

*"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



*"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace,
according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples..." - Luke 2:29-31*

*"And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God,
and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem." - Luke 2:38*

The Sts. Anna and Simeon Society is a Catholic society established to benefit from the spiritual wealth of the most benevolent sector of our Catholic community uniting them as a foundational necessity to the efforts of the Church's mission to witness, evangelize, and bring souls to Jesus while inspiring and strengthening all vocations and families. Just as Sts. Anna and Simeon were the first witnesses to Jesus in the temple, so too, will our devout and prayerful Senior and suffering Catholics be the heart of these efforts through their life of prayer, witness and sacrifice intentionally joining their sufferings to the sufferings of Christ for his body, the Church.

Membership

The Sts. Anna and Simeon Society

- All parishioners who are homebound or reside in a nursing facility, those suffering from chronic illness or those who chose to “pray and offer their trials and suffering” are eligible for enrollment.
- They are recognized and prayed for 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 the church now.
- The parish will provide The Holy Eucharist a minimum of once a week when possible and, when able, help them with their needs. This 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

- Each member is enrolled in and given a Seven Sorrows of Mary scapular, blessed by Bishop Joseph Siegel, a Seven Sorrows Rosary, a Rosary, a membership booklet, and a certificate of membership to display in their home.
- Each member agrees to continue to pray, when able, their normal routine of prayer in a manner that is comfortable to them.
- Each member makes an Intentional Offering of their sufferings and trials, joined to the sufferings of Jesus, for the success of the efforts of the “New Evangelization” to bring souls to Jesus, for vocations, families, the needs of their parish, each other, our diocese, and the Catholic Church.
- Upon their passing the Cantic of Simeon would be read or sung at each member’s funeral Mass.

OPTIONAL PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- 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.
- 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*

"They shall bear fruit even in old age;
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,
declaring how just is the Lord,
my rock, in whom there is no wrong." Psalm 92:15-16