



# The Drum

Archdiocese of Chicago  
**BLACK CATHOLIC INITIATIVE**

A Unique Gift of Blackness

**TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE BCI**  
**JULY 2016**

**Just like the Faith, the Drum works for us if you pass it on.  
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<https://www.givecentral.org/location/144/event/10917>**

## **1. LET US PRAY**

### **A prayer for “Renew My Church”**

*Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.*

*Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us  
to hear you clearly  
to listen to each other attentively  
to imagine our future boldly  
to discern your direction wisely  
to persevere in your holy will courageously  
to stay together in charity  
to surrender own plans readily  
to embrace the greater good  
to hand on your gifts to future generations.*

*May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen*

***LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!***

Please submit all prayer request to [BCI@archchicago.org](mailto:BCI@archchicago.org).

## 2. SAVE THE YEAR

# BCI the SECOND YEAR



Climate Justice  
Conference  
ALL SOULS DAY  
Nov. 2, 2016



*Father Augustus Tolton*  
*The Cause*

The Gala  
Nov. 13, 2016



CIVIL RIGHTS  
Commemoration  
Jan. 13, 2017



Black Catholic  
RETREAT  
June 16, 2017

**Black History Project – Month of February**  
**Black Catholic History Project – Month of November**



### 3. THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE BCI

## The National Black Catholic Congress

Archdiocese  
of  
Chicago

# Day of Reflection



September 24th

Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica

Bishop Joseph Perry  
Vice President of the NBCC

Father Michael Trail  
Chicago Convener

*ACT JUSTLY, LOVE GOODNESS, AND  
WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD.*

Come, learn, sign up to be an Archdiocesan delegate to this national church gathering. Let's make our future!

# SAVE *the* DATE

## The National Black Catholic *Congress XX*

The Hyatt Regency  
Orlando, Florida

For updates and  
information, go to:  
[www.nbccongress.org](http://www.nbccongress.org)



July 6-9, 2017

~ July 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

#### 4. HONOR, HONOR, UNTO THE DYING LAMB

*Hmmmm. The Pastoral Center now has  
two “Westside” Black Catholics working for  
“Southside” Black Catholics.*

*This really is  
RENEW MY “ONE” CHURCH.*

**Speaking of pastoral, the Catholic Theological Union  
Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program has a  
new and third director.**

**The unofficial announcement was made at the BCI  
Retreat. Here is a rare glimpse of the past, present  
and future with Jesus standing behind them, leaning  
to the future! He is so cool!**



**Here is the official announcement.**



ANNOUNCEMENT

To the CTU Community,

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Dr. Kimberly Lymore as the new Director of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program.

As many of you know, Kimberly comes to us as an alumna of CTU where she obtained her MDiv, and of McCormick Seminary where she received a DMin. She has extensive experience in pastoral ministry and I look forward to working with her in continuing to strengthen the Tolton Program here at CTU.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark R. Francis, CSV".

Rev. Mark R. Francis, CSV  
President  
June 20, 2016

## 5. ON THE AIR

**Deacon John Cook** hosts this weekly half-hour program that explores a wide range of topics relevant to Chicago's Black and Catholic communities. Deacon Cook serves at St. Felicitas Parish in Chatham and is very involved in oand overseeing youth programs in the Bronzeville neighborhood.



Tune in and Call in  
312.255.8408

Let's talk about:

***Make Them Hear You!***



## 6. SOCIAL ACTION

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**SOCIAL**  
**ACTION**  
**SUMMER**  
**INSTITUTE**

**Who is My Neighbor?**  
Discipleship in the Year of Mercy  

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**Archdiocese of Chicago**  
St. Xavier University - July 17-21, 2016

Full Registration: \$500 includes tuition, lodging & most meals.  
Commuter Registration: \$275 full week tuition.  
Daily Cost: \$35 Sunday half-day & \$60 per full day.  
See website for Financial Aid & Discounted Registration details.

The **Social Action Summer Institute (SASI)** offers a transformational experience including field immersion site visits, presentations and sessions with national and local leaders connected with Chicago's frontline efforts in racial, social, criminal and economic justice.

SASI provides spiritual formation, professional development and advocacy training for diocesan and parish social action ministers, leaders, clergy and seminarians, and creates a forum to explore social issues in the light of scripture, Church teaching and theology.

[www.ChicagoPeaceAndJustice.org/SASI](http://www.ChicagoPeaceAndJustice.org/SASI)





**OPENING KEYNOTE: FR. PFLEGER**  
**CLOSING KEYNOTE: BISHOP BRAXTON**

## 7. THE BCI TALENT SHOW

One of the goals of the BCI is to always include a younger person on the program.

If you know a  
YOUNG,  
GIFTED,  
BLACK  
CATHOLIC

*Talent  
Search  
2016*

Contact us at  
[BCI@archchicago.org](mailto:BCI@archchicago.org)  
312.577.0475  
We are getting ready  
for a  
SHOWCASE!



## 8. THE CAUSE OF FR. TOLTON

### RACING FOR FR. AUGUSTUS TOLTON



Hosted by the Tolton Ambassadors of Chicago

**JOIN US ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 17, 2016**

**6 to 11 p.m.**

Hawthorne Race Course  
3501 S. Laramie, Stickney, IL

COST: \$50 PER PERSON

ENJOY:

- 2-HOUR BUFFET
- RACING FORM (SCRATCH SHEET)
- COMPLIMENTARY VALET PARKING
- PRIVATE DINING IN TURF SUITE
- FELLOWSHIP

**This event supports the canonization cause for Fr. Tolton. For more information contact:**

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364-5854

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## **9. 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 DePorres**

**Saint Martin de Porres Church  
Joins with The Chicago Police  
Department's 15<sup>th</sup> District C.A.P.S.**

**"100 Blocks/100 Churches"  
A Gathering of Community  
Residents and Churches**

**Every Wednesday during  
June & July from  
6:00 to 7:00pm at the corner of:**



# **Laramie & Adams**

*Join with us on Wednesday  
Evenings as  
we work and pray together to  
make our community a safer place  
to live and grow  
for all of our residents.*

**\*\*\* Show Unity By Wearing A Red  
Shirt \*\*\***

## From St. Benedict the African east

The TRUCKS have arrived

The GOODS are here

**THE BIGGEST RUMMAGE SALE**  
**JULY 15th, 16th & 17th**  
**9:00 - 2:00**

St. Benedict the African Parish  
Dr .Martin Luther King Jr. Hall  
6550 S. Harvard

BEDS...TOYS...COMPUTERS....APPLIANCES...BOOKS....  
BABY CLOTHING...DISHES....GLASSWARE....TREASURE.....JEWELRY  
FURNITURE...REFRIGERATORS....COATS....and MORE!!!  
**LOTS OF NEW STUFF, LOTS OF GOOD USED STUFF**

# From the African National Eucharistic Congress



## Third African National Eucharistic Congress

August 5-7, 2016

*Pre ACCCRUS Convention for Clergy and Religious*

August 3-5, 2016

Catholic University of America Pryzbyla University Center  
620 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20064



### *Responding to the New Evangelization: The African Catholic Family, A Gift to the Church in America*

- Most Rev. Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Speaker
- Cardinal Laurent Monsengwo Pasinya, Archbishop of Kinshasa, Celebrant and Speaker
- Most Rev. Joseph Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, Celebrant

The Eucharistic Congress is a powerful witness to the world of our faith in the Eucharist. It is a strong expression of our Catholicity and our unity in diversity as a church.

The Congress will include time for prayer-fellowship-education-interaction-leadership for the emerging youth-collaboration-and networking. Eucharistic adoration enlightening and inspiring workshops. Youth workshops and Essay competition.

Mass @ the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception-Crypt Church, Washington, DC-Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am

For more information and to register

<http://tinyurl.com/zr7qcdm>



Jubilee Year of Mercy

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## 10. 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.

# Thanks

# Be to

# GOD



Someone asked the question...

RED is for the blood of the people

BLACK is for the community of the people

GREEN is for the growth of the people



**Be a FOUNTAIN**



**not a drain**