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THE BEAT OF BLACK CATHOLIC CHICAGO

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The "New Jim Crow" and its devastation on our families

By Andrew Lyke

Author, educator, and lawyer Michelle Alexander calls it the "New Jim Crow," this phenomenon of mass incarceration of men of color, particularly African Americans. Her book of that title presents a compelling and convincing case for concern and action to combat what has devastated the African-American community in myriad ways. A particular malady consequential to the "New Jim Crow" and its loyal companion high unemployment is in family life. High tension in love relationships between men and women, the collapse of the institution of marriage, and the high rate of fatherlessness are devastating "collateral damage."

Family patterns among African Americans have been set apart since the infamous [Moynihan Report](#) in 1965, which reported a "tangle of pathology" in negro family life. The defensive posture taken by community leaders afterwards put up blinders on the eyes of the community that gave the growing phenomenon of mass incarceration entry under the camouflage of the "war on drugs." Now in the second decade of the 21st Century and some 48 years after that ominous report, we see evidence of the devastation of inaction. That evidence is most pronounced in family life.

Studies show that African American women are the least likely segment of our society to marry for a variety of reasons. Among those reasons is the disproportion of African-American men in prison or in the penal system. Coupled with the lower numbers of African American men enrolled in and graduating from institutions of higher learning, high unemployment and under-employment among African American men, higher number of African American women in the middle and upper-classes, and



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African American women.

This disparity between marriageable African American men and African American women, as I just described, creates an unhealthy economy of relationships. A healthy, committed relationship is between a man and a woman who make room for each other's issues. Though their promise was based on all that was promising about the relationship – the promise of ease, overactive endorphins – a healthy marriage matures into a relationship that embraces the good and puts up with the not-so-good.

You've heard of the three rings of marriage, right? You

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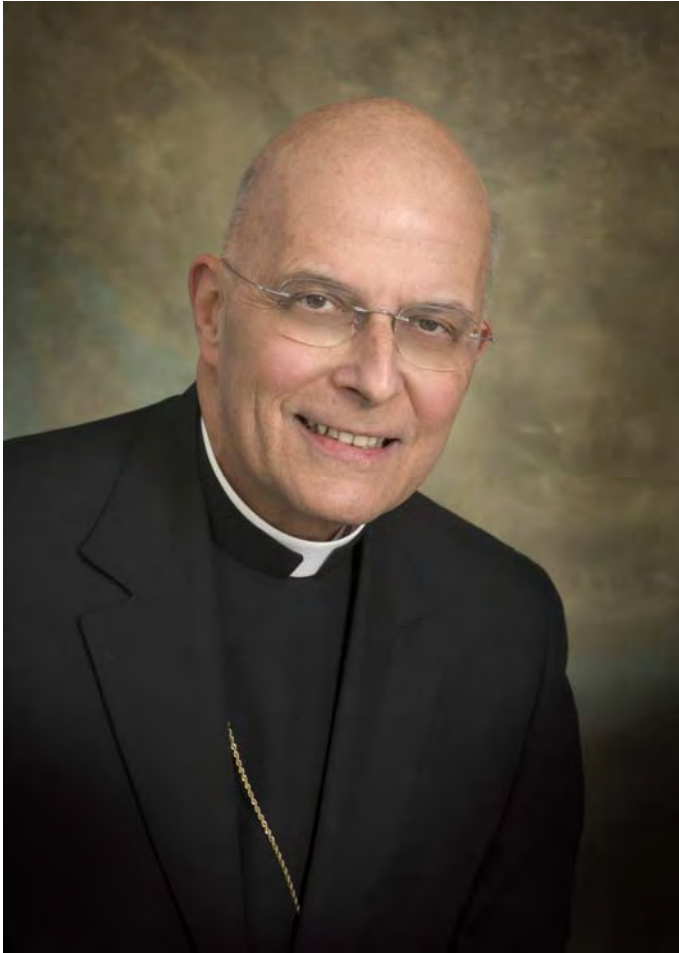
know! The engagement ring, the wedding ring, and then the suffering. In healthy marriages spouses put up with each other's flaws. They do "suffer" each other. However, in that suffering there is a becoming that happens. The commitment of marriage creates a ring around them in which they bounce off each other and discover ways to live well together; they learn how to keep their relationship promising and they discover how to keep their promise. In their suffering there is a shaping that happens that only commitment can bring about. They are shaped by a promise that mirrors God's covenant. They reflect God's love and become a witness to God's presence in our world. In them

is an openness to God's grace that performs miracles in their life. Through that grace and in that shaping they become who they need to be. Through their unearned suffering they find redemption. There is a rising to a new relationship less dependent on over-romanticized expectations and formed in God's grace.

In the unhealthy economy of relationships among African American men and women, men become a "rare commodity" of

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A special word from our shepherd



To the Catholics of the Archdiocese on the election of our new Pope

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing this note shortly after the conclusion of the conclave in which Cardinal Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, was chosen to lead the See of Rome and be pastor of the universal church. As you know, he has taken the name of Francis, the first pope to do so. He is also the first pope from the American continent.

His name indicates a program of rebuilding the church through living with Christ in authentic ways, of taking to heart the concerns of poor people around the world, of dialoguing with those who do not know Christ nor understand what he has done to save the world from its sins. St. Francis was able to inspire a movement that has strengthened the church for 800 years, and the pope who bears his name will give all that he is and has in order to do the same.

I know you will pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis. His name will be mentioned in every Mass celebrated around the world. In Chicago it will give me great joy to hear it mentioned in conjunction with my own! The beginning of a new papacy brings with it God's grace to strengthen our faith and give thanks to God for our life together in Christ.

I look forward to my return to Chicago after the pope's inaugural Mass on March 19, the feast of St. Joseph, patron of the universal church. You are in my prayers, and I thank you for yours for me and for the other cardinals who were part of this historic conclave.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. Archbishop of Chicago

Habemus Papam!



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sorts. A basic understanding of supply and demand reveals a “male market” that gives men options that, if chosen, would help them to elude the necessary suffering that shapes them into the godly men they need to be. The unhealthy economy causes fragility in those male/female partnerships that make them more breakable. It inhibits their ability to go deeper and weather the inevitable storms that blow in. Too often these couples don’t become who they need to be; they don’t reflect God’s covenantal love; and they don’t bring the light of God into the darkness of our sin-sick world. Everyone involved suffers as a result. However, their suffering isn’t redemptive; it’s destructive and it unravels the basic fabric of society – the family.

Institutions in the society, particularly the Federal Government, have made attempts to remedy the situation with skills-based curricula that teach men and women how to communicate effectively, how to parent, and how to manage a home and finances. The jury is still out on whether the Healthy Marriage Initiative has made any significant difference to our families.

The Church, too, is strategizing how to call men and women into a life of vocation in covenantal partnerships with each other. My wife and partner in ministry, Terri and I have been leaders in both initiatives. And what we see very clearly is that we need to do this for ourselves – not by ourselves, but for ourselves. Above all, we African American men need to take the initiative to form ourselves so that God can have his way with us.

- We African American men need to develop relationship skills that give us confidence in our abilities to “put up with” our women and ultimately be shaped by womanly wisdom.
- We need to act on the proverb that says, “The greatest gift I can give my children is to love their mother.”
- We need to educate ourselves on the benefits of marital commitment, benefits to ourselves and especially the benefits to our children.
- We need to know ultimately that when we allow God to shape us for family life we greatly contribute to the good of society.

- We need to develop the moral fiber we need to forgo those options given us by an unhealthy relationship economy – options that inhibit our growth and stunt our becoming who we need to be.
- We need to model that goodness and create higher standards of manhood for ourselves and our sons. We need to do that modeling beyond our doorsteps and be witnesses of manhood to those boys whose fathers are not in their lives.
- We need to model that higher standard of manhood for daughters so that they may better seek partnerships with men of character because they know what that looks like.

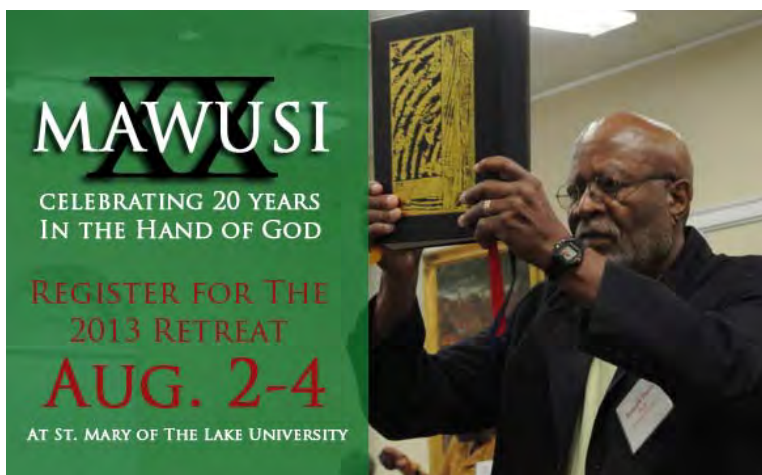
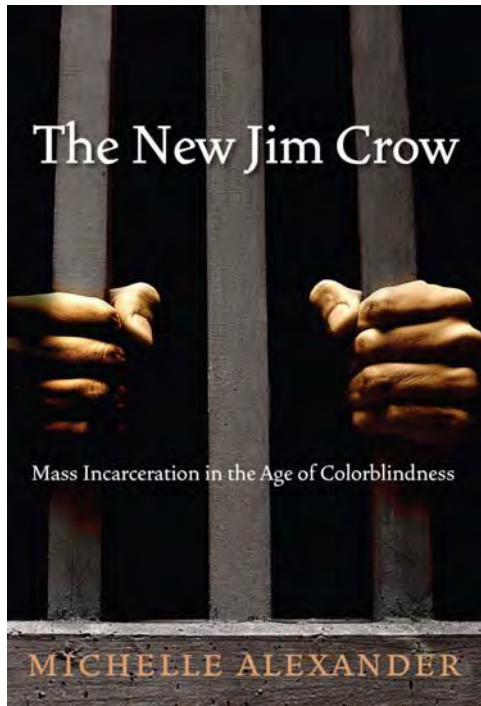
- And this needs to be an initiative by us and for us.

While I truly cherish the modeling I have gotten from my brothers in faith who are not of the African American community, those African American men who have mentored me into manhood created a catharsis that heals wounds inflicted centuries ago. Through them I know that there is a “balm in Gilead!” My brothers in Christ who are not African American, we need you to stand with us and pray with us and hold our feet to the fire. We need you to be witnesses to the miracles that God does in us. You too take heed by refusing to opt out of what God demands of us as godly men. While the urgency is in the African American family, the encroaching darkness is targeting all of us. Your standing with us and witnessing our plight will also strengthen you and protect your families, as well.

The “New Jim Crow” happens in guise of the “war on drugs” and other law enforcement

initiatives purported to serve and protect us. Let’s take the blinders off and address the root causes of mass incarceration by joining those efforts to reform the penal system. We need to work to eliminate law enforcement practices that target men of color. And we need to stand together to serve, protect, and lead our families by living as godly men, godly women, and covenantal unions of love so that the light of Christ shines brightly on our communities.

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“Bonded In The Spirit of God” (BITS) marriage support team joined by Bro. Gerard Jordan O.Praem at the 50th Anniversary Gala for Seton Academy on March 15th (See page 8)

Easter

Bishop Joseph N. Perry

I enjoy viewing World War II documentaries, the European and Asian theatres of that awful war that witnessed the destruction of millions of lives. The documentaries note that there were fifty million people who lost their lives in the European and Pacific theatres of the war combined – mind boggling! My late father was an army conscript in that war in the European theater. And in his later years I found him more open talking about his own experiences as a soldier.

There are many terrible stories that are narrated in the pages of World War II. I am afraid more often than not, many of the narratives of heroism have not yet been told.

Amid the horrors that were being perpetrated by the Nazi regime, there were also what William J. Bausch has called ‘pinpoints of light and nobility’. In his book, *The Yellow Brick Road*, (Twenty-Third Publications, Mystic, CN, 1999), one such source of noble light was a private in the German army, by the name of, Joseph Schultz.

Sent to Yugoslavia shortly after the invasion, Schultz was a loyal young soldier, filled with what he had perceived to be an ideal worthy of his dedication. One day while Schultz was on duty, the sergeant called out eight names, his among them. Thinking they were going on a routine patrol, the soldiers set out. As they made their way over a hill, they came upon eight Yugoslavians, five men and three women. Only after they had drawn to within 50 feet of them, a distance from which any marksman could shoot the eye out of a pheasant, did the soldiers realize what their mission was.

The German sergeant barked out his orders and the eight soldiers lined up. “Ready!” he shouted, and they raised their rifles. ‘Aim!’ he barked again, and they focused their sights. Suddenly, in the silence that hung heavy in the air, they heard the thud of a rifle butt hitting the ground. As the sergeant and seven soldiers turned to look they saw Private Schultz walking toward the Yugoslavians. Ignoring an order to come back, Schultz walked the 50 feet to the mound of the hill and joined hands with the five men and three women.

After a moment of stunned silence, the sergeant yelled, “Fire!” and Private Schultz died mingling his blood with the blood of those innocent men and women. Later, a German officer found an excerpt from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians in Schultz’s pocket: “Love does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never fails. (1Cor 13, 6-8) The officer tore it up and dropped it in the garbage.

We are reminded with this true story how the power of the Gospel can move a person to do wondrous things for God and man. This might seem a strange illustration on such a glorious day as Easter, perhaps. But in a very real sense, the *pinpoint of light* that we can see in Private Schultz is but a glimpse of the radiant new day that has dawned for us in Jesus.

Though divine, Jesus came among us and took upon himself all the burdens and sorrows of our human condition. He held us by the hand. He mingled his humanity with our own. Though innocent, he shed his blood that we may live and all this he did out of love – a love that makes right what is wrong, a love that

bears all, endures all, a love that never fails and is willing to sacrifice so that love can endure.

Jesus’ life, death and resurrection gave cause for this heroic act of a Private Schultz. May it inspire in each of us similar heroism when Heaven calls upon us to act.

It has been said that “*You will never know true happiness until you have truly loved, and you will never understand what pain really is until you have lost love.*”

For his disciples, the death of Jesus was that real pain and loss. He was suddenly gone, forever. Everyone who has lost a loved one knows that numbing devastation those first followers of Jesus must have felt. Yet, on that morning of the first day of the week there was hope in the words of the women, hope in the discovery of the empty tomb and promise in the folded burial cloth left there on the silent stone.

Everyone who has lost a loved one also knows the brimming hope and rising reality of the truth that Christ’s resurrection foretells our own rising. What consolation is ours these days in face of the conundrums and mysteries of life. We can become so consumed by our frustrations, by our hurt, by our anger, by our inability to forgive and be forgiven that we lose our souls; such that our spirits become dead to hurt, indifferent in face of sin. We become mired in the hate that we rail against; we become imprisoned by the walls of anger we have built around us. St Paul said that all of creation groans in travail until it reaches its completion in the glorification of the human race.

God worked it all out in the end, refusing to take vengeance on us because of what we did to His Son, but instead was merciful towards us. This precisely we don’t understand. God flung out of the galaxies with a specific plan in mind. God had said, “*It is not good for God to be alone; there is none of my kind to talk with.*” So, God designed original matter to reorganize and evolve its way through increasing complex creatures until it reached humankind. Humankind is creation that has become conscious of itself and can imagine God in his or her own consciousness and can talk back to God.

Then God became part of his creation. God literally materialized, enfleshed God-self, became a human being. The miracle of creation is that we and Jesus are all made of the very same primal stuff. The Son of God actually became one of us in the ongoing history of earthly affairs. There occurred a mutually enriching conversation between Creator and created human. The plan was working. But something went wrong and Jesus was killed.

It did not seem to be an historic event. Just a mediocre governor colluding with a corrupt temple aristocracy and a motley crowd to execute an innocent man whom they judged was in the way.

Jesus was more than the son of Mary, though He was also the son of God. What happened to him has vast consequences. That little conspiracy to commit murder was actually the



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culmination of all the evils of the world from Adam to Abel from Judas to Adolph Hitler. That is why Jesus descended into hell – into the heart of darkness, the control center of the Evil One.

If Jesus had been defeated there, trapped there, then history would have gone its dogged, desperate way in its downward spiral. But, Jesus rose from that deadly place, which means that he overcame evil at its root. Which means that life is essentially good. This gracious and merciful God restored what was lost by our rebellion. Why did God do this... we don't know. His mercy is beyond our comprehension and our logic. The resurrection of Jesus is a profoundly dramatic display of a God who has not given up on us.

Which means that life is essentially good. In the meantime, the likes of a private Joseph Schultz shows up here and there along life's way, thank God! The heroic deed of a private Schultz is a further testimony of what resurrection faith means and how it is implemented in our lives.

It does not always seem that way. War, catastrophe, street violence, terrorism, headaches and cancer might make us suspect that the heart of reality is empty or even inhuman. Much the same as when we look at mountains and deserts and glaciers and think that the earth's core is empty or solid. But that occasional volcano taught us to trace the flowing lava to a molten cauldron of matter at earth's center. So, at the center of reality rages the eternal fire of love, goodness and God.

Easter encourages us to take ownership of our place in the drama of creation. Easter has provided a new set of lens through which believers can view life. The final scene of God's production will be when all of creation, from amoebas to angels will be gathered into Christ who will hand every renewed thing over to his Father.

Throughout the forty days of Lent we have been steering our lives toward the light of God, trying to shake the darkness, the doubts, the burdens of living, the heaviness of heart. The Lord's own resurrection has dealt a death knell on all evil in the world, past and present and future.

Private Joseph Schultz could not have traded his life as a soldier for dying hand-in-hand with the innocent unless he believed there was a life promised us in God beyond the mess of this world.

Jesus could not have climbed the hill of Calvary to be brutalized and nailed to a cross unless he knew his Father loved him and loved the world. Just think of what we can accomplish knowing that the Father loves us and has wrapped us up in his resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus is a resurrection within us, now, in this time and place. A new pattern of events is set free around us, a new way of looking at one another and our world is opened up. It is what we do with this new freedom that matters. We have to practice resurrection, in other words.

Annually, Christians shout to the world from the roof-tops the most electrifying piece of news the world has ever heard: *Our God in Jesus is not dead, but he is alive when evil men meant him dead.* For 2000 years we have professed in our creedal formula: *"I look forward to the resurrection from the dead and the life of the world to come, Amen!* What powerful words in our saying of them! This Creed of his witnesses has enormous implications for how human beings live their lives here from –

especially those who love and admire Him. The resurrection from the dead is the final statement of this life and its most important statement. We received the power of Easter at our baptism, establishing us on the course to everlasting life.

We must live as active witnesses to faith wherever we are. We your pastors notice that this mystery of life called Easter has overtaken many of your lives, no doubt, and we are thankful to God for this. Living our faith continues to be a challenge in a society that is increasingly less religious in focus.

We might want to maintain our own habits, loving those who look and think as we do, judging those who do not. We might want to ignore our faith's invitation to radical change that invites re-examination of our own priorities, our words and actions and even our use of time. But the truth of scripture is ever ours, speaking anew to us each day, calling us to be truly an Easter people.

To be honest, there are Easter people among us here whose faithfulness inspires our own. You are the ones who trust the Holy Spirit's presence, even in the midst of adversity. You are the ones who refuse to keep up with the envied "Joneses" and raise your children and grandchildren to do the same. You are the ones who accept your own illnesses as opportunities to intuit God's love for you. You are the Christians who quietly feed the hungry and share your own resources with faithful abandon and shape the next generation so they will do the same. You are the Christians whose hearts ache with grief as you approach the Eucharist, tongues or hands outstretched and the "Amen" on your lips... *"So be it, I believe."* And you are the ones who gather your families in the face of approaching death and remind them that they are an Easter people, a people of promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

We are the Easter people who believe that the cross transformed all suffering and pain and the Resurrection secured the promise of eternal life. It is this mystery this Easter faith that we are called to live each day.

May Easter become a verb in our lives – a way of living, a way of loving, a way of hoping, a way of seeing and hearing and understanding. Let us not just celebrate this Easter day, but let us "do" Easter every day. Let us not just mark this milestone of the life of the Gospel Jesus but let this day mark our lives with the compassion, humility and joy of the Risen One. Let us "Easter" every moment of our lives in the light of Christ.

Today God gives an answer to our anxiety. All of past history and present experience and future hope are expressed in our grammar of faith:

*Christ has died.
Christ is raised, and
Christ will come again!*



USCCB hires new Assistant Director, African American Affairs for the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity

Introducing Donna Tolliver Grimes, who has taken on the role of Assistant Director for Secretariat of Cultural Diversity at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, DC. Her role is to staff the USCCB Subcommittee on African American Affairs, providing guidance to the chairman, members and consultants to promote the goals and objectives of the Subcommittee; which is mandated to assist the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church and other USCCB committees to affirm the gifts and contributions of African American Catholics and to provide more opportunities for African Americans to engage in the life of the Church.

In a statement submitted to *The Drum*, Grimes said, "Fundamentally, I view my role as a resource to African American Catholics working with and through diocesan staff and national organizations that serve the pastoral needs of African American Catholics. To that end, I serve as a catalyst, facilitator, advocate, listener and prayer partner for Catholics of African descent."

Grimes brings a wealth of experience to her new role. From 2008 to 2012 she was the Poverty Education & Outreach Manager in the Department of Justice, Peace & Human Development; from 2000 to 2007 she served as an Education Specialist for Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

For nearly 20 years she worked for the Federal Government primarily in Contracting and Acquisition at the U.S. Coast Guard, Environmental Protection Agency, State Department, Department of the Interior and Department of Health and Human Services; Council for Excellence in Government.

At the parish level of Church ministry Grimes has been a Catechist and Confirmation Coordinator, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, member of the Parish Pastoral Council – Social Justice Liaison, JustFaith Co-facilitator, Haiti Ministry, Cursillio, Washington Interfaith Network, former parish DRE, former Advisory Board Member for Eat the Scroll Ministry and writer for *Halleluia People*.

Grimes is currently affiliated with Chaplain and Executive Board of Sisters in the Spirit of the Archdiocese of Washington, Pax Christi USA member, WPFW (89.3 FM) Concerned Listeners Support Group.

She is a member of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Washington, DC, the mother of a daughter and two sons (widow), and a native Washingtonian.

Joint Conference in Chicago in July

Chicago is the site for the 2103 Joint Conference of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, the National Black Catholic Sisters Conference, the National Association of Black Catholic Deacons, and the National Black Catholic Seminarians. It will be from July 28 through August 1 at the Marriott Midway.

Plans are underway to host Black Catholic leaders from around the country. The Office for Black Catholics is part of the planning for events and hospitality, which include the music by Robin "Jazzlady" Watson and much more.

THE HAITIAN CATHOLIC MISSION Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER – DANCE

Date: April 6, 2013
Time: 7:00 PM To 1:00 AM
Place: Crystal Light Banquets
8400 So. Cicero Avenue
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Donation: \$60.00 For Adults
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Save the Date

Enshrinement and Feast Day Celebration Inaugural Liturgy and Rite of Blessing San Pedro Calungsod



Old St. Mary's

1500 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL
Saturday, April 20, 2013
4pm – Youth Gathering
5pm— Eucharistic and Enshrinement Celebration

The Deacon Speakin'

Celebrating a Historical Milestone

The Emancipation Proclamation is a part of history that we as Black Catholics, and/or Blacks in general, are seldom aware of. We have failed to recognize it as part of our past and part of this country's

history.

St. Malachy + Precious Blood Church (SMPBC) will celebrate the **150th Anniversary** of the signing of this significant document by President Abraham Lincoln (16) in January 1863, on Saturday, June 29, 2013, from Noon-4 p.m. in the church's sanctuary, 2248 West Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60612, (312) 733-1068.

Heading the list of spokespersons and entertainment is Fr. George Clements, former pastor of Holy Angels and St. Dorothy churches; and founder of One Church, One Child; One Church, One Inmate; and One Church, One Addict's programs nationwide. For more details, contact Rev./Mr. Dexter G. Watson, Deacon, SMPBC, at (773) 822-1238.

"We believe it is important that our young people know their history, in effort to learn, take pride in the victories and strides of the past, and move forward in the present," states Rev./Mr. Watson. "They will better understand their responsibility to their ancestors, their descendants and protect future generations. The church's responsibility is to insure that the truth be told, both in the good news of Jesus Christ's sacrifice, as well as that of our history pre- and post-slavery." Watson continues, "The sin of racism is still prevalent and affects people of color in this country and worldwide. Awareness of the social, economic and spiritual impact it has on all people--particularly blacks--is key. Respect for all human life is integral." This invitation to this celebration of freedom in American History is open to all and encouraged. Watch for future details to come in upcoming issues of "The Drum."



Deacon Dexter Watson

DID YOU KNOW...



...that on April 3, 1950 Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History," died?



...that on April 5, 1856 educator, reformer, and founder of Tuskegee University, Booker T. Washington was born in Hale's Ford, Virginia?



...that on April 4, 1968 Martin Luther King, Jr., Civil Rights leader, was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee?



...that on April 6, 1830 James A. Healy, the first Black Catholic Bishop in the U.S., was born on a cotton plantation in Georgia?



...that April 4 is the Feast Day of St. Benedict the African?



...that on April 6, 1909 Matthew A. Henson discovered the North Pole with Adm. Robert E. Peary?



Seton Academy's 50th Anniversary Gala *Forever Seton*



Friday, March 15, 2013



Honorees for the evening: Diana Galdikas, President of DuPont Polymers in Pennsylvania; Mike Nylen, Vice President of MB Financial; Ulice Payne, Jr., President of Esquire Petroleum and his wife, Carmella; and Andrew & Terri Lyke, co-founders of Arusi Network, Inc.



The Lykes accepting their award



Bro. Gerard Jordan, O.Praem. gives the benediction to close the evening.



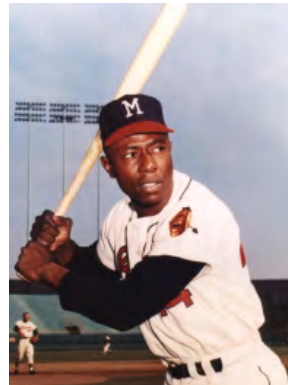
The banquet guests raise their hands to bless the students who staffed the event that evening.

DID YOU KNOW...



...that blues singer Billie Holiday was born on April 7, 1915 in Philadelphia?

...that on April 7, 1712 enslaved Africans revolted in New York City, killing nine Whites? After the insurrection was crushed, 21 of the 27 revolted were executed; the remaining six committed suicide.



...that on April 8, 1974 Atlanta Braves slugger Henry "Hank" Aaron set a new home run record?



...that on April 9, 1939 African-American opera singer Marian Anderson gave a historic concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC?



...that on April 10, 1975 golfer Lee Elder was the first African-American to play in the Masters Tournament?

...that on April 10, 1956 singer Nat "King" Cole was attached on stage by four white men while performing before an all-white audience in Birmingham Alabama?



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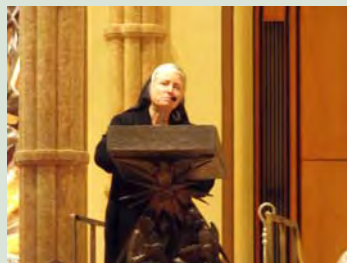


...that on April 9, 1996 George Walker was the first African-American composer to receive the Pulitzer Prize for Music?

35th Annual African-American Heritage Month Mass

February 7, 2013

Holy Name Cathedral



The Mass was sponsored by the Office of Catholic Schools and the Office for Black Catholics. The principal concelebrant was Bishop Joseph Perry, guest homilist was Fr. R. Tony Ricard. Priests and deacons of the Archdiocese, teachers, and other guests were present with the diverse representation of students

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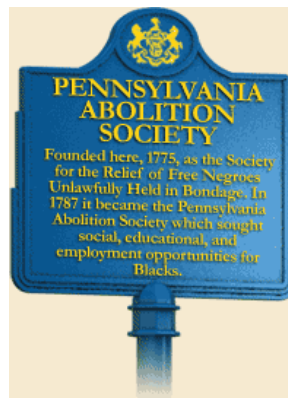
...that on April 11, 1968 the Civil Rights Act was signed by President Lyndon Baines Johnson?



...that on April 11, 1883 Spelman College was founded in Atlanta, Georgia?

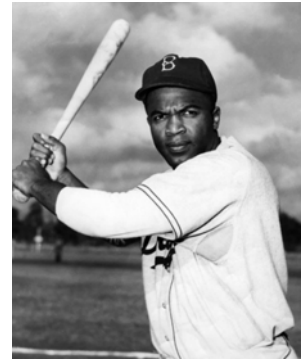


...that on April 13, 1964 Sidney Poitier was the first Black Actor win an Academy Award?

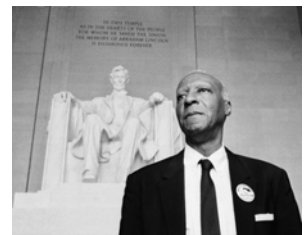


...that on April 14, 1775 The Society for the Relief of Free Negroes Unlawfully Held In Bondage was formed in Philadelphia as the first American abolition society?

from several Catholic schools of the Archdiocese. The planning committee was co-chaired by Julie Welborn of the Office of Catholic Schools and Andrew Lyke of the Office for Black Catholics.

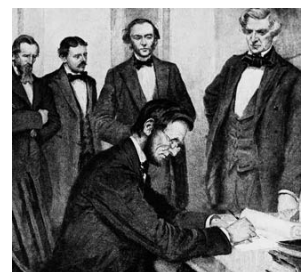


...that on April 15, 1947 Jackie Robinson was the first African American to play in Major League Baseball?



...that on April 15, 1889 Civil Rights leader A. Philip Randolph was born?

...that on April 16, 1968 the Black Catholic Clergy Caucus was founded?



...that on April 16, 1862 U.S. President Abraham Lincoln signed the Compensated Emancipation Act, which paid slave owners to free their slaves.

...that on April 16, 1848 in Washington, DC, over 70 enslaved Africans were captured during the nation's largest-ever slave escape attempt? What followed was days of rioting by pro-slavery mobs targeting abolitionists.

CHRIST THE KING

JESUIT COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

**Christ the King's 5th Annual
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration
Monday, January 21, 2013**

**Guest Presider:
Fr. Caleb Buchanan**



Instead of taking the day off like most high schoolers, the students at Christ the King Jesuit College Prep gathered at school on the Martin Luther King holiday to hear Fr. Caleb Buchanan from the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York, the guest homilist at the 5th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration and Mass.

They were there also to kickoff an initiative that Fr. Buchanan called "the greatest response of any high school to the escalation of gun, clique and gang violence in Chicago and in every other city in the history of our nation."

This initiative will have students working closely with community peacemakers to help quell recent spikes in shootings and homicides in the Austin community.

CTK senior and student council president Sharieff Robinson said to those in attendance, "We can't put labels on those who are broken in our community, because they are our sisters and brothers too. We're here today to ask ourselves 'what can we do to help?' We're tired of watching 18 and 19 year olds in this neighborhood be put in caskets. Now it is in our hands to figure out what to do."



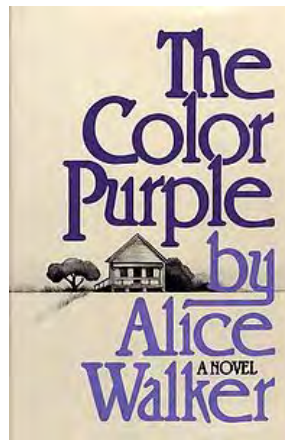
DID YOU KNOW...



...that on April 17, 1990 Civil Rights leader Rev. Ralph Abernathy died?



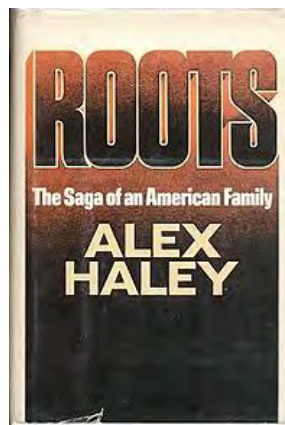
...that on April 19, 1972 Major General Frederic E. Davidson was the first African American to lead an U.S. Army Division?



...that on April 17, 1983 author Alice Walker won the Pulitzer Prize for her book *The Color Purple*?



...that on April 19 1775 Black minutemen fought at Lexington and Concord?



...that on April 18, 1977 Alex Haley won the Pulitzer Prize for his book *Roots*?



...that on April 20, 1853 abolitionist Harriet Tubman started the Underground Railroad?



...that on April 24, 1886 Father Augustus Tolton, the first recognized African-

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American priest and the
"father of the Black Catholic
community of the
Archdiocese of Chicago" and
whose cause for canonization
is underway, was ordained in
Rome, Italy?



...that on April 28, 1967
boxing champion Muhammad
Ali was stripped of his
championship because he
refused to drafted in the U.S.
military.



...that on April 25, 1918
singer Ella Fitzgerald was
born in Newport News,
Virginia?



...that on April 29, 1983
Harold Washington was
sworn in as the first African-
American mayor of Chicago?



...that on April 27, 1927
Coretta Scott-King, the wife of
slain Civil Rights activist,
was born was the third of four
children born to Obadiah
"Obe" Scott (1899–1998) and
Bernice McMurray Scott
(1904–1996) in Marion,
Alabama?



...that on April 29, 1899
composer/musician Edward
Kennedy "Duke" Ellington
was born in Washington, DC?



...that on April 27, 1803
Haitian Liberator Toussaint
L'Ouverture was born?



...that on April 30, 1992 riots
continued in Los Angeles,
California after a jury acquits
three police officers who
brutally beat Black motorist
Rodney King?



Check out *Authentically Free at Last*, a new EWTN show hosted by an all Black Catholic cast. Society views "freedom" as the ability to do whatever we want. In *Authentically Free at Last* hosts Gloria Purvis, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, and Damon Owens show how Society mistakes freedom with license. To be authentically free we must follow God's plan for us and resist the temptations the secular culture places before us.

Check your local cable listing for times and channel. Or go to <http://www.ewtn.com/series/shows/authentically-free-at-last/index.asp> to view excerpts of the show.



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African-American marriage message well received by Naperville Catholics

The program is call "Marriage On A Lampstand" and was developed in response to the urgency of family life among African Americans. The focus is on the public dimension of marriage and how it serves the community.



Presenters Andrew & Terri Lyke (front center) with the IMET Conference planning committee

On Saturday, March 9th, that message was presented at the Inter-parish Marriage Enrichment Team's (IMET) annual retreat at North Central College in Naperville. While none of the more than 100 couples were African Americans, the message was relevant, timely and well received.

Presented by Andrew & Terri Lyke of Arusi Network, the attending couples were challenged to see themselves as part of the Church's mission to bring Christ to the minds and hearts of the world. According to Terri, "This is just another example of how ministry that grows out of the margins serves the broader faith community well."

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Augustus Tolton Ministry Program

Tolton Events 2013

Augustus Tolton Essay Contest "A Man for All People"

1st Place \$500 ~ 2nd Place \$300*
Deadline: April 8, 2013



A slave who escaped to freedom along the Underground Railroad, Fr. Augustus Tolton (1854-1897) was the first black priest to identify as a leader of African American Catholics and to address American racial prejudice. A leader of the First Black Catholic Congress in Washington, DC, he spent the majority of his life and ministry in Quincy, Illinois, and later, Chicago. In February 2011, the Archdiocese of Chicago began the cause for his canonization.

This essay contest asks DePaul undergraduates to address one or more of the following:

- (1) Investigating the historical contexts that shaped Tolton's challenges, perseverance & leadership, what do we learn about the complicated intersections between religion, racial prejudice, civil rights & benevolence?
- (2) What messages & insights do we uncover if we reflect on Tolton's determination & devotion, as well as the compassion & faith of those who supported & inspired him?
- (3) Fr. Tolton's story is just one example of the unsung, unwritten & unknown history of Black Catholics. You are welcome to submit any essay on the story & witness of African American Catholicism that speaks to the courage & faith embodied in the person of Fr. Tolton.

For more information on Fr. Tolton's life and the contest rules:
<http://las.depaul.edu/CWCIT/StudentResources/Undergraduate>

*Winners will present their essays on May 2 in a special awards ceremony with Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago Joseph N. Perry. Additionally, the 1st place essay will be published in the next edition of *Creating Knowledge*.

CHICAGO PILGRIMAGE

Visit the ministerial sites important to the life of Fr. Augustus Tolton.

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9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$50 per person
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- ♦ To provide participants with spiritual uplifting and unifying knowledge that can be shared with their parish communities and families
- ♦ To facilitate an ongoing dialogue involving the African-American community and the Catholic Church
- ♦ To grace the prayer life of God's people through the development of liturgical resources that are rooted in the Black experience and truly Catholic
- To teach, train, and form liturgical ministers
- To develop and inspire our youth spiritually and culturally to recognize and share their giftedness and to share their time and talent in fostering Christian values
- To promote and develop lay ministerial leadership as well as vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the African-American community
- To evangelize within the African-American community and other communities



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—Archbishop James P. Lyke, OFM

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