership. They saw the benefits of membership and how effective the grace of God was in their souls by strength in numbers. No man is an island and we were created by God as social creatures. We all need friendship with God and each other. What a great opportunity to increase grace in our souls and further overcome our sinful habits.

Remember this is your Holy Name Society and it will only be successful and bear much spiritual and temporal fruit in so far as you are involved and persevere. Our meetings are scheduled for every second Saturday with obligatory attendance at 8:30 am Mass followed with rosary & Litany of the Holy Name. A continental breakfast will begin afterwards and then our formal meeting. The meeting will include a guest speaker invited to give a presentation on a particular topic such as virtues, manhood, fatherhood, and moral issues especially pertaining to men. However our first two initial meetings will begin with a simple introduction, what to expect in our meetings and for members to consider themselves for election to the office of President, Secretary and Treasurer. May God bless you all and we pray that we will see you this coming Saturday January 14th for Holy Mass and our meeting in the parish hall. Fr. Joseph Hearty, FSSP

If there is one thing all around us today that is most obvious is the lack of people especially men who possess and work to keep the grace of God in their hearts.

Isn't it clear that greed, dishonesty, immorality and bloodshed have such a grasp on so many men in the world today? As humans we all are subject to our appetites and without that supernatural help we cannot possibly hope to achieve peace in the world, in our hearts and for eternal peace in the next life.

Today the choice between Christian and pagan values is more imperative today. To bring sanity and salvation to such a broken world bent on its own destruction there is only one course of action and that is to follow Him. "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"(Jn. 8:12). In this critical hour, no one can afford to be neutral. "He that is not with Me, is against Me"(Mt. 12:30).

This is the most challenging duty for the layman today. In the unity and strength of the Holy Name Society, we can each effectively respond to the challenge.

What is the history of the Holy Name Society?

Devotion to the Holy Name can be traced all the way back to the Old Testament where God commanded respect for His Name in the Second Commandment. The beginning of the Holy Name Society, as an organized group to promote the necessity of this Commandment, began in the thirteenth century. Pope Gregory X, commissioned the newly-founded Order of Dominicans to concentrate their efforts in preaching greater devotion to the Holy Name.

On April 13, 1564, Pope Pius IV instituted the Confraternity of the most Holy Name, and so started the spiritual growth of a devotion to the name of Jesus amongst men so as to further promote the Holy Name as a short and powerful prayer rather than a name for cursing and blasphemy.

The Confraternity of the Most Holy Names of God and Jesus (Holy Name Society) promotes reverence for the Sacred Names of God and Jesus Christ, obedience and loyalty to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, and the personal sanctification and holiness of its members. Members are called to contribute to the evangelization mission of the Church and to make perpetual acts of reverence and love for our Lord and Savior. How effectively in the past, as in the present and future, the Holy Name Society has kept in check the foul habit of profane and indecent language and the teach us love and respect for that most sacred Name. The Society has become a bastion of belief in the Divinity of Christ in North America and an outstanding vehicle for the program of an effective lay apostolate.

So why should you become an active Holy Name Man?

You should become an active because the Society:

- Provides special graces and indulgences which will render easier and more certain the difficult work of our salvation.
- Unites my efforts with those of others in suppressing cursing, blasphemy, perjury, foul language and many attacks on religion.

