



The Drum

THE BEAT OF BLACK CATHOLIC CHICAGO

May 2014

Sr. Eva Regina Martin SSF – Well Done Good and Faithful Servant

Ansel Augustine, MPS

On April 7, 2014 I lost another one of my spiritual mentors. This has been a very challenging year with the loss of my Pastor, Fr. Michael Jacques SSE, back in June and now Sr. Eva Regina Martin SSF (Sr. Eva for short). She will be missed by many because her gift of love and life blessed many generations.

Sr. Eva, along with many of the other Sisters of the Holy Family, knew me from my younger days when I was a little more “troublesome.” Several of them still joke about the “miracle” that it is that I work for the church (hahaha...). Anyway, other than my former Pastor and the former Associate Director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministries, Mrs. Sophie Aramburo, Sr. Eva was my main influence in deciding to go to graduate school for ministry. I remember the day clearly when I went to Xavier University to the Institute for Black Catholic Studies (IBCS) office. Now, I wasn’t there to visit the Institute. No, I was there to flirt with one of the ladies that worked in a nearby office. But, while I was there, Sr. Eva walked in and asked what I was doing after I graduated from undergrad at Loyola.

I told her, “I don’t know. I think Fr. Mike wants me to work at St. Peter Claver as the youth minister. I’ll probably go to graduate school at Loyola too.”

Her response was, “Well you are coming to the



Institute too...and Fr. Mike is going to pay for it.” She then added, “This is great news!” before I could even respond. Before I knew it, I had an IBCS brochure and application in my hand. The young lady I came to see was dying laughing at the whole interaction. That is how Sr. Eva operated. She worked out of faith and

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love.

She was proud of her heritage as an African American woman. She was proud of her religious community, the Sisters of the Holy Family. She was also proud about being Catholic. All these things were intertwined in how she lived out her vocation. She inspired many and advocated for many more. There are many priests, deacons and religious out there who were shaped and loved by Sr. Eva. Her impact, love and dedication, will be felt for generations to come.

I remember I would get a random e-mail or phone call from her telling me how proud she was of me. That is the blessing of the life of Sr. Eva. As May, the month of mothers, approaches, my thoughts will go to my "spiritual mother" and the gift she was to me and so many others.

Sr. Eva, you will be missed, but I know that you are smiling down on all of us as you join with Mother Henriette Delille, Mrs. Sophie Aramburo, Fr. Mike, and the countless others in Heaven. I pray that we take up the work that you started in our parishes and schools so that we honor your legacy and fulfill our duty. I would also add that we continue her legacy by participating in the Archdiocese's 9th General Synod so that our voices can be heard and all of us can make sure our challenges, gifts and contributions are included as we move forward as an archdiocese. So I close by sharing a poem written by Fr. Joseph Brown SSJ from his Blog "The Sankofa Muse" that he wrote for Sr. Eva entitled "To See What the End Will Be." Thank you Sr. Eva for your love, your support, your advocacy, and your prayers, and I pray my ministry continues to make you "proud."



Ansel Augustine, MPS presently serves as the Director for the Office of Black Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He received his Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola Institute for Ministry and his Certificate in Youth Ministry from the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana. He is presently working on his Doctorate in Ministry. He has

served as a C&E Faculty member for IBCS since 2006. He served as a board member for NCYAMA (the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association) and is presently on the board for NFCYM (the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry). Ansel is a national speaker as well and has served in ministry for over 14 years.

Two new saints from and for our times

Bishop Joseph N. Perry

We have been fortunate to have had in modern times good bishops as successors of St. Peter, most of them within our life spans and two of them in particular, John XXIII (1958-1963) and John Paul II (1978-2005), who captured the hearts of Catholics and non-Catholics with fresh insights into implementing the gospel of Jesus Christ for these times. Each has struck a chord addressing the ultimate questions plaguing the thoughts of believers and non-believers alike:

- our complicity in world conflict and the need for peace through concrete solutions that annihilate fear, racism, nationalism and greed.
- the fundamental dignity of the human person that paves way for a welcoming of people from all over, and serving to buttress our care for the poor.
- the respect for life as a gift from God thus offering a rationale to disavow abortion, euthanasia, slavery and war that can have no legitimate trace in the Christian lifestyle.
- the need to place in motion strategy to save the foundational cell of civilization, heterosexual marriage and family life.

The heroic virtues of these two popes not only underscore our fond memories of their ministry but serve to stir up among us faith in the Petrine service to the Church established by Christ and founded on the rock of the apostle Peter.





Black Catholic Spotlight

This month's spotlight is on someone who has gone to Glory with God. Her name was Iris Gueringer. She was a remarkable woman, a mother, and parish leader who loved the Church. Devoted member of St. Anselm Church on Chicago's Southside and where she raised her eight children, and St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in the South Suburbs, where she lived her later years. Iris died in 2012. St. Lawrence O'Toole's Kwanzaa Committee has established a scholarship as a memorial to her. The reflection below

was submitted by Carole Haymon, a member of the Kwanzaa Committee and someone who since her childhood knew Iris and her remarkable family.

Fond Memories of Iris Gueringer

Carole Haymon

My earliest remembrance of Mrs. Gueringer and her family is in the early 1960's at St. Anselm Catholic Church. I would see this lovely lady at Sunday Mass with her large family. It was not unusual to see large families with more than 2.5 children at mass.



There was something special about this family. The Gueringer family commanded attention because Iris was always pleasant and the children were polite. The girls were dressed in nice dresses and their curly hair was neatly arranged in pig tails. The boys were groomed well from head to toe in wrinkle free white shirts and dark pants. Some of the boys were altar servers and ushers during their teen years into adulthood. They were active participants of Sunday worship.

I was in awe of Mrs. Gueringer and family because they consistently practiced the faith diligently and reverently. I did not have the pleasure of being a classmate of any of the Gueringer Clan. My observation of Iris was of a loving, caring and practical mother that provided and instilled the Catholic Faith in her children. My personal observation proved to be correct when Mrs. Gueringer and I reconnected thirty years later at St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church. She attended Sunday Mass with her daughters, Margot and Odette and other family members.

The reunion was an endearing experience during a Kwanzaa Celebration. The earlier Kwanzaa Celebrations (1995) were held in the church basement

with an assortment of activities and entertainment. Iris asked me often after mass to join the Kwanzaa Committee. After many years of attending the Kwanzaa Celebrations which later were included in the Sunday Mass of the Feast of The Holy Family and Iris gentle recruitment efforts, I joined the Kwanzaa Committee. Iris invited all parishioners to attend and partake in this annual December event. Iris often performed the solemn libations with Andrew Lyke during the Kwanzaa celebrations.

Mrs. Gueringer would share stories about her family after Sunday mass. She told me of a serious health crisis which she was so grateful to survive. She also credited her son-in-law who is a physician with overseeing her health care. May Mrs. Iris Gueringer rest in peace. May her legacy continue through her children and future family members.

In 2013, a befitting tribute to Iris was established to have a scholarship in her name. The Kwanzaa Committee held and will continue to hold fund raisers to raise money for the scholarship. The annual scholarship will be a loving reminder of a woman who is the epitome of a virtuous Catholic Mother.

This reflection article is humbly shared in appreciation for Iris' dedication and many years of service as a Kwanzaa Team Member. It is also submitted for publication in gratitude for the contributions and the use of various God given talents of Mrs. Gueringer and other founding members. Their insights have ensured that Kwanzaa's purpose is shared with all members of St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church.

To listen to a podcast of last month's radio show about Iris Gueringer click [here](#).

Carole A. Haymon is an active member of St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish in Matteson, and a member of the Chicago Black Catholic Choir. She's the proud mother of three and "Nana" to two grandsons.



A New Black Civil Rights Movement

Trey Cobb

As a 17-year-old African American student, I spent last month learning about Black History Month. From my research, I can clearly see the history of oppression that left our neighborhoods poor, my peers incarcerated, and our schools failing.

However, rather than remaining in the past, I look to the future to ensure the promise of the American dream won't be denied to another generation of black children. But it's hard to be hopeful when far too often, my community has compromised our ideals and allowed politicians to assume the mantle of civil rights through their identity while they abandoned us through their actions.

In my home of Chicago, 52 High Schools are among the lowest performing 10% of schools in the state. A quarter of these schools hold the name of a prominent Civil Rights figure. Jackie Robinson served as a model of perseverance to the black community, and yet, the school named for him has been on probation for the last 5 years, qualifying as the worst elementary school in the city. 98% of Jackie Robinson students are black. Without the resources to find alternatives, an entire class of low-income students of color has been put at a permanent disadvantage relative to their luckier peers. Our children deserve a new Civil Rights Movement. It is no longer enough for elected officials to say that they "speak for the black community" without advancing policies that cure the status quo disease ailing our neighborhoods. Support of the black community is taken for granted by politicians whose skin color may resemble our own, but whose votes contradict our interests. Jackie Robinson is in the 26th district, represented by Christian Mitchell, a politician who understands the imperative of educational choice



for black students. Mitchell's support of high quality charter school authorizing through the Illinois Charter School Commission illustrates his support for expanding quality options for black kids. The Commission gives students in failing schools like Robinson other options and expanded choice.

Like Mitchell, Representative John Anthony and candidate Mark Batinick have education platforms beneficial to black students. Batinick prioritizes accountability, and just this month Anthony introduced "parent trigger" legislation, which would give parents control over their low performing school if 51% of them sign a petition.

Mitchell, Batinick, and Anthony represent the new civil rights leaders that give me hope. These men are different from the leaders our community is familiar with today. Two are black, one is white. One represents black communities whereas two do not. They represent the Republican and Democratic parties. Even though these pioneers do not mirror our community, they stand for students like me. They understand the plight of students in Jackie Robinson Elementary. They accept the responsibility of representing those who need change most, and advance policies beneficial to students in the black community.

They understand that just as Jackie Robinson demonstrated extraordinary success despite extraordinary odds, so too must our schools. As a 17-year old who escaped schools like these through scholarships to private schools, I hope you remember me and my peers who need your help most, but don't have the same legal voice as the adults who make decisions for

us. I urge you to support policies that will push for increased choice and innovation and people who refuse to submit to the status-quo who will tirelessly advocate for education reform in our communities.

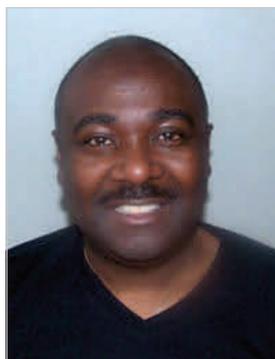
Trey Cobb is 17 Years Old, a Junior at DePaul University and Ed Choice Illinois Youth Director. He is also the son of Willie Cobb, Vicariate VI Youth Ministry Coordinator in the Office for Catechesis & Youth Ministry. Trey was a guest on "God's Praises Tell: The Voice of Black Catholic Chicago on April 29th. To listen to that show go to <http://files.archchicago.org/podcastfiles/podcastgodspraisestell/20140429GODSPRAISES.mp3>.

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Faith, Family and the Future

Dr. Keith Wilson

As a young person who grew up in the 70's, I observed many family traditions and noticed that many of my friends had similar traditions in their families. Like many in my neighborhood, attendance to Sunday church services were a weekly requirement and expected behavior. Though I was raised as a Catholic, I noticed that most of my neighbors instilled this behavior in their various families whether they were Baptist, Lutheran, COGIC, etc.



It was not unusual to have special clothes for Easter and Christmas that were purchased just for those special church days. Every little boy had that Easter suit for the family picture with the Easter Bunny. Girls were meticulously outfitted with colorful dresses, hats and purses as well. Early on, children were taught that the clothes were not just be fancy, but were part of a family tradition where you would go to church and learn about the miracle of Jesus.

Faith is something that families would pass down to their children like a precious heirloom with constant reminders about the importance of prayer and learning about the bible. Catholic children can relate to that gift of their first bible, Rosary or St.

Christopher medal. You were fed by your parents and grandparents a diet of "faith in things not seen" with a constant reminder that Jesus is real.

Whether a priest or preacher, we all remember images of women with the "Jesus" fans swaying to the message of the day as it filled the audience with joy. We did not always understand all of the words of the Our Father, but were meticulously taught by parents and teachers to memorize this important conversation

with the Father. Learning to say grace at meals was big deal as well.

It is important to recognize that these traditions of faith transfer at an early age have a profound impact on these children. Children are taught by their first teachers at home their priorities. Recently a movie *Heaven is Real* was released. It is the story of a young 4 year old who had a near death experience and went to heaven.

The paradox of the movie is the fact that the young character was the son of a Pastor who should by occupation be a man of faith. But when presented with evidence that his son truly believed that he went to heaven and met with Jesus, caused him to question his own Faith and ability to minister. It was lost on the adults in the movie that the young boy's description of Heaven and Jesus was biased Faith that the adults had given him. Ironically the adults didn't have faith. They had to learn from a child that God is Love and Heaven is Real!

I don't want to give away all the details of the movie, but essentially it is revealed that the Faith of this young person required others to step out on their Faith! The meek shall inherit the earth! Our future is being determined by the Faith of our children. We must continue to share our faith with our youth.

Recently a 9 year old boy name Willie Myrick was kidnapped in Atlanta, Georgia and held captive for 3

hours in a car. This young boy started singing "Every Praise is to our God" and was eventually released. Some would say, a mere coincidence and that his captor probably became weary of the child's off key singing. Perhaps..or maybe it was a young man who had been taught to have faith in God singing a song of redemption and gaining his freedom. He used his faith now use yours!



<http://youtu.be/jBZYMUP2LDk>

Dr. Keith Wilson is a dentist, an active leader at Holy Angels Catholic Church, and a regular contributor to The Drum.

Redemptorist Priest to Head the Institute for Black Catholic Studies (IBCS) at Xavier University of Louisiana

New Orleans LA -

The Rev. Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R., has been named the new director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies (IBCS) at Xavier University of Louisiana, according to Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Loren Blanchard.

He comes to Xavier from the Redemptorist Parish Mission in Chicago IL, where he was a member of the Preaching Team.

Father Maurice Nutt, who specializes in preaching, evangelization, African American culture, spirituality, and community and church development, is no stranger to Xavier, having earned a Master of Theology from Xavier's IBCS in 1989 and having served as an Assistant Professor of Preaching at the Institute since 2007.

"We are blessed to have acquired the full-time services of Father Maurice, who will bring his boundless energy, dynamic leadership, and profound scholarship to the Institute, with which he has already developed such an intimate connection," said Blanchard. "We look forward to the vision he will bring to the Institute."

The IBCS, established in 1979 to help sustain and support the pastoral and intellectual needs of Black Catholics throughout the United States, offers a Master's degree in Pastoral Theology and continuing education units in Catechesis, leadership and youth/young adult ministry.

A native of St. Louis, Father Maurice Nutt professed vows in the Redemptorist congregation in 1983 and was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood in 1989. He has served as Pastor of Holy Names of Jesus and Mary Catholic Church in Memphis TN, as director of the African American Ministry Initiative in Chicago, Illinois Pastor, and as Pastor of St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

A member of the Board of Directors for the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, he has also served as an Adjunct Professor for Hampton



University's Online Religious Studies Program where he taught Pentecostalism and Introduction to Christian Theology.

Fr. Maurice was also an Adjunct Professor at St. Louis University's Department of Theology where he taught a course on the Black Religious Experience.

In addition to his Xavier degree, he also holds a Doctorate of Ministry from Aquinas Institute of Theology with a concentration in Preaching, and a Master of Divinity degree from Catholic Theological Union.

He is the author of three books: *Thea Bowman: In My Own Words*, *Advent and Christmas Wisdom from St. Alphonsus Liguori*, and *Lent and Easter Wisdom from St. Alphonsus Liguori*. He is also a contributor to the African American Catholic Youth Bible, a collaborative project between the National Black Catholic Congress and St. Mary's Press to be published in 2014.

Father Maurice Nutt succeeds Dr. Pamela Franco, Executive Associate in the Office of Academic Affairs, who served as interim IBCS director for three years.

Fr. Maurice was a guest on "God's Praises Tell: The Voice of Black Catholic Chicago on April 22nd. To listen to that show go to <http://files.archchicago.org/podcastfiles/podcastgodspraisestell/20140422GODSPRAISES.mp3>

DID YOU KNOW...



... that on May 1, 1950 Gwendolyn Brooks became the first African American to win a Pulitzer Prize for "Annie Allen"?



... that on May 3, 1978 Ernest "Dutch" Morial was elected New Orleans' first Black mayor?



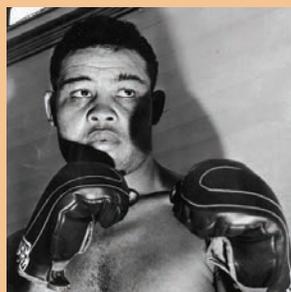
... that on May 2, 1968 the Poor People's March to Washington began?



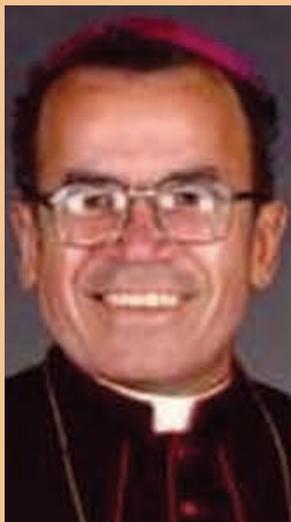
... that on May 4, 1961 the Freedom Rides began in protest to segregated bus terminals in the South?



... that on May 2, 1920 the first baseball game of the Negro League was played in Indiana?

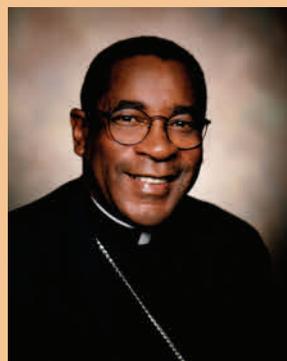


... that on May 13 1914 heavyweight champion Joe Louis was born?

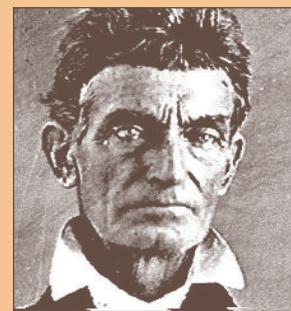


... that on May 5, 1988 Eugene A. Marino, SSJ became the first Black archbishop in the U.S. as archbishop of Atlanta.

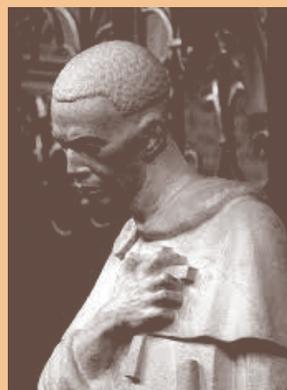
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... that on May 5, 1993 J. Terry Stebbins, SVD was installed Catholic Bishop of Memphis?



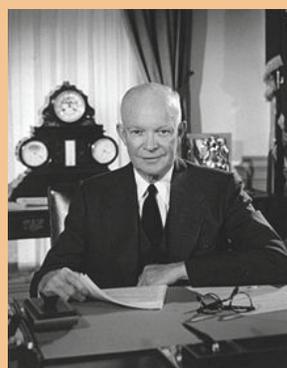
... that on May 9, 1800 abolitionist John Brown was born.



... that on May 6, 1962 St. Martin de Porres was canonized a Saint in Rome?



... that on May 10, 1994 Nelson Mandela was inaugurated president of South Africa.



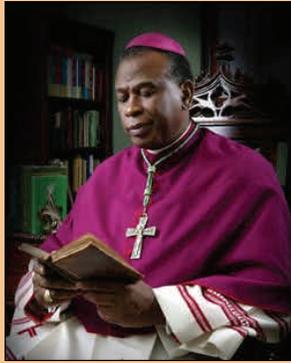
... that on May 6, 1960 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Civil Rights Act?

... that on May 12, 1871 segregated street cars were integrated in Louisville, KY, following a sit-in staged by a Black teenager.



... that on May 13, 1950 singer, composer Stevie Wonder was born?

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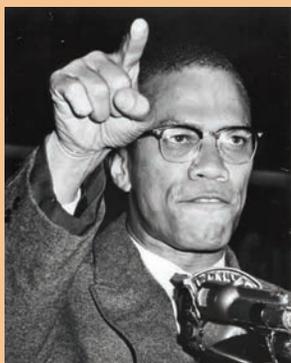
... that on May 17, 1995 Chicagoan Edward K. Braxton was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis?



... that on May 17, 1954 the U.S. Supreme Court declares that segregation in schools is unconstitutional in the landmark case *Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, KS?*



... that on May 18, 1896 the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the "separate but equal" doctrine in *Plessy vs. Ferguson?*

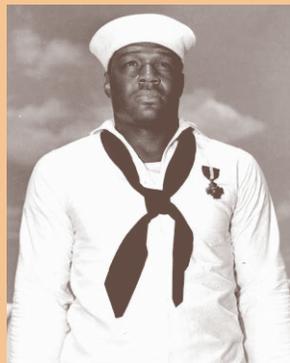


... that on May 19, 1925

Malcolm Little, later to be known as Malcolm X, was born?



... that on May 21, 1987 the National Black Catholic Congress VI was convened in Washington DC? It was the first such gather since the late 19th Century.



... that on May 27, 1942 Dorie Miller was awarded the Navy Cross for heroism at Pearl Harbor?

PRESS RELEASE

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The Mattie Lampkins Parliamentary Unit will host a parliamentary workshop titled *Tips, Tools & Techniques for Secretaries (Recording and Financial), Treasurers and Finance/Audit Committees* on Saturday, May 17, 2014 8:30 a.m. until noon, at Our Lady of Peace Church Hall, 7851 S. Jeffery Blvd, Chicago. The workshop will cover a number of topics including meeting minutes, financial reports, creating budgets and audit procedures. This workshop is open to anyone currently serving or interested in holding one of these offices. The cost is \$15 in advance for adults, \$20 if paid that day, and \$10 for youth age 18 years and under. The registration deadline is Monday, May 12th. Parliamentary materials will be available for purchase at the workshop, cash or check only. For more information contact Elaine Johnson, 708-333-3240, eljohnson8@juno.com or Juanita Burden, 773-933-7820.

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Job Title:

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Full time

Description:

The Director leads the Office in representing the Archdiocese of Chicago on matters of Catholic Social Teaching on issues of hunger, poverty, violence, housing, HIV/AIDS, criminal justice, death penalty,

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In fulfilling this role, the Director works collaboratively with others within the Archdiocese (Offices of Respect Life, Immigrant Affairs and Education, Missions and Evangelization, Kolbe House, Stewardship & Development), Clergy and Laity, and others in the community and on a national level to promote policies and practices in conformity with Catholic Social Teaching.

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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.

25th Anniversary of Priesthood

Fr. Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R., D.Min.

His 25th
(Silver Jubilee)
of
Priesthood



will be celebrated
on the weekend of
June 7th and 8th,
2014 in
Chicago, Illinois

Events: Saturday, June 7 & Sunday, June 8, 2014

Saturday, June 7, 2014

Father Maurice will be honored for his 25 years of service as a Redemptorist priest and will serve as the keynote speaker at a Prayer Breakfast hosted by his fraternity brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Rho Zeta Lambda Chapter). The theme of the Prayer Breakfast is "**Blessings Beyond Belief!**"

The Chicago Black Catholic Choir and the liturgical praise dancers of St. Phillip Neri Parish will minister at the Prayer Breakfast. The location of the Prayer Breakfast is

**The Chicago Lakeshore Hotel
4900 South Lakeshore Drive
Chicago, IL 60615.**

The time of the Prayer Breakfast is 10:00 - 12:30 PM.

The ticket cost of the prayer breakfast is \$45.00 per person. The Prayer Breakfast will benefit the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Scholarship Fund. Educating our youth is an important cause to Fr. Maurice.



Prayer Breakfast Tickets can be reserved by emailing Father Maurice at mauricejnut@gmail.com. Checks are to be made payable to "The Torchbearers Foundation."

If you do not live in Chicago, once you have reserved your ticket, it will be waiting for you at the door of the Prayer Breakfast event. Payment is due at this time. If you wish to use credit cards, you may do so at the door of the event but you **MUST STILL RESERVE YOUR TICKET(S) prior to the event.**

Act fast because this annual prayer breakfast has limited space and is expected to be a sold out event!

Sunday, June 8, 2014

Fr. Maurice will celebrate and preach at a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 8, 2014 (Pentecost Sunday) at 11:30 AM at **Holy Angels Catholic Church
615 E. Oakwood Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60653.**

A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. The Church is not far from the host hotel.



Hotel Accommodations:

A block of rooms have been reserved for the weekend events at The Chicago Lakeshore Hotel - 4900 South Lakeshore Drive - Chicago, IL 60615. **Rooms must be reserved by May 5, 2014.** The discounted room rate is \$139.00 plus tax (single or double occupancy). The discounted rooms are reserved under the name - "Torchbearers." The rooms are reserved for the evenings of Friday, June 6th and Saturday, June 7th with checkout on Sunday, June 8th. Reserve your room today by calling **773-288-5800**. www.chicagolakeshorehotel.com

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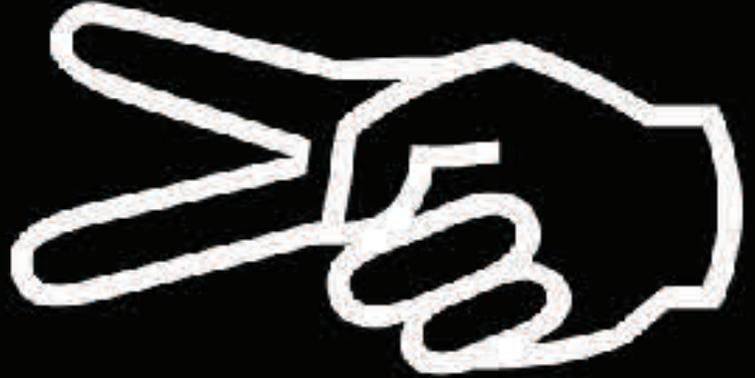
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This presentation will expose "family drama" in order to highlight the ways in which Black Catholic Leadership can open wide the doors of the Church for lay ministers to let in the revitalizing Spirit of freedom, justice and community.

FACILITATOR: timone davis is a cradle Catholic who was a "pewster" until she discovered that the uselessness of the Church was because she wasn't giving anything of herself. After committing to do something, her life changed. Her first ministry was with the RCIA, where she not only welcomed others into the Church, but also revitalized her own spirituality. After working for the Archdiocese of Chicago for 8 years, timone launched PEACE centered WHOLENESS with her husband Orlando, where they are blending clinical counseling and spiritual companionship. timone is also the bi-weekly formation director for the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program, a lay scholarship program for African American men and women at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, named after Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first recognized Black priest in the United States. timone's dynamic energy and deep spirituality enhance her brand of teaching that engages one's spirit through the use of storytelling. No matter the occasion, timone's mission is to help others open their hearts and minds to the soul-saving power of God's Grace, Love, and Mercy.

Workshops:

Marriage On A Lampstand: A New Paradigm for Family Outreach, Andrew & Terri Lyke
 This workshop looks at a "new paradigm" for Catholic outreach to marriage and family, an approach that is more effective with communities in the margins. The "Arusi Model" heightens and highlights the community's role in sustaining and encouraging marriage, which is derived from an "African world view" that defines the "I" in the "We."

New Strategies for Effective Youth Ministry, Willie Cobb
 We live in a world filled with consumption. Virtually every aspect of our lives is filled with acquiring material items. From walking down the street, to watching television, to listening to the radio, consumption is a part of every aspect of our lives. Material things are forced on our young people. This constant bombardment of advertisement forces young people into the position to have an insatiable need for consuming things. This need kills the Fire within them. The workshop will cover ways to help our young people recognize this consumption and ignite the Fire within them.

Name _____	Focus On: Black Catholic Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> (Saturday only) \$49
Preferred Name (name badge) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> May attend Saturday morning sessions of Conference.
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Saturday, May 31, 2014

9:00 AM
Registration

10:00—Noon
Attend any NALM Conference
Session Scheduled

Noon-1:00 PM
Lunch

1:00 PM
Timone Davis Keynote

1:30 PM Workshop
2:45 PM Workshop
4:00 PM Mass

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



Dr. C. Vanessa White, D.Min.
Assistant Professor of Spirituality
Director of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program
Catholic Theological Union



Saturday, May 10, 2014
(Mother's Day Weekend)
9:30am to 12:00pm

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TICKET REGISTRATION FORM

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How many tickets? _____

Tickets: \$30 per adult, \$20 per child 12 & Under

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Your participation will show our legislators we believe our values should be reflected in our policies. Our celebration of the risen Christ gives us the hope we need to help build the Kingdom of God.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 773-456-8886 or mfitzsimmmons@archchicago.org

Maria Fitzsimmons
 Justice Education Coordinator
 OCJ Organizer



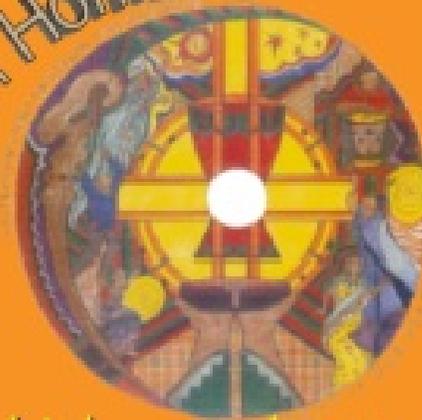
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Senior Convention July 24-July 31, 2014
 Bus will be leaving from on Thursday July 24th 9:00 pm Ascension-St.
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Break down:

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The "Inspire" Conference

Cincinnati, Ohio

The National African American Catholic Youth Ministry Network invite you to participate in the 2014 "Inspire" Conference. It is scheduled to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio at the Kings Island Conference Center on June 26-29, 2014.

This conference will afford us an opportunity to gather together, renew our spirits, share our gifts and talents in order to go out and teach, preach, and witness our faith as Black Catholic youth and youth ministers.

Connect through...

- High spirit praise and worship services daily
- Opportunities to engage with speakers and youth ministers
- Workshops and activities relevant to Black Catholic youth
- Building lasting friendships and network with youth and youth ministers across the USA
- Recreation time at Kings Island and fun icebreakers

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Membership Invitation

If you are committed to Black Catholic youth ministry, determined to get the job done and passionate about serving God then we invite you to join the National African American Catholic Youth Ministry Network.

Members network together through exciting opportunities to gather and implement plans that embrace educational opportunities and culturally based spiritual services for youth and youth ministers.

For additional information please contact
M. Annette Mandley-Turner at
502-636-0296 ext. 1225 or
Vanessa Griffin-Campbell at 216.696.6525 ext. 3020.

Founded in 1986 by a dedicated group of youth ministers, diocesan youth staff, and directors of Black Catholic offices throughout the country, the founding members were responding to the call for increasing the number of African American youth ministers and youth in the Catholic Church.

The mission of the Network calls for a union of African American Youth Ministers to implement the youth component of the National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan. The organization also focuses on enhancing the professional development of African American Catholic youth ministers.

Over the years, the Network has offered a communal voice for African American Catholic Youth Ministry on the diocesan, regional, and national level. The Network is in connection with various African American organizations and gatherings and associated with over 100 youth ministers. Many of these dedicated youth ministers work as volunteers with thousands of youth throughout the country.

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June 27-29, 2014
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Conference Schedule

Friday, June 27, 2014

Registration	9:00am-12:00pm
Conference Opening	1:00pm
Track I	2:30pm
Track II	3:45pm
Liturgy	5:00pm
Conference Dinner	"Cook Out"
Kuumba Hour	

Saturday, June 28, 2014

Registration	7:30am-9:00am
Conference Breakfast	7:30am-9:00am
Morning Praise	9:00am
General Session	10:00am
Track III	11:00am
Lunch	12:30pm
Track IV	1:30pm
Track V	2:45pm
Track VI	4:15pm
Liturgy	6:00pm
Kings Island Conference	
Check-In/Night Prayer Service	12:00am

Saturday, June 29, 2014

Morning Praise	10:00am
Sending Forth	10:30am

Conference Speakers

- Rev. Mr. Royce Winters
- Dr. Tyrone Powers
- Rev. Andre Barnes
- Vanessa Griffin-Campbell
- M. Annette Mandley-Turner
- Will Jemison
- Jesse Vincent Johnson
- Howard Roberst
- and many more!

Conference Workshops

You Saved Me

Break the Chains

I Hear the Sound of Victory
Who is God? How do you become apart of Him? Do you want to be apart of God's gang? Learn how to accept Him in your life.

Theology of the Body
Your body is a temple and you need to take proper care of it. Learn what the church expects of you as a young adult.

Imagine Me
Focuses on preparing for the future by making the right choices. Resources for youth to turn to for help and guidance to prevent them from making bad decisions.

There is No One Like YOU!
Who is God? How do you become apart of Him? Do you want to be apart of God's gang? Learn how to accept Him in your life.

Put It on the Alter
What is prayer? Is there a correct way to pray? Is there a power in prayer? Why should I pray?

Get Your Praise On!
(Liturgical/Sacred Movement) Learn the appropriate movements for church and sacred celebrations. Learn the power of prayer through sacred movement. Open to everyone.

I Give Myself Away
Let's talk about it...What are vocations? What is discernment? What vocations does the church offer? Am I being called to select a vocation as a career?

How Involved Am I in My Faith?
Let's discuss life after confirmation and my duty to the church as a confirmed Catholic. What is the spiritual transition all about?

I Smile
(Young ladies only) Let's explore the beauty within. How to present myself in good taste. Appropriate and inappropriate behavior for young ladies.

Are "Thudding" for Christ?
(Young men only) Engage in discussion about becoming a MAN and the peer pressures you may encounter.

I Almost Let Go
What do I do when I get mad? How do I resolve conflict without violence?

New Season of Harvest
(Adults only) What does God have in store for you? What is a dry season? What do I have to look forward to in life?

What Does Your Face Look Like on Facebook?
What do you have on your Facebook page? Guess who see your page? Are you proud of your posts? Learn the rules for social media.

The Courage to Love
Loving others as we love ourselves. The in-crowd and the left-out-crowd. Embracing others through Christ.

Getting My Prayer on With My Rosary!
Explore how to pray and the various forms of prayer. How can this generation be a people of prayer? Finding the time to pray and uncovering praying the rosary. Questions like can't he rosary be worn as jewelry and praying directly to God instead of praying to the saints will be discussed and answered.

Faith Swag
Let's discuss life after confirmation and your duty to the church as a confirmed Catholic. What is the spiritual transition all about?

AND MORE!

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Attn: Vanessa Griffin Campbell
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The registration fee of \$180.00 per person deadline is May 15, 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.
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**Registration and payment in advance is strongly preferred.
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October 23-26, 2014

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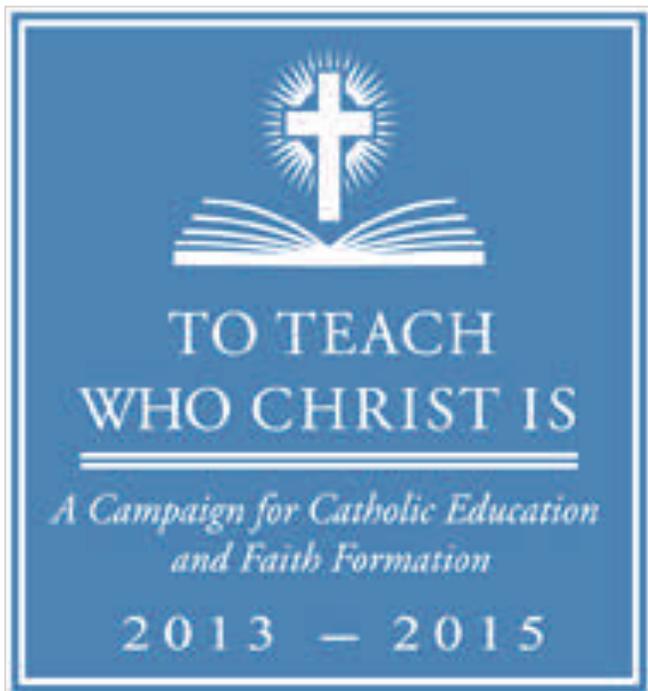
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