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## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY OF THE PHILIPPINES

*. Promotes the honor and glory of our Divine God and the personal sanctification of its members by acts of love and devotion to the most Holy Name of Jesus. This spiritual life of its members is a perpetual act of reverence and love.*

*• Promotes respect for the most Holy Name of God, faith in the Catholic Church and the Magisterium, loyalty to one's country, and respect for all lawful authority, both civil and religious*

*• Our members perform the Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty, shelter to the homeless, tend the sick, visit those in prison, and bury the dead; as well as the Spiritual Works of Mercy: to convert sinners, instruct the ignorant, counsel the wayward, comfort the sorrowing, bear adversity patiently, forgive offenses, and pray for the living and the dead on a parochial, diocesan and national level.*

## Milestone-Fr. Jaime Boquiren, OP

By Judge Didong Villanueva

I fondly remember my very first meeting with Fr. Boquiren. He was a young Dominican priest I met in San Juan de Letran College in Intramuros and was then the National Director of the Holy Name Society. I had just passed the Bar Examination in August 1958 as the results showed in 1959. As the euphoria of realizing that I was already a full-pledged lawyer after having worked my way through law school died down, I thought of how I could show my gratitude to God for the blessings that He had given me. I consulted our Parish Priest, who was then Fr. Manuel S. Guerrero. It was he who advised me to organize the Holy Name Society Unit in our Parish, because he noted that except for two old men all those who were receiving communion were women. He suggested to me to gather all the young men of the town and with them organize the Holy Name Society. I looked for the Director of the Holy Name Society and so I met Fr. Boquiren.

Fr. Boquiren guided me in the formation of our

HNS Unit. He emphasized on the need for all prospective members to undergo a probation period. It lasted for three months and on the second Sunday of December of 1959, we had the induction and Fr. Boquiren came to witness it. It was sight to behold: all were dressed in barong and processed to the altar singing, Holy God, we praise Thy Name.

My association with Fr. Boquiren started that year and went on until 1968 when he was assigned to one higher position — Rector of the Central Seminary of UST. Three decades later he would return to the Holy Name Society: 1996-2006. During this period he introduced several changes that helped the Society meet the challenges of the times. Unfortunately, he lost his voice - his great asset as a preacher and gradually succumbed to the big C.

Later, I gathered from his loyal personal driver and his niece, Ma. Carolina Bondares the following data. Fr. Boquiren was born in Barrio Omando, in Malasiqui, Pangasinan to Domingo Boquiren and Isabel Neri. Fr. Jim, as he



## FR. JAIME N. BOQUIREN, OP

By Bro. Jun Culala

On September 15, 1958, Rev. Fr. Jaime N. Boquiren, O.P., was appointed National Promoter of the Holy Name Society of the Philippines by Fr. Silvestre Sancho, O.P., the Prior Provincial of the Holy Rosary Province. He held the position until April 30, 1968. Then in 1996 he was again appointed as National Promoter and remained in this position until he retired in 2006 with 20 years of meaningful service. Perhaps I can safely say that Rev. Fr. Jaime N. Boquiren, OP has been the longest serving National Promoter of the National Association of the Holy Name Society of

## MY LOLO, FR. JAIME N. BOQUIREN

By Sis. Pamela Leosala

Fr. Jaime Boquiren, a well known priest of the Dominican Family not only to his friends but also to many Bishops. I remember he once told me that many bishops were once his students at University Santo Tomas Central Seminary.

He became my Immediate Superior in 1996 when he became the Socius of the Dominican Province with Rev. Fr. Quirico T. Pedregosa Jr. O.P. as Father Provincial. He became the National Director /Promoter of the HNS first from 1959-1969 and then 1996-2006. He

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### Spiritual Director's Message

Fr. Rey Adalid, OP



*We dedicate this issue to a great apostle of the Holy Name Society in the Philippines -*

*Fr. Jaime N. Boquiren, OP*

*It comes when we least expect it - that is what we say about death. Our Lord Himself said that we do not know when it would come. But some special people seem to be gifted with the knowledge when death will come to them. The saints especially were almost always sure when death would come to them... though probably because they were always prepared for it. Fr. Boquiren, or father Bok as he was fondly called by his confreres in the Order, knew exactly when it would come. So much so that he was able to give the necessary "instructions" on how and where he was to be buried. He himself designed his coffin and even provided for pillows which he jokingly said he would need so he could comfortably be inside coffin. He was indeed prepared to meet death. He had worked so much for the Holy Name Society... that must be one compelling reason this gift of premonition was given to him. May he rest in peace!*



His favorite "picture"

*Fr. Boquiren was a serious and an effective evangelizer whose inspiring and thought provoking homilies, teachings, and and speeches are almost always tempered with timely and comformable wit and humor. He contributed immensely to the improvement of the confraternity during his watch*

- Bro. Pert Carpio, Jr.  
HNS Quezon City

*We thank Fr. Boquiren... because of him our Unit was revitalized*  
*Bro. Piling Cabatuando , HNS Gapan City, N.E.*

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the Philippines.

He was a strong and avid advocate of the Society. He so loved it that he was so protective of it. He made sure the Society stayed true to its vision and mission, that it stayed neutral in political issues and doggedly refused overtures by some quarters that the Society make a stand on political issues. For these reasons and a lot of other reasons, he got the moniker "Dictator", spoken with mix feelings of respect and love. I remember commenting during one of the convention that "No sin is unforgivable by God", he told me: "Ok Mr. Culala we will make a thesis out that", - end of the discussion.

He made sure the Society kept attuned with the times by adapting "en toto" the Seven Pastoral Priorities of Pope John Paul II and the Nine Pastoral Priorities of the NPCCR (National Pastoral Consultation on Church Renewal) as the Seven Pastoral Priorities and Nine Pastoral Priorities of the Holy Name Society respec-

tively, which was approved during the 29<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the Society on May 31-June 2, 2002 in Tagaytay City.

During the Funeral Mass for him on November 28, 2009, the Priest who last visited him said that Fr. Boquiren had certainly prepared for his journey in minute details. He even showed him in one room of his house the coffin he will use with three pillows inside so it will be comfortable for him lying down there when he finally uses it. There was no public viewing as he wished, just a picture of him smiling as he wants to be remembered. And the Priest said he died with a smile on his face!

His Museum near his house in Malasique, Pangasinan shows how he loved the Holy Name Society and the Holy Namers were close to his heart, so I was told.

Probably a fitting epitaph for would be :

**HERE LIES A MAN, AN AVID ADVOCATE OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY, A "DICTATOR" IN HIS OWN RIGHT!**

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was fondly called, was the youngest of seven siblings. All of them had died leaving him as the last to pass away. Almost all his nieces and nephews are in the United States.

Father first studied at the Binmaley Elementary School, and then at the Mary Help of Christians Seminary and later on at the UST Central Seminary as a Dominican. He was sent to Rome to pursue his post graduate studies and it was there that he was ordained priest Later he would be assigned to this Seminary as its Rector.

He has such a love for keeping memorabilia. This led him to put up his own museum in his hometown of Malasiqui. Here one would see on display his pictures of ordination, his travels, the pictures of his parents, his beloved Holy Namers and their activities which makes it a must for all Holy Namers to see. In many of his talks with me he would say that it is his honest conviction that there are many persons who lived holy lives and therefore may be considered saints. I like to believe that Fr. Boquiren lived that kind of life and deserves to be considered as such.

#### 'My Lolo' from Page 1

gave up his position as Nat. Director/Promoter of our Confraternity when he was operated - his voice box was removed, and thus could no longer communicate verbally. Many are saying that Fr. JB's greatest weapon was his voice

but unfortunately and sad to say he lost it. But even though he lost his weapon, he never stopped working and moving. He still carried on his hobby of clippings... His pen continued to move and his brain continued as his personal computer.



+ Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick members of our confraternity especially **Bro. Emiliano Aberin**. We also pray for all the souls of the faithful departed. We particularly remember our recently deceased: **Fr. Jaime N. Boquiren, O.P.**



## Holy Name Society

By Sis. Pamela Leosala

(Editor's Note: We feature an article about our Confraternity to commemorate the 79th year of its establishment in the Philippines. The Confraternity was established at University of Santo Tomas on November 13, 1930.)

The Society of the Holy Name, formally known as the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus, is a Roman Catholic confraternity of the laity and is one of several which are under the care of the Dominican Order. It is open to all Catholic adult males and females, and is dedicated to making reparations, in particular, against blasphemy, perjury, and immorality.

### History

The Council of Lyons in 1274 emphasized the need for the faithful to have a special devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. The Dominicans, who were actively spreading the Christian message at this time in a crusade against the Albigensians took on the challenge and preached the power of the Holy Name of Jesus. They spread the devotion effectively. In every Dominican church, altars, confraternities and societies were erected everywhere in honor of the Holy Name.

The devotion grew rapidly with the preaching of the Dominican Order and several saints (including St. Bernardine of Sienna, a Franciscan, and St. John Capistrano). The devotion and confraternities were given a further boost by several grants of indulgences by Pope Boniface IX and Julius II.

The first Holy Name Society, in the modern sense was founded in

the early 1400s by Didacus of Victoria, one of the greatest preacher's of the devotion to the Divine Name. He founded the Society of the Holy Name of God, and created a rule for its governance whose purpose "was to suppress the horrible profanation of the Divine Name by blasphemers, perjurers, and by men in their ordinary conversation." Long after Didacus' death in 1450, Pope Pius IV approved the society on April 13, 1564 and enriched it with many indulgences. In later years, the Society of the Holy Name of God, merged with the "Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of Jesus" maintaining the rule laid down by Didacus. The society was thereafter also known under the title of the "Confraternity Against Oaths." Several Popes following Pius IV in the 16th and 17th centuries also made the Confraternity an object of special preference, including, most notably Innocent IX, who further enriched the confraternity with indulgences, strongly encouraged its promotion and issued orders regulating its organization.

The next major step in the formation of the modern society came on June 21, 1571, when St. Pius V issued his *Motu Proprio "Decet Romanum"* which restricted the canonical erection of the confraternity entirely to the jurisdiction of the Dominican Order and formally recognized The Confraternity of the Most Holy Names of God.

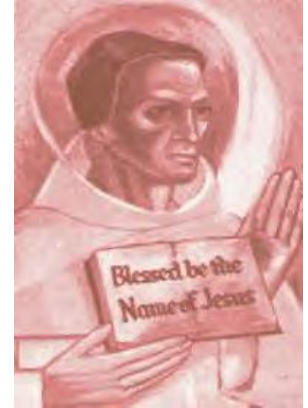
## Blessed John of Vercelli

By Sis. Pamela Leosala

John was born near Vercelli in northwest Italy in the early 13th century. Little is known of his early life. Hew entered the Dominican Order in the 1240s and served in various leadership capacities over the years. Elected sixth Master General of the Dominicans in 1264, he served for almost two decades.

Known for his tireless energy and his commitment to simplicity, John made personal visits - typically on foot - to almost all the Dominican houses, urging his fellow friars to strictly observe the Rule and Constitutions of the Order.

He was tapped by two popes for special tasks. Pope Gregory X enlisted the help of John and his fellow Dominicans in helping to pacify the States of Italy that were quarreling with one another. John was also called upon to draw up a framework for the Second Council of Lyons in 1274. It was at that council that he met Jerome of Ascoli (the man who would later become Pope Nicholas IV), then serving as Minister General of the Francis-



cans. Some time later the two men were sent by Rome to mediate a dispute involving King Philip III of France. Once again, John was able to draw on his negotiating and peace-making skills.

Following the Second Council of Lyons, Pope Gregory selected John to spread devotion to the Name of Jesus. John took the task to heart, requiring that every Dominican church have an altar of the Holy Name; groups were also formed to combat blasphemy and profanity.

Towards the end of his life John was offered the role of patriarch of Jerusalem, but declined. He remained as Dominican Master General until his death.

### HNS National Convention

**April 16 -18, 2010 Lingayen, Pangasinan**

**Deadline for Submission of ADS: Mar. 15,2010**

Contact Person: Bro. Boy Laureta, 09215063124

Transportation from Sto. Domingo - Venue and vice versa can be arranged. Pls. contact Sis. Pamela Leosala for booking at the HNS office, (02) 7437757

The final merger came on the 26th of May 1727, when Pope Benedict XIII confirmed the various privileges on both the "Confraternity of the Holy Name of God" and the "Society of the Name of Jesus" in his document *Pre-tiosus*. The two confraternities were essentially merged under

the name "The Confraternity of the Most Holy Names of God and Jesus." and exclusive rights to their governance were given to the Dominicans. In order to establish a local Society of the Holy Name, approval must be granted by the Dominican Order.



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Mr. Penn D. Sullera  
Our Lady of the Angels Seminary

### St. Francis of Assisi Unit Recollection

By Bro. Penn Sullera

A Recollection with Bibliodrama elements was sponsored by the St. Francis of Assisi Parish HNS Unit, Meycauayan, Bulacan last November 29-30. The theme of the recollection is "Road to the Good News". It was held on the second floor of the Parish Multi - purpose bldg. There were 20 participants in the recollection coming from the different organization of the parish.

The facilitators come from Bible Apostolate(BA) of the Diocese of Malolos namely Sis. Maritoni Suarez, Lay BA staff and Sr. Jeanne Avellano of the Handmaid of the Divine Word Sisters.

It was a different experience that Holynamers who attended it suggested that the Unit sponsor another one next year.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**  
**37th National Convention**  
**April 16-18, 2010**  
**Venue: Narciso Ramos**  
**Sports and Civic Complex**  
**Host: Archdiocese of**  
**Lingayen- Dagupan**  
**Registration Fee: P2,500.00**

## Our lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine Parish Unit Pre-Christmas Offering

By Bro. Pert Carpio

The Holy Name Society in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine Parish in New Manila, Quezon City, sponsored a free eye clinic-consultation and check-up last November 14, 2009 at the Fr. Mark Horan Hall, from 9:00 am up to 1:00 pm.

A team of six (6) physicians from Manila Central University (MCU) headed by Dr. Anita Villarte, Chair of the Board of Optometry, treated over 150 parishioners mostly from the depressed areas of the parish. All were given free quality eye glasses. Eye glass frames were donated by "Physicians for Peace" through the effort of Vice-President Manny Regio.

Guest Doctors were treated to a luncheon and were presented Certificates of Appreciation by HNS Officers Ricky Cano, Secretary Rene



Pronstroller, and VP Manny Regio witnessed by some members who helped supervise the proceedings. The Unit President is Bro. Steve Hontiveros, who at the time of the project was abroad on official business.

Actual fitting and distribution of completed eye glasses took place on Dec. 13, 1009 at 10:30 AM, after the HNS Monthly Meeting in the presence of the volunteer physicians.

### Manila AUHNS News

By Bro. Willie Ramirez

\* The AUHNS-Manila has a new Spiritual Director in the person of Rev. Fr. Franklin F. Beltran, O.P., parish priest of Santissimo Rosario Parish, University of Santo Tomas, Manila. He was appointed by His Eminence Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, D.D., Archbishop of Manila. He is very much interested in putting up a HNS Unit in his parish. He recently inducted three newly members of the Society, two from Our Lady of Loreto Shrine Unit and one from San Antonio de Padua Unit

\* Holynamers gave a helping hand in packing relief goods for the victims of typhoon Ondoy last October at Caritas Manila.

\* HNS Units celebrated their founding anniversaries. In the month of October, 3 Units celebrated their special day. Immaculate Conception Parish in Tayuman celebrated their 27th Anniversary - their President is Bro. Benny Caluag; San Roque de

Sampaloc Parish their 22nd anniversary - their President is Bro. Arnold Pacheco; Sto. Niño Parish, Tondo celebrated their 66th anniversary-their President is Bro. Arthur Ignacio. November 8, the Our Lady of Remedios Parish Unit, Malate celebrated their 61st anniversary - their President is Bro. Vladimir Posadas.

\* Bowling Tourney. The result of the Bowling Tournament of the Union is as follows: Group A Champion - Christ the King Parish Unit, Project 7, Q.C.; 1st Runner-up - Our lady of Loreto Shrine Unit, Sampaloc, Mla; 2nd runner-up - San Sebastian Parish Unit, Quiapo, Mla; 3rd runner-up - Sto. Niño Shrine Unit, Bago-Bantay, Q.C.. Group B Champion - ICP, Tayuman; runner-up - Most Holy Trinity Parish Unit. The highest Team Single and Double is from San Sebastian Parish Unit. Highest individual single is Bro. Luis Gonzales. Highest individual double is Bro. Danny Cano. Highest pinning is Bro. Honorato Macaraig.