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QUOTES FROM POPE FRANCIS ON THE 244 MILLION MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

My Brothers of the FDNY Holy Name of Jesus Society,

I am remembering my own parents who migrated to this country to find refuge at the end of over 400 years of brutal occupation by another government. Tom and Mary suffered greatly from poverty and experienced the death of friends by the military. Their passage and documentation was much easier in the 1920's: an open quota, a visa, \$25 in their pocket, a medical exam and someone here who sponsored them. They encountered the tremendous backlash toward immigrants in those years and their faith in the Holy Name of Jesus gave them their dignity. Fast forward, I with my siblings, were the first in our families to have a grammar, high school or college education. I could only think of sharing with each of you some reflections of Pope Francis who reminds us that we should not be afraid of immigrants, because we all are immigrants. Who are your ancestors? What is their story? What foreign countries are the source of your DNA? My prayer is that we always remember, never forget or have a short-lived memory of who and where we came from. May we have a renewed gratefulness for our ancestors and all they suffered to bring each of us to the richness of faith that is ours at this gifted moment of our life.

From Message for the Celebration of the 51st World Day of Peace (https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20171113_messaggio-51giornatamondiale-pace2018.html)

"The wisdom of faith fosters a contemplative gaze that recognizes that all of us 'belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth, whose destination is universal, as the social doctrine of the Church teaches. It is here that solidarity and sharing are founded.' ... When we turn that gaze to migrants and refugees, we discover that they do not arrive empty-handed. They bring their courage, skills, energy and aspirations, as well as the treasures of their own cultures; and in this way, they enrich the lives of the nations that receive them. We also come to see the creativity, tenacity and spirit of sacrifice of the countless individuals, families and communities around the world who open their doors and hearts to migrants and refugees, even where resources are scarce." (Pope Francis, 3)

From Message for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2018 (https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20170815_world-migrants-day-2018.html)

"Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age."

From Address to the Members of the International Federation of Catholic Universities (https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2017/november/documents/papa-francesco_20171104_federazione-universita-cattoliche.html)

In order to give "rationales" to the pastoral care of migrants and refugees, I invite you to deepen theological reflection on migration as a sign of the times. "In migrants the Church has always contemplated the image of Christ who said, 'I was a stranger and you made me welcome' (Mt 25:35). Their condition is, therefore, a challenge to the faith and love of believers, who are called on to heal the evils caused by migration and discover the plan God pursues through it, even when caused by obvious injustices"

-Fr. Chris Keenan, OFM with Ben, Ron and Christian who are this new Franciscan Fraternity in the dormitory with the students at the College of Mount Saint Vincent.

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SOME HISTORY OF OUR HOLY NAME SOCIETY

THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF GOD AND JESUS has as a primary object to beget the Love and Reverence due the Holy Name of God and Jesus Christ. It had its origin in the Council of Lyons, 1274, which prescribed that the faithful should have a special devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, so that reparation might be made for insults offered against It by Albigenses and other blasphemers. Pope Gregory X selected the Dominicans to preach the devotion by a letter to Blessed John of Vercelli, master general of the order, September 20, 1274 (Constit. "Nuper in"). The master general wrote to all the provincials of the order, expressing the pope's wish, and enjoining upon all the duty of laboring for its fulfillment (Litterae Encyclicae Mag. Gen. Ord. Praed., Reichert, 1900). The brethren gave their best energies in executing the command, preaching everywhere the power and glory of the Holy Name of Jesus; and, to give permanency to the devotion excited in the hearts of the people, it was ordained that in every Dominican church an altar of the Holy Name should be erected, and that societies or confraternities under the title and invocation of the Holy Name of Jesus should be established. St. Peter, Martyr (d. 1252); John of Vercelli, a contemporary of St. Dominic; Blessed Ambrose of Siena (d. 1286) are said to have been great propagators of the devotion. In the fourteenth century Blessed Henry Suso (d. 1365) is the most notable apostle of devotion to the Holy Name. In 1432 at Lisbon the devotion preached by a retired bishop, Andrea Diaz, was the means of stopping the ravages of a plague which was afflicting the city. In gratitude for their deliverance, the people of all classes in Lisbon held, on January 1, 1433, what was probably the first procession in honor of the Holy Name of Jesus. St. Bernardine of Siena, a Franciscan, gained great renown as a promoter of the devotion in Italy. In the sixteenth century Emperor Charles V and King Philip II, moved by the prevalence of blasphemy and sacrilege, exhorted and encouraged the Dominicans to spread the devotion and to establish the society throughout their dominions. Among the preachers engaged in this apostolate, the most celebrated was the Spanish Dominican, Didacus of Victoria (d. 1450), who may be properly called the great preacher of the devotion of the Holy Name of God. He founded a confraternity known as the Society of the Holy Name of God, of which the special object was to suppress the horrible profanation of the Divine Name by blasphemers, perjurers, and by men in their ordinary conversation, and to this end he drew up a rule and constitution for its government.

His confraternity was approved by Pope Pius IV April 13, 1564, who richly endowed it with indulgences, commanded all ecclesiastical authorities to favor it with all their power, and, in a special letter, recommended it to the laity (Bullarium Ord. Prd., torn. I, v). Later, this confraternity was merged into the Society of the Holy Name of Jesus. Thereafter the society was called by both titles. Following the example of Pius IV, the popes of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, notably Innocent XI, made the society an object of special solicitude, encouraging its promotion, granting indulgences, and regulating its organization. St. Pius V, in the Motu Proprio "Decet Romanum", June 21, 1571, absolutely restricted the canonical erection of the society to the Dominican order. Letters patent from the master general of the Dominicans are required for the canonical establishment of the society (for the United States these letters are issued through the bureau of the Holy Name Society, New York). In missionary countries special provision is made for the establishment of the society.

The acts of the general chapters of the order held since 1571 contain numerous regulations and admonitions insisting upon zeal in propagating the confraternity. Great encouragement to the development of the society was given at the close of the nineteenth century by Pope Leo XIII, who decreed through the Congregation of Indulgences, May 20, 1896, that the bishops may dispense from the Clementine decree "Quaecumque", requiring that there should be only one confraternity in a town or city. Before this the society had existed in many churches of various cities of the United States, by virtue of dispensations obtained from Rome. Since then branches of the society have multiplied very rapidly and in several dioceses; following the example set in the Archdiocese of New York, May 21, 1882, they have been formed into diocesan unions under a director general appointed by the ordinary.

Being thus united, the men of the society in the United States (they number about 500,000) are able to accomplish great good by public yearly processions of many thousands professing reverence for the Name of Jesus Christ, and abhorrence of blasphemy, profanity, and immorality. They

are required to receive Holy Communion in a body at least once every three months; in most places the rule prescribes Communion on the second Sunday of every month, when they may gain plenary and partial indulgences granted by Gregory XIII. A complete list of indulgences, all of which may be applied to the souls in purgatory, is contained in the "Pocket Manual of the Holy Name Society" (new edition, New York, 1909), by the Dominican, Father McKenna, who for many years has been recognized as the apostle of the Holy Name in the United States. In 1907 the monthly publication of "The Holy Name Journal" (New York) was begun by the Dominican Fathers.

-CLEMENT M. THUENTE (from Catholic Encyclopedia)



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JUBILEE 2018

94th

Communion Mass & Breakfast

In Memory of Our Fallen Firefighters

Sunday, April 29, 2018

St. Patrick's Cathedral

Communion Mass: 10:15 a.m.

Breakfast

immediately following at the

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HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The drawing for the higher education Scholarship will take place during the Annual Communion Breakfast. **Members must be in good standing and be PRESENT at the breakfast to have their children eligible for the drawing.**

Applications will be available from our Scholarship Chairman Bill Meade 917-716-1074. Or write to Bill Meade, PO BOX 525, Maspeth, NY 11378. All applications must be returned to Bill by **April 20th** to be included in the drawing.

We recently celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. John the Baptist preached a baptism of repentance. He proclaimed that the Lord was near and he would baptize them with the Holy Spirit and fire. John the Baptist was the prophet who prepared the way for Jesus.

Jesus in his ministry baptized with the Holy Spirit, touched many lives and had a profound effect on them. The apostles went all over the world to spread the Gospel. They were on fire with the Holy Spirit. Most of them went from a working class positions to itinerant preachers. Peter was a fisherman, Paul was a Pharisee, Matthew was a tax collector. After they encountered Jesus their lives drastically changed. They gave up the comforts of their past lives. They became homeless, poor and at times hungry. They often labored long hours and were often ostracized, beaten and jailed. All of them suffered a martyrs death.

If someone were to examine their lives from a physical standpoint, they would come to the conclusion that their lives were tragic. If they looked at it from a spiritual viewpoint they would say that their lives were triumphant and jubilant. If we were able to interview them at the time of their death we would be surprised how joyful they were. They remained full of the Holy Spirit and did their best to spread it to the world.

Today, we are offered the same things that the apostles were. All of us are in a relatively comfortable positions. We have families, cars, possessions, toys of all sorts and many activities to keep us busy. How open are we to accept the invitation of the Holy Spirit? Is it not even a part of our lives? Are we afraid to get involved? Do we sometimes experience it and respond occasionally? Has the Holy Spirit touched us and changed our lives?

If we live in a world where we only try to amass possessions or are not so concerned with those outside our circle of existence we risk not having anything at all. We can become poor in all our possessions. We all know that we need something else. That something else is the Holy Spirit. Finding the Spirit in our lives is a lifelong journey. The more open we are to it, the richer our lives become. We should try to be open to any opportunity to receive it.

Last October was the Holy Name retreat. All who attended experienced the Holy Spirit. Just ask anyone who was there if this is true. The retreat may not have drastically changed our lives, but it touched everyone and made them a little more open for the next encounter. Think about joining us next year. Think about the Holy Spirit in your own life.

- Steven Damato

ATTENTION RETIRED MEMBERS

With this issue of the newsletter you will not see the 4 digit number over your first name. We are still in the process of updating our data base for 2018. Sorry for the inconvenience.



Captain Timothy Stackpole

Annual Retreat

at the

Bishop Molloy Retreat House

from Supper on

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018

through breakfast on

Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018

Call now and make your reservations:

Bishop Molloy Retreat House

718-739-1229

Come for a “Day Tour” or maybe a “24” ?

Do not forget about the “24” hour format for the Retreat! It was introduced to help those members who have limited time available to make a full retreat at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House. You may come for the day, come for a meal, or come for a conference. You decide what you have time for!

\$15.00

Dues

\$15.00

Are your dues up to date?

Please check your mailing labels for dues in arrears!

(Over your first name you will find a 4 digit number, which represents the last year you paid your dues.)

Please forward your dues to :

Active Members

Joseph Bryant

4 Maple Drive, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Retired Members

Tom Martin

111 Kimball Terrace, Yonkers, NY 10704

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WALT'S RETIREE CORNER

Hi Brothers,

We had a great summer right through Oct. I enjoy our monthly meetings of the active & retired brothers at the Mahopac fire house every 3rd Thursday each month on the second floor. Dec. 21st we held our Christmas party, around 100 brothers showed up for a great time. Tom Lynch our president, Jim McGowan, Vice president, along with others arranged the party. We shared a great meal, comradely and stories. I enjoyed seeing a few members you know. Ray Callinan, our Chaplain leader. Ray was appointed Mar.21, 1970 and was assigned Ladder 55. In 1991, after 21 years Ray made Lt. and bounced until assigned to Engine 17. Retirement came June.23, 2005. Ray married wife Barbara Sept.5th 1971 and why not he got a great job to support the love of his life, They have 2 daughters Christian Murphy She flies a State Helicopter out of Stewart airport daughter Debra Kilmer is a teacher in middle school. Ray is blessed with 5 grandchild. Ray was in the Navy and spent one year in Vietnam on a LST Polanski County 90 man crew. Later assigned to the aircraft carrier Corral Sea from 1965 through 1968 it had 5,000 crew members. Ray is active in his V.F.W and is their Chaplin. Ray says Hello to all the Brothers!

John Larerty was appointed to the Police Dept.1966. John tells me, while at the Police academy, he was sent with others to the Pistol range and then to Bed-Sty in Brooklyn. Due to many problems, in that area, then back to academy where all of his class graduated. Because of the special duties, while still in training, John then worked in Tactical Patrol Force. Out of FDNY Prob. School Sept, 1967 John spent 15 years in Engine 75 then up to Engine 52 then across the floor to Ladder 52 After 20 years 2 months injury forced retirement. In 1986. John married his lovely wife Carol Ann in 1962 they have 3 children; son James a software Engineer, daughter's Susan is an executive secretary and Elizabeth is working with the vice president of Cosco as Security administrator. Hello to some of Johns friends; Wayne Howard ,Mike Dougherty and Don Martin. Short story – after four all hands before midnight on the fifth all hands moving down a long hallway the walls started to move. It was Roaches. After the job, we took off our clothes in the hallway. How many boots up jobs for food on the stove Ha Ha. By the way, Johns Company interchanged with Engine 299 in Queens and Engine 52 Bronx. Hello to the brothers.

Jim McGowan was appointed in 1963 and assigned to 104 in Brooklyn, then to Rescue 3. In 1974 Jim got promoted to Lieutenant and in 1980 became U.F.O.A. Lieutenants Representative. Jim retired in 1989, becoming president of all fire unions in New York State. Jim then became commissioner of Labor New York State 1998. Retirement in 2001. Jim married Fran Cimadomo in 1962. Jim has three children daughters Kelly Ann and Lorie, and son, James Jr. retired Lieutenant N.Y.F.D and wife Patricia and a total of 7 grandchildren. What a career, Jim maintains it is the best job in the world. He keeps up his activate being Vice President of our Mid-Hudson group. Talk about a great career my friend. Deputy Chief Mike Hartnett: Mike's career started appointed Aug. 10, 1968 he was assigned to Engine 41 second section 151st. Cortland avenue, in 1973 squad 5 replaced the 2nd section of engine 41. Mike moved on to Engine 82 in Aug. of 1976 and made Lieutenant on to Ladder 49, in Aug. 1980 Captain bounced one year on to Engine 37. In Aug 1987, made Battalion Chief bounced in 3rd and 8th Division in 1988 assigned to the 27 Battalion. In 1994 became Deputy Chief. Worked in 14 Division Queens 1995 Division of training Special projects. Was hurt Feb. 5th 1998 and worked 2 more years and retired in 1999. Mike Married his beautiful wife Barbara. ?. They have one daughter Jennifer, a Science teacher. Mike has 4 Grandchildren. His daughter Jennifer is a well-known author of a book she wrote called "HOPE and JOY",. One of her children is named Joy ,look it up a very interesting story. Mike says hello to all the firefighters he worked with over the years. Mike is a Vietnam veteran, one year in country 1967, 3 years Army 1964 -1967, 25th Infantry Division. Mike is Commander of Disabled American Veterans, and belongs to American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

If you have a message, joke or wish to contact an old friend call me at (914)779-1826 or write: Walter Whitmore 126 Windermere Drive, Yonkers New York or email wpwhitmore126@gmail.com
less all our troops & firefighters.

Remembering the FDNY Holy Name Society in your estate planning! The HNS is known for its generosity to its churches & communities. Many individuals & Couples find planned giving to be an attractive way to leave a legacy because a planned gift is often much larger, when fully realized, than any gift they could make during their lifetime. Planned gifts thus offer the opportunity to make a signature statement about one's values & philanthropic desire to help others. The idea of establishing a bequest may seem daunting & a common misconception is that a bequest means one thing, a gift of a specific asset, as defined in a will, given for a group's general operations needs. In fact, there are many options available for establishing a bequest that give you the opportunity to provide for your family while also giving to an organization that is meaningful to you. A bequest can be designated! You can direct your gift to be restricted to a particular use within the HNS such as a scholarship fund. A residuary bequest gives the remainder of an estate to HNS after all other beneficiaries are addressed. A contingent bequest gives HNS a gift only in the event the will's primary beneficiary doesn't survive the donor. Finally, HNS may be named as a beneficiary of other assets such as a life insurance policy, IRA, or other retirement plans. Again you do not need to leave the entirety of such an asset but a percentage of the value to be given. Giving can often be facilitated by simple changing the beneficiary on a retirement plan or life insurance. Making a bequest can offer a means of preserving an individuals or family's current support of the Holy Name Society. Please contact Joe Bryant, President FDNY HNS with questions regarding ways to give. Thank you.

Spring Schedule Meeting Dates

Monday, March 5th

Burk's Restaurant, 645 Bronx River Road, Yonkers

8:00 PM

Monday, April 2nd

Hillside Swim Club, Staten Island

8:00 PM

Monday, April 30th

Elks Lodge, 901 Lakeville Rd,

New Hyde Park, LI

8:00 PM

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President's Message:

This year the Lenten Season starts on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and February 14th is also Valentines Day. So, it would be a good idea to plan your Valentines Day celebration a little early. When ashes are placed on our foreheads in the sign of a cross it is a call to repentance a physical sign that we are sinners in the need of forgiveness. It reminds us that God created us from the earth and when we die we will return to it, but dust is precious in God's eyes because God created man destining him to immortality. (USCCB) Our annual Communion Mass and Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, April 29, 2018. This is 4 weeks after Easter, so please mark your calendars now. Our Higher Education Scholarship will take place during the breakfast. Members must be present at the breakfast and must have submitted a scholarship application to our Scholarship Chairman to be eligible for the drawing. The High School Scholarship test will take place on Saturday, December 1, 2018. All members must be in good standing for the last 10 years to be eligible for our scholarship programs. If any member owes back dues your back dues should be paid between May and July of each year. A big thank you to our former scholarship winners and their families and all our members who contribute to our Father Mychal Judge Scholarship Fund. It is your support of our scholarship program that allows the children of our members to attend Catholic High School. The retired members dues letter went out this past December and our active members dues letter accompanies this newsletter. Over your first name you should find a 4 digit number which represents the last year that dues were paid. Any questions or differences you can send me an email to fdnyholynamesociety@verizon.net. If you move, transfer, retire, are promoted and new members signing up for the first time send us your name, address, phone number, rank, unit and your email address so we can keep you updated on our different events. We still need our members help in the following areas; Memorial Mass Chairperson, Organization Chairperson, Breakfast Committee members, Journal Ad Chairperson, Meeting Chairperson, Sponsor Chairperson. If you can help give me a shout. **Our fiscal year ends this coming June 30th so will Joe Bryant's term as president. Our elections will take place at our general membership meeting on April 30th. The position of President and Vice President at Large will be open. It is time to step up!** Have fun and stay safe. Joe Bryant

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