



The Drum

THE BEAT OF BLACK CATHOLIC CHICAGO

July 2014

Family Vacation on Mackinac Island

By Andrew & Terri Lyke

Summer of 1994

We're leaving tomorrow morning for what we hope will be a fruitful journey of family time. We're driving down to Louisville, Kentucky for a conference

for which we are presenting two workshops. The kids will hang around the hotel while we're working.

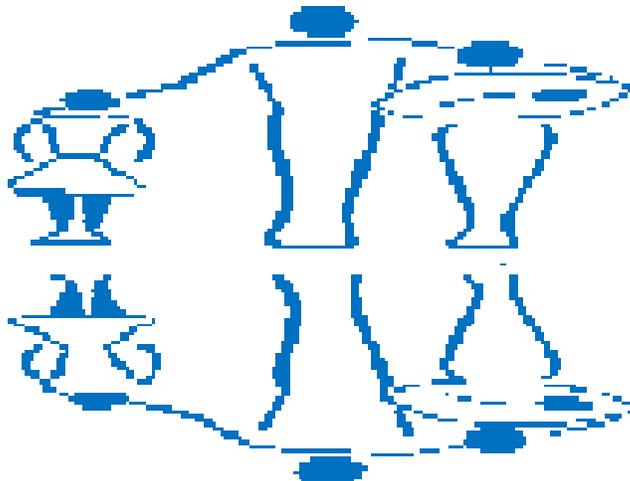
Hopefully we'll find some fun things for them to do while they're hanging out.

Right after our last workshop we're hitting the road again, heading north to Mackinac Island, Michigan. The ride from Louisville to Mackinac is about 615 miles. The drive from our home to Louisville is about 300 miles. Overall, we expect to drive a total of more than 1,200 miles round-trip.

We take advantage of the time in the car with games such as "Who Am I?" and "What If?". "Who Am I?" is a simple guessing game where we try to guess the identity of one person by asking "yes/no" questions. Everyone takes turns until we get tired of playing.

"What If?" is a fun way of transmitting Christian values to the kids. We make up morally challenging scenarios that begin with "What if . . . ?" and end with "What would you do?" It's fun time for the most part in the car. But it pales to the wonderful time we have on Mackinac Island.

It's become a family tradition for us to spend a few days at the end of Summer vacation on this picturesque haven of tranquility. We park the car at the ferry dock in Mackinaw City; then we take the ferry over to the island. We stay at a quaint bed & breakfast on the island that is situated away from the main strip where the tourists flock. With our bicycles as our only means of transportation, we spend much our time riding through forest paths and



along Lake Huron. We stop here and there to skip rocks on the lake. There's an old fashioned ice cream parlor in town where we stop for a snack. Root beer floats are a specialty there. At night we sit at the shore and watch the stars.

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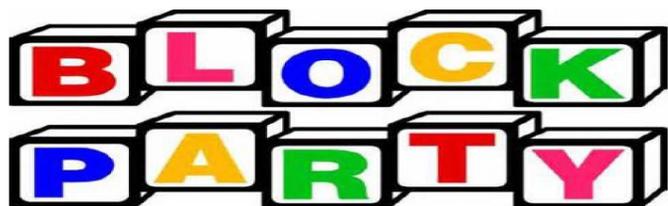
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These times on Mackinac Island have been special times of bonding for us. We began this tradition in the late '70s before we had kids. It was special for the two of us then. Somehow we found a special appreciation for each other there. Now it's special for the four of us. We often dream of future family get-a-ways to Mackinac, after the kids are gone. Of course they'll join us with their spouses and all the grand-kids. And we'll ride and skip rocks and watch the stars at night and bond with each other. Rich dreams. It's not Disney World; but it's very special to us. Somehow God's presence is felt more when we're there. We find such peace and relaxation that it's easier to find God in our midst.

Of course, we've left out the fussing and wining that typically come with such outings with families. But it's worth all of the "ARE-WE-THERE-YETs" and "QUIT-TOUCHING-MES" the kids put us through. It's our time as a family to do something that has our signature on it. Our end-of-summer vacations bicycling on Mackinac Island is one of the simple pleasures that make us rich.



Family Reflections appeared in several Catholic diocesan newspapers from 1994 to 2003. Columnists Andrew & Terri Lyke are the parents of two children who are now adults and raising families themselves. This particular column was written from their perspectives as Catholic parents raising children in faith. Revisiting this writing today as grandparents, they reaffirm their this article and happily share it with the readers of The Drum.

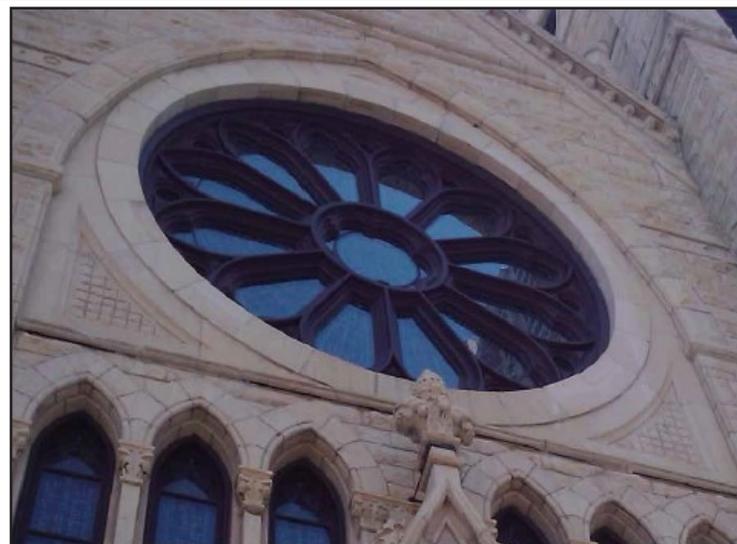


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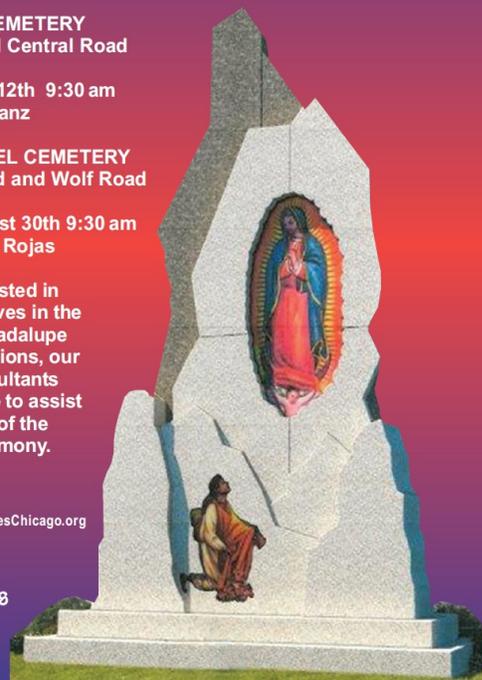
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Priests and Employees of the Archdiocese of Chicago

FROM: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. *F.G.*

RE: Office for Racial Justice

DATE: June 24, 2014

As many of you might have heard, the Office for Racial Justice will close on July 1, 2014.

The Office's ministerial work will be incorporated into the Office for Catholic Schools, which has been educating about racism and combating racial injustice for many years. The School Office's repertoire of responses to racism will be strengthened with the materials and initiatives developed by the Office for Racial Justice in recent years. The policy concerns of the Office for Racial Justice will be incorporated into the Department of Personnel Services, which is working on strengthening our policies on discrimination in hiring and working together.

The Office for Racial Justice was established on July 1, 2000, with Sister Anita Baird, DHM, as its Director. The sin of racism has marked human relationships in society in many places. Some of its most virulent effects, however, have manifested themselves among us in this city and Archdiocese. Because it was inadequately addressed for so long, it was necessary to create a new ministry and to write a new Charter, my Pastoral Letter, "Dwell in my Love," written in 2001.

The Office for Racial Justice initiated numerous programs to address systemic racial injustice. Between 1997 and 2003, 300 of our parishes participated in the workshop on Racism and Ethnic Sensitivity. In that same time, 127 workshops were facilitated, with 326 parishes participating and over 600 of the faithful attending. From 2003 to the present, many more workshops have been held, with most of our employees participating.

The sin of personal prejudice remains the same from generation to generation, but the sin of institutional and societal injustice varies as society develops. Combating racism is a permanent part of the mission of the Church, but the means to do so also vary.

Sr. Anita and her team have worked diligently and with profound conviction. What they have done must continue to inspire everyone's approach to ministry in the Archdiocese. I am truly grateful to Sr. Anita and all connected to the Office for Racial Justice, especially the many volunteers in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Keeping their concerns at the center of our mission will be an ongoing challenge for all of us.

Dear Family and Friends,

Our family is pleased that the Church will receive our brother Gerard as the first African-American male, on August 28, 2014 at 10:30 am, to be accepted for the Solemn Profession of Final Vows, with the Canons Regular of Prémontré at Daylesford Abbey. Final Vows with this Norbertine Community affords him the privilege of becoming a Canon Regular of the Church and solemn vows is also Gerard's next step before he is ordained a deacon and a priest.



The Order of Canons Regular of Prémontré (Norbertines) was founded in the year 1120 in France. They arrived in northern region of the USA in 1893, as missionaries. Daylesford was established in 1954 in the east, St. Michaels was established in 1975, in the west and Santa María de la Vid was formed in 1985 in the southwest. St. Moses the Black, a dependent priory, is also located in the southern part of the USA. Today

this world-wide religious community of men and women are approximately 1500 members strong and only three African- American Canons and one Canoness are among their ranks.

If you plan to join us for this historical celebration at Daylesford Abbey in the Philadelphia suburbs and have the need for lodging and meals, it will be provided at no cost to you. Please notify Gerard of that need by emailing your R.S.V.P. to gjordan@daylesford.org or call him at 610-883-2145.

If you are unable to join us, please remember our brother in your prayers of the faithful that day. You can mail him your best wishes to:

A. Gerard Jordan, O.Praem.
4841 S. Woodlawn Avenue
Chicago, IL 60615

Joyfully,

The Jordan Family



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To see a video of our volunteers in action, click on https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=nxujTxN2qi4

Prayer Service

With Cardinal George and the Catholic Communities of the African Diaspora



Join His Eminence Francis Cardinal George to pray with Black Catholics of the African Diaspora and those connected with the Catholic African Diaspora community.

Friday, August 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

**St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel
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RSVP to OBC@archchicago.org or (312) 534-8376 no later than August 1, as there is limited space.



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A Fathers Day Message

By J. Michael Carr

The article below is the text of the Fathers Day message at St. Philip Neri Church on June 15th given by J. Michael Carr, founder and CEO of Fathers for the Future.



Good Morning Church Family,

I am J. Michael Carr, Jr., a fellow parishioner here at St. Philip Neri. I would like to thank Father Thomas for asking me to give the homily this Father's Day weekend. It's truly an honor to speak with you today. I would also like to thank my wife of 18 years, Kyra, and our three teenage children for helping me every day to become a better father, husband, and man.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, which I believe is the perfect weekend to acknowledge fathers. It is through the love of God, our Father, that all things are possible. It is through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that we all are redeemed. And finally, through the fellowship of the Holy Spirit that we can heal ourselves, our families, and our communities.

This will be my 18th year of celebrating fatherhood. We all know parenting is difficult especially if it is done correctly. As a father, there are many days you question your own judgment. There are even some days that you wished you could just give up being a father because it's too difficult.

When I have days like these, do you know who I look to as my fatherhood role model... James Evans Sr. from the 1970's sitcom, *Good Times*. Yes, it's ok to laugh because he was a very funny character. However, if you look deeper into his personality, he was the ideal father figure.

No... James Evans was not a perfect man. He used to constantly argue with Florida. All of us dads are imperfect. However, what made James Evans Sr. such a great dad was the fact that he... showed up. It didn't matter the problem... James Evans always managed to fix it. James Evans would work two or three jobs to make sure the family was fed. The lights were on. And that the Evan's family always had a roof over their heads.

As fathers, husbands, and men, we are supposed to carry the burden of responsibility. We need to strive to be more like God, our father, who is slow to anger and... rich in kindness. As fathers, we need to strive to be committed to our children.

Youth today are afraid of commitment. I was telling our oldest son, Julien, that finding the right woman and falling in love is a great accomplishment. Don't be afraid of commitment. Get married! Have children! Have a life together! Marriage isn't easy, but it is within adversity the two of you will find strength together, which will be apparent to your own children and help them grow into stable adults.

Our family has stopped watching the local news. It's too depressing. All the news stories have to do with violence. The world is obsessed with creating violence and talking about ways to prevent it. My simple suggestion would be to focus on restoring the family unit. The "family" is the center of Christianity. The "family" provides a moral compass for right and wrong. The "family" heals the individual and the community.

To an extent, I agree with Hillary Clinton... it does take a village to raise a child. However, the "family" should be responsible for that child. Holding parents accountable for their children should be the first step to preventing violence. If it is 2 am and you don't know where your teenage son or daughter is, then that's a parenting problem... not a community problem! So, we can stop blaming the schools, the police department, Mayor Emmanuel, or even President Obama for our failure as parents.

Fathers, we need to be more involved in the lives of our children. Know their teachers. Know their friends. Know their hangouts. We need to be committed to our children's successes and love them even when they fail because we all do at some point in time. In failure always lies another opportunity to succeed.

Finally, dads it's never too late to be engaged with your child. If your son or daughter has disappointed you in the past, get over it and move on. Life is too short to hold on to bitterness. God, our father's love is unconditional. God, so loved the world he gave his only son. So my message today echoes God's love for us, which is Fathers love your children.

In conclusion, I would like to wish all the fathers, grandfathers, and mentors a Happy Father's Day. Enjoy your day and be blessed.

J. Michael Carr Jr. MBA
Founder/Executive Director





Organizing Catholics
for Justice

Mass Incarceration: An issue at the heart of Catholic Social Teaching

By Matt Munhall

Today, the United States is home to 5% of the world's population, but 25% of its incarcerated population. Meanwhile, the operation of the prison system has increasingly been outsourced to private corporations that profit on incarceration. Through federal and local legislation, these corporations have created deals that require a certain number of beds in prison to be filled. This mass incarceration often disproportionately affects the poor and people of color. The bail/bond system in Cook County is just as unjust, and contributes to this problem. As an October 2013 *Chicago Reader* article on the court system reported, "There is no law or even a formal set of guidelines determining what bonds are appropriate for what crimes." With bails for even non-violent offense often set at exorbitant amounts, many who cannot afford bail sit in jail for months awaiting trial. Even if they are eventually proven innocent, they often lose their jobs or apartments while in jail. The system of Mass Incarceration ruins lives and destroys families, but we can do something about it to create systemic change for thousands of people in the Chicagoland area.

At the heart of Catholic Social Teaching are the Life and Dignity of the Human Person and an Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops explains that a "basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring," and Catholic Social Teaching "instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first." A prison-industrial complex that seeks to profit on the incarceration of the poor and people of color does not respect the dignity of each human person. A bail/bond system that favors the wealthy does not put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first. As people of faith, we are called to take action to ensure our values are reflected in our society's institutions and that all people are treated equally in the justice system.

On the afternoon Friday, June 20, I joined Organizing Catholics for Justice and the Office for Black Catholics, along with IIRON and SOUL, advanced our campaign to end mass incarceration with a direct action on Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez. Alvarez



has continually refused to discuss this critical issue, so OCJ leaders and allies filled the lobby of the building that houses the State's Attorney's Office as a next step to getting the states Attorney to negotiate a solution for the system of mass incarceration and the problematic bail/band system that contributes to it. When security asked us to leave the building almost immediately upon entering, the group of over 60 people poured out onto the sidewalk along Washington Street to continue the direct action. People held colorful signs reading "Guilty until proven wealthy" and "Open schools, close prisons." The crowd was electric, chanting, "This is what democracy looks like." This was my first direct action since joining OCJ, but it was exciting to be a part of this movement and demand that our voices be heard. A representative Alvarez's office accepted our letter asking for a meeting, but this direct action on Alvarez was just the beginning. As Catholics, we will continue this fight to ensure that the unjust policies in Cook County change, until the justice system reflects our values.

To get involved with Organizing Catholics for Justice's mass incarceration campaign, visit <http://organizingcatholicsforjustice.org/ending-mass-incarceration/> or contact Maria Fitzsimmons at mfitzsimmons@archchicago.org or (773) 456-8886 (cell).

Matt Munhall is an intern working in the Office for Peace and Justice and a student at the University of Notre Dame where he is the Director of Social Concerns in the Student Union.

MAWUSI **on the** **MOVE!**

Unforeseen circumstances have caused the cancelation of the Mawusi Retreat for 2014. The planning team will use this break to bring new energy to this longstanding program. In the coming months there will be sessions in each of the six vicariates to explore, invigorate, and invite new energy to Mawusi 2015. Details to come. Stay tuned!

Lyke Conference keynotes address the Sacraments

The annual Archbishop James P. Lyke Conference was in New Orleans from June 12 to June 15. The Conference theme was “Sacraments: Rituals Black and Beautiful.” Audio recordings of all of the keynote addresses are available at www.obc-chicago/category/lyke-conference/.

Baptism

The opening keynote by the Most George V. Murry, SJ, Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio and formerly auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago, focused on Baptism. The title of the presentation was “It’s All Grace: Drawn In Relationship to the Living God.” Go to www.obc-chicago/category/lyke-conference to listen to that presentation.



Confirmation

Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton, Bishop of the Diocese of Belleville, presented the Friday morning keynote that focused on Confirmation. The presentation was titled “It’s All Grace: Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Penance

Chicago’s Most Rev. Joseph N. Perry, Episcopal Vicar for Vicariate VI, presented the evening keynote that focused on the Sacrament of Penance. The presentation was titled “It’s All Grace: Father, Forgive.”



Holy Orders/Vocations

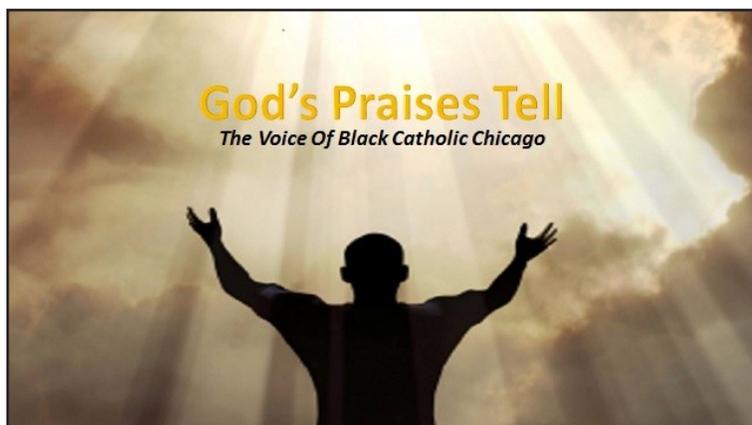
The Conference host, Most Rev. Gregory Aymond, presented the Saturday Morning keynote that focused on Holy Orders and vocation. The presentation was titled “It’s All Grace: A Promise to Keep and a God to Glorify”

Anointing of the Sick

Fr. Freddy Washington presided at a moving prayer service on Saturday afternoon that focused on Anointing of the Sick. It was titled “It’s All Grace: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.”



OBC launches new podcast



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God's Praises Tell

The Voice of Black Catholic Chicago
Tuesdays 9-9:30 a.m.
Relevant Radio 950-AM
Hosted by Andrew Lyke

The Church, the Cardinal and You



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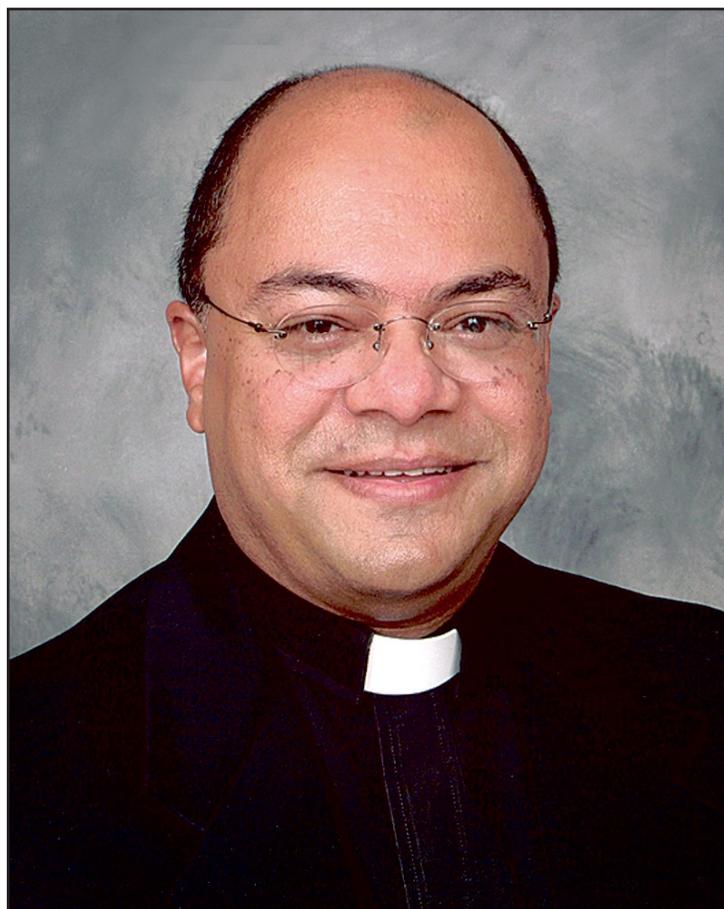
The Church, The Cardinal and You is a monthly news show featuring interviews with Cardinal George and broadcast via the Comcast cable network. Andrew Lyke, director of the Office for Black Catholics, and Todd Williamson, director of the Office for Divine Worship, host this show that includes a variety of stories taped at locations across the Archdiocese of Chicago. This program is produced by the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Radio and Television.

Comcast customers who live in Chicago and throughout the suburbs can see The Church, The Cardinal and You, Sunday at 2:30 p.m. on CN-100, the Comcast Network (Channel 100). The program also airs Friday at 7 p.m. on Chicago Loop Cable Channel 25.

The weekly radio show “God’s Praises Tell: The Voice of Black Catholic Chicago, which airs every Tuesday morning at 9:00 on Relevant Radio, 950-AM is now available to listen to at your leisure and when you want to listen. We have launched a new podcast to which listeners may listen, subscribe, and or/download.

Within a day or two after the live broadcast, each show is added to the podcast. Go to www.obc-chicago.org/category/podcast. Select the most recent show or any show in the archive. You may also subscribe to the podcast and receive alerts when a new show is added.

Visit there now and listen to Bishop Sheldon Fabre’s Trinity Sunday Homily at the Lyke Conference’s closing Mass, the series on the Sacraments from the keynotes of that conference, and the commencement address at Holy Angels Catholic School by Andrew Lyke.



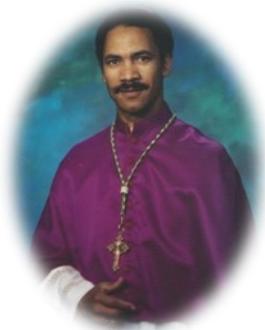
Most Rev. Shelton Fabre
Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux

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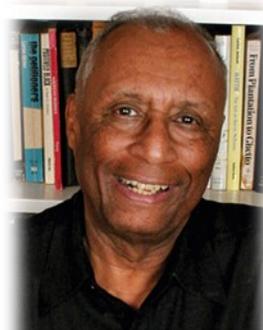


... that on July 1, 1839 Africans aboard the slave ship *Amistad* seized control and ordered the crew to sail to Africa but arrived in the U.S. to face murder and piracy charges? But, did you know that they were later acquitted and returned to their homeland?

... that on July 1, 1970 the National Office for Black Catholics (NOBC) opened in Washington, DC?



... that on July 2, 1984 John H. Ricard, SSJ was ordained Catholic Bishop, Baltimore, MD?



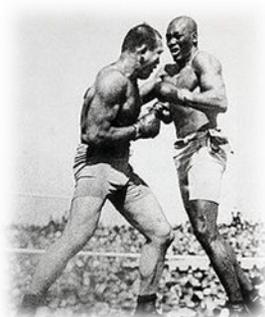
... that on July 6, 1971 Henry Sampson invented the cellular phone?



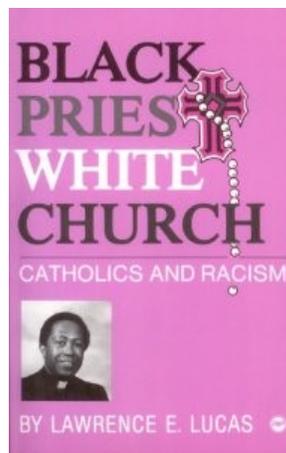
... that on July 7, 1957 tennis champion Althea Gibson the Women's Singles crown at Wimbledon, England?



... that on July 4, 1881 Booker T. Washington became the first president of Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, AL?



... that on July 4, 1910 boxer Jack Johnson defeats "Great White Hope" Jim Jeffries in what is called the fight of the century?



... that on July 8, 1933 Fr. Lawrence E. Lucas, author of *Black Priest White Church* was born in New York City?



... that on July 8, 1860, a half century after Congress banned the importation of slaves, slave ship *Clotilde* lands in Mobile, Alabama as the last recorded slave ship docking in the U.S.? Did you also know that the Africans on board were freed and found Africatown?



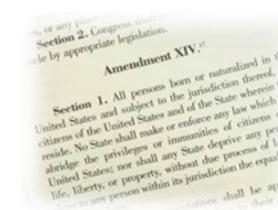
... that on July 5, 1975 tennis champion Arthur Ashe defeated Jimmie Connors at Wimbledon, England?



... that on July 6, 1971 jazz legend Louis Armstrong died?



... that on July 9, 1897 Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first recognized African-American Catholic priest, died of a heat stroke in Chicago?



... that on July 9, 1869 the U.S. Congress ratifies the 14th Amendment, thereby granting citizenship to African Americans?

DID YOU KNOW...



... that on July 10, 1875 Mary McLeod Bethune, educator and leader, was born in Mayesville, SC?

... that on July 17, 2001 Harvard University's Civil Rights Project releases a study finding that schools were more segregated in 2000 than they were in the 1970s before desegregation efforts began?



... that on July 17, 1958 blues singer Billie Holiday died?

... that on July 19, 1919 the release of a black man accused of trying to rape a white woman sparked four days of attacks on African Americans by a white mob in Washington, DC, leaving 40 dead and 150 injured? This incident was part of what has been called "The Red Summer", which refers to the race riots that occurred in more than three dozen cities in the United States during the summer and early autumn of 1919. In most instances, whites attacked African Americans. In some cases groups of blacks fought back, notably in Chicago, where, along with Washington, D.C. and Elaine, Arkansas, the greatest number of fatalities occurred. The riots followed postwar social tensions related to the demobilization of veterans of World War I, both black and white, and competition for jobs among ethnic whites and blacks.



... that on July 16, 1862 Ida B. Wells Barnett, organizer of anti-lynching crusade, was born in Holly Springs, MS?



... that on July 17, 1967 jazz artist John Coltrane died?



... that on July 18, 1863 the 54th Massachusetts Infantry, the nation's first all-African American regiment, led an attack on Confederate troops at Fort Wagner, SC?



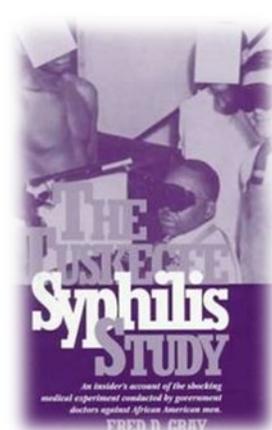
... that on July 19th track & field Olympian Wilma Rudolph set the world record for the 200 meter dash at the 1960 Olympics?



... that on July 25, 1890 Marsh Cook, a white Republican and former candidate for Congress, and an advocate for black voting rights, was murdered in Jasper County, MS by white men who opposed his work? No one was ever arrested or prosecuted.



... that on July 28, 2000 Curtis J. Guillory, SVD was installed Bishop of Beaumont, TX?



... that on July 24, 1972 the *Washington Star* reported on the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment in which the U.S. Center for Disease Control studied the disease's effect on hundreds of poor black Alabama Sharecroppers even after a cure had been discovered?



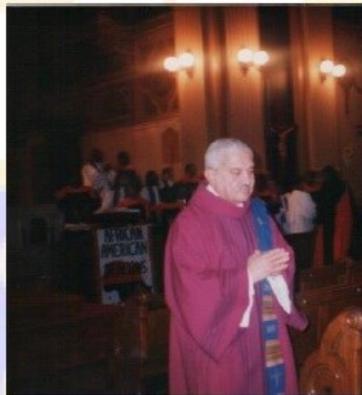
... that on July 26, 1948 President Harry Truman racially integrated the United States Armed Forces by signing the Executive Order 9981?



... that on July 30, 1866 a white mob attacks black and Radical Republicans at a convention for black voting rights in New Orleans, LA, killing more than 40 people and wounding hundreds?

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Second Annual Deacon Anthony Llorens, Sr. Scholarship Ceremony



When: Saturday, July 12, 2014 12:00pm-2:30pm

Where: Christ the King Jesuit College Prep 5088 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60644

Tickets: \$10

How you can participate: You can support the scholarship and its recipients and future recipients by purchasing a ticket, or buying and ad for your club, organization or business. You can also make a donation in kind.

2013 Recipients- Marissa Davis and Jared Davis- Marissa attends Xavier University in Louisiana, Jared attend Notre Dame University

2014 Recipients- Jazmine and Jalisha Sanders- Jazmine plans to Attend Loyola University Chicago on a full scholarship. Jalisha plans to attend St. Mary's College in Indiana. Both young ladies have worked tirelessly throughout the church (Altar servers, Sunday school help, etc.) and the school (Student Council, Christian Service, and Peer Ministers.) Please support these young ladies as they prepare to go to the next level in the academics and continue to do God's work.

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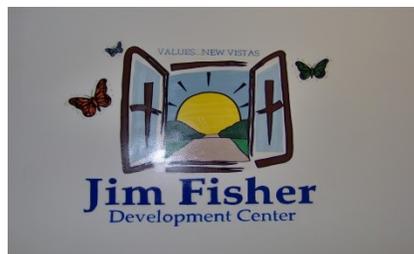
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Senior Convention July 24-July 31, 2014

Bus will be leaving from on Thursday July 24th 9:00 pm Ascension-St. Susanna Parking lot, 41 E. 153rd St. and 10:00 pm St. Benedict the African West 7033 S. Honore, Chicago returning Thursday morning July 31, 2014

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**You are cordially invited to participate in a retreat on
The Fidelity of God's Love Moves Us From Scarcity to Abundance!**

Our facilitator will be

Sr. Teresita Weind

Congregational Leader, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur



The retreat will take place from 9 am to 3:30 pm on
Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014

We *welcome home* Sr. Teresita Weind, a renowned liturgist, prayer leader, animator of spirituality, advocate for women, and retreat and spiritual director. Sr. Teresita served in parish ministry and pastoral care in the Chicago area and in Saginaw, Michigan before accepting leadership roles first of her province in Cincinnati and currently of her entire congregation. She resides in Rome.

Location: St. Catherine of Siena – St. Lucy Church, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL

Contribution: \$20 (which includes lunch). *Financial assistance is available.*

You are also cordially invited to stop by the Rectory Dining Room between 7:30 and 9 pm on Fri., Sept. 5 to meet and greet Sr. Teresita personally. Light refreshments will be served. Sr. Teresita will speak during the 10:30 am mass on Sun., Sept. 7. Join us!

Parking: 3 parking options are available:

- * The lot south of the rectory on Austin Blvd. between the rectory and Maguire Hall.
- * The lot on the east side of Austin Blvd. directly across from the large Gothic church that is St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy.
- * On-street parking on Washington Blvd. west of Austin and north of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church.

**Registration and payment in advance is strongly preferred.
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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Please mail to St. Catherine-St. Lucy, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302 ATTN: Retreat

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I enclose **\$20**, plus a contribution of \$____ to assist those with fewer financial resources to attend. TOTAL enclosed \$____
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WE SAY NO MORE!

A Call for a Month of Resistance to Mass Incarceration, Police Terror, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation!

For 2 generations, Black and Latina/Latino youth in the U.S. have been shipped off to prison in numbers never before seen anywhere in the world at any time. More than 2 million people, of all nationalities languish in prison—ten times the number 50 years ago. The U.S. has 5% of the world's population but 25% of the world's prison population! More than 60% of those in U.S. prisons are Black or Latina/o. 32% of Black men between the ages of 20 and 29 are in prison or on parole or probation on any given day. More than 80,000 people in prison are held in solitary confinement under conditions that fit the international definition of torture.

The incarceration of women has increased by 800% over the last 30 years. They, along with those whose sexual orientation is not "mainstream" or who are gender non-conforming—lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex prisoners—face extremely harsh and abusive treatment in prison, including widespread rape. Alongside this has risen a massive program of criminally prosecuting undocumented immigrants, essentially hidden from public view. As a result of the devastation of their homelands, these immigrants have been driven to this country to work without papers, and today they are being criminalized. The U.S. chastises other countries for human rights violations, yet it enmeshes the lives of tens of millions of people in its criminal "injustice" system. The courts, cops, prisons and La Migra all play a part in enforcing mass incarceration. There are genocidal aspects and a genocidal logic to this program, and it has been gathering momentum. All this is intolerable, and, if it isn't stopped, it will get much worse!

Mass incarceration has grown beside the criminalization of whole peoples; a situation in which every African-American or Latina/o is a permanent suspect—treated as guilty until proven innocent by police and racist vigilantes, if they can survive to prove their innocence. This is especially concentrated among the youth, starting with cops in schools, arresting children for things that used to mean a visit to the principal's office at worst, putting youth on a trajectory from school to prison. Black and Latina/o youth have a target on their backs in this society. Literally tens of millions of lives have been scarred and worse—both the direct victims and their families and communities. People who heroically resisted these and other injustices have been imprisoned, some of them for decades. These political prisoners must be freed.

The malignancy of mass incarceration did not arise from a sudden epidemic of crime. Nor did it result from people making poor personal choices. Instead it arose from cold political calculations made in response to the massive and heroic struggle for the rights of Black and other minority peoples that took place in the 1960's and 70's, and in response to the enormous economic and social changes brought about by globalized production. This cancer of mass incarceration has been, from the beginning, nothing but a new Jim Crow in place of the old one. Like the old Jim Crow, it drew on, fed off and reinforced the deep-seated roots of the racism that grew up with slavery. Like the old Jim Crow, it has been, from the beginning, unjustifiable, utterly immoral and thoroughly illegitimate.

This must stop—NOW! Not the next generation, not in ten years, not any time off in some promised future that never seems to come. NOW! But it will not stop unless and until millions of people, of all nationalities, stand up and say NO MORE, in unmistakable terms. The history of this and every other

country shows that without struggle, there can be no positive change; but with struggle this kind of change becomes possible.

It is not enough to oppose this in the privacy of your own conscience or the company of like-minded people. It is not enough to curse this out, but then tell yourself nothing can be done. If you live your life under this threat, you **MUST** act. If you understand how wrong this is and how much it devastates the lives of so many millions, you **MUST** act.

NOW is the time to act. People are beginning to awaken and stir. Resistance has begun: Heroic hunger strikes by people in prisons and detention centers and outpourings in response to murders by police and racist vigilantes. Prisoners in solitary confinement in California declared a cessation of racial hostilities as Black, Latino and white prisoners came together to resist the torture of solitary confinement. All this must be taken to a much higher level. **We call for a massive Month of Resistance to Mass Incarceration in October of this year; a Month that can impact all of society; one that can open the eyes of millions of people to the need to end this new Jim Crow.**

In October, 2014, our resistance to mass incarceration must reverberate across the country and around the world. There must be powerful demonstrations nationwide on October 22, the National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation. Throughout October there must be panels and symposiums on campuses and in neighborhoods; major concerts and other cultural expressions; ferment in the faith communities, and more—all aimed at taking the movement to STOP mass incarceration to a much higher level. **October, 2014, must be a month that makes clear that thousands and thousands are willing to stand up and speak out today and to awaken and rally forth millions.** It must be the beginning of the end of the mass incarceration in the U.S. To that end:

- We the undersigned pledge to make October, 2014, as powerful as possible;
- We pledge to support resistance to this monstrous system of mass incarceration between now and October; and
- We pledge to utilize October as a launching pad to go still further, mobilizing more people until mass incarceration and the criminalization of entire peoples really is NO MORE!

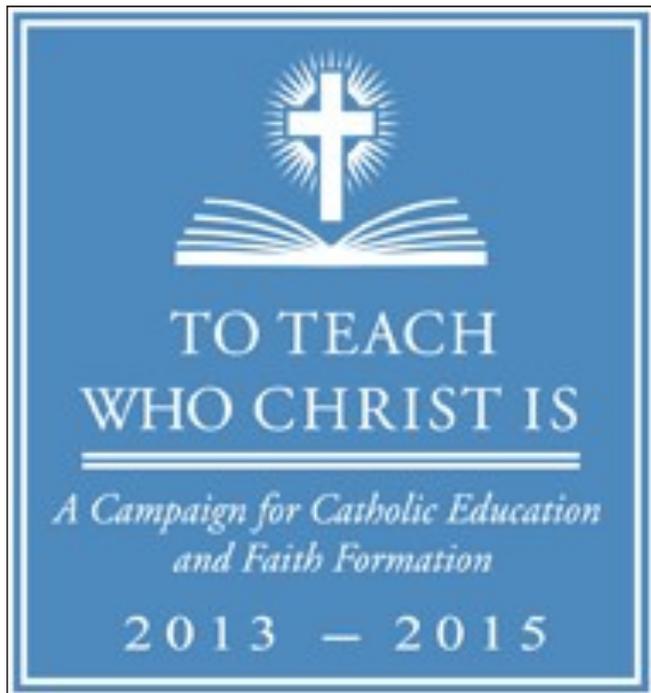
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