

REVERENCE FOR THE HOLY NAME CAMPAIGN REPORT

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Brothers,

It is three years and a bit since the Knights of the Southern Cross State Council first decided to support and conduct a campaign that would highlight a need to have

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So why was such a decision contemplated? If we look at the casual way the Lord's Name is used and the way the Lord and the Lord's Name was described to The Virgin Mary by the angel Gabriel, God's messenger, you can see just how out of place a misuse of the name Jesus is.

From the Gospel of Luke Ch.1 V26-38

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. Upon arriving, the angel said to her:

"Rejoice, O highly favoured daughter! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women." She was deeply troubled by his words, and wondered what his greeting meant. The angel went on to say to her: "Do not fear Mary, You have found favour with God. You shall conceive and bear a son and give him the name Jesus. Great will be his dignity and he will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. He will rule over the house of Jacob forever and his reign will be without end"

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be since I do not know man?"

The angel answered her:

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; hence, the holy offspring to be born will be called Son of God. Know that Elizabeth your kinswoman has conceived a son in her old age; she who was thought to be sterile is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible with God."

Mary said: "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." With that the angel left her.

Now I know not everybody will think the same but for me in light of the above I think it an honour to participate in a campaign to have Reverence for the Holy name.

So does His Grace, Our Archbishop, John Bathesby who gave His support to the action, as did all Queensland Bishops who willingly forwarded their Diocesan Parish addresses, so that they too could be part of the action.

The Queensland Catholic Education Office has accepted the Campaign and forwarded all information to all Queensland Catholic Schools.

The Catholic Women's League on behalf of their 22 Branches has accepted to be a co-sponsor. 32 Of our Queensland Branches and isolated members have been a part of the initial thrust to introduce the campaign. The tools used are a poster that introduces the campaign and a bumper bar sticker that can be used anywhere to remind all that the Holy Name is to be Reverenced.

Good progress has been made since March 08 with thanks to the Order Membership and those others who joined us.

This Report is requesting that our zeal continues and our Actions be Fruitful.

Please forward any suggestions to State Office C/O of myself as Director.

With Thanks

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