

John's Obituary ~ June 7, 2005

John Thomas Blonski, Neptune, New Jersey age 22 died in a drowning accident Tuesday, June 7th, while swimming in Merrimack, New Hampshire, where he attended The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts. He was working at school for the summer to help pay his college tuition. He would have been a junior this coming September, where he was pursuing a Philosophy Degree.

Surviving are his parents, John and Rebecca Blonski, 4 brothers, 6 sisters, 3 nieces and 5 nephews: Bill and Kerry Tice, with their two children, Kayla and Megan; Robert and Carey McKnight, with their four children, Erin, Thomas, Ronan and Malachi; Sarah Blonski and her two children, Monica and Noah; Joshua Blonski, Emily Blonski, Zachary Blonski, Rebekah Blonski, Breanna and Brittany Burke-Blonski, and Samuel Blonski. Also surviving is John's maternal grandmother, Muriel Haithcock, 99 years, who resides with the family, along with his paternal grandmother, Mary Blonski, of Rochester N.Y. Also surviving is John's birth mother, Maria Guadalupe Baldarama, along with his surviving brothers and sisters, who reside in Juarez, Mexico. Aunts, uncles and numerous cousins also survive him.

John was home-schooled during his grammar school years and graduated St. Gregory's Academy, a private Catholic boy's high school, Elmhurst, PA, 2001, that John dearly loved. September 2001, he joined the Society of Saint John, an association of priests, clerics, religious, and laity. **John yearned to become a Roman Catholic Priest, and was actively pursuing this vocation. At the time of his death he was a Brother with the Society of St. John.**

John was born in El Paso, Texas to a dear, needy woman, Maria Guadalupe. With the help of a Roman Catholic Priest, Father Rick Thomas, a pro-life Jesuit, whose ministry is to help poor Mexican people, the Blonski family adopted John from birth. Father Rick Thomas resides in El Paso, Texas and is still active in his ministry to date.

John lived a full and joyful life, pursuing what he loved the most: the love of God. He had a thirst for knowledge and sought eternal truth. He spoke Latin fluently, was studying ancient Greek, and had taught himself Italian.

He had traveled to England, and he recently returned from Rome, Italy, where he had spent his last semester studying with fellow students at The Thomas More Campus, from January until May. John received Pope John Paul II's blessing on numerous occasions, but was especially grateful to receive his final Easter blessing. John stood in line for twelve hours to view the body of Pope John Paul II, and also attended his funeral Mass. John was in Rome for the pronouncement of Pope Benedict XVI as the new Pope, and attended his installation Mass, where John received his Papal blessing.

The President of Thomas More College, Dr. Peter Sampo, described John as one of the finest young men he had ever met, not only having a great sense of humor, but a young man of great intellect, great integrity and high moral virtue as well.

John was a Daily Communicant, and loved God with all his heart and soul, and prayed the Rosary daily. He leaves behind family and many friends who love him dearly and will miss him tremendously. Please pray for John and his family here in New Jersey and in Mexico.

In lieu of flowers, the Blonski family respectfully requests that Masses be offered for the repose of John's soul, either through the Society of Saint John, <http://www.ssjohn.org/index.html>; or John's home parish, St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church, 5 Shore Acres Avenue, Middletown, New Jersey, 07748, 732-787-1318.

Visitation will be at the John Pflieger Funeral Home, 115 Tindall Road, Middletown, NJ, Sat & Sunday, June 11 & 12. A High Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Monday, June 13th St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church, 5 Shore Acres Avenue, Middletown, New Jersey. Interment will be St. Anne's Cemetery, Wall Township, New Jersey.