



The St. Vincent de Paul History

The Beginning

Paris of the early 19th century was in the grip of great upheavals. During and following the French revolution 1788-1799, Paris was profoundly affected by social unrest. A new type of society was being formed - a republic based on liberty, equality and fraternity. The 1830s brought the collapse of the old Bourbon monarchy, which had dreams of strengthening the throne with the support from the Church. Religion was on the decline and atheism increasing; skepticism was virtually triumphant in the teachings of Saint Simon.

Civil unrest and the industrial revolution had negatively affected life in Paris. Large numbers of the country people were moving to the cities to find work in the factories. Many arrived to discover that there was no work, little pay or that the factories were closed due to revolution. Large slum areas were forming in Paris; thousands of people lived without work, some without clothes, and many alcoholics. Homelessness, disease, and starvation were common.

It was in this situation that the central founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Frederic Ozanam, attempted to defend the catholic religion. He was stung by the challenge of his opponents: "you are right if you are speaking of the past; Christianity performed marvels in former times, but at present it is dead! You, who boast of being Catholics, what do you do? Where are your works that prove your faith? Which can make us accept it?" "What, then, is needed to be truly catholic?" Ozanam and his companions asked themselves. "Let's not talk so much about charity, let's practice it and come to help the poor." So the idea was formed which came, some weeks later, to give birth to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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The first regular meeting of the Sacred Heart Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul society was held in the Rectory Friday night March 2, 1945.

The opening prayer was read by Father Harding.

The first business was the Election of Officers: The following were duly elected:

Pres: John Funnerty

Vice Pres: Dominic Stilo

Sec: Thomas Lee

Treas: Charles Kling

Hard-robe

Keeper: John Meyers

It was decided to hold meetings, at least for the duration of the war, once a month on the first Friday. The meetings to be held in the Rectory.

The following men answered roll call: Dominic Stilo, John Meyers and Charles Kling.

The spiritual reading and the secret collection were dispensed with.

NOTE: ALLOW ONE LINE FOR EACH GRAVE

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NAME OF OWNER

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The meeting was closed by the
recitation of the closing
prayers.

Rev. J. A. Sunday.
Spiritual Director

NOTE: ALLOW ONE LINE FOR EACH GRAVE

DATE NAME OF OWNER ADDRESS GRAVES PLOT RANGE SECTION

Regular meeting of the Sacred Heart Conference, St. Vincent de Paul Society was held in the Rectory on Friday,

9, 5-1947. Opening Prayers by Fr. Handing.
~~Prayers by Fr. Handing~~

Meeting was opened by our President Bro. Otho.

Practical reading was dispensed with. Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$1748.00

Audit committee to audit books for report at the next meeting.

Hugh M. Clokey was appointed as keeper of the clothes.

Reports of Committees

Visiting Committee Madamba Case

Bro. Kling reported no immediate need for aid. Father and son returned to the Philippines. Boy hit by truck has been discharged from the hospital OK.

Alroy Case Bro. Otho reporting

Father ~~has~~ ^{INQUIRED} ~~been~~ ^{not} at work.

Brother was out working. No immediate need of aid.

Boule Case: Bro. Kling reporting

Mr. Boule back to work and improving after a change of doctors. Was out of work 3 mos.

No aid needed at present.

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New Cases.

Joseph De Felice Thelst.
Lee and Linger. resigned to visit home.

Special Wks.

a steak dinner to be held Tues. the 9th
of Sept at the Country Lounge.

All members were present. The meeting
adjourned after closing prayers by Fr.
Hordery.

Respectfully Submitted
Thomas W. Lee

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

SACRED HEART ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

This Society shall be known as Sacred Heart Rosary-Altar Society.

ARTICLE 2 - OBJECT

The object of the Rosary-Altar Society is to lead its members to a simple loving devotion to the Blessed Mother of God, through the imitation of her virtue and by the frequent recitation of the Rosary.

Members are also expected to take deep interest in caring for the Church Altar when called upon to do so.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

Any woman belonging to this parish is eligible to become a member of the Society.

ARTICLE 4 - DUES*

The dues of each voting member shall be four dollars (~~\$4.00~~) per year, payable January 1st.

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ARTICLE 5 - OFFICERS

The Rosary-Altar Society Moderator is to be a Priest appointed by the Pastor.

The government of the Society rest with the Moderator, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 1 President The President shall preside at all meetings. She shall co-ordinate the work of the other officers and advise them and the moderator what she feels needs to be done to achieve the goals of the Society.

Section 2 Vice President The Vice President shall act in the absence of the President and assume all her duties. She shall be the program chairman. In the event she must assume the duties of the President, another chairman shall be appointed.

*Section 3 2nd Vice President The 2nd Vice President shall chair all Ways and Means and shall act in the absence of the Vice President.

SACRED HEART ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY
BY-LAWS (Cont'd.)

Section 4 Secretary The Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence, preserve all books, documents and communications and maintain an accurate record of the proceedings of the Society. At the expiration of her term of office, she shall deliver to the Society all books, papers and property of the Society.

Section 5 Treasurer The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Society and keep all money deposited in its name. She shall pay routine bills of the Society without further authorization. For other than routine expenses approval of the members is required. In an emergency the Moderator may authorize.

ARTICLE 6 - COMMITTEES

Section 1 Appointments The President shall appoint all committee chairmen and must be informed at all times of the plans and activities of every committee.

Section 2 Meetings Meetings of committees may be called at any time by the President or by the chairman of such committee.

ARTICLE 7 - MEETINGS

This Society shall meet on the Monday after the first Sunday of the month at 7:30 p.m. There shall be no meetings during July and August.

ARTICLE 8 - ELECTIONS

Section 1 Elections At the April meeting the nominating committee shall present a slate of at least two candidates for each office. Elections shall take place at the May meetings. The newly elected officers shall be installed at the June meetings.

*Section 2 Terms The term of each office shall be two (2) years. No one may be elected to the same office for two consecutive terms.

Section 3 Nomination Committee The President shall appoint the chairman of a nominating committee. The nominating committee shall consist of the chairman, the moderator and three members elected by the membership at the March meeting.

Section 4 Voting Any member whose dues are paid for the current year is eligible to vote.

ARTICLE 9 - FUNDS

The Rosary Society being a Spiritual Organization uses its funds for Parish or Society activities.

SACRED HEART ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY
BY-LAWS (Cont'd.)

ARTICLE 10 - BENEFITS

Section 1 Sick Cards are to be sent to members of the Society who are sick in a hospital or confined to their homes by serious illness, and at the birth of a child.

Section 2 Death The Rosary Society shall arrange to have a Mass celebrated for any member who dies. The same benefit is to be extended to the deceased mother, father, husband or children of members. A delegation from the Rosary Altar Society is to attend the wake on the night before the funeral in the South Plainfield area. It shall be the responsibility of the Rosarian or a member of her family to notify the Rosary Society President or person delegated by her.

**Each year a special Mass will be celebrated for the deceased members of the Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society on the 1st Sunday in June at 10:30.

*Section 3 Honor Guard Rosarians are to stand in the middle of the church on either side of the center aisle before the funeral procession and directly after the Mass. After everyone has been seated the rosarians will sit in the left front seats. When the Gifts are brought to the altar, the president will then bring the rose (in a vase) and place it on the Blessed Mother's altar.

*Section 4 Eligibility Any Rosarian who is a current active member is eligible for the above benefits.

ARTICLE 11 - HONORARY MEMBERS*

Any rosarian who has been an active member in good standing for a period of twenty-five (25) years shall pay no dues and is eligible for full benefits of our Society.

ARTICLE 12 - AMENDMENTS

No article of these By-Laws or sections thereof may be changed except by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

*Amended January, 1988
**Addition to Amendments January, 1989

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Sacred Heart Church, South Plainfield, New Jersey

Of all Societies for Men, the Holy Name is the most honored. The Society owes its origin in the year 1274, to Pope Gregory X who commanded the newly founded Dominican Order to inculcate greater devotion to the Holy Names of God and of Jesus Christ. Many Popes have blessed the Society and enriched it with indulgences. Pope Pius IV in 1564 commanded "partriarchs, archbishops, bishops, ordinaries of places, and vicar generals to favor with all their power The Holy Name Society and to assist and sustain it when and wherever necessary".

Objectives of the Holy Name Society

1. To honor the Names of God and of Jesus Christ by the example of a sensible religious life.
2. To spread and increase love for the sacred name of Jesus Christ.
3. To suppress blasphemy, profane and indecent language.
4. To prevent false oaths in and out of our courts.
5. To impart to Christian men courage in the profession of their faith.

Duties of Members

1. To abstain from every form of profane and unbecoming speech.
2. To safeguard the proper observance of Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
3. To receive Holy Communion as often as possible.

4. To cooperate generously under the direction of the Spiritual Director in every movement for the good of religion at Sacred Heart Parish.
5. To be a practicing Catholic and proud of it.

Typical Holy Name Evening

1. A special Mass in Church at 8:00 PM celebrated in honor of living and deceased Members of the Society and conducted by the Spiritual Director.
2. A short Business Meeting in the school cafeteria immediately after Mass.
3. Introduction of new members.
4. A talk by an informed and engaging speaker on a timely and/or vital topic; a significant demonstration; or an interesting film.
5. A socializing period, with refreshments.

MARIAN BULLETIN

Our Lady's Sodality
Sacred Heart Church
South Plainfield, N. J.

April, 1960

Moderator: Father John L. Gerety
Prefect: Rosemarie Perry
Vice Prefect: Mary Ellen Sullivan
Secretary: Ann Marie Santoro
Treasurer: Arleen Resaa

Something new has been added to the Sodality - The Marian Bulletin. We hope with your help and cooperation to make this a newsworthy and interesting monthly bulletin.

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The Sodality is an organization made up not of ordinary Catholic girls but those who have expressed their desire to join an elite group intensely interested in carrying on the work of Our Lady. Each Sodalist must realize that she is only one of an entire group, that in order to do justice to the great work mapped out by Mary she must learn to do team work. She must learn that she is to work and work in order to further the aims and purposes of the Sodality. A Sodalist above all other things must learn that Mary is our leader, that she sets the pace, and that we, as members of her band, follow.

After a year's probation, the girls eligible to be received in the Sodality this year are listed below. These girls have attended at least three meetings and have shown an interest in the Sodality.

If any girl's name is not listed which should be, please contact Fr. Gerety or Rosemary Perry.

- Sandra Billington
- Irene Campana
- Ellen Cavanaugh
- Lynn Cody
- Karen Hanlon
- Nancy Higgins
- Jeanne Howe
- Margaret Knight
- Mary Ann Knolmar
- Irene Krajewski
- Pat Morrison
- Betty Mayersky
- Carol Murphy
- Gloria Nugent
- Jo Ann Pecora
- Rita Spinelli
- Carol Spisso
- Helene Wrublewski
- Laraine Zavat
- Jean Marie Woodring
- Joan Hoffman
- Barbara Hogen

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The Summer School of Catholic Action this year is scheduled for August 15-20 at Fordham University, New York City. For further information write S. S. C. A. 3115 So. Grand Blvd., St. Louis 18, Missouri.

Don't worry about finding your station in life. Someone will tell you where to get off.

Ten of our Sodalists recently visited St. Michael's Orphanage, Hopewell. The girls, who spent an enjoyable afternoon entertaining the children, found it to be a rewarding experience and plans are now being made for another visit.

Dates to Remember:

- May 1 - Communion breakfast sponsored by the combined women societies of Sacred Heart Parish. Tickets are \$2 and may be obtained from Rosemarie Perry.
- May 7 - First Saturday - The Sodalists will attend 7:30 A.M. Mass after which they will have breakfast at the home of Anne Howard - 133 Hamilton Blvd.
- May 8 - Union Sodality Crowning - All girls who have attended the Union Meetings are invited to participate in this crowning, which will be held at Sacred Heart Parish in New Brunswick at 3 p. m. All those who are not eligible to participate are invited to attend. Mary Ellen Sullivan our vice prefect and prefect of the Union Sodality will be the crowner. All those interested please contact Mary Ellen.
- May 15 - Our own crowning and reception of new Sodalists. Rosemarie Perry will crown

Spiritual Thought of the Month

Fools look for a pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow. Wise men find it at the foot of the cross - Oregon Jesuit.

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The Marian Bulletin

OUR LADY'S SODALITY-SACRED HEART PARISH

South Plainfield, New Jersey

March, 1961



"To Jesus Through Mary"

MODERATOR: Rev. J. L. Gerety
PREFECT: Ann Marie Santoro
VICE-PREFECT: Rosemarie Perry
SECRETARY: Carol Grego
TREASURER: Irene Campana

ments be made as early as possible. We hope that we have delegates from our Sodality represented at the S.S.C.A. again this year.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST: The Communion Breakfast for the women of the Parish will be held April 23rd, at the Arbor Inn, Arbor. We would like to see a large representation from our Sodality.

Tickets can be obtained from Ann Marie Santoro.

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SPRING PROJECT: Alice Warren is in charge of the Easter baskets for the children at St. Michael's Childrens Home, Hopewell. Anyone interested, please contact Alice.

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S. S. C. A. The dates for the Summer School of Catholic Action, held at Fordham University, have been announced. The classes will be held from August 14-20. Because of the large number of Sodalists expected, it is recommended that arrange-

March 24 - St. Gabriel Archangel, chosen by God to announce to the Blessed Virgin Mary That she was to be the Mother of God.

March 25 - The Annunciation of the Blessed Mother.

March 26 - Palm Sunday.
Trip to see Passion Play.

April 1 - First Saturday.

April 2 - Easter Sunday.

April 16 - Sodality Communion Sunday.

April 17 - Sodality Meeting.

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MEDITATION: The way of the cross was first traveled by Christ the Son of God, and then by His disciples in Jerusalem, and finally by those who believe in Him during every century and in every part of the world.

When I make the stations I must remember that in a real but mystical way Christ Jesus walks

to His death every day in me.. and in others too whose passion I witness.

As one of the baptized, I am, indeed, Christ walking again toward Mt. Calvary. This is what it means to be a Christian. It means to redeem the world with Christ by the redemptive use of pain. It also means that this life is the Passion lived again in each docile and generous member of Christ's mystical body.

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MARY AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS.

Like all other dolours of her life, Mary's sorrow at the foot of the cross was like in kind, but different in intensity, from that of Jesus', and as on the Cross, there was no consolation, human or divine, for the Son, neither was there consolation for the Mother. When the darkness closed around the Cross, and the great sacrifice commenced, Mary crept through the darkness to the foot of the Cross, with the same feelings with which Jesus an hour before mounted the Hill of Calvary, with the intention of offering to the Father, side by side with the Son, the sacrifice of her own being, her soul, her heart, and her will. It was the last crowning, consummating act in that long life of sacrifice; it was the burning, the destroying of the Victims. There was the momentary thought of her habitual humility that hers was an unworthy sacrifice, but she put it aside and trusted in the magnanimity of her Father that He would take it for what it was worth, and pay it back in graces to the world. And He, the Father, did accept it; took from her every hope, every comfort, every blessed memory of the past, every blessed vision of future; called her Mary, sea of bitterness, and then left her transfixed side by side with the Son of Calvary and withdrew back into heaven, leaving His power to

support them, without His Mercy to console them. Son and Mother! Mother and Son! The noonday Sacrifice. Here were the Victims. And who was the High Priest? God's justice exercised through the Jews, and exercised by the Victims, one upon the other. What were the instruments of execution? The Cross of Jesus and the Sword of Prophecy that had pierced the soul of the Mother. What was the length of Sacrifice? Three hours into which were compressed heaven only knows how much agony. Fiery tortures in the Heart and Mind of Jesus, and unspeakable agony in the heart and mind of Mary. If ever the spirit of Jesus was communicated to His creatures, it was to Mary; if ever His sublime patience was reflected in the soul of His creature, it was in the soul of Mary; and we thank Him forever, for that He in His goodness has left us such an exalted type of resignation as His own "Mother of Sorrows".

We need such a model, such an example of patience, for our own lives. There is no Christian truth so clearly revealed as this, that the spirit of every Christian must be a spirit of sacrifice. There is not a law for the Head and a milder law for the Members, but one universal heavenly decree, addressed to all, without exception, who call themselves by the name of Christ. "If any man would be my disciple", said Christ, "let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." He means follow Him to Calvary, and enter by a similar death of sacrifice into heaven. And again He says: "He that will lose his life, shall save it;" meaning that our salvation is to be secured by the generous sacrifice of our whole beings, even our very lives to God.

(Very Rev. Canon P.A. Sheehan)

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" HAPPY EASTER "