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FIVE REASONS WHY EVERY MAN SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

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There are a number of reasons why every Catholic man should join the Holy Name Society. Some of these reasons or arguments which may be employed in urging members to affiliate are:

First
 Ask them to join the Society in order to help eliminate profanity and lewdness of speech, not alone in the members themselves, but in those over whom they exercise influence. Christ's blessed Name is profaned on every side. There is hardly a moment in the day when one may not hear oaths and blasphemies uttered by both old and young. Equally common are impure stories, unchaste expressions and words of double meaning. The Holy Name Society exists to eliminate all this so far as it may. Urge them to come and help in the work. Why not feel a little interest in God's honor, particularly when it entails neither suffering nor sacrifice? Come and enter under the banner of the Holy Name of Jesus. Put away coldness and cowardice and be a soldier of Christ in the Society of His blessed Name.

Second
 Ask them to come into the Society that their example may arouse the lukewarm and indifferent men of the parish to a realization of their shortcomings and to greater care in the practice of their religion. There are many men in every parish whose lives are a disgrace to the religion they profess. How will these men be impressed with a proper sense of religious duty? There is no better way than through the example of the good men of the parish. If the good men come into the Society the weak and the indifferent will soon come also. Longfellow tells us of the forlorn and shipwrecked brother who took heart again from the fact that he saw human footprints on the lonely shore where he was wandering. In like manner our forlorn and spiritually shipwrecked brothers will "take heart" and come back to the practice of their religion when they see frequently large and imposing bodies of men publicly receiving Holy Communion. The spectacle will make them think seriously of the defects in their own lives. It will give them "heart" again. How glorious is it to give encouragement and aid to those of our brethren who are spiritually weak and have stumbled and fallen by the wayside!

Third
 Urge them to come into the Society to help save the boys. We have the boy problem always with us. Usually the cause of the delinquency of boys is set down as something in the boys themselves. The boys of today are supposed to be different from the boys of other days. This is not the case. The boys are the same, but conditions are different. Boys are tempted more today than formerly, and fathers are not giving the good example they once gave to their children. If the fathers of today were like the fathers of other days, we would not have so many delinquent boys. Why are boys today so disinclined to join a sodality? One reason is because they see their fathers refusing to join the Holy Name Society. The boys walk in the footsteps of their fathers and of all grown men. The men are always teaching the boys. In everything they do and fail to do, the men teach the boys, and the boys in these things are most apt in learning. The boys build up their lives after the models set before them by the men.

Christian men, come into the Holy Name Society and help save the boys. If a boy were being murdered in your neighborhood and you heard his cry for help, how quickly you would rush to his aid! You would go through flames to help him. Well, our boys are being spiritually and morally murdered by wicked persons and evil influences all around you, and the angels of God are crying "Murder! Murder!" They are beating their wings about your heads and shouting into your very ears, "Murder! Murder!" Still you are indifferent, you are unmoved, you do nothing. Catholic men; come and help save the boys whose souls are being murdered. Come in under the banner of the Holy Name that they may follow you. Let your footsteps lead to the altar like the march of an army, so that they too will walk along the way. The fountain of life is at the altar. The Bread of Angels is there. Come, that the boys may come also!

Fourth
 Urge them to join the Holy Name Society for their own sanctification. The duty of saving our soul is for each of us the highest duty of life. Membership in the Holy Name Society will bring special helps and graces in that important work. Membership in the Holy Name Society is not merely an act of love towards Him whose Name is honored, but it is a public confession of faith in Him. We confess Christ before men when we approach Holy Communion publicly in a body, and the reward for such fidelity is that Christ will confess us—that is, defend us—before His Father in heaven. Who would not rejoice to have such an advocate in heaven?

Fifth
 Call their attention to the opposition which exists today against Catholics, an opposition which is based on no other reason than our fidelity to God and His truth. In the face of that opposition, we should stand firmly together and should lose no opportunity to display publicly our loyalty to Church and to God. In no better way can that be done than by membership in the Holy Name Society. To those who belittle our faith and say harsh and cruel things of us uncharitably, let our answer be a great outpouring of men month after month in the public reception of Holy Communion. What could be more helpful in silencing malicious tongues than such a display of religious fervor on the part of Catholic men! The Holy Name Society is the only instrument through which this can be accomplished.—Holy Name Journal.

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Announcement will be soon made of completion of plans for a Holy Name Society campaign for subscriptions to the Catholic Courier, diocesan newspaper.

In obedience to an assignment given by Archbishop Mooney at the Geneva convention, last April, the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union is conferring with the Catholic Courier manager to effect practical plans for supporting the diocesan newspaper.

It is felt "particularly fitting" that Holy Name men should undertake this duty as a holy duty of a Catholic Action program. Holy Name men are urged to look for the announcement.

Noted U. S. Sculptor To Execute Memorial Statue of Fr. Duffy

New York.—(NWC)—Andrew O'Connor, distinguished American sculptor, now living in Paris, has been selected by the Father Duffy Memorial Committee here to execute the statue of the late distinguished World War chaplain of the Sixty-Ninth Regiment, which will be erected in Times Square, this city.

Mr. O'Connor, who is a native of Massachusetts, is considered by many to be the greatest living sculptor. He is particularly noted for his statue of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Ill.; home of the martyred President; his figure of Peace in the Vatican; and his memorial to Columbus at La Rabida, Montezuma, Spain, where the Discoverer spent his last night before setting sail on his last voyage.

The statue of the Liberator, Daniel O'Connell, in Dublin, was also executed by Mr. O'Connor. At present he is working on the same person for St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. The sculptor has also been commissioned by the Irish Free State to make the great difficult statue of Christ the King, which will be erected in Dublin Harbor.

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