

**DEVOTION
TO
BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI
AMONGST THE PEOPLE OF GOD**



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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
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FOREWARD

Even during his earliest years as a Dominican, Blessed John of Vercelli was increasingly noticed for his exceptional holy character, his academic brilliance, and his ability to interact very effectively with a wide range of individuals.

As we look back on it now, we are seeking his canonization based on his record of holiness and his tremendously effective influence through his political skills. He was aware that the Church has issues that need to be resolved. He answered the call of popes and Dominican friars to bring reconciliation between God and man and also among kings, princes and rulers of this earth. He also was entrusted with the promotion of the devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. He continues to inspire us and entrust that promotion to us here on earth.

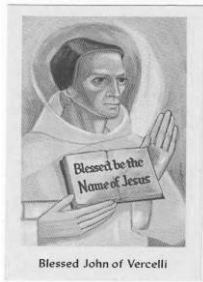
Through our research on devotion to Blessed John of Vercelli it is hoped that these readings of activities and other material help your Holy Name Union going forward to promote the canonization of Bl. John of Vercelli IN HIS NAME.

HISTORY OF DEVOTION TO BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI

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1) HOLY CARDS



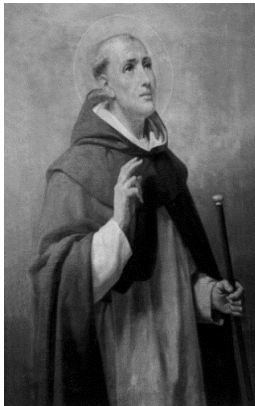
Back of Holy Card – Canonization Prayer
Imprimatur: J. F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, June 4, 1956

In 1975 the Dominican NYC Headquarters Store turned over their store merchandise to the NAHNS Supply Store including this copyright of the image of Blessed John of Vercelli on their Holy Card.



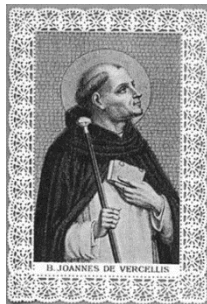
1983 Philadelphia Archdiocesan Holy
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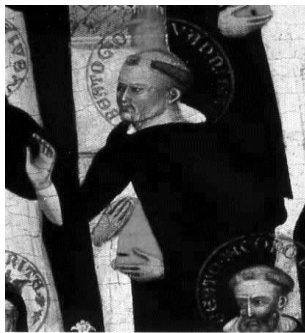


Official Image of Bl. John of Vercelli
Approved by the Master General in 2007
for spreading devotion to Blessed John
in the US only. This new Holy Card was presented at the NAHNS
Convention in King of Prussia, PA In 2007.

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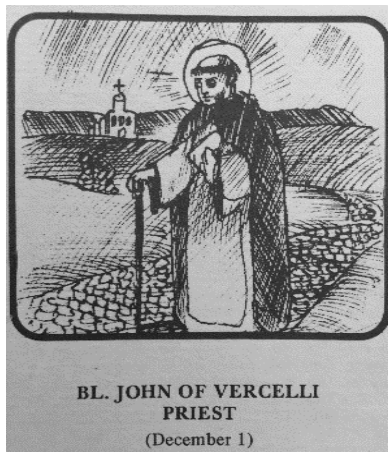


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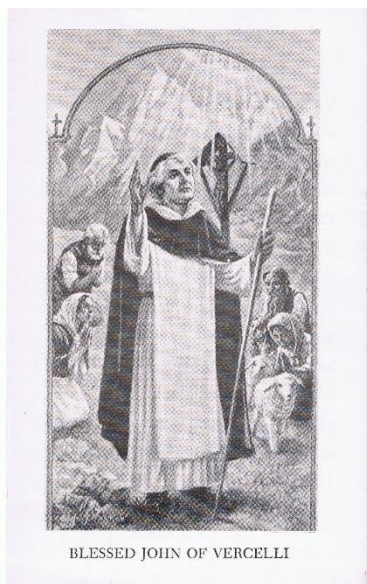
B. GIOVANNI da Vercelli: 71283
1° dicembre, sacerdote

Holy card of Bl. John created by Santa Sabina, Rome. *In set of Dominican Holy cards. Set in 2000*

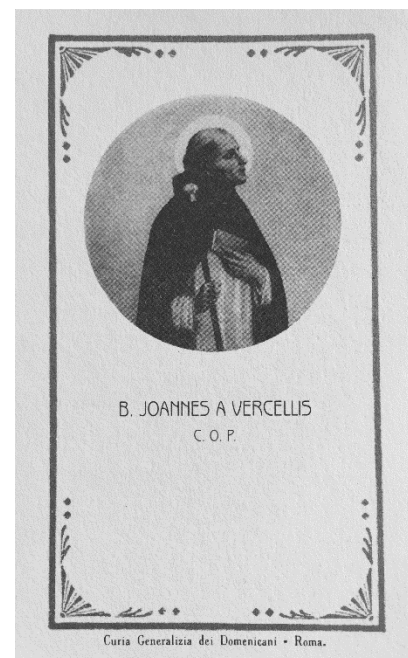


Holy card created by Dominican laity of the Province of the HolyName (California Province)

In set of Dominican holy cards.
Late 1990's



Unknown



Holy Card of Blessed John created
by Santa Sabina, Rome

2) PRAYERS – DEVOTION

a. PETITIONS FOR CANONIZATION

Holy Name Journal “News and Views” (page 16, December 1951) by Fr. Harry Graham O.P.

“At the chapter of the Dominicans held in Washington on Nov. 14 it was proposed that a petition be sent to Rome to further the Cause of Bl. John’s early canonization. The petition urged that all Dominicans, in their Masses, in their prayers and in their good works, remember that we are seeking our Holy Founder’s canonization. It is the wish of this writer that the same petition could be made for every HNS in the US and Canada. May we make the suggestion that in our New Year we shall pray for this canonization resolution”

Holy Name Journal “Man of Destiny” (page 32, April 1958) by Reginald Hughes, O.P.

“The most recent General Chapter of the Dominican Order, Master General Emmanuel Suarez, O.P. in Washington, DC petitioned Pope Pius XII to raise Blessed John to the ranks of canonized Saint. This sublime honor for their Holy Founder is a sincere hope and prayer of each member of the world-wide Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.”

Petitions signed to pray for Canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli – 1979 the BJV Committee in Philadelphia started a campaign to pray for the Canonization of Blessed John and they received 80,000 signatures including 8,000 from the Philippines. The BJV Committee started using Prayer Petition envelopes in 2006 throughout the United States.

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b. ROSARY FOR CANONIZATION

Holy Name Journal “News and Views” (page 17, October 1952) by Fr. Harry Graham, O.P.

The Vercelli Rosary. Purpose of the Society’s new official John of Vercelli Rosary beads is for the canonization of our founder.

Holy Name Journal “News and Views” (page 32, Nov 1952) by Fr. Harry C. Graham, O.P.

“Many times the question, “**Why the Vercelli Rosary?**” Has been asked because traditionally the Rosary has always been in a particular way “Mary’s Prayer”. It was in a vision to St. Dominic probably in the second decade of the thirteenth century, that the Virgin Mother asked the saintly founder of the Dominicans to preach this devotion in her honor while urging the faithful to meditate on the Life, Death and Resurrection of Her Divine Son.....when the Order of Preachers became a reality, St. Dominic enjoined his followers to do likewise. Blessed John as the 6th Master General continued to preach the Rosary devotion. Down through the centuries “Mary’s Beads have ever been a favorite form of prayer years for the Holy Name man. At the death of a member, members recite the Rosary. Throughout this country and Canada as a local or diocesan unit has sponsored Rosary Holy Hour and Rosary radio programs and have been promoting the Family Rosary. Through the history of the Holy Name praying the Rosary and love, honor and respect for the most Holy Names of God and Jesus Christ, it is fitting to call it the Vercelli Rosary and is specially dedicated in honor of our saintly Holy Name Founder”



Holy Name Journal "News and Views" (pg 20, March 1958) by Fr. D. B. McCarthy, O.P.

"Blessed John received signal honor and attention in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on the occasion of his annual feast day December 1957. On the Daily Living Rosary Program, which is radioed to more than 125,000 listeners each night, the following script was read: On December 1, the Catholic Church marked the feast of Bl. John of Vercelli, the founder of the Holy Name Society in the year 1274. Blessed John a zealous and vigorous leader of men and the foundation which gave to the Holy Name has never been lost.....We ask you to add your prayers to theirs.....by offering this Rosary for that intention.

New Orleans Archdiocesan Union of the Holy Name Society

Historic Holy Name Union Rosary Broadcast – Station – WVOG – 600 AM in its 71st Year.

Rosary Phone Number: 504-831-6943

c. PRAYERS FOR CANONIZATION

a.) LITANY OF DOMINICAN SAINTS AND BLESSEDS

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us, Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven, Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Pray for us. (Repeat after each line)

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

St. Michael,

St. Gabriel,

St. Joseph,

St. John the Baptist,

All you holy angels and archangels,

All you holy patriarchs and prophets,

All you holy apostles and evangelists,

All you holy martyrs,

All you holy virgins and widows,

All you holy men and women,

Bl. Jane of Aza,

Bl. Reginald of Orleans,

Holy Father Dominic,

Bl. Bertrand,

Bl. Mannes,

Bl. Raymond of Capua,

St. Vincent Ferrer,

Bl. John Dominic,

Bl. Peter of Castello,

Bl. John of Fiesole,

Bl. Diana,
Bl. Jordan of Saxony,
Bl. Ceslaus,
St. Peter of Verona,
St. Hyacinth,
Bl. Sadoc and Companions,
Bl. Giles,
St. Margaret of Hungary,
St. Bartholomew of Vicenza,
St. Thomas Aquinas,
St. Raymond of Penyafort,
Bl. Innocent,
St. Albert the Great,
Bl. John of Vercelli,
Bl. Amata,
Bl. Cecilia,
Bl. Emily,
St. Agnes of Montepulciano,
Bl. Margaret of Castello,
Bl. Margaret Ebner,
Bl. Henry Suso,
St. Catherine of Siena,
Bl. Raymond of Capua,

St. Antoninus,
Bl. Osanna of Mantua,
St. Pius,
St. John of Cologne and Companions,
St. Louis Bertrand,
St. Catherine de Ricci,
St. Rose of Lima,
St. Dominic Ibanez and Companions,
St. Agnes of Jesus,
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions,
St. Martin de Porres,
St. Francis de Capillas and Companions,
St. Juan Macias,
St. Louis de Montfort,
St. Vincent Liem,
Bl. Marie Poussepin,
St. Ignatius Delgado and Companions,
St. Dominic An-Kham,
Bl. Hyacinth Cormier,
Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati,
Bl. Bartolo Longo,
All you holy Dominicans,

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.

Pray for us, all you Dominican Saints and Blesseds, That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, source of all holiness, you have enriched your Church with many gifts in the saints of the Order of Preachers. By following the example of our brothers and sisters, may we come to enjoy their company forever in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

b). SIMPLE PRAYERS FOR CANONIZATION

Holy Name Journal "News and Views" (page 14, January 1949) by Rev. Harry C. Graham, O.P.

"Blessed John of Vercelli, pray for our Society"

Wrote to all Spiritual Directors, Officers and Men of the Holy Name Society: "In September 1949, the Confraternity of the Holy Name celebrates its 675th anniversary of its founding. Because of this fact, every Holy Name man, every Society and every Diocesan Union in some manner or other should venerate the founder of HNS, Blessed John of Vercelli.....Every Holy Name man would like to see him honored by being named a Saint of the Church.....would it not

be well for each of us to pray daily.....A whispered prayer **“Blessed John of Vercelli, pray for us and keep us”**, said in the morning and evening would be enough.....It would help if each Society opened and closed with this prayer throughout the year. It would not be too much to hope that, with the Holy Year of 1950, Holy Mother Church would honor the Confraternity in the canonization of its founder.”

Holy Name Journal “News and Views (page 16, Jan 1952) by Fr. Harry C. Graham, O.P.

Mention of a favor received.....From midnight until dawn, wife, brother, sister-in-law and two Holy Name men prayed the Rosary – interspersed between the Aves and Paters, the simple prayer **“Blessed John of Vercelli, pray for him”**We hope any favors granted through Blessed John’s intercession will be reported to National Headquarters, thus furthering the cause.”

Holy Name Journal “New and Views” (page 16, March 1952) by Fr. Harry C. Graham, O.P.

Blessed John of Vercelli, pray for us! “The campaign of prayer for furthering the cause for canonization has grown apace. Everywhere the devotion to Blessed John is becoming more popular....In these days of Lent, when sacrifice and penance are customary among good Holy Name men, would it not be an opportune time to pray to Blessed John and for his canonization? An extra Rosary, Stations of the Cross or any other devotion offered up for that intention would be of great help

Holy Name Journal “New and Notes (page 16, May 52) by Fr. Harry C. Graham, O.P.

“Many bulletins have as a sub-caption **“Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for us”**. However, there are yet a few who do not. To the editors of those bulletins we suggest.....”

Holy Name Journal “News and Views” (page 16, February 1956) by Fr. Harry C. Graham, O.P.

“Since our last Blessed John of Vercelli Novenas we have many letters telling us of the favors received. We do hope that many more members of the society will pray for his intercession and for the intention of his sainthood, hoping that he eventually will be canonized. To enlist even greater support for this Holy Name campaign we remind you of this project every month”. Note: FR. HARRY C. GRAHAM, O.P. was the 4th Spiritual Director of the National Assn of the Holy Name Society.

Blessed John of Vercelli Prayers

God our Father, You raised Blessed John of Vercelli to leadership in Your church and made him an apostle of the Holy Name of Jesus, Your divine Son. We ask of you, through the intercession of Blessed John, a renewal of devotion to Your son among ourselves and our fellow men. May all men come to know, to love and to reverence the most Holy Name of Jesus – “So that at Jesus’ name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: JESUS CHRIST IS LORD.” Amen.

Imprimatur. Philip F. Hannan, Archbishop of New Orleans, May 4, 1975

Lord Jesus, You made Blessed John an apostle of Your Holy Name. Grant the favor we now ask through his intercession and if it be Your Will, honor Blessed John by numbering him among the saints of Your Church. Amen.

John C. Rubba, O.P. (1903 – 2000)

Examples of Holy Name Societies praying for the Cause for Canonization of Blessed John.

Our Lady of the Rosary HNS – Elizabeth Boudreaux, Secretary – Email of May 25, 2017

“The members of the parish Holy Name Society have had a devotion to Blessed John throughout our existence since 1908. Some examples of our devotion to Blessed John are the prayers that are recited at Holy Name Society meetings and prayers after the Holy Name Society monthly Masses”.

Anthony J. Merolla, Executive Secretary, AUHNS-NY reported the following on February 2, 2017:

“New York Archdiocesan Union has promoted the Prayer for Canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli in their newsletter “The Bulletin” continuously for over 35 years. It is in every issue of the ten months of the year (September through June) since October 1982”.

c). MASSES FOR CANONIZATION

Holy Name Journal “News and Views” (page 16, Sept 1953) by Fr. Harry Graham, O.P.

At National Headquarters in New York City, they have a shrine to honor Blessed John. Every Thursday a Mass is said at the Holy Name altar at St. Vincent Ferrer’s Church in his honor.

1st Annual Philadelphia Archdiocesan Holy Name Union BJV Mass – November 30, 1979. The Holy Name of Jesus Church in Philadelphia was kept open for twenty-two hours. Various Holy Name Societies came and celebrated Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. They were from African American, Eastern Rite, Hispanic and Roman Rite parishes.

The 17th Annual BJV MASS was moved to the Holy Name of Jesus Church Prayer Room, 701 E. Gaul Street, Philadelphia in 1996. Prior individual Holy Name Society parishes circulated the Annual BJV Mass. The Prayer Room was moved in December 2015 to Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Abington, PA 19001. The 37th Annual BJV Mass was celebrated October 9, 2016.

Monthly BJV Mass and Rosary for Canonization celebrated at different Holy Name Parishes in Philadelphia since 1975.

Annual TV Mass on Channel 6 in Philadelphia – celebrated by Our Lady Help of Christians for over 25 years. Back in 1975, the original TV Mass were sponsored by Trenton, Allentown and Philadelphia Dioceses Blessed John of Vercelli Masses and today Our Lady Help of Christians does two TV Holy Name Mass sponsored by the Philadelphia Archdiocese. One for the Holy Name Society and one Mass for Blessed John of Vercelli.

Diocese of Metuchen, NJ Union of the Holy Name Society BJV Mass – 2011

St. Dominic’s in San Francisco

Annual Blessed John of Vercelli Mass celebrated on December 1 at St. Dominic’s Church since 2015 by the Holy Name Promotor for the Holy Name Province.

d). HOLY HOUR DEVOTIONS FOR CANONIZATION

Philadelphia Archdiocesan Holy Name Union

Consider August 10, 1903 (with the Position Paper) as current devotion started to Blessed John – 30 days later (Sept 7, 1903) he was beatified.

Holy Hour Devotions – Philadelphia Archdiocesan Holy Name Union – Second Saturday of the Month since July 1975). Started out with three parishes, grew to 40 parishes. Had to consolidate parishes in the monthly devotions. Frank Coyle, St. Joan of Arc Parish

Celebration of Vespers & Eucharist marking the 7th Centennary of the Death of Bl. John of Vercelli – December 1, 1983 at Saint Donato Church, Philadelphia

Newark Archdiocesan Federation of Holy Name Societies

Special Holy Hour to promote the cause for canonization of Bl. John at St. Ann, Jersey City, NJ and hosted by the Hudson County Federation of Holy Name Societies on March 4, 1990

Brooklyn Diocesan Union

BJV Prayer Service for Canonization since 2002 in front of the Blessed Sacrament and conclude with Benediction – Gerry Devine

New York Archdiocesan Holy Name Union

Annual Holy Hour the past 20 years. Note: Per Anthony J. Merolla, Exec. Secretary, AUHNS-NY – incorporated Blessed John of Vercelli, Founder of the Holy Name Society, be Canonized Prayer at their May 21, 2017 Annual Holy Hour Service.

San Antonio Archdiocesan Holy Name Union initiated a Blessed John of Vercelli Canonization Cause Prayer Petition Program in 1994. Members were encouraged to fill out a Prayer Petition slip and they were placed in a box and carried to the altar at each Holy Hour Devotion. They were accumulated throughout the year and presented at the altar during the Annual Mass on the Feast Day of Blessed John of Vercelli on December 1st. Then they were mailed annually to BJV Prayer Room in Philadelphia.

Chicago Assn of Holy Name Union

37th Annual Spiritual Assembly and Procession

37th Annual Holy Hour and Benediction for the Cause for the Canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli.

NOTE: New York Archdiocesan Holy Name Union (1882 – 2017) – Oldest Archdiocesan Union in the in U.S.

BROOKLYN DIOCESAN HOLY NAME UNION (1882 – 2017) – Oldest Diocesan Union in U.S. .

e). VENERATIONS FOR CANONIZATION

Relic venerated in Puerto Rico from October 19 through October 30, 2012. Geraldo Alfaro, a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Holy Name Union traveled throughout Puerto Rico. *Information provided by Samuel F. Fusaro, Sr., Blessed John of Vercelli Committee

10/17/2012 Landed on Puerto Rico
10/19/2012 Visit St. Iglesia Cathedral de Arecibo
10/20/2012 Visit Convento de Dominicos en Bayamon
10/21/2012 Visit St. Iglesia Cathedral de Caguas
10/22/2012 Visit St. Iglesia Cathedral de Ponce
10/23/2012 Seceso de visitas
10/24/2012 San German de Auxerre en San German
10/25/2012 Santa Rosa de Lima San German
10/26/2012 San Miguel Arcangel de Cabo Rojo
10/27/2012 Retiro en Mayaguez Salon Parroquiai Candelaria
10/28/2012 Visitas a la Santa Cathedral de Mayaguez
10/29/2012 Misa con S.E.R. Mons. Alvaro Corrazda
10/30/2012 Departed Puerto Rico

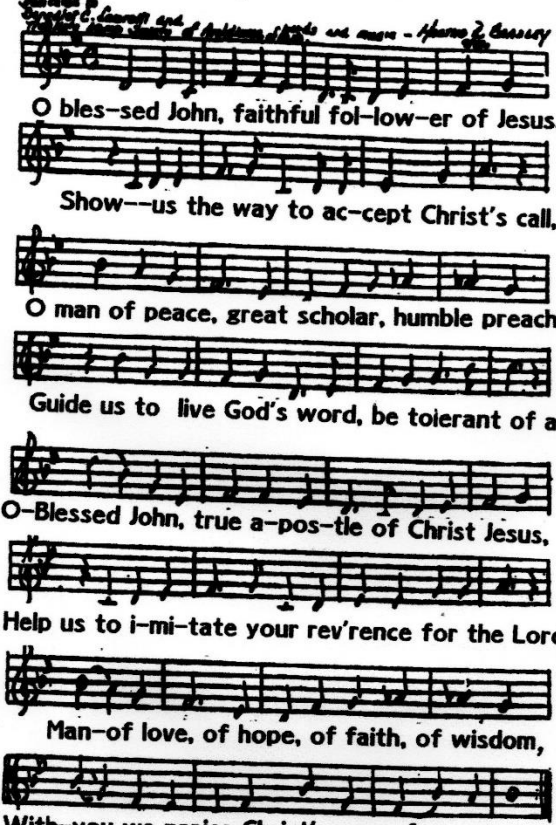
NAHNS 46th Annual Convention in Lancaster, PA (2016) – Veneration of the BJV Relic at Holy Trinity Church, Columbia, PA on Saturday October 1st

f). HYMN TO BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI FOR CANONIZATION

This Hymn was composed by Martha Laurelli Bradley in 1982

HYMN TO BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI

*Written by
Martha Laurelli Bradley and
Martha Laurelli Bradley and
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Martha Laurelli Bradley*



O bles-sed John, faithful fol-low-er of Jesus,
Show--us the way to ac-cept Christ's call,
O man of peace, great scholar, humble preacher
Guide us to live God's word, be toierant of all.
O-Blessed John, true a-pos-tle of Christ Jesus,
Help us to i-mi-tate your rev'ence for the Lord.
Man-of love, of hope, of faith, of wisdom,
With-you we praise Christ's name for-ev-er more.,
With-you we praise Christ's name for-ev-er more.,

g). NOVENA FOR CANONIZATION

Holy Name Journal "News and Views" (page 16, Sept 1953) by Fr. Harry C. Graham, O.P.

"During the past year, in November and again in May, we had a solemn Novena of Masses. Graces and blessings accruing from these Novenas have been many fold."

Holy Name Journal "New and Views (page 16, April 1954) by Fr. Harry c. Graham, O.P.

"On May 10, 1954 the fourth solemn Novena in honor of our Founder will be started. Since we inaugurated these days of prayer in his honor, many graces and blessings have been received. Through Bl. John's intercession, Holy Name men and families have increased their devotion to

him and have earnestly prayed that he will soon be numbered among the canonized saints of the Church. The reason why this May Novena is being started on May 10th is the fact that May is the month of Mary and Blessed John had an ardent devotion to her and the propagation of her Rosary. This being the Marian Year, we believe that much good will be accomplished through these special days of prayer. The Novena begins on the tenth also because of the fact that it is the feast day of St. Antoninus, Blessed John's brother Dominican, who also had a great devotion and love for the Blessed Mother.

We invite all members to join us and to write the Vercelli Shrine here at National Headquarters, sending in your petitions for favors desired. Devotion to Bl. John has spread in the last two years is seen in the fact that a HNS of a Church in Brooklyn sponsored a Blessed John of Vercelli Triduum in March 1954. It was the first public novena in the Brooklyn Diocese to honor the Founder of the Holy Name Society".

Holy Name Journal "From the National Director's Notebook (Pg 24. Dec. 1958) by Fr. D. B. McCarthy, O.P.

"Many parishes and some larger divisions of the Society, have established the custom of celebrating the feast of Blessed John with a Novena or a triduum". Also listed here – The Novena Prayer

Blessed John of Vercelli, founder of the Holy Name Society, pray for us. Let us pray:

O God who has willed that Blessed John of Vercelli shine with wondrous wisdom and strength, grant that through his intercession, our family may always and everywhere be governed and blessed by Thy salutary rule, through Christ our Lord.

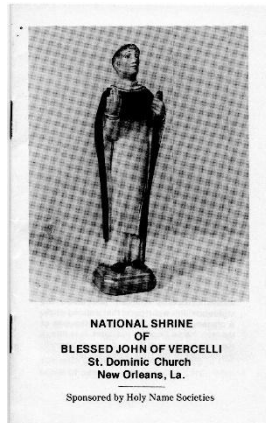
Holy Name Journal "Notes and Views" (pg 10, Dec. 1958) by Fr. D. B. McCarthy, O.P.

"To further devotion to Bl. John a novena Mass is offered every Thursday morning throughout the year, in St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, NYC. Holy Name men are invited to unite their prayers and intentions with this perpetual devotion in honor of Bl. John, especially on each Thursday of the year.

Our Lady of the Rosary HNS, New Orleans – Elizabeth Bordreaux, Secretary 5/25/17 Email

Within the last decade or so, we have established a Blessed John of Vercelli Novena rotation among the members of the Holy Name Society. A Blessed John of Vercelli kit was created to be used when reciting the Novena. The kit consist of a statue of Blessed John, a copy of the Novena and a rotation schedule. Usually the statue of Blessed John is placed in area where the Novena will be recited. Each member takes it upon himself or herself to recite the Novena and after they have completed the nine day Novena, then the kit is passed on to another Holy Name Society member. The Novena schedule is set up to create a perpetual devotion to Blessed John among the Our Lady of the Rosary Holy Name Society members.

New Orleans Archdiocesan Union of the Holy Name Society Novena Booklet



**NATIONAL SHRINE
OF
BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI**
St. Dominic Church
New Orleans, La.

Sponsored by Holy Name Societies

History of devotion to Blessed John of Vercelli in St. Dominic Parish, New Orleans:

"Early in the history of St. Dominic Parish, New Orleans, the devotion to Blessed John of Vercelli became prominent. Novena services in his honor were held in the parish church, and a picture of Blessed John was presented to Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans by the men of the Holy Name Society. Before the present church was completed, a temporary shrine to Blessed John was erected in the church of St. John the Baptist, New Orleans.

The present church of St. Dominic was completed in 1961. Fr. Brendan J. McMullen, O.P., the principal designer of the church, made provision for a shrine to Blessed John to be located in the west transept of the church. The white Italian marble statue of Blessed John depicts him with his walking-stick, a constant companion on his many travels across Europe. A reliquary just below the statue contains a portion of that walking-stick. A plaque, placed at the shrine by the men of the Holy Name Society, indicates that this is the national shrine of Blessed John of Vercelli, the founder of the Holy Name Society."

BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI NOVENA PRAYERS

FIRST DAY


John Garbella was born in Vercelli, a town of northern Italy, in 1205. He was a very bright, studious boy, and because of his great promise, he was sent to the University of Paris where he eventually gained the Doctorate in law. He remained there as a teacher, and later returned to Vercelli to begin a university in his home town. His love of learning and constant study prepared him well for his future as a leader in the Church.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, source of all Truth, You sent your divine Son into the world to share with us the truth that makes us free — free to seek You with quiet minds and joyous hearts. Through the intercession of Blessed John of Vercelli, grant us a deep love of sacred truth, and a growing desire to know You more clearly and love You with greater ardor. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son our Lord, who

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h). PLEDGE IN BEHALF OF BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI

<p>If this pledge is mailed in—keep the half with the prayer for Blessed John.</p> <p>I, _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>promise to promote the cause of the canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli by my personal devotion and my exemplary reverence for the Holy Name of God and Christ, His Son, that miraculous favors may be evident as proof of Blessed John's sanctity.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Send to:</p> <p>Blessed John of Vercelli Cause 141 East 65th Street New York, N. Y. 10021</p> <p><small>A donation would be helpful to the cause.</small></p>	<p>NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOLY NAME SOCIETIES</p>  <p>PLEDGE in behalf of BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI</p>
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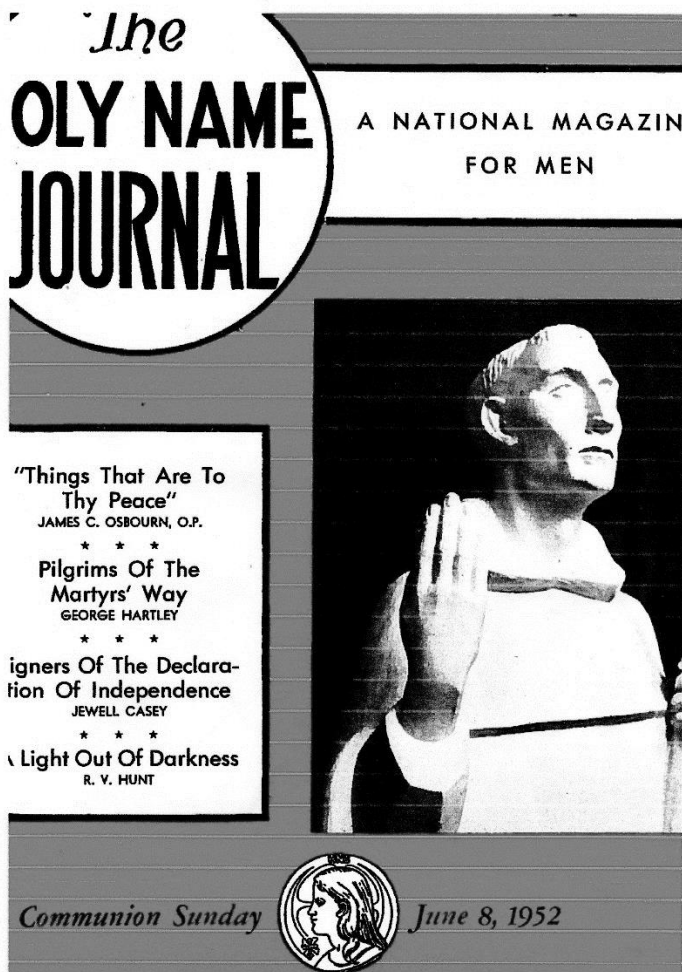
Used at the 1980 Annual Communion Breakfast

3) STATUES, PAINTINGS & IMAGES

a.) STATUES

Holy Name Journal "News and Views" (page 16, Sept 1951) by Fr. Harry C. Graham, O.P.

"Mention of Fr. H. C. Graham good fortune to obtain one of his Dominican confreres to write the life of Blessed John. This should be done within the next few months and will be available throughout the country. Also mentioned Fr. Graham desire to have at the National Headquarters a little shrine in honor of Blessed John. He spoke about the project to Fr. Thomas M. McGlynn, O.P., noted author and sculptor, he consented to make a Vercelli statue. Through these two projects Fr. Graham hoped that the devotion to the founder of the Holy Name Society will be increased and the ultimate objective of Blessed John's canonization, will become a fact".



JUNE 1952 Cover

Holy Name Journal "News and Views" (page 16, May 1952) by Fr. Harry C. Graham, O.P.

"To the best of our knowledge it is the first statue ever sculptured of Blessed John. The statue will adorn a little shrine to be erected in the lobby of the Office of National Headquarters in NY. A vigil light will burn daily before the statue as a symbol of the prayers of the Holy Name men throughout this country and Canada who now pray to Blessed John of Vercelli for his early canonization". "Three pictures of the new statue have reached my desk, but they were received too late for publication in this issue.

The cover picture of the June issue of the Journal will be that of the statue of Blessed John and all will get from the picture an idea of the sincerity and simplicity of our Blessed".



Picture from the book written by Fr. Richard A. McAlister, O.P. entitled Thomas M. McGlynn, O.P., Priest and Sculptor

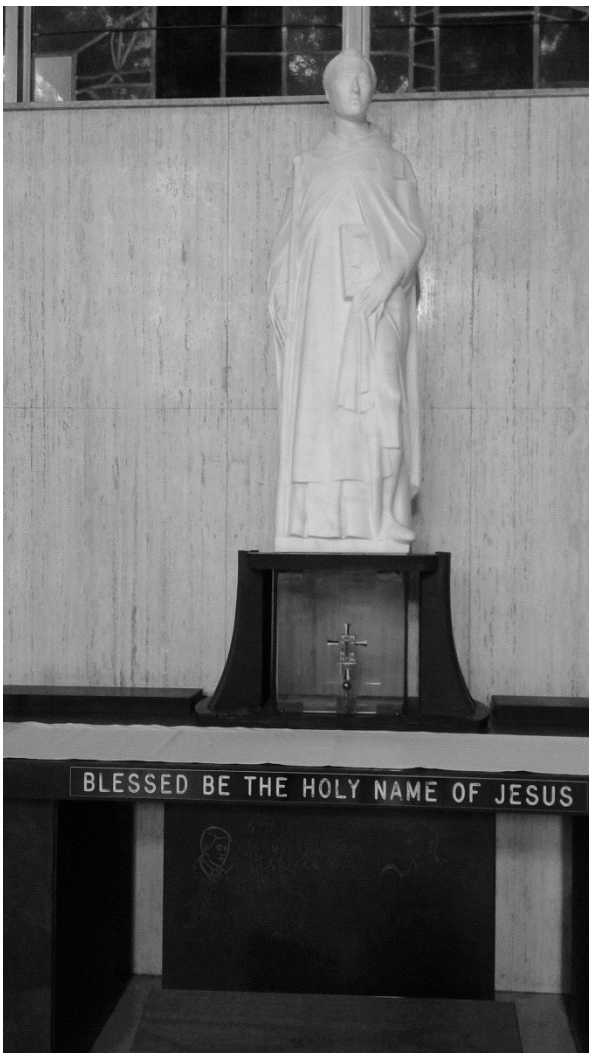
4' 7" Statue, plaster

Statue is stored at Providence College, Province Archives, Providence, RI

Holy Name Journal "New and Views" (page 24, Oct 1952)
by Fr. Harry C. Graham, O.P.

"For the first time, now, a statue of our founder is available at National Headquarters. They are reasonable in price. The original statue from which these replicas are made will rest in the special Vercelli Shrine in the lobby of Nat'l Headquarters. A good idea for each parish branch to secure a small statue and set up a small shrine in the meeting hall where Holy Name meet. In this way we shall call attention to our great crusade of prayer for Blessed John's canonization and also we shall be cooperating with our National Director in creating a widespread interest in the devotion to Blessed John.

Currently no small statues in NAHNS Store

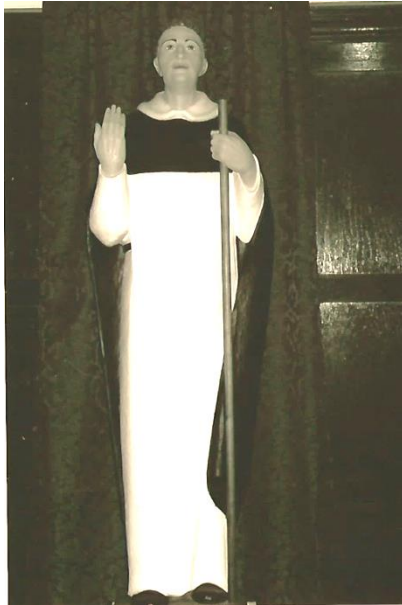


BJV Statue at National Shrine of Blessed John of Vercelli at St. Dominic Church, New Orleans

A white marble statue of Blessed John with his walking-stick. A reliquary just below the statue contains a portion of that walking stick.

Old Blessed John of Vercelli statue in Philadelphia

The old statue of Blessed John of Vercelli is still at the Holy Name of Jesus Church in Philadelphia. Fr. Carmody, O.P. brought the statue from NYC in the 90s. Note: To be sent up to Providence College for Province archives.



In 1981, 12 inch statues of Blessed John of Vercelli were made by the Catholic Statuary Company in Philadelphia.

Photo of statue below was at the 37th Annual BJV Mass in Abington, PA at the Our Lady Help of Christians Church is different. 4/12/17 per Tito Paul Di Vito, the case was done by Ralph DePrisco back in the 50s. Since then the case and statue were in the custody of Robert Miller in Cleveland. The wooden case was greatly damaged by water and the statue was broken when Tito received it. The wooden case was done over by a Spanish Holy Name member shown and a new statue was placed inside the case.



Originally in the Prayer Room at the Prayer Room at the Holy Name of Jesus Church, Philadelphia.

Photo from Steven Kilpatrick's website.
<http://www.kilpatrickstudio.com/gallery>



Now at Our Lady Help of Christians, Abington, PA

BJV Statue in New Jersey

Blessing and dedication of the statue of Blessed John of Vercelli on December 2, 2007 at St. Mary Church in Malaga, NJ. Statue sculptured by Steven Kilpatrick.

Fr. Jerome Romanowski, Diocesan Moderator Holy Name Society, Diocese of Camden and Pastor at St. Mary's wanted to have the BJV Shrine located there because being situated on a busy highway that leads to the Delaware Memorial Bridge, thousands of vehicles pass by every

weekend would be a tremendous help in propagating his cause and the continuing of the sacred organization of the Holy Name Society. This statue was put on display for the first time at the 2005 NAHNS Convention.



BJV Statue in Buffalo NY

International Mass (Buffalo Diocesan and St. Katherine Diocesan Holy Name Unions)

Since 1981 Buffalo Diocesan Holy Name Society Union of Buffalo started an International



Healing Mass on the grounds of the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Lewiston, NY (north of Niagara Falls) and erected a statue of Blessed John of Vercelli. There are over 100 Statues of Saints together there.

b). PAINTINGS

Image: J. Rolbels, *The Genealogical Tree of St. Dominic*

<https://www.dominicanajournal.org/hounds-of-the-lord/>

Thanks to the sisters, we can now identify the many saints depicted in this Dominican family tree. They graciously contacted the Dominican friars of Rue Saint-Jacques, Paris, who located in their archives a Flemish engraving (by Théodore Gall, d. 1663) of the same painting and containing the names of all but one saint.



(From left to right) top row: Benedict XI, Innocent V (Peter of Tarentaise), The Virgin Mary, John of Vercelli, John Dominici, Latino Malabranca; 2nd row: Albert the Great, Christian (Patriarch of Antioch), John of Wildeshausen, James of Venice, James Salomoni, Agnes of Montepulciano, Peter González (St. Elmo), Jerome Cala; 3rd row: Unknown friar, Rose of Lima, Louis Bertrand, James of Ulm, The Head Carriers (Céphalophores) of Toulouse, Vincent of St. Etienne, Francis of Toulouse; 4th row: Vincent Ferrer, Thomas Aquinas, James of Bevagna, Jordan of Saxony, Conrad of Marburg, Ambrose of Siena, Henry Suso; bottom row: Raymond of Penyafort, Antonio (Dominic's eldest brother, priest in the Order of Santiago), Mannes (Dominic's second brother), Peter Martyr, Hyacinth of Poland, Catherine of Siena, Antoninus of Florence

Life and works in brief

Brother John Garbella, the Servant of God

<http://www.parrocchiasmamosso.it/vita-e-opere.html>

A great testimony of faith, service, poverty, culture, preaching penance. More often, however, the official history and propaganda forget the life of these giants of the World History and Christianity, in search of journalistic sensationalism. Yet these "giants" are to be found everywhere, unfortunately hidden in the folds of official mediocrity that prefers obscuring them to avoid being discovered for what it really is ... mediocrity. Particularly the history of the Church is this history: the Church has taught, preached, rescued, he edited, visited poor and sick. This news, however, does not make history, especially today; so the history, the real one, you need to retrieve it from the dusty documents, including reports and forget ... so still a lot of patience and humility.

The inhabitants of Mosso, and not only have the Servant of God John Garbella without running somewhere, an example of that history, teacher of life that only those who are genuinely in search of man and of God, and can enjoy ... try, even in part, to imitate.
The manager of the *Vincenzo Panzeca* site

He was born in Upper Vercellese, to **Capomosso**, **township of Mosso Santa Maria** (Biella) **on the beginning of 1200 by Garbella family.**

On the brisk wit, he studied in Paris and twenty-three years, obtained a degree in civil and canon law, **taught** in the famous universities, and to **Pavia and Vercelli**. The preaching of the Dominican Blessed Jordan of Saxony, led him to abandon the world and in 1229 entered in the convent of San Domenico in **Bologna**.

In 1234 he founded the convent of **Vercelli**, where he taught theology and covered the prior office from 1245 to 1256, the year he was elected prior of the convent of Bologna. From 1257 to 1264 he was head of the province of Lombardy, which included all the high Italian and consisted of about thirty monasteries with more than 600 religious.

In 1262 he established the study of letters and philosophy in the convent of St. Eustorgio in **Milan**, where he was greeted Boccasino Nicholas, who became **Benedict XI**.



Painting of the blessed at the Oratorio di San Rocco



On June 7, 1264 in the General Chapter of **Paris** he happened to Blessed Humbert of Romans in the **governance of the whole Dominican Order**, a position he would keep for about twenty years, i.e., until his death. Since that time displayed a prodigious activity. Toured almost all of Europe for the sake of his Institute: **Paris, Montpellier, Trier, Bologna, Viterbo, Florence, Budapest, Lyon, Pisa, Bordeaux, Oxford** saw him present at the annual conference of the Order, if promoted vigorously regular discipline with wise laws. He visited on foot, always leaning on his staff, all the convents of his order, especially **France, Italy and Hungary**. This tireless work paid off and the Order he received a great boost.

Innocent IV sent him Commissioner of the Inquisition in Venice and then in Lombardy where he showed wisdom, charity, meekness, in suppressing meandering heresies.

Urban IV appointed him apostolic prosecutor of the crusade against the infidels; **Clement IV** had him as his counselor and consoler of his last hours in Viterbo in 1268.

Painting of the Blessed stored in Canonica

Gregory X gave him the difficult task of **pacification** of the republics of **Venice and Genoa**, as well as **Guelphs and Ghibellines in Pisa, Florence, Bologna and Venice**, and later to unite in peaceful agreement Ladislaus, King of **Hungary** and Ottokar, King of **Bohemia**. He intervened at the Council of **Lyons** in 1274 and at that time assembled the most famous Dominicans, including excelled Peter of Tarentaise, the future **Innocent V**, then archbishop of Lyon.

In 1276 he was sent to the apostolic nuncio in the Kingdom of Castile by **John XXI** to mediate between the conflicting **Alfonzo X** of Castile and **Philip the Bold**, King of France.

Nicholas III sent him bound to the kings of France and d ' **England**, and May 15, 1278 the preconized Patriarch of Jerusalem, dignity refused. Indeed twice he asked to be excused from the Order's supreme magisterium, but I opposed his religious and papal command he held until the end of his life the government, continuing his apostolate.



Painting of the Blessed stored in Canonica



Since 1259 she met St. Thomas Aquinas; in 1275 donated to the convent of Vercelli the track of the saint, which upheld the doctrine against fate opposition within and outside the Order, especially in the General Chapter of Paris in 1279.

Devoto of S. Domenico, wished he had erected in Bologna, the marble arch, famous for its sculptures of great artists, and in which his presence were placed the relics of the holy founder, who still to this day there are jealously guarded. True to his rule, he never ate meat, and watched long fasts even among the harshness of continuous and long trips.

Was rigid guardian of poverty, never left out preaching, always prompt the health of its souls. They austere with himself, kind to others, it conciliated the love of all.

Painting of the Blessed stored in Canonica

He was responsible for a strong organization and a significant increase of the Order of Preachers.

He died in Montpellier, at the age of eighty years or so, November 30, 1283, in the exercise of his apostolate, after having astonished Europe for his hard work and zeal, characteristics for which the pilgrim of peace was defined.

It soon became an object of worship, especially in the Vercelli and other regions, as well as in his Order; worship that St. Pius X confirmed September 7, 1903, fixing the Blessed Day on December 1. He is indeed so large and complex figure that we can not hesitate to classify it as the first major Biella who in time has honored his country and one of the greatest Italian of his century.

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Text taken from: LIBRARY SANCTORUM – sixth volume, pp. 918/919 – Antonino Silli OP

c.) OTHER PAINTINGS



Photo of painting taken by Fr. Augustine Hilander, O.P. at the Church of St. Christofo in Vercelli, Italy in 2016



Unknown

d.) IMAGES

SOURCE BJV ARCHIVES



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e.) STAINED GLASS

Image of Bl. John of Vercelli with the inset image of the Holy Name Society. St. Dominic's, San Francisco, CA. 1960's

4) RELICS

Photo from Fr. Augustine Hilander, O.P.
on his pilgrimage to Europe for the 800th
Anniversary of the Dominican Order.

Authenticity of BJV Relic from St. Christopher
Church, Vercelli to Fr. Henry C.
Graham, O.P. on May 26, 1953



Holy Name Journal "News and Views (page 16, Sept 1953) by Fr. Harry C. Graham, O.P.

"Last May it was my privilege to visit the town of Vercelli in Italy. There I obtained a relic of Blessed John. During our coming Novenas it will be made available daily for public veneration. I feel certain that Blessed John through his intercession will bless us not only as individuals but will bless also our societies".



Relic in Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 1500
Marion Road, Abington, PA 19001

Memo

Lucinaiva Wis.
Aug. 8, 1977

I am giving the original of two documents and their
Memo to Fr. Adrien Wade, O.P., Archivist of the
Province of St. Joseph, and a copy of all three to Fr.
Prior of St. Vincent's, N.Y. ^{and to the Holy Name Society of St. Vincent's} retaining one copy for
myself: which two documents are:

1. First, a folio, with writing only on the first two
pages, dated May 26, 1953, bearing the seal of
the Convento of St. Christopher in Verelli. The Superior
Fra Bartolomeo Ferrarotti, O.P., attests that he has
given to Fr. Henry C. Graham, O.P., at the petition of Fr.
Timothy Spahr, O.P. with the consent of the Prior Province
Fr. Hyacinth Bosco, O.P. of the Province of St. Peter Martyr
in Piedmont, a particella which he has cut from
the staff of Bl. John of Verelli in the presence of the
witnesses who also sign the document.
2. The second document is a single sheet of paper
stating only "Ex-benedictio Joannina Verellensis, O.P." Then
"in fide" with Fr. Ferrarotti's signature, and the
seal of the Convento.

Explanation: Fr. Graham, then National Director of the
Holy Name Society, worked a relic of Bl. John of Verelli, usually
designated Founder of the Holy Name Society.
I gave him a letter of introduction (I was again
at Rome at the time) to Fr. Ferrarotti.
On his return to Rome Fr. Graham gave me three
documents and showed me the relic, which he brought back
to St. Vincent's for the Blessed John Shrine there. I must confess
I was disturbed somewhat to learn that Bl. John's staff - which
figures even in the beatification documents (of Vincent's O.P. the time) - had been
shortened!
- T. M. Spahr, O.P.



RELIC IN PITTSBURGH AT THE
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH,
NEW CASTLE, PA

Authenticity of BJV Relic by Fr. Tarsicius M. Picarri,
Postulator General. Dated June 26, 1975. A particle
of bones from St. Peter the Apostle and St. Damian
Martyr and a particle of Bl. John's walking stick.

FR. TARSICIUS M. PICCARI
in causis beatificationis servorum Dei
et canonizationis beatorum ordinis praedicatorum
postulator generalis

Universis et singulis has litteras inspecturis
fidem facimus ac testamur nos, ad maiorem
Dei gloriam et Sanctorum venerationem, dono
dedisse particulam ex ossibus

S. Petri Apost.

S. Tanciani Mart. - ex baculo

B. Joannis a Vercelli C.D.P.
quam ex authenticis reliquiis extractam legi-
timeque recognitam, reverenter reposuimus in
theca metallica crucis cristallo munita, bene
clausa et funiculo serico coloris rubri interius
colligata nostroque sigillo obsignata, cum facul-
tate eam apud se retinendi, aliis domandi et
publicae fidelium venerationi exponendi ad nor-
mam legum ecclesiasticarum.

In quorum fidem has reddimus litteras manu
nostra subscriptas nostrosque sigillo munita.

Datum Romae, die 26 Junii 1975

pr. N^o 645 1910 P

Fr. M. Piccari O.S.
post. gen.

5) SHRINES & PRAYER ROOMS

a.) SHRINES

SAN CHRISTOFORO CHURCH IN VERCELLI, ITALY – HOLY NAME ALTAR



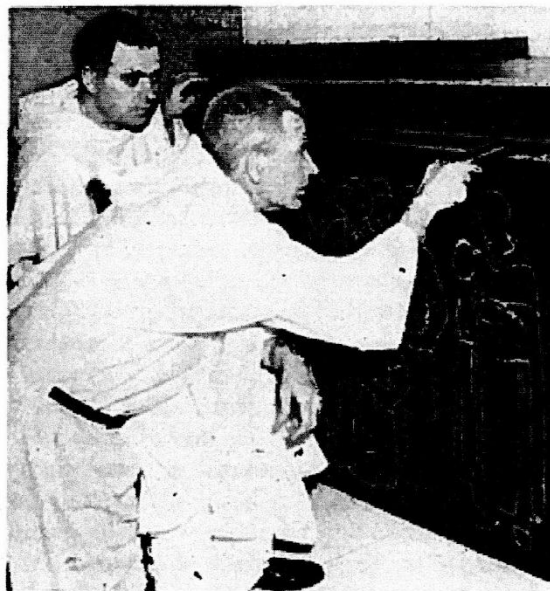
NEW ORLEANS

Holy Name Journal "News and Views" (page 16, March 1956) by Fr. Harry C. Graham, O.P.

"New Orleans Vercelli Chapel" One of the biggest and most encouraging developments in the Holy Name Society's campaign for the canonization of Blessed John comes in the form of news from St. Dominic's Parish, New Orleans that its proposed new church is to have special chapel dedicated as a shrine honoring Blessed John. Chairman of the chapel drive is Dr. A. A. Macaluso and Fr. Brendan McMullen, O.P., pastor of St. Dominic's.

Holy Name Journal "News and Views" (page 30, Sept. 1961) by Fr. Martin

Time capsule in the Blessed John of Vercelli Shrine in New Orleans is placed under the altar stone by Rev. Brendan J. McMullen, O.P., Shrine Director. The shrine, one of the side altars of St. Dominic's Church is the only national public shrine dedicated to the founder of the Holy Name Society. -28-



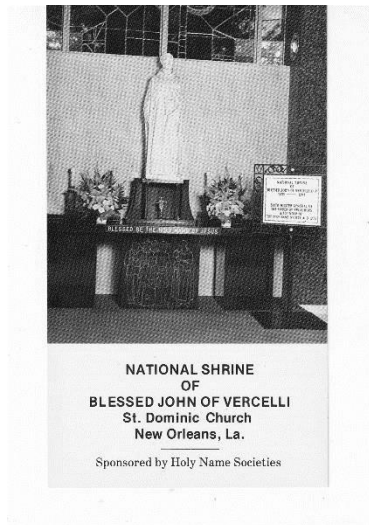
A time capsule containing the names of donors to the Blessed John of Vercelli shrine in New Orleans is placed under altar stone by the Rev. Brendan J. McMullen, O.P., shrine rector. The ceremony, which took place in April at the \$1,250,000 St. Dominic's church which houses the shrine witnessed by the Rev. A. A. Zarlenga, O.P., of the Domin Priory, Chicago, Ill. Father Zarlenga designed the main altar of the church. The shrine, one of the side altars of the church is the only national public shrine dedicated to the founder of the Holy Name Society.

In a drive for the shrine's building fund recently, Holy Name men of the Archdiocese contributed a total of \$6,471.18, which was more than triple the goal of \$2,000. A total of \$11,477 has now been collected toward the complete shrine cost of \$16,000. A previous campaign netted \$5,000. Mr. Bert Casanova, New Orleans served as drive chairman.

The New Orleans shrine contains one of the only relics of Blessed John in existence, a 2½ inch section of his wall stick. It is one of the few shrines in America dedicated to not yet a saint. Blessed John's case for canonization is under study.

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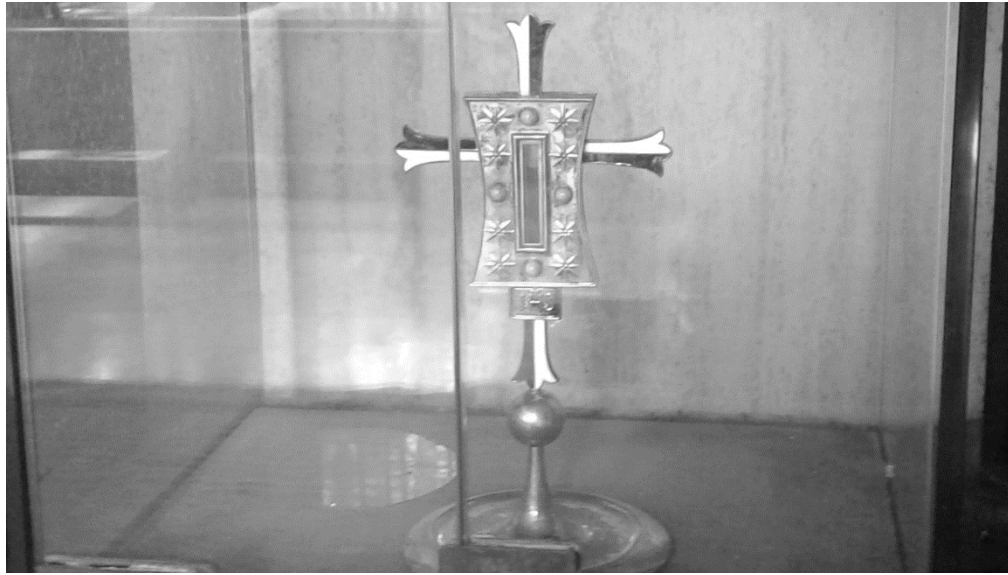
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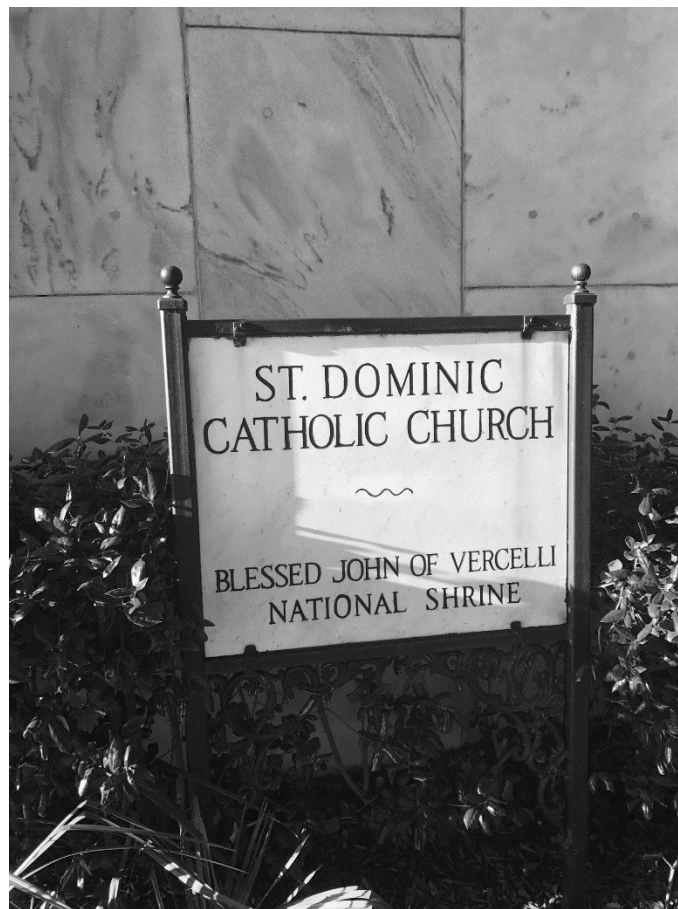


**History of devotion to Blessed John of Vercelli
in St. Dominic Parish, New Orleans:**

"Early in the history of St. Dominic Parish, New Orleans, the devotion to Blessed John of Vercelli became prominent. Novena services in his honor were held in the parish church, and a picture of Blessed John was presented to Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans by the men of the Holy Name Society. Before the present church was completed, a temporary shrine to Blessed John was erected in the church of St. John the Baptist, New Orleans.

The present church of St. Dominic was completed in 1961; Fr. Brendan J. McMullen, O.P., the principal designer of the church, made provision for a shrine to Blessed John to be located in the west transept of the church. The white Italian marble statue of Blessed John depicts him with his walking-stick, a constant companion on his many travels across Europe. A reliquary just below the statue contains a portion of that walking-stick. A plaque, placed at the shrine by the men of the Holy Name Society, indicates that this is the national shrine of Blessed John of Vercelli, the founder of the Holy Name Society."





ST. VINCENT FERRER CHURCH – NEW YORK, NY 1882

Dominican Devotion to Blessed John of Vercelli – Holy Name of Jesus Altar

Need to do more research.

PRAYER ROOM – PHILADELPHIA

In 1979 the initial Blessed John of Vercelli Mass for the Cause for Canonization was celebrated at the Holy Name of Jesus Church and from there the BJV Mass was celebrated in various Holy Name Parishes in the Philadelphia area.

In 1995 at the 17th Annual BJV Mass, the Holy Name of Jesus Church, 701 E. Gaul St., Philadelphia, PA 19125 became the home for the BJV Masses since it was then a Dominican Parish. A Prayer Room was erected in 2001, housing the relic and statue of Blessed John of Vercelli.

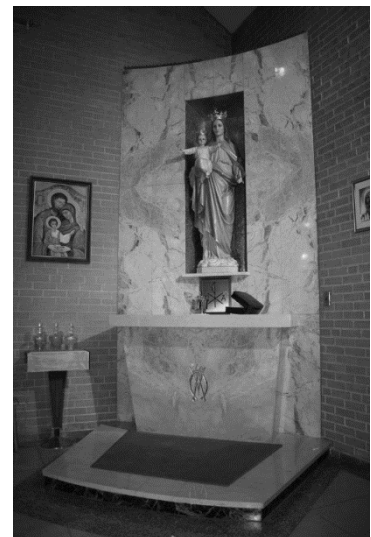


DEDICATION OF THE BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI ROOM

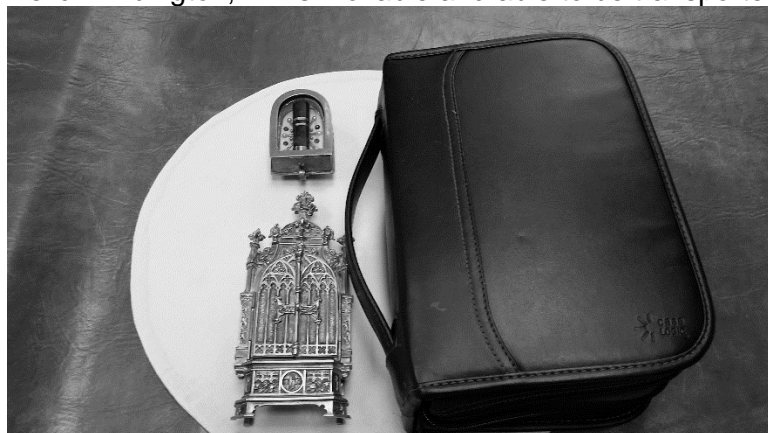


DEDICATION OF THE BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI ROOM

December 9, 2016 the BJV relic and statue were moved to the Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Marian Road, Abington, PA 19001. The relic temporarily set up on the Blessed Mother altar.



Relic in Abington, PA is movable and able to be transported throughout the country.



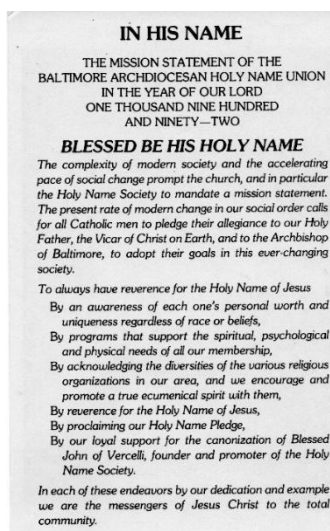
PRAYER ROOM – PITTSBURGH

Relic housed in St. Vincent de Paul Church, New Castle, PA

6). ANNUAL CONVENTIONS (LOCAL HOLY NAME UNIONS, DOMINICAN & NAHNS)

Resolution passed at the 12th Annual NAHNS Convention in Philadelphia on September 1983 – which the Canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli would be the major effort of the Association and to that end hundreds of pledge cards and scrolls have been sent petitioning Rome for his canonization.

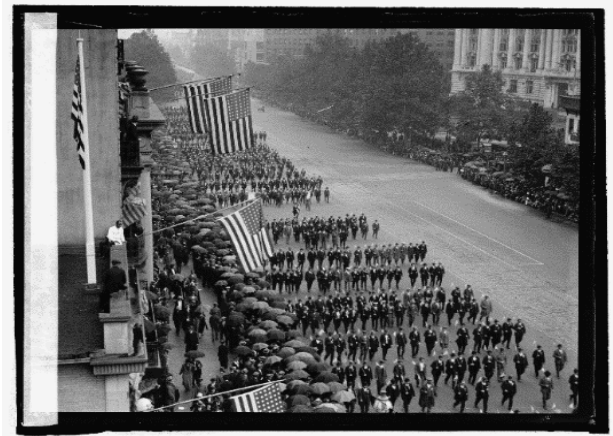
BALTIMORE ARCHDIOCESAN HOLY NAME UNION 1992 CONVENTION



This area needs more research.

7) PARADES

1924 Procession in Washington, D.C. More than 106,000 men marched in the parade and were addressed by President Calvin C. Coolidge



Washington, D.C. (1924) Procession

Catholic University, Washington, D.C. (1924)

Holy Name Journal "News and Views" (page 16, Nov 1952) by Fr. Harry C. Graham, O.P.

"On October 12, 1952, in the great Holy Name parade through the streets of Newark, NJ, a float in honor of Blessed John and depicting his preaching in regard to the Holy Name led the contingent of the parish of St. Antoninus.

The Holy Name Societies gathered together in these parades by the thousands to honor the Holy Name of Jesus. These men also honored Blessed John of Vercelli in their own societies.

To show the magnitude of the Holy Name Society we included parades from 1920s to 1950s.



DOWNTOWN BALTIMORE, MD



Baltimore Old Oriole Park – 29th Street



PITTSBURGH, PA (Field of Prayers, Tribune-Review August 9, 2006) – James Wudarczyk, 417 Fisk St., Pittsburgh, PA 15224, phone 1 -412-681-4637 (member of Our Lady of the Angels Holy Name Society)

Between 1930 and 1955, Forbes Field was host to three of the largest Catholic rallies in Western Pennsylvania history. Under the

auspices of the Holy Name Society, as many as 130,000 men took part in the picturesque rite of Eucharistic Adoration.

1930, 70,000 men were inside Forbes Field for the service, while another 45,000 men flooded the adjoining streets

1950, the largest of the rallies attracted 130,000 men

1955, the Holy Name Society sponsored the largest and longest parade in Pittsburgh's history. It lasted 8 hours and 40 minutes, with 410 marching groups, 25 bands, 50 floats and between 60,000 and 100,000 men participating.



FORBES FIELD 1930

During the last century, the Holy Name Society hosted Eucharistic rallies in the evening at Forbes Field and Pitt Stadium.

The first Eucharistic Day Rally sponsored by the Holy Name Society, held at Forbes Field, attended by an estimated 70,000 men

<http://diopitt.org/archives/history/october-12>

FORBES FIELD 1941

Bishop Hugh Boyle presided over a gathering at Forbes Field, which attracted nearly 1,000 priests and about 10,000 altar boys and choir boys. The stadium was packed with more than 40,000 people. An overflow crowd gathered in Schenley Park and on Flagstaff Hill.

8) WRITINGS

In response to Pope Gregory X's letter to Bl. John of Vercelli, he says, Desirous of increasing the honor of God, and anxious to obey the apostolic precept laid upon Us, and to incite the faithful to increased devotion, We command that as we personally are fulfilling the will of the Pontiff, you also shall see to it that the preachers subject to your authority carry out the orders of the Pope with utmost diligence, and by methods best calculated to bring conviction.

Mortier, D. A. (1904). *Histoire des maîtres généraux de l'ordre des Frères prêcheurs*. Paris: A. Picard. V.2

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9) DEVOTION TO BL. JOHN IN COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Holy Name Society-Philippines has been in existence since 1936. They don't have a Prayer for Canonization for St. John Vercelli, but they have in their Handbook a Prayer invoking his intercession. So far, they have not recorded any miracle attributed to Blessed John, but they have time and again announced the process for his canonization and invoked his intercession for miracles. Email was sent by Fr. Edgardo on 23 December 2019 to Fr. Augustine Hilander, O. P.

10) MISCELLANEOUS

HOLY NAME MEDALLION – In 1975 three Holy Name PAHNU Past Presidents (Tom Ryan, Saverio Trancredi and James Keynon put together \$500 each to have the Franklin Mint make a die to produce a medallion for the PAHNU. This medallion was originally made one in Gold and the others Silver and Bronze. The gold one was given to the late Archbishop Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia to the Holy Father in Rome to mark the 700th Anniversary of the founding of the Holy Name Society.

DOMINICAN STORE – Closing of the Office of Supply for the Dominican Order in the Holy Name Headquarter Building, 65th and Lexington Avenues, New York City in 1975, the National Association of the Holy Name Society (NAHNS) opened up an office in Minersville, PA. In 2005

the NAHNS Store moved to Pottstown, PA and now is located in Boston, MA. Many products were developed and paid by the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Holy Name Union (PAHNU) over the 30 years that they handled the store. Some of the products include the medallions above

REFERENCES

The Holy Name Journal, a national magazine for men, published in Somerset, Ohio and created by The Rosary Press in May 1907. Rev. Edward Gregory Fitzgerald, O.P. was the first Editor in Chief. In 1909, the establishment of National Headquarters of the Holy Name Society opened up in NYC (See Fr. M. J. Ripple, O.P. - Story of the Holy Name Society, page 10)