



The Drum

Archdiocese of Chicago
BLACK CATHOLIC INITIATIVE

A Unique Gift of Blackness

TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE BCI
JUNE 2016

**Just like the Faith, the Drum works for us if you pass it on.
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**TO SUPPORT THIS WORK PRAY AND GO TO
<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

Pray for vocations to the priesthood

Number of African American seminarians for Chicago

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“THEN SEND ME MORE SEMINARIANS!”

Response from Joseph Cardinal Bernardin when challenged by
Black Catholic leaders in the late 80's demanding more
African American priests and Bishops.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

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

2. THE RETREAT

- i. Do you have a parish home or a church home?
- ii. Are you Catholic for your funeral or for your great grandchildren's baptism?
- iii. Does anyone go to church with you or do you go by yourself?

- iv. Is church a part of your week or a part of your life?
- v. At your funeral, would your eulogy be a homily?
- vi. Do you need to spend valuable, quality and quiet time with God and sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus?
- vii. Do you wonder how you can stay Catholic for the rest of your God given life?
- viii. Do you need help “fitting” into the Church?
- ix. Do you find it challenging to live your faith in this complicated world and this complex church?
- x. Are you concerned about passing on the Faith?

**If you answered, “YES” to baptism,
any one of these questions, or peeked an interest,
this retreat is for you.**

WHO IS INVITED?

Persons who want to invest in his or her spirituality

Persons who wants to build the church in the

Black community.

*Persons known as an active member of the **Catholic Church***

*Persons who want to pass on the **Catholic faith***

*Persons who believe **WE NEED JESUS** to be church*

Persons who believes that

Black people are important to the church and
the church is important to Black people

Standing on the Rock

In a weary land, in the time of trouble and for the rest of my life.



Retreat Master
Sr. Cora Marie Billings, RSM

A Founder of the National Black Sisters Conference

A Guided Retreat for Black Catholics

June 17th & 18th
Mundelein Seminary

\$200 all inclusive fee
Transportation
Meals
Overnight accommodation

INVEST IN YOUR SPIRITUALITY

Register with payment at

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/144/11154>

Contact for more information

312.577.0475 or BCI@archchicago.org

RETREAT GUIDE – **ALMOST FINAL**
STANDING ON THE ROCK

In a weary land, in the time of trouble, and for the rest of my life!

FRIDAY JUNE 17th

5:00 PM Laying down burdens, gathering thoughts, Spirits,
 minds, hearts and souls.

7:00 PM We Have Come This Far by Faith Opening Praise

7:30 PM Opening Session

9:00 PM Social

SATURDAY JUNE 18th

9:00 AM Blessed Assurance Mass of Thanksgiving
 The Black Catholic Initiative
 *Am I here for my funeral or my great grand child's
 baptism?*

9:30 AM Second Session
 Standing on the Rock in a Weary Land

NOON Lunch

1:00 PM Third Session
 Standing on the Rock in the time of trouble
 Group Activity

2:30 PM O Fix Me Reflection Time

3:30 PM Closing Presentation
 Standing on the Rock for the rest of my life

Prayer Service Give Us this Day

SUNDAY JUNE 19th HOMEWORK

Friday Dinner served 5:30 -6:15

Saturday Breakfast served 7:30 -8:15

3. THE REPORT

BCI

YEAR ONE COMMUNITY REPORT

July 2, 2016
Dr. Martin Luther
King Jr Hall
6550 S. Harvard

Noon - 2:00PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED

<http://bcicommunityreport.eventbrite.com>

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4. HONOR, HONOR, UNTO THE DYING LAMB

Fr. Michael Trail

*The 14th African American ordained priest
for the Archdiocese of Chicago*

*Deacon Herbert Johnson from St. Ailbe
ordained the day before this newsletter*

**Two ordinations two years ahead of the
Septaquinquecentennial anniversary
of this Local Church**

*Karen Horace of St. Felicitas
Newly elected President of the
Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women*

*Deacon LeRoy Gill
Celebrating 10 years of
Ordination to the Diaconate*

*Dr. C. Vanessa White
for 18 years of service as the
Director of
Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program
At Catholic Theological Union*

**PLEASE CONSIDER A GIFT TO THE TOLTON
PROGRAM TIMED TO ARRIVE
BEFORE JUNE 30TH**

**IT MAKES A GRATEFUL AND STRONG
STATEMENT IF WE THANK DR. WHITE BY
SUPPORTING THIS PROGRAM IN THIS
HOUR OR TRANSITION.
COMMUNITY BUILDS LEGACY**

<http://www.ctu.edu/donate>

**CTU Tolton Program
5401 S. Cornell Ave.,
Chicago, IL 60615**

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Associate Director of Development
lrodriguez@ctu.edu
773.371.5411**

4. ONGOING CONVERSATION OF HOW I GOT OVER

THE BCI GOES TO ETA

Join us as we celebrate the legacy of our sister
ABENA JOAN BROWN
and support the Art of the Black Community
and BUILD THIS THEATER!

**COMPLIMENTARY
TICKETS AVAILABLE
FOR
BCI SUPPORTERS**

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**Please consider a
donation to build the
Black
Catholic Initiative**



MIGRATION

The closing performance

Bring a YOUNG CATHOLIC
The follow up event will be a time of sharing our own story

5. ON THE AIR

RADIO BCI

Tuesdays 9-9:30 a.m.

Relevant Radio 950-AM

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 organizing and overseeing youth programs in the Bronzeville neighborhood.



**Tune in and Call in
312.255.8408**

Let's talk about:

Make Them Hear You!

June 7th – BCI Retreat

Sr. Cora Billings

June 14th – Catholic Education

St. Ailbe students

June 21st - Tolton Scholars

Tina Carter

June 28th – One of Us

St. Felicitas Parish

6. SOCIAL ACTION – CATHOLIC CHARITIES

NO STATE BUDGET
LESS CATHOLIC CHARITY
No justice No peace

TALK TO GOD

African Americans
receive 42% of the
services provided by
Catholic Charities

63% of the Housing Services

48% of the Community Development Services

26% of the Senior Services

60% of the Family and Parish Support Services

53% of the Child, Youth, and Family Services

THEN TALK TO THE GOVERNMENT AS
CATHOLICS CONCERNED ABOUT PEOPLE

7. SOCIAL ACTION

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS

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

SAVE THE DATE
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
DAY OF REFLECTION

In preparation for the
National Black Catholic Congress
SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

*This will be a full day of singing, dancing,
reflecting, praying and getting ready to
take the Church of Chicago to Orlando
for this movement of
Black Catholic spirit and power!*

SAVE *the* DATE

The National Black Catholic
Congress XX

The Hyatt Regency
Orlando, Florida

For updates and
information, go to:
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					

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

8. TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS CAMPAIGN

**WITH ONLY
15%**

**OF US RESPONDING SO FAR
BLACK CATHOLICS HAVE PLEDGED
\$6,500,000.00!!!!**

**TO CONTINUE EDUCATION WITH OUR
CHURCH AND IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**WHEN OUR OTHER 85% OF SISTERS AND
BROTHERS KICK IN
A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE ARE
GOING TO LEARN ABOUT THE
POWER OF JESUS!!!**

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR LEADERS!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARISHES THAT
HAVE EXCEEDED THEIR GOAL**

ST. BASIL VISITATION	248.1%
OUR LADY OF PEACE	180.0%
ST. JAMES	169.4%
OUR LADY GATE OF HEAVEN	160.4%
ST. BRIDE	151.6%
ST. AMBROSE	148.9%
ST. DOROTHY	147.1%
OUR LADY OF SORROWS	145.5%
ST. AGATHA	143.0%
ASCENSION - ST. SUSANNA	140.9%
ST. JOACHIM	138.6%
ST. EULALIA	129.4%
HOLY NAME OF MARY	124.9%
ST. FELICITAS	103.6%
CORPUS CHRISTI	102.6%
ST. ELIZABETH	101.9%

This kind of stewardship & evangelization

is not new to us.

This is old time religion!

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 the Adrian Dominicans

“To abandon politics means leaving the structuring of society to those who are most concerned to serve their own interests. It means letting the Pharaohs and monarchs and caesars and domination systems , ancient and modern, put the world together as they will.

In a democracy, politics in the broad sense does include how we vote. But it also includes more: what we support in our conversations, monetary and otherwise, our actions. Not every Christian is called to be an activist. But all are called to take seriously God’s dream of a more just and nonviolent world.”

-from Convictions by Marcus Borg

From Holy Angels Parish



Peter Gordon from the Battle of Baton Rouge of the American Civil War, which stopped the confederate flag from being raised in the capital city of Louisiana.

This civil war cdv was taken during Gordon's medical examination at the Union army camp.

You are encouraged to REMEMBER by joining Holy Angels by typing the following address into your browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EbL7f9M251Y>

From St. Martin DePorres

**Saint Martin de Porres Church
Joins with The Chicago Police
Department's 15th 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. Dorothy Parish

St. Dorothy Church

10th Annual Block Party

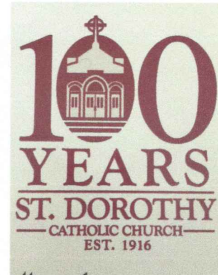
Saturday, June 25, 2016

11:00am til 5:00pm

78th Street between Eberhart & Vernon



Bring Towels & Swim Wear



Ten \$100.00 Dollar Bills to be Ruffled



Bring the kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews,
and your lawnchair. Sit back and relax,

Play some games, or win a prize.

Watch the kids play, and get wet on the
water slide. Bring your own COOKED Food,
or enjoy what we have prepared.

Just enjoy GOD's day with us.

Mass at 5:00pm

Snacks, Fun, Games, Dancing,
Raffle, Prizes, and More!!!

Music by:
DJ - Hawk

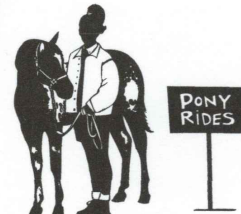
POPCORN
SNOW CONES
CANDY BAGS

Jumping Jack

HISTORY OF FUN



Share Table
SWEETS



From St. Sabina Parish

*The Faith Community
of St. Sabina*

**END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR MARCH TO
PROCLAIM PEACE IN THE STREETS!**

**WE INVITE PEOPLE THROUGHOUT
CHICAGO TO STAND UP AND
DECLARE THEIR COMMITMENT
TO OCCUPY OUR STREETS THIS
SUMMER TO BRING ABOUT PEACE!**

PEACE

CHILDREN HAVE A RIGHT TO GROW UP!!

FRIDAY JUNE 17TH 2016
7PM @ ST. SABINA | 78TH PLACE & THROOP

THE FIRST 600 PEOPLE WILL RECEIVE A FREE T-SHIRT BEGINNING AT 6PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
FAITH COMMUNITY OF ST. SABINA | 773.483.4300
REV. MICHAEL L. PFLEGER
SENIOR PASTOR

From the Lyke Conference

SAVE THE DATE July 5-9, 2016

ARCHBISHOP JAMES PATTERSON LYKE CONFERENCE

RIVERS MUSIC INSTITUTE: July 5 - 6

" Black Catholics --- Fully Functional, Fully Committed "

San Antonio, Texas

Oblate School of Theology

FOR MORE INFO:
lykeconference.com

Meeting the Liturgical Needs of the Black Catholic Community

Provides a culturally rich atmosphere encompassing music, art, ritual, along with other activities and experiences that will inspire and enable participants to enrich worship services in their own parishes.

Teaches, trains, and forms liturgical ministers.

Develops and inspires our youth spiritually and culturally to recognize and share their giftedness and to share their time and talents in fostering Christian values.

**Youth
Track**

Musicians

Seminarians

**Wedding
Coordinators**

**Deacons
and their
Wives**

**Instrumental
Track**

Dance

**Altar
Servers**

**Ministers of
Hospitality**

**Ministers of
the Word**

Priests

Sacristans





Archbishop James Patterson Lyke Conference 2016

Fr. Clarence Rivers Music Institute

REGISTRATION FORM

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ Zip _____

PHONE: _____ T-shirt size _____

YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS(ES): _____

** What instrument(s) do you play ? _____

CHURCH PARISH _____ DIOCESE _____

GENDER FEMALE _____ MALE _____ AGE : under 13 _____ 13-17 _____ 18-35 _____ 36-55 _____ over 55 _____

IF AGE 17 YEARS OR UNDER – NAME OF CHAPERONE _____

For each youth , please complete the Parent/Guardian Consent/Waiver form found on the website www.lykeconference.org

LYKE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION COST		Check appropriate box
Registrations received by 6/3/2016 are guaranteed meals,t-shirt,conference bag and program book.		
INDIVIDUAL COST BY 6/3/2016	\$150.00	
COST PER PERSON POSTMARKED AFTER 6/3/2016 NO PERSONAL CHECKS AFTER 6/3/2016	\$200.00	
FR. CLARENCE RIVERS MUSIC INSTITUTE		
INDIVIDUAL COST (INCLUDING MUSIC PACKET) BY 6/3/2016	\$90.00	
INDIVIDUAL COST AFTER 6/3/2016 NO PERSONAL CHECKS AFTER 6/3/2016	\$140.00	



****PLEASE INDICATE THE INSTRUMENT(S) YOU PLAY TO BETTER PLAN FOR THE INSTRUMENTAL CLINIC**

TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED _____ CHECK # _____ DATE _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO

LYKE FOUNDATION

102 ANN COURT

MONTZ, LOUISIANA 70068

From the African National Eucharistic Congress



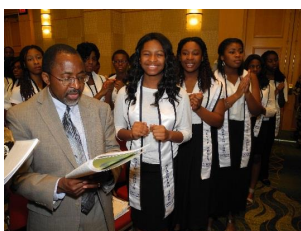
Third African National Eucharistic Congress

August 5-7, 2016

Pre ACCRUS 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 7th @ 10 am

For more information and to register

<http://tinyurl.com/zr7qcdm>



Jubilee Year of Mercy

For more information contact:

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Mrs. Sally Stovall, 317-727-5736; sally.stovall@bmo.com

Fr. Henry Atem, 706-254-9822; henatem@yahoo.com

Mr. Ntal Alimasi, 202-256-1781; ntal.alim@gmail.com

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

It is no secret what God can do



It also should not be a surprise

Share the Faith