



*"Even when I am old and gray,
do not forsake me, O God,
till I declare your power to the next generation,
your might to all who are to come." Psalm 71:18*

The Sts. Anna and Simeon Society



The Sts. Anna and Simeon Society is a Catholic initiative established to benefit from the spiritual wealth of the most benevolent sector of our Catholic community uniting them as a foundational necessity to our efforts in the "New Evangelization" while inspiring and enriching all vocations. Just as Sts. Anna and Simeon were the first witnesses to Jesus in the temple, so too, will our devout and prayerful Senior Catholics be the heart of these efforts through their life of prayer, witness and sacrifice.

Membership into Sts. Anna and Simeon Society

- All homebound, nursing home and shut-in parishioners, or those who have the time because of choice, to "pray without ceasing" are eligible for enrollment.

- They would be recognized through their parish as a means of acknowledging the great gift of their life to the church and the even greater gift of their powerful prayers and sacrifices for us.

- The parish would provide The Holy Eucharist a minimum of once a week when possible and, when necessary, help them with their needs. This, in itself, becomes a tool for an evangelistic outreach.

*"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter--when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.
Isaiah 57:5*

- The Parish recognizes and prays for the members of the Sts. Anna and Simeon Society.

- They are given a Rosary with prayer card, the Seven Sorrows of Mary scapular to wear with medals, and a certificate of membership to display in their home.

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- They agree to pray, to the best of their ability, a daily rosary and other prayers that enrich their life of prayer.

- Make spiritual visits to the Blessed Sacrament to console the lonely and suffering heart of Jesus.

"When you awake in the night, transport yourself quickly, in spirit before the Tabernacle, saying:

'Behold, my God, I come to adore You, to praise, thank, and love you,

and to keep you company with all the Angels.'" St. John Vianney

- Join, in spirit, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass, which is always being offered somewhere in the world.

- Through their enrollment they make an Intentional Offering of their sufferings and trials, joined to the sufferings of

Jesus, for the "New Evangelization", vocations, the prayer needs of their parish, our diocese and the Holy Catholic

Church.

- Upon the passing of the member the Cantic of Simeon would be read or sung at their funeral.

- Pray that "ALL" will see the salvation, which God has prepared in the sight of all the people!

CANTICLE OF SIMEON (Luke 2: 29-32)

"Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled:

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel."

"Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you,

and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions,

for the sake of his body, which is the church.." Col 1:24

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,

A broken and a contrite heart;

These, O God, You will not despise." Psalm 51:17

If you are interested or know of a parishioner that would want to be a part of this ministry call Jenny at the parish office at 812-867-3718 or email jbarry@evdio.org