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Practice of Christian Charity

“**Y**ou have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies.” (Mat 5:43). There are few words of our Lord more challenging than these words. And yet to love ones enemies is the fulfillment of Christian Charity. This is so because to love one’s enemies is to follow the great command Jesus gave to the Twelve during his farewell discourse to them at the Last Supper. Jesus told them: “I give

you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” (Jn 13:34). The blessed apostle Paul further unfolds for us the great commandment when he was inspired to write “Christ died out of love for us, while we were still ‘enemies’” (Rom 5:10). In other words to love our enemies is to love as Christ has loved us. Every member of the human race, save the Blessed Virgin Mary, has lived at

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The Most Holy Name of Jesus Prayer

O Glorious Name of Jesus, Gracious Name. Name of Love and Power! Through You sins are forgiven, enemies are vanquished, the sick are freed from illness, the suffering are made strong and cheerful. You bring honor to those who believe, instruction to those who preach, strength to those who toil, and sustenance to those who are weary.

O Jesus, Your name means “Savior”. Be my Savior, dear Lord. Through this Glorious Name, mercifully grant all the petitions which I make in this prayer.

Amen.

NAHNS National Convention

The Archdiocesan Association of Holy Name Societies (AAHNS) of the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis is hosting the National Association of the Holy Name Society (NAHNS) National Convention at the Church of St. Olaf in downtown Minneapolis September 25 through 28, 2008. Theme of the Convention is “*Proclaim the Name of the Lord*”. Cost is \$175 per attendee — Convention Registration Package includes all business meetings, committee

meetings, Thursday evening Mississippi River dinner cruise, Friday evening banquet, Saturday afternoon *Swear to God* conference featuring Dr. Scott Hahn, Saturday evening Minnesota Twins game, and three tours. Convention meetings will be held at the parish facilities of the Church of St. Olaf; 215 South 8th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

Visit the AAHNS website for full details www.nomensanctum.org.

AAHNS Fall General Membership Assembly

The Fall General Membership Assembly will be held on Tuesday, October 14 at the Church of St. Albert the Great in Minneapolis. The evening will start with Mass at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will follow the Mass.

The Executive Board of the Archdiocesan Association of Holy Name Societies has revised the constitution and is recommending ratification of the Revised Constitution at the Annual General Membership Assembly (see pp. 6-9).



Confraternity of the
Most Holy Names
Of God and Jesus
(Holy Name Society)

About us:

The Holy Name Society is the common name for the Confraternity of the Most Holy Names of God and Jesus. It was founded to teach, spread, and defend the Faith of Christ through veneration and devotion to the Most Holy Names of God and Jesus.

Membership in the confraternity is open to all Catholic males over the age of 18. A special public induction ceremony where the candidate makes a profession of faith is required for membership.

Statement of Purpose:

The Confraternity of the Most Holy Names of God and Jesus promotes reverence for the Sacred Names of God and Jesus Christ, obedience and loyalty to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, and personal sanctification and holiness of its members.

Members are called to contribute to the evangelization mission of the Church and to assist in parish ministries by performing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

The opinions expressed in "*The Vercellian*" are opinions of the respective authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the Archdiocesan Holy Name Society.

If you would like further information on how to become a member of the Holy Name Society or for information on how to start a Holy Name Society in your parish, please contact:

Mike Gores at (651) 458-8142 or
e-mail: Info@nomensanctum.org

Where Charity and Love Abide

Recently, a nurse in an ICU ward in a small, Midwestern hospital related an amazing story of Charity and Love between a pair of five year old fraternal twins, a brother and sister. They were both born with a genetic blood deficiency that is almost always fatal. The little boy developed the disease first, nearly dying, but remarkably, his frail little body somehow produced the antibodies necessary to fight his infection and he fully recovered a few weeks later.

Predictably, within months, his twin sister contracted the same disease, and as her struggle fared even worse, she hovered at death's door.

After much consultation, the doctors and pathologists were confident that a blood transfusion from the boy to his sister would successfully provide her with the same antibodies necessary to defeat the disease.

The nurse was present when the doctors and parents sat down with the little boy and asked him if he "would be willing to give his blood to his sister." She watched as he paused and thought for only a moment, and then said, "Yes", though his lip quavered as he granted his permission. She presumed he was tired and weary of what he perceived to be another regimen of needles, medicines and extended hospital quarantine.

An hour or so later, the nurse had prepped both of the twins for the procedure, simple enough, and so she sat with them as the parents and the doctor intently watched as the blood transfusion started from the little boy to his twin sister. After a just a few

minutes, one could see color and warmth start to return to the little girl's cheeks, and she was noticeably stronger. The young boy however, began to turn ashen and he stared distantly into the dim corner of the operating room. Finally, he turned his head to the doctor and said, "How long will it take before I begin to die?"

The nurse practically broke into tears as the doctor and parents gasped, realizing that they hadn't sufficiently explained that he only needed to give a pint of his blood, not his life. Yet through it all, the little boy was ready to give not just his blood, but his life

for his precious sister. What remarkable charity, courage and love from such a little soul.

Charity; it seems to be a spiritual gift of the earthly realm that we present to one another. Charity and love is precisely what Jesus asked us to give to one another. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees in Matthew 15:8, for "giving Him their lips, but not their hearts." The doctrines, rules and practices of our Catholic faith are in place to protect and guide us, but it is charity and love that are the greatest gifts we give to each other.

Today, take a moment and look about you. It won't take long before you see someone who can use a kind word, a favor, a buck, perhaps even some blood. Share a portion of what's been given to you – someone **needs you!**

*Chad Crow,
Holy Trinity HNS*

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Message From the President

We are called to provide Christian charity which is helping those in need as Christ would help them. In some respects we are fortunate that there are many in need all around us. Thus Jesus provides us with continuous opportunities to practice and perfect Christian charity.

Related to charity but different is hospitality - welcoming and treating strangers or guests in a warm, friendly way. We have a great opportunity to offer hospitality to visitors from around the country later in September when we host the 2008 National Holy Name Society Convention. Your assistance with and participation in this event is requested.

There are many opportunities to participate in activities of the convention. A few activities that require registration and a related fee include the Thursday evening river boat cruise and dinner, a Friday afternoon tour of St. Paul, the Fri-

day evening banquet at St. Olaf, a Saturday morning tour of Minneapolis, the Saturday afternoon conference by Dr. Scott Hahn, the Saturday evening Twins game, or attending the entire convention. Activities within the convention not requiring registration and available for no charge include: Thursday afternoon working session on works of mercy for Holy Name Society parish groups, Friday morning working session on attracting new members to your parish Holy Name Society group, and Friday afternoon working session on fundraising in your parish Holy Name Society group.

Your help is needed in providing Christian hospitality to our visitors. Some areas of need include staffing for the Friday night banquet, marshals during the business meetings, the convention registration table, ticket sales on Saturday morning for the Dr. Hahn conference, tour guides (St. Paul, Minneapolis), the hospitality suite, drivers for VIPs,

set up/take down for the Friday banquet and Dr. Hahn conference, and several other opportunities.

Financial support is also needed. An excellent opportunity to help in this way is by placing an advertisement in the convention program book. Space is available from a by line up to a full page ad. This is a great way to show your support of the Holy Name Society.

Details about the opportunities to participate in and help support the convention are provided throughout this edition of the Vercellian. Information is also available on the web site

www.nomensanctum.org. Send me an email at ron@nomensanctum.org or call me at 651-216-4734 with any questions or comments. I look forward to working with you to experience a great convention.

Ron Schmitz
AAHNS President

2008 NAHNS National Convention - September 25-28 - Church of St. Olaf - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Advanced Registration Requested: Register early! Registration must be received on or before **September 5, 2008**.
For more information e-mail: Info@Nomensanctum.org

Cost: **\$175** per attendee. Convention Registration Package includes all business meetings, committee meetings, Thursday evening Mississippi River dinner cruise, Friday evening banquet, Saturday afternoon *Swear to God* conference, Saturday evening Minnesota Twins game, and three tours.

Registration Information:

Please include a check payable to: **AAHNS - 2008 Convention**

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone # (_____) _____ Email: _____

Parish: _____ (Arch)diocese: _____

Mail to:

Holy Name Society - 2008 NAHNS Convention
c/o Church of St. Michael
337 Hurley Ave East
West St. Paul, MN 55118-1605



Convention Program Advertising Rates & Advertising Registration Form

Holy Name Society National Convention 2008 September 25 - 28, 2008
Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

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Inside Back Cover - \$750	Benefactor (2 Lines) - \$15
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Quarter Page Ad - \$50	

Please make check payable to ‘NAHNS – 2008 Convention’

Please Note: A full page is 5.5" x 8.5". Outside Back Cover includes being the sponsor of Presidential Banquet; Inside Front Cover includes being the sponsor of the Presidential Reception; Inside Back Cover includes being the sponsor of the General Tour. Banquet Table Sponsors receive a full page ad in the Program Book, and special recognition as a Banquet Table sponsor in the Program Book.

Images and text for advertisement should be in a digital format. Pictures may be included in Cover, Full and Half Page Ads at no additional charge. Deadline is September 5, 2008. Send electronic ad copy and artwork to blessedjohn@nomensanctum.org, or mail paper copy and check and this completed form to:

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Practice of Christian Charity

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least for a time as an enemy of God. Such is the case for all who live outside of sanctifying grace. The sin of Adam is so profound that it not only rendered asunder his own righteousness before God, but also the righteousness of all of his descendants. Yet we have been redeemed and given grace through the death and resurrection of one who loved even his enemies.

In order to grow in the virtue of Christian Charity it is essential for us to come to grips with this special kind of love. It is love for one's enemies that truly distinguishes Christian Charity from all other kinds of charity. That is why we

need to foster within ourselves the accompanying virtue of magnanimity. To be magnanimous means to have a certain greatness of soul. According to the Merriam-Webster online dictionary, magnanimity means having "a spirit enabling one to bear trouble calmly, to disdain meanness and pettiness, and to display a noble generosity." The kinds of people that we normally classify as enemies include those people that have caused us trouble, pain, or loss. We classify as enemies those people who have been mean or petty to us, people we consider to be a rival to us, people that stand in our way. We also classify as enemies those people who have caused us injury whether physical or men-

tal. But to be magnanimous means to rise above these real or perceived injuries to our person. To be magnanimous helps us to love our enemies and reach the zenith of Christian Charity. To be magnanimous means to truly see the great end that God has called the entire human race to, namely heavenly life. Christ showed the greatness of His soul because he saw clearly the beauty of the Father's divine will, namely that through his suffering and death on the gibbet of the cross he would accomplish the great work of our redemption.

*Fr. Bryan Pedersen
AAHNS Spiritual Advisor*

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2008 National Convention - Volunteer Opportunities

The AAHNS Executive Board is asking for your help and support to make the NAHNS National Convention a success. Several key areas are in need of volunteers:

- Several people are required for staffing the Friday night banquet at the Church of St. Olaf.
- Two Marshals are requested during the Convention business meetings on Thursday and Friday September 25 and 26.

- Four people are needed for the convention registration table on Thursday and Friday.
- Four to six people are required for the registration tables on Saturday morning September 27 for the Dr. Hahn conference.
- Tour guides are needed for the St. Paul and Minneapolis tours. We also need people to assist at the hospitality suite, drivers for VIPs, set up/take down for the

Friday banquet and Dr. Hahn conference, and several other opportunities.

Please contact:

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 if you are willing to provide help and assistance.

NAHNS National Convention Tours & Dinners Registration Form

Dates: Thursday, September 25th through Saturday, September 27, 2008

Place: Church of St. Olaf - All Tours will meet at the Church

Address: 215 South 8th Ave. Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402

Please include a check payable to: **AAHNS - 2008 National Convention**

Advanced Registration Required: Register early - seating is limited

Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State Zip _____
 Phone #: (____) _____

Mail to:
HNS - 2008 National Convention
c/o Church of St. Michael
337 Hurley Ave. East
West St. Paul, MN 55118-1605

NAHNS Convention Tours & Dinners Registration		Registration Fee	
Date & Time	Tour Description & Cost	Number	Cost
September 25 (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)	Mall of America Shopping Excursion		No charge
September 25 (6:00 - 9:00 p.m.)	Riverboat Cruise & Dinner (\$50/person)		
September 26 (3:30 - 6:00 p.m.)	St. Paul Domes & Homes Tour (\$20/person)		
September 26 (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.)	Convention Reception & Banquet (\$35/person)		
September 27 (9:00 - 11:00 a.m.)	Mill City Tour (\$20/person)		
September 27 (12:00 - 3:00 p.m.)	Scott Hahn Conference (\$15/person)		
September 27 (6:30 - 9:30 p.m.)	Minnesota Twins Baseball Game (\$25/person)		
Totals			

For more information, email: Apologetics@Nomensanctum.org

AAHNS Revised Constitution

The Executive Board of the Archdiocesan Association of Holy Name Societies has revised the Constitution and is recommending ratification of the Revised Constitution at the Annual General Membership Assembly. The Fall General Membership Assembly will be held on Tuesday, October 14 at the Church of St. Albert the Great in Minneapolis. The evening will start with Mass at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will follow the Mass and the vote for the revised Constitution will be part of the membership meeting.

Please prepare for the vote for ratification by reading the proposed Revised Constitution reproduced here in its entirety for your convenience.

**Constitution
of
Archdiocesan Association of Holy Name Societies,
St Paul-Minneapolis**

Preamble

In order to form a Non-profit Religious Corporation under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 317A, and a Non-profit Religious Corporation under United States (IRS) Internal Revenue Service Code, Section 501(c)(3) as now enacted and hereafter amended, we the **Archdiocesan Association of Holy Name Societies, St Paul-Minneapolis** do hereby adopt this Revised Constitution as the basis for our activities

[This replaces AAHNS 1935 Original Constitution and subsequent Amendments.]

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this Corporation, a Confraternity of the Roman Catholic Church, is "**Archdiocesan Association of Holy Name Societies, St Paul-Minneapolis**", also known as "**Archdiocesan Assn Holy Name Societies, SP-M**", "**Archdiocesan Assn of Holy Name Societies**", "**AAHNS**", and other abbreviations, acronyms and similar forms.

ARTICLE II - Object

It is the object of this Association to spread devotion to the **Holy Name of Jesus**, to bring all men closer to the knowledge and love of **Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit**, and to reaffirm the Catholic ideals of reverence for the **Holy Name of Jesus**.

This Association is organized exclusively for Religious purposes, specifically:

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Section 1 to promote devotion, honor and glory to our **Divine God** and **Lord, Father, Son,** and, **Holy Spirit**, the personal sanctification of its members by acts of faith, hope and charity and devotion to the **Most Holy Name of Jesus**.

Section 2 to endeavor to assist the individual Member to be permeated with the **Spirit of Christ** in his daily actions, the dedication of his daily labor, and a more rigorous attention to the effect of that daily labor on others.

Section 3 to work through organized projects, in close cooperation with Parish Holy Name Societies, that create an impact for good in the Parish and the Archdiocese, especially within the spiritual, educational, social and ecumenical fields.

Section 4 to cooperate with the National Association of the Holy Name Society (NAHNS) and promote, as much as possible, projects proposed by NAHNS that do not conflict with AAHNS Objects and projects.

To this end, this Corporation shall at all times be operated exclusively for Religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Service Code, as now enacted and hereafter amended. All funds, whether income or principal, and, whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1 To be a Member in good standing of the Archdiocesan Assn of Holy Name Societies, a male Catholic 18 years of age or older must be an enrolled Member of a Parish Holy Name Society within the Archdiocese, or be an enrolled At-Large Member of the AAHNS, and his dues, as stated in the ByLaws, must be current.

Section 2 A Member has voting privileges at Association Annual and Special Membership Meetings, and, may hold elective Office and/or Committee assignments in AAHNS. No Member may have more than one vote at AAHNS Meetings.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

Section 1 The Association will be governed by the Officers of the Archdiocesan Association Board.

Section 2 The Officers of the Association shall be the Spiritual Advisor, President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and other Officers as named in the ByLaws. The duties of Association Officers shall be as stated in the ByLaws. No Member may hold more than one Elective Board position (Office) at a time.

Section 3 The Board shall have the authority to fill a vacancy occurring in any of the Elective Offices of the Association when such vacancy occurs by death, resignation or inactivity of any of the Officers. The Candidate for appointment must first be approved by the Association Spiritual Advisor and meet Membership requirements.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

Section 1 Membership Meetings: An Annual Membership Meeting of the AAHNS will be held on a date, time and at a location designated by the Board, with proper notice to the Membership via the official newsletter, a mailing through the United States Postal Service and/or Internet or other electronic means.

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held to give appropriate reports, to conduct Biennial Elections in odd number years, to conduct appropriate Association business, to move appropriate Resolutions, and/or to amend the Constitution.

A Special Membership Meeting may be called by the Board with proper notice, as above.

Section 2 Board Meetings: The Board shall meet regularly as determined by the ByLaws of the Association.

Section 3 Quorum: Twenty Members, in good standing, will constitute a Quorum for the transaction of business at an Annual Membership Meeting or at a Special Membership Meeting.

A Majority of the active Board Members will constitute a Quorum for AAHNS Board Meetings. Ordinary Motions require approval by a Majority of the active Board. Motions requiring a 2/3 vote require approval by 2/3 of the active Board.

ARTICLE VI - AAHNS Executive Board

Section 1 Archdiocesan Association Executive Board: shall consist of the Association Officers as named in Article IV and in the ByLaws. The AAHNS Board is subject only to the authority of the Local Ordinary of the Archdiocese, his duly appointed representative, the Spiritual Advisor, and/or to an action taken at an Annual Membership Meeting or a Special Membership Meeting, if such action by the General Membership is approved by a 2/3 vote.

Section 2 Election of AAHNS Executive Board: Officers shall be elected for 2-year terms in odd number years; except, the Spiritual Advisor will be appointed by the Ordinary of the Diocese.

ARTICLE VII - Committees

The AAHNS Board may establish Standing and Referral Committees as specified in the ByLaws.

ARTICLE VIII - Parliamentary Authority

Except where otherwise specified in the AAHNS ByLaws, all meetings of the Executive Board and of the General Membership will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, recent Edition.

ARTICLE IX – Amendments

Section 1 Constitution and Amendments: Any Article of this Constitution may be Amended by a

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two thirds (2/3) vote of the Members present at the Annual Membership Meeting or at a Special Meeting of the Association, provided notice of the same has been given in writing to the AAHNS Board at least 60 days prior to the Annual Membership Meeting or to the Special Meeting, so that the Membership may receive proper notice.

The Executive Board may propose Amendments to the AAHNS Constitution if approved by a 2/3 vote of the active Executive Board and with at least 30 days notice to the Membership.

Section 2 ByLaws and Amendments: must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the active Board.

ARTICLE X - Personal Liability

No Member, Director or Officer of this Corporation or other private person shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this Corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of Members, Directors or Officers be subject to the payment of debts or obligations of this Corporation.

ARTICLE XI

Internal Revenue Service Code Exemption Requirements

At all times the following U. S. Internal Revenue Service Code Exemption Requirements, and additions and amendments thereto, shall operate as conditions restricting and governing the operations and activities of this Corporation.

Section 1 No part of the net earnings of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any Member, Director, Officer or other private person, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for this Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes. Such net earnings, if any, of this Corporation shall be used to carry out the nonprofit corporate purposes set forth in **Article II** above.

Section 2 No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and this Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

Section 3 Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as now enacted or hereafter amended.

Section 4 At the time of dissolution of this Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, costs and expenses of this Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of this Corporation in such manner as the Board of Directors shall determine. In no case shall a disposition be made which would not qualify as a charitable contribution under Section 170(c)(1) or (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, as now enacted or hereafter amended.

2008 National Convention Events, Activities, and Tours

There are numerous events, tours and activities for all Holy Name Society members, friends, and family to attend at the National Convention. A brief summary and description of the events is available below. All of these events are included in the registration fee for the National Conference. You can also register and pay separately for individual events. A sign-up form is available on page 5 of this newsletter.

Event	Date/Time	Location
MOA Shopping Excursion	Thursday, Sept. 25, 9 AM to 4 PM	Mall of America
Mississippi Riverboat Dinner Cruise	Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:00 to 9:00 PM	Boom Island - Minneapolis
St. Paul Domes & Homes Tour	Friday, Sept. 26, 3:30 to 6:00 PM	St. Paul
Reception & Banquet	Friday, Sept. 26, 7:00 to 9:00 PM	Church of St. Olaf
Mill City Tour	Saturday, Sept. 27, 9:00 to 11:00 AM	Minneapolis
"Swear to God" Conference	Saturday, Sept. 27, 12:00 to 3:30 PM	Church of St. Olaf
Minnesota Twins Game	Saturday, Sept. 27, 6:30 to 9:00 PM	Minneapolis Metrodome

Descriptions of Events

Mall of America Shopping Excursion – Thursday, September 25, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

The group will travel via Light Rail (LRT) from downtown Minneapolis to the Mall of America. Visitors will take in the shops, sights, sounds, and tastes of the mall at their leisure. Shoppers will return to downtown Minneapolis in the afternoon via the LRT. There is no cost for this event.

Riverboat Cruise & Dinner on the Mississippi River- Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

A tranquil and beautiful three hour

dinner tour by boat of the upper Mississippi River departing from and returning to Boom Island in Minneapolis. The cruise travels along the Grand Rounds Scenic Byway and Heritage Trail, past Nicollet Island and through the lock at historic St. Anthony Falls. After locking through, the ship cruises under the Stone Arch Bridge and by Mill City Museum and Mill Ruins Park. Cost for this event is \$50 per person.

St. Paul Domes and Homes Tour - Friday, Sept. 26, 3:30 to 6:00 PM

The group will travel via motor coach east from downtown Minneapolis to see the domes and homes of Minnesota's capital city, St. Paul.

The bus will pass close by the state capital en route to the first tour stop which is the St. Paul Cathedral. A guided tour of the Cathedral helps point out the history and beauty of this Church. Next stop, across the parking lot for a guided tour of the James J. Hill house. Learn the history of the Guided Age mansion, the man who built it, and its historic connection to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The route back to Minneapolis will start down historic Summit Avenue in St. Paul, catching a glimpse of many mansions built in the 1890 to 1920 era. A refreshing stop at a St. Paul neighborhood ice cream shop will complete this tour. Cost for this event is \$20 per person.

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Presidents Reception and Convention Banquet - Friday, Sept. 26, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

The evening schedule starts with the president's reception followed by a wonderful dinner. You will hear talks by Bishop Burbidge and Archbishop Flynn. They will share their insights on spirituality and the Holy Name Society at different points throughout the evening. National and archdiocesan awards will be given. Cost for this event is only \$35 per person.

Mill City Tour - Saturday, Sept. 27, 9:00 to 11:00 AM

This tour starts with a drive through Minneapolis past the Mary Tyler Moore statue to the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. Pictures may be taken with the famous spoon bridge and cherry. Next stop is a tour of the Basilica of St. Mary. The final stop on this tour of Minneapolis is the Mill City Museum, a former flour mill on the banks of the Mississippi River now serving as a historical, educational, and entertainment venue. Cost for this tour is \$20 per person.

"Swear to God Conference" by Dr. Scott Hahn - Saturday, Sept. 27, 12:00 to 3:30 PM

Join Catholic theologian and best-selling author Dr. Scott Hahn as he recounts his personal adventure of discovery that will make the familiar topic of the Sacraments seem brand new. As you share his journey from a

simply symbolic Protestant understanding of the Sacraments to the traditional teaching of the Fathers of the Church, you'll discover new insights into the Sacraments that will inspire, enlighten and inform you as never before - even if you're a lifelong Catholic!

You'll learn how the Catholic understanding of a Sacrament is based on the Biblical concept of swearing an oath, and how, in Biblical times, parties to covenants would swear a sacred oath, offer a sacrifice and share a meal, all elements contained in the Catholic Sacraments today. Dr. Hahn demonstrates that the Sacraments are solidly based in Scripture and how they have always been a crucial part of the belief and practice of the Church, far from later additions to Christian worship as some Protestants claim. Cost for this conference is only \$15 per adult and only \$10 for youth 18 and under.

Minnesota Twins - Major League Baseball Game - Saturday, Sept. 27, 6:30 to 9:30 PM

A relaxed evening with Holy Society members and friends at the Minnesota Twins game. Become a Twins fan for at least one night as they take on the Kansas City Royals at the Metrodome. No matter what the weather is outside, it is always perfect weather in the Metrodome for a baseball game. Cost for this evening of fun is only \$25 which includes a reserved ticket to the game and food and beverage coupons.



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Calendar of AAHNS and Related Events

Date	Description	Location
09/25-28/2008	2008 NAHNS National Convention: <i>"Proclaim the Name of the Lord"</i>	Church of St. Olaf, Minneapolis
09/27/2008	Apologetics Conference with Dr. Scott Hahn: <i>"Swear to God: The Promise and Power of the Sacraments"</i> (conference part of the National Convention and open to the public)	Church of St. Olaf, Minneapolis
10/14/2008	AAHNS Annual General Membership Assembly 6 p.m. Mass with dinner and meeting to follow	Church of St. Albert the Great, Minneapolis
April 2009	AAHNS Annual Spring Banquet	Church of The Holy Cross
All second Saturdays	<i>"Solidarity Saturdays"</i> - 8 a.m. Mass, social time, spiritual conference - open to all Catholic males over 18 years of age	St. Olaf Church, Minneapolis For info, call Vince @ (763) 591-5685
All second Saturdays	Second Saturday Holy Name Devotions - 7:40 a.m. Holy Rosary, 8 a.m. Mass followed by Litany, social time, and spiritual conference	Church of St. Augustine, So. St. Paul For info, call Ron @ (651) 216-4734

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