TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE BCI

NOVEMBER 2015

Just like the Faith, the Drum works for us if you pass it on.

1. THE BCI PRAYERS, AS IN PEOPLE WHO PRAY

Please submit any prayer request to BCI@archchicago.org.

Prayers are requested for our Black Catholic leaders who have gone before us. **BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MATTERS.**

Prayers are requested for a prayerful, successful and fruitful **BLACK LIVES MATTER: RACE, VIOLENCE & POVERTY SYMPOSIUM**
November 6-7, 2015 – Xavier University in New Orleans, LA

2. ALL SOULS DAY 2015 & 2016

Many thanks to Dr. Sylvia Hood Washington, conference convener, and all the presenters and attendees of this inaugural conference. Committee formation for 2016 is now underway.

Black Catholic Initiative

On Care for Our Common Home

Join us as we pray for climate justice.
Learn how climate change impacts Black lives.
Make a difference in our church.
Make a difference in our community.

ALL SOULS DAY
NOVEMBER 2, 2015
St. Benedict the African East
6547 S. Stewart
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Prayer for Creation
Environmental & Climate Justice in Chicago
Climate Speakers Network Training
Learn the basics, discover what we can do now!
Workshops on how climate change impacts Asthma, violence, health care, childcare, senior care, nutrition and life in Chicago.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
www.eventbrite.com

For more information call 312.577.0475

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR!
ALL SOULS DAY 2016

3. JUNETEENTH RETREAT

A Catholic retreat for the African American community.
SAVE THE DATE June 17th – 19th
June 17th and 18th – Guided retreat at the University of St. Mary of the Lake.

June 19th – Spiritual exercises for the home and the parish

4. THE BCI FRIEND RAISER

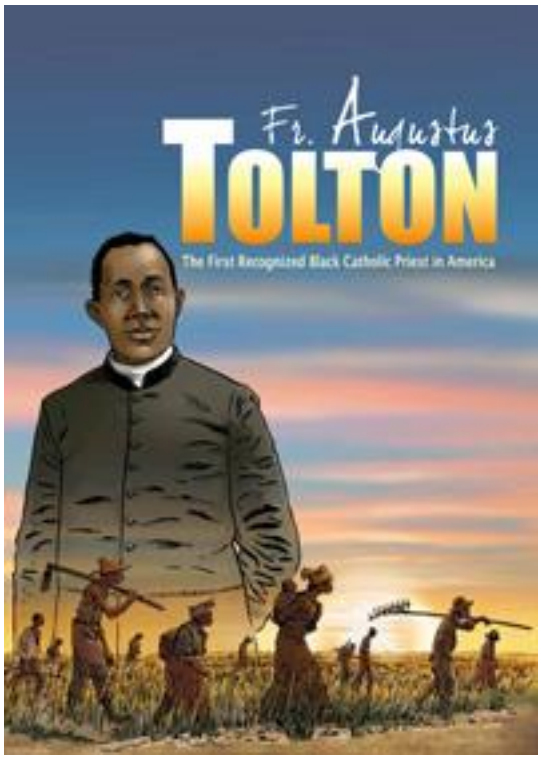
A FUND AND FRIEND RAISER FOR

THE BLACK CATHOLIC MOTHER CHURCH.

WIN A PURSE. SUPPORT THE PARISH THAT SERVED AS A HOME FOR THE BLACK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY!!!

BIDDING STARTS AT MASS ON NOVEMBER 15th and ends after THE STEPPERS SET that evening.

5. THE TOLTON GRAPHIC NOVEL



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6. THE NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS

SAVE THE DATE
Congress XII
July 6-9, 2017
Orlando, Florida

7. BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY

THE BCI IS PLEASED TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE FIRST CHICAGO CATHOLIC
Jean Baptiste Point du Sable

The BCI would welcome ideas on how we might best honor the women and men who build institutions that serve our people.

8. BLACK CATHOLIC FUTURE

A DREAM

What if

THE BCI was the most powerful organization of

Black Catholics in the USA?

What if the BCI decided to sponsor a HIGH SCHOOL in an AFRICAN AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD with AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS?

If each of the 66,000 BLACK CATHOLICS in CHICAGO gave our school $15.00 A YEAR, CATHOLICS WOULD CHANGE THE LIVES OF THE NEXT GENERATION OF BLACK PEOPLE!

THE BCI COULD USE CHANGE TO MAKE A CHANGE!!!

WITH A NICKEL A DAY the BCI COULD SECURE THE EDUCATION of a WHOLE SCHOOL OF BLACK CHILDREN.

THE BCI

THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON WHAT WE DO TOGETHER

IN THE NAME OF JESUS

9. THE BCI AND YOU

All are welcome to bring ideas and gifts to this collective work of baptizing matrimony and anointing, this effort of kujichagulia, umoja and imani. This is a meeting of the seven sacraments of the church and the seven principles of kwanzaa. This is a meeting of the church. That is what makes it and us truly catholic. Stay tuned, stay close, get involved, walk together and don't you get weary! There's a great camp meeting in the Promised Land. Believe that you are in the camp.

10. Parish Life and Formation Events

The BCI received the following announcements from parishes, schools and organizations for the purpose of sharing information and invitation.

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FROM ST.MARTIN DE PORRES

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES
FEAST DAY WEEKEND 2015

OUR SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES FEAST DAY WEEKEND IS COMING SOON. IT WILL TAKE PLACE THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 7TH AND 8TH.

HERE ARE THE EVENTS PLANNED:

FEAST DAY LUNCHEON

A 1970'S THEMED CELEBRATION!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH AT NOON
SKYLITE BANQUETS 7117 W. ODGEN IN BERWYN
ADULTS $50 CHILDREN 17 & UNDER $25
FOR INFORMATION CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 773-287-0206

FEAST DAY UNITY MASS

FR. DAVID JONES, CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH AT 10:00AM
SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH
5112 WEST WASHINGTON BLVD

BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR
FEAST DAY WEEKEND 2015

FROM THE FATHER TOLTON GUILD

The Archdiocese of Chicago requests
the honor of your presence at the
Gala Benefit Fundraiser
for the
Cause for Sainthood
of

Father Augustus Tolton

Sunday, November 8, 2015
4pm

(hors d'oeuvre, cash bar Reception & Silent Auction)
Martha Jane Tolton Award

Admittance by pre-paid Ticket Only
$100

Navy Pier's
Lakeview Terrace
600 East Grand Avenue
Chicago's Lakefront

Sponsored by:
The Father Tolton Guild
Office for Vicariate 6 Bishop Joseph N. Perry

Call/Write for Tickets: Vicariate 6 Office 708-339-2474
PO Box 733 South Holland, Illinois 60473
www.toltoncanonization.org

FROM OUR LADY GATE OF HEAVEN

Our Lady Gate of Heaven Catholic Church Presents

"SING TILL THE POWER OF THE LORD COMES DOWN"

An Annual Musicale in Song & Dance

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015

3:00pm

OLGH Church
2330 East 99th Street
Chicago, IL 60617

Featuring OLGH's:
Combined & Spirit Sunday Choirs
Liturgical Dance Ministry

Special Guests:
Homewood/Flossmoor
Inspirational Voices

Cost:
LOVE OFFERING

Choir Director – Rev. Ivan Davenport
Minister of Music – Dr. Sheila Adams
Liturgical Dance Choreographers –
Mrs. Stefani Hicks, Ms. Susan Adams
& Mr. Tavis Thompson

FROM ZACCHAEUS HOUSE

Benefit Luncheon & Raffle

Zacchaeus House, (Luke 19, 1-10), is a ministry of Catholic Deacons on the south side of Chicago offering hospitality to men in transition to stability in their lives. As a not-for-profit, non-treatment residential facility, the House provides a secure environment of respect, order and peace while coaching men to sharpen life skills, acquire growth in self-esteem and spiritual maturity towards achieving responsible and independent living. Our Christian home receives men of whatever race or background and subsists solely on the volunteer offerings of friends of our House. By the Grace and Mercy of God we join hands to help others get back on their feet.

Come join us for our
Annual Luncheon Fundraiser
to benefit
Zacchaeus House

12 noon

Saturday, December 5, 2015
Holy Family Villa
12220 South Will-Cook Road
Palos Park, Illinois
$55 luncheon

In Memoriam
Deacon Abrom Salley, Co-Founder
1944 – 2007

Deacon Alfred Coleman II, Director
Bishop Joseph N. Perry, President
Please RSVP by November 30
708.339.2474

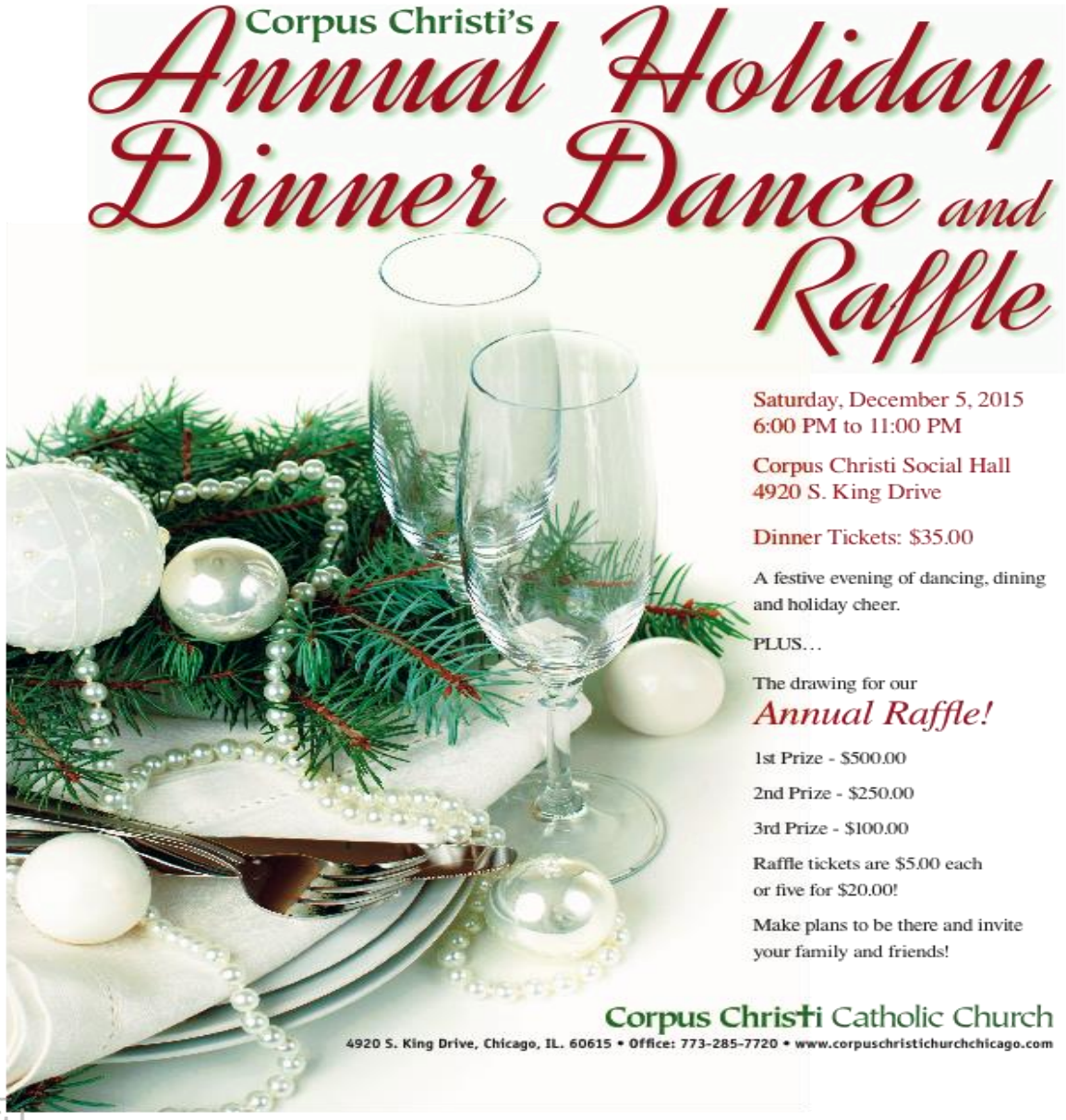
FROM ST. AMBROSE

The Choirs Of St. Ambrose Catholic Church Present:
An Advent Concert

Celebrating the Feast of our Patron Saint
Aurelius Ambrosius Bishop of Milan

Featuring
Excerpts from Handel's Messiah
Gospel Magnificat by Robert Ray

Special Guests
Fr. David Jones, Fr. Arthur Anderson, OFM, Fr. Brian Walker, OP, Fr. John Owusu,
Br. Pius Agyemang,
Phyllis Calderon and A Touch of Classic Plus

Saturday, December 5, 2015
6:30 PM
St. Ambrose Catholic Church
1000 East 47th Street
Chicago, IL 60653
773.624.3695
Fr. John Owusu, C.S.Sp. Pastor
Marcia Ann Berry and Ambrose Boateng, Conductors
Donation $10.00 Advanced $15.00 at the door

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