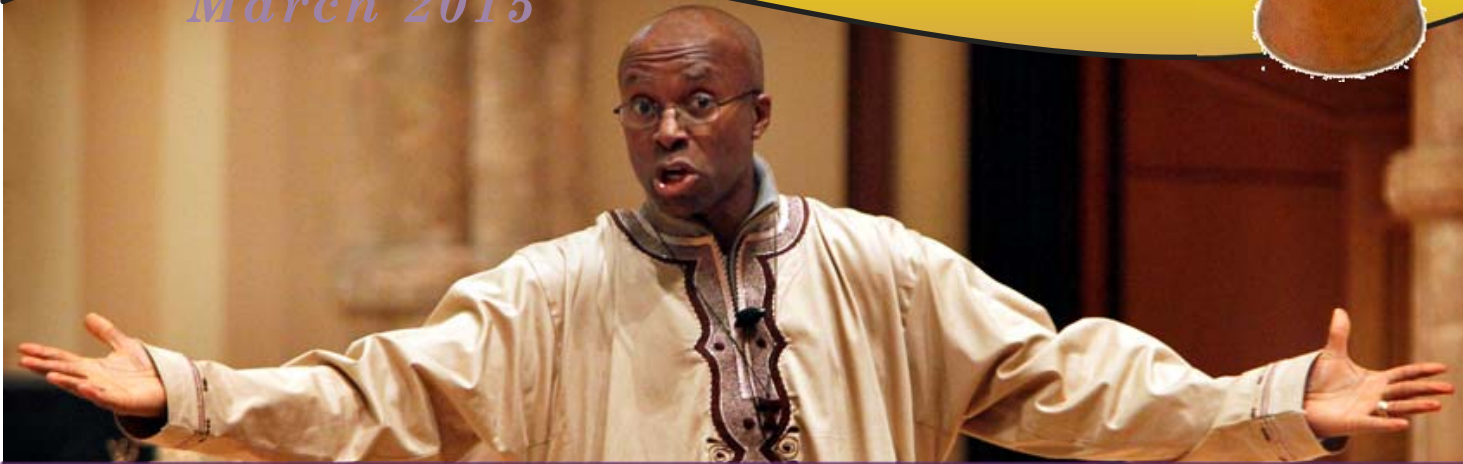


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From the editor . . .

February was an awesome month. I went to the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG) in Washington, DC. It was my second experience of this powerful annual conference that is organized by the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development in collaboration with 4 other USCCB departments and 16 national Catholic organizations. I served on the Diversity Outreach Initiative (DOI) for this year's gathering. The purpose of the DOI is to assist the CSMG to develop leaders from diverse Catholic communities for ministry in the Church by identifying such leaders and providing financial assistance to

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participate in the CSMG. The initiative expresses the commitment to strengthen the Church's social ministry by reaching out to Catholic ethnic, racial, and disability communities and encouraging members to lift up the richness and diversity of their gifts in our shared mission. I nominated three people with Chicago connections to receive scholarships. Starr Young, a young adult leader from St. Ailbe, was a recipient of such financial assistance. Native Chicago Megan Graves, a recent graduate of Dominican University and now an associate with the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, was also part of our "Chicago contingent". Brother A. Gerard Jordan, O.Praem, an "honorary homie" of Chicago (by way of Louisiana and Philadelphia) was a third local scholarship recipient. A highlight was the day we spent on Capitol Hill lobbying our Illinois legislators.

I was privileged to get a couple of interviews for *God's Praises Tell: The Voice of Black Catholic Chicago*. Kimberly Mazyck of Catholic Relief Services shared her world of work in ministry in Sub-Saharan Africa. Her passion and expertise made for a great interview. I also sat down with college students from the Lyke House Catholic Center in Atlanta, and Xavier University in New Orleans. To hear the podcast of that broadcast with both interviews, go to <http://obc-chicago.org/2015/02/10/catholic-social-ministry-gathering-2015/>.

Well, we did it again! We hosted the 37th Annual Archdiocesan Black Heritage Prayer Service (See the cover page). A collaboration between the Office for Black Catholics, Office of Catholic Schools, Office for Catechesis & Youth Ministry, and community leaders, this year's event spared not even one seat in Holy Name Cathedral. I am most appreciative of the planning team for this event. A collective of generous, creative, trusting, and proficient leaders, the team made the work of planning this extraordinary event enjoyable. I am blessed to have



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worked with Julie Welborn, Kim Lymore, Willie Cobb, Lois DeFelice, Starr Young, Cheryl Cattledge, Yolanda Horton, Chris Johnson, Fr. Larry Dowling, Fr. Matt O'Donnell, our masterful weaver, Mark Nimo, and the students who brought great energy to the planning, Aldontae Guess, Cyieshia Johnson, and Brandon Thomas. Thank you all for bringing your "A-game" to this endeavor.

We were especially blessed by those amazing students who shared their gifts and made the event the success that it was. We thank the greeters and ushers, the liturgical dancers, the storytellers, those who testified to their own powerful stories, and those in the choir.

I thank Archbishop Cupich and Bishop Perry for making time in their busy schedules to be with us. Their unscripted words of encouragement were heartfelt.

This year's event had an additional component: the First Annual Black Heritage Award, which was presented to sportscaster and educator Laurence Holmes. Holmes is a product of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese. His achievements as an on-air personality, producer, and adjunct faculty at DePaul make him a worthy first recipient of this award. He too offered heartfelt words of encouragement to the students.

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On the marriage ministry front, my wife Terri and I spent Valentine's Day leading a retreat for the Diocese of Salt Lake City. While there in Utah we scheduled a meeting with black Catholic leadership. In that meeting we meet a remarkable mother of the church, Mrs. Illa Wright, who is noted leader in the Catholic community there. Married for more than 60 years, she is passionate about her work in prison ministry. She shared with us how the black Catholic community in Utah is marginalized to the point where it seems that they don't matter. We shared with her what we're doing in Chicago to build power among black Catholics. We left that meeting with a sense of solidarity with Mrs. Wright and black Catholics in Utah.

The World Meeting of Families will be in Philadelphia in September. The Archdiocese is sponsoring representatives of families to be a part of this Pontifical Conference. Among them is John and Pamela Ashford of St. Ailbe. John and Pam have been leaders in marriage ministry since the early 1980s. They have mentored and hundreds of counseled couples, including Terri and me. Also joining them is Jennifer Reid of St. Columbanus. Jennifer is a single mother, Parish Operations Manager, and Tolton Scholar at Catholic Theological Union. Terri and I will be presenting a workshop.

March is said to enter in as a lion and go out as a lamb. I've lived enough winters in Chicago to know that isn't always the case. Some we know is a sure thing is that the first week in March is Tolton Week. Further into this March Issue of *The Drum* is a schedule of events for Tolton Week. I encourage our readers to take part in this year's events, as it is the 25th year. We celebrate this milestone for this unique program. The Church in Chicago is so much richer because the Tolton Program has produced 25 graduates to serve in the Archdiocese and beyond. The program provides scholarships for black Catholics pursuing post-graduate theological degrees.

On a recent God's Praises Tell I had Dr. C. Vanessa White, the Director of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program at Catholic Theological Union. Also joining us was Sr. Dr. Jamie Phelps, OP, the Found Director of the program. To listen to that show go to <http://obc-chicago.org/2015/02/24/tolton-weekst-ambrose-lenten-series/>.

The Office for Black Catholics could use help in a few initiatives. Because I am the only person in the office, there are several initiatives that remain on the back burner. So, this is my appeal to the community to come to the aid of the Office. Here I mention just four needs for which I can use assistance from talented people who are willing to offer their gifts.

Upon Whose Shoulders We Stand

A few years ago I searched the Internet for well-known and appreciated black Catholics of Chicago who have gone home to God, names like Dr. Nathan Jones, Gloria

Burchette, Deacon Roy Warren, and Deacon Bishop King. To my surprise there was little or nothing on these important people who made great contributions to the Church in Chicago. I would like the OBC to develop a web-based archive of biographies. This project will keep alive the memories of those upon whose shoulders we stand. It will require research and consultations with family members, parishioners, and associates.

Speakers Bureau for Black Catholic Presenters

The Church in Chicago is rich with black Catholics who are national leaders in their areas of ministry. As we celebrate 25 years for the Tolton Program at CTU, we also have 25 graduates of that program who are engaged in ministry in the Church. We have among us leaders in Youth Ministry, Marriage Ministry, Catechesis, Liturgy, and other areas of ministry. I propose that we establish a web-based catalogue of these leaders. It would have information about their expertise, publications, etc.

Producer for "God's Praises Tell: The Voice of Black Catholic Chicago"

The weekly radio show of the OBC and the podcast archive of those shows can be better organized to address issues in a timely way, identify and schedule guests, and assist the host in setting the course for interviews.

Assistance with "The Drum"

Pulling together this newsletter each month has been pure joy. But, it absorbs so much of my time and attention that I find myself behind the eight-ball every month. I am grateful for those who faithfully contribute to this resource for the community. While we get positive feedback from readers, I know that we can improve this publication to a higher standard. I need an editor, layout designer, someone with know-how for increasing readership, and assistance in establishing an editorial board.

If you have expertise that would help any of these projects, and you are willing to offer assistance, please contact me so that we may discuss it. I can be reached at (312) 534-8376 or OBC@archchicago.org.



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LENT 2015

Bishop Joseph N. Perry

One sign of a spiritually mature man or woman is the ability to recognize one's own shortcomings and sins and admit such to themselves, their spouse and anyone else deserving. This same candidness – this same confession of faults is brought to the church to the priest for definitive absolution in accordance with the scriptures. It is a spiritual and therapeutic curative built right into the Christian dispensation by the Lord himself (John 20, 22ff). This same candidness keeps one healthy humanly and spiritually.

Very few of us live without some regrets and some people have more regrets than others. Certainly, one sign of an unhealthy man or woman is their inability to recognize their own sins and what those sins do to others. If one cannot get up enough nerve to say "I'm sorry" to one closest to them, it will well nigh be difficult, if not impossible, to say "I'm sorry" to God.

We are well into the forty days of observance of Lent where from the start with the mark of ashes, we heard the familiar refrain from scripture, 'If not now when?' We allowed the ministers of the church to mark our heads with ashes, dead remnants of what was once life, to remind ourselves that our sins are, more often than not, deadly; reminding us of our mortality, namely, that one day following our last breath we must face God with the sins we have recognized in this life and the sins we have refused to recognize.

The prophet, Joel (2), tells Israel that they must repent of their sins and turn again to God for they have been unfaithful. One more time, they are reminded that their God, even now, invites their return to Him if they would come weeping and fasting and mourning. Even after their having forgotten God, God will still take pity

and have mercy.

We are meant to approach Lent deliberately, to enter into Lent willingly and to reconsider how our own sacrifices might offer us greater understanding of Christ's sacrifice. Lent offers us a chance to consider prayerfully our relationship with God –and others.

Will we let St. Paul's clarion call fall on deaf ears? "Now is the acceptable time" to return to God, to be reconciled to Him and his people and to live, not embroiled by the wiles of the world but as a people saved by Christ. How do we do this? The Gospel spells it out: pray daily with attentiveness, take action for the poor and do deeds of compassion toward others. Avoid whatever distracts you from the One who deserves your pre-occupied thoughts and all of your love, your God.

Will this Lenten experience change us? Will this sacred pause of 40 days to ponder God's great love and gift in Jesus deepen our conversion?

If not now, when?

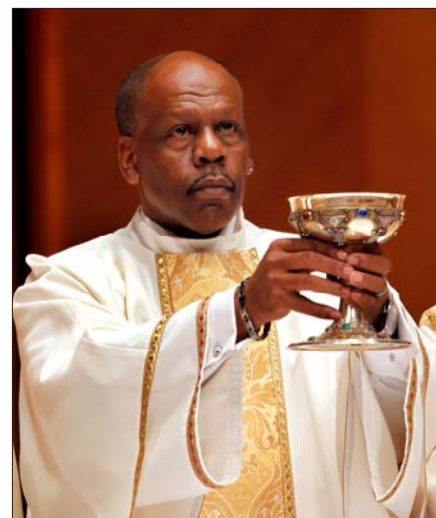


PRAYERS WORK!

A 10-Year Old Girl's Journey of Faith

Deacon LeRoy T. Gill, Jr.

On the south side of Chicago, there was a resurgence of belief in the power of prayer. Most of us pray for our families, for forgiveness, for guidance, for prosperity - and especially for healing. Prayer is a complex phenomenon, an out-pouring of the soul, and there are times in life when God seems not to answer our prayers. However, some of the most fascinating and uplifting stories of the unexplained are those that people perceive as being miraculous in nature. These remarkable events lend comfort; strengthen faith - even save lives. I believe that they are literally from heaven - miracles do happen, prayer works and God is Good ALL the time!



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Carmell Chambers a fifth grader at the Academy of St. Benedict the African School (ASBA) was enjoying a typical Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends when suddenly she had to be rushed to the hospital. Carmell was born with a heart defect and at the age of 10, her heart was failing. She was taken to Lurie Children's hospital and placed in intensive care.

After several days, I received a telephone call from Mrs. Patricia Murphy, Principal of St Benedict the African. She explained the seriousness of Carmell's condition. The following Sunday after mass I visited Carmell in the hospital. When I arrived, her mother, father, and other family members were gathered in the waiting room. Not knowing what to expect, I

was fearful - I did not want anything to happen to this child. I entered her room and saw a tiny frail 10-year-old girl lying asleep in her bed with monitors, IV's, and tubes attached to her body. I prayed over Carmell, speaking to her of God's faithfulness, goodness....to my surprise this little girl woke up, looked at me with a big smile, and said

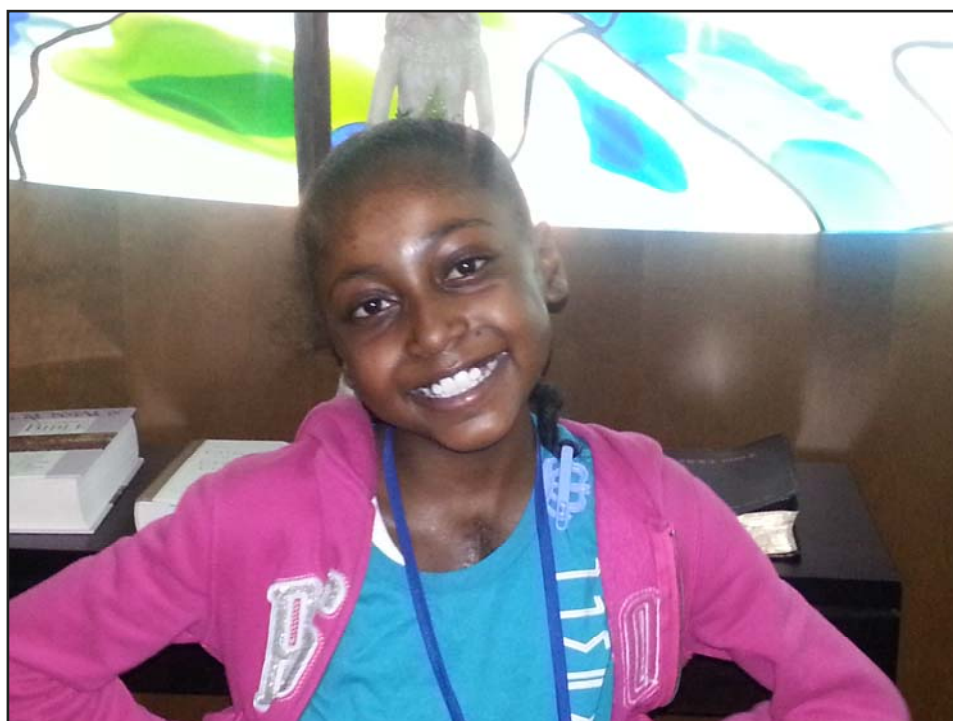
"Deacon I saw you on television." I laughed; she was referring to the installation mass of Archbishop Cupich where I was the Deacon of the Eucharist. Together we prayed for a while and I said to her *God is Good*....she replied "All the Time" and we prayed and talked about God. The faith of this 10-year-old child was so strong that I felt like she was ministering to me instead of me ministering to her. During that visit, the doctor informed Carmell's parents that she would need to have a

heart transplant in order to survive. A heart transplant is not available for everyone. There are specific criteria for eligibility. Organs are distributed to the most critically ill patients. Once a person is listed for a heart transplant, they are given a listing status based on the severity of heart failure. I can only imagine that if your child needs a heart transplant, you are probably feeling many emotions all at once — anger, sadness, confusion, and most especially helplessness.

Monday morning I went to ASBA, to the fifth grade classroom so we could pray for Carmell. The fifth graders stated they wanted to pray the Rosary, and to my amazement, each student pulled a Rosary out of their desk. I said, *God is Good* and they said "All the Time." We lit a candle and prayed believing Matthew 21:22 "And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." About an hour later, I received a text from Carmell's mom stating that she was placed first on

the national organ donor list. The emotions were overwhelming. This news encouraged our hearts to hope and know that God truly listens. At this point, in my mind, there was zero doubt that our prayers for Carmell would be answered. *John 14:13-14 "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."*

A suitable organ donor is a person who is a match to the patient's blood type and is of similar body size. The average waiting time for a new heart can be weeks to months. However, on December 21, 2014, two and a half weeks later, a heart had become available. Now that the appropriate donor heart was found, the doctors begin the process of preparing for the surgery. The surgery is very similar to any other type of open heart surgery. The



average length of surgery is approximately 6-8 hours. Carmell was on the operating table for 12 hours. Now the waiting period had begun to see if her body would accept the heart.

The children at ASBA prayed for her during daily prayer, and at the special prayer services held in the gymnasium. I have never ever seen such young prayer warriors as I witnessed at this catholic school. Prayers were coming from across the country for the well-being of this fragile 10-year-old child. Priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago were offering masses, Deacons were praying for her, and the fifth grade class at St. Dorothy Catholic School prayed for her as well.

After the transplant operation, the hospital recovery time is variable but may be several weeks. Visitors are extremely limited because there is concern about infec-

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tion. The nurses caring for Carmell stated that they could not believe how well she was doing and the hospital staff described her as a “fighter”. Principal Murphy thanked everyone who continued to keep Carmell in prayer. She said “I know that many of you have others praying for her. Please let them know that the miracle continues.” The fifth grade prepared a touching video. Each child spoke directly to Carmell telling her how much she was loved and missed. Some of the students wrote letters. Actually, it was the letters that seem to engage her, even made her laugh. Even the nurses were impressed with the number of people in Carmell’s fan club.

Carmell remained in ICU at Lurie Children’s Hospital for several weeks. In mid-January, she was transferred to the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) near Lurie Hospital on East Grand Avenue. RMH has been housing and caring for families at their most desperate hour for many years. It is a home away from home. Parents can focus on their child. The home itself is an amazing place, at that time decorated with the most beautiful Christmas trees, too many to count, throughout the building. The house is the very definition of comfort – there are soft colors, winding staircases, lots of natural light coming from windows, a rooftop healing garden, game room AND a kitchen filled with home-cooked meals. Principal Murphy keeps all informed as to Carmell condition. “She sleeps much of the time and when awake very quiet. Her mom is no longer working because Carmell needs to go to the rehab institute three times a week and, of course has doctor visits. We must continue to pray. She is on many medications and the journey is long. The family offers many thanks for preparing the letters, cards, video, and, of course, thanks to all for the many prayers.”

The good news about Carmell’s recovery could not come fast enough. We finally received word from Principal Murphy, “Well I just got back from the RMH and Carmell was baking brownies (and eating them). She continues to look good, smile a lot, and, is gaining weight.” She had even spoken to several of her class-

mates during the course of the day.

She could now receive a few visitors so I went to visit Carmell at the RMH and while waiting on the first floor for an escort, the elevator door opened and there was Carmell parading a cheerful smile. It was remarkable! A month ago, a week before Christmas, this child was lying in a bed barely alive and on a respirator. Now I can hardly believe my eyes. She is so full of life, so full of the Holy Spirit. She grabbed my hand and said, “Let’s go up to the kitchen!”

That day I shared with Carmell a book about five young girls from Brave Girls – Bible Stories. She read of Hope, Gracie, Glory, Faith, and Honor. Each of these storybook characters tells of their strengths and struggles and how they discover bravery. Then she said Deacon I want to show you something. She asked me to come with her into a room that she wanted me to see. It was the meditation room. She explained to me about all the different bibles that were present in the room. Through this incredible journey, I observed a young girl grasp on to hope, become strengthened through grace, grow in faith, and recognize who receives the honor and glory.

I visited with Carmell again on February 19th and she informed me she was going home the next week. She told me some of the kids from her class would be coming to spend the last weekend with her at the RMH. What a special sleepover that will be for the children who prayed so powerfully for her. We sat again in the kitchen while she made cards for the fifth graders at St. Dorothy, thanking them for their cards, prayers, and love. On this day, I gratefully proclaim, “God is Good ALL the Time and ALL the Time God is Good!”

Thanks to Carmell I have been blessed with a reminder that we should all find comfort in. Our God is so Great and Good and is only waiting on you to call out to him. No matter how bad things can seem God is always there waiting on you to call. Whatever you face in life remember God is Greater and Prayers Work!

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Choir members from St. Malachy + Precious Blood Parish and St. Sabina Parish express their joy while singing at the 37th Annual Archdiocesan Black Heritage Prayer Service at Holy Name Cathedral.

The Deacon Speakin'

Deacon James Norman

In 2011, the National Black Congress sponsored the largest study of Black Catholics ever surveyed on their faith. There were over 3000 respondents. The survey not only included Black Catholics, White Catholics, Black Protestants and White Protestants were surveyed as well.

The survey was an attempt to understand the factors that shape the faithfulness of Black Catholics and to allow the National Black Catholic Congress to create pastoral strategies to enhance the religious engagement of Black Catholics.



None of the parishioners in my parish participated in the 2011 survey but as I read the survey responses, I could hear my parishioners' voices. The responses of the survey participants sounded like the comments I had heard from parishioners before Mass, after Mass and at parish meetings.

The survey found that Black Catholics at all ages indicate stronger religious engagement than White Catholics. The survey defined Religious Engagement as: involvement in the parish beyond Mass, possessing strong networks of friends and family in their churches, participating in multiple parish activities and that their spiritual, emotional and social needs were met in the church. Compared to other religious and racial groups the survey revealed that Black Catholics behave and look like Black Protestants.

76% of the Black Catholics surveyed said their parish is not predominantly Black, yet they reported higher levels of engagement on almost every measure.

While Black Catholics are generally positive about their religious experience they believe that the Church has significant room for improvement when it comes to racial issues. The promotion of Black vocations, Black Saints, support for affirmative action and promoting racial inclusiveness were areas of concern for the Black Catholics.

Black Catholics want a Church and Sacraments that are vibrant, joyful and life-giving. Black Catholics seek the presence of the Lord in the Sacraments, in His word, in the music and in the community. Black Catholics have an innate desire to deeply understand and freely

express their faith through the Sacraments.

Black Catholics are often less satisfied with the Sunday homily they hear from most Catholic priests and deacons, especially compared to what they hear in the Protestant settings they often have contact with. Many Black Catholics seek the Word of God outside of their home parish on TV, radio or through readings to ensure that they have been nourished by the Word of God.

The 2011 National Black Catholic survey provides many insights. It is a document that can be shared within parishes and discussed to improve the experience of all its members of the Sacraments and to rekindle the fire of faith within the community.

Careful review of the survey can be used to bring Black Catholics greater understanding and a meaningful engagement with the Sacraments.

The Black Catholic experience is not a monolithic experience, we are cradle Catholics and converts to the faith committed to the Church and to making the world a better place (Heaven on earth).

The Black Catholic experience is a diverse and rich experience that started with our ancestors, was forged by the chains of slavery and strengthened by the battle for equality in the face of prejudice and bias. What has endured is a profound faith, unending hope and a deep commitment to God, family and community.

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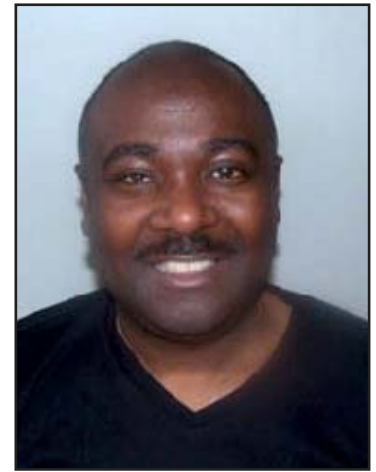
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Crime and Punishment in Black and White

Dr. Keith Wilson

As a person who remembers being a young boy on the south side of Chicago that played "strike out" and piggy in various school lots and parks, I have fond memories of the game of baseball. Even though I was the "husky" kid who was too slow to be of any use in the much faster "little league", I had many friends that I used to watch at the neighborhood park off of 93rd and Colfax on the south east side. Playing little league was the crown jewel for those of us that could only dream about being our favorite player as we traded Topp's baseball cards. Ernie Banks had a home on "The Hill" in Pill Hill that many of us would stalk out and ring the bell hoping to see Mr. Cub(Though I was a Sox fan). Baseball was the sport that we just loved as young boys.



It was a rite of passage to cheer on your boys as they tried to beat the "other guys" in a game. Little league and

baseball was all over Chicago in the various parks, school lots and backyards. Even the "ghetto" had at least one nice field. It was so cool to have a real uniform like the big leaguers. You could imitate Pete Rose's hitting or Vida Blue's pitching style. It was a simpler time as most of my friends had two parents, jobs and working cars. The local park had baseball. The school had baseball. The Cub scouts played baseball. It was a sport of opportunity for many blacks in the hood. It was America's game and we could wear America's colors and all could be proud.

But then something happened. Life changed. Inner city living became a reflection of the re allocation of resources. As neighborhoods changed, money started being taken from certain parks in the hood. I grew up in the black half of "Fast Eddie" Vrdolyak's 10th ward. Even a community which had "Pill Hill" in its midst was not immune. Jeffery Park now Jessie Owens Park was not quite the same when the neighborhood became majority black around 1976 about 6 years after one of the first black families (mine) moved in. Societal problems emerged as blacks started experiencing high percentages of marital failure (if married at all) and many new nontraditional single parent families became the norm. As more whites moved out, the new families didn't have the same resources and income levels. Things like uniforms for Little League or Boy Scouts were now luxury items to these families.

Parks and families fell into disrepair. The neighborhoods in black communities morphed into places where the new citizens were working harder and had less money. Often the male father who would traditionally play catch with their sons was nonexistent. But what about white "little league"? On the South Side many whites that stayed in Chicago moved to Beverly or surrounding suburbs like Evergreen Park and Merionette Park. Some that lived further north moved to the "no blacks allowed area" favored by white municipal workers just west of Western avenue to Cicero west on

79th St and south to 87th St. These communities were becoming consolidated sporting white powerhouses as whites left South Shore, South Chicago, South Shore Valley and Jeffery Manor moved there. Whites also fled to the south and southwest suburbs and Northwest Indiana. White kids in these areas were still living more or less traditional lifestyles with two parents living in a home they owned with access to many amenities while many blacks were becoming renters and transients in urban communities. Children in the "hood" were splitting time between their mom's house in Englewood and their father's home on the west side. Often times the parents never married. Then there is "big momma's" house in the suburbs. Asking a young black person where they lived literally could depend on the day of the week. In the summer time, it could easily be located in a southern state.

Fast Forward to 2014. Lu Palmer has long been dead and "Today's Black Community" is not so well defined. To field any team of any sort after the 50 school closings in Chicago facilitated by Mayor Rahm Emmanuel became increasingly difficult. The plight of the black community was disarray and fraught with gang boundaries and territorial skirmishes. Let's not forget how the grownups keep changing Aldermanic borders for political expediency. It resulted in the common situation of a young kid's single mother who needs to work, placing her child with big mama living in the south suburbs. The child might want to play for the team in the community where his father (her estranged ex) renting an apartment lives. Whatever the rationale the adults are the responsible parties for the choice of where the child can participate in athletics. I am not trying to rationalize bad behavior on the part of adults, but offer context. Often times this single mother is simply seeking an outlet to keep her young son safe and there is often no team in the immediate community to participate with. It often is so difficult for urban teams to have a full roster

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that players may be asked to play anyone of 3 or 4 positions in a pinch as other players may not be able to play for a variety of reasons.

Conversely, you have white youth in collar communities like Oak Lawn and Evergreen Park or Orland Hills who experience a different reality. While similar challenges exist in all communities in reference to keeping young boys active and engaged, suburban communities often have thriving park districts and after school programs. Fathers and father figures such as coaches and mentors tend to have access to financial resources and time. Unlike urban teams, these teams have plenty of neighborhood youth available. They can be selective even as to who they can have play a position. For example they may have 3 people at shortstop to choose from. The coaches from these teams also come from the community and often have work relations and other personal interactions where occasional deals are made at the local watering hole. Often they fit the classic portrayal of middleclass suburbia. The young boys tend to have relatively stable family situations. Sponsorship of teams is rarely an issue. Local businesses fawn over these young boys.

It is in the context of the dichotomy of these two worlds that the NATIONAL CHAMPION JACKIE ROBINSON WEST Little League team of Chicago navigated. Some adults failed the youth in an absolute since

with some recruiting violations and an unauthorized use of a boundary map, BUT is it that Black and White? What were the coaches' motives? Cheating for cheating's sake? It doesn't seem that simple. Perhaps they simply wanted to give some disadvantaged kids something to do. One youth was even homeless. May of the parents were unemployed. But then again is it BLACK and WHITE or Black vs White in terms of cheating with this team. Opposing white teams have had violations of a similar nature that have been overlooked in the past with teams that look a little different than JRW. Though this situation may not be an absolute racist situation,

there appears to have been some racially driven motives during the situation. JRW had a storybook season which ended with them being the first all-African-American team to become National Champions. That championship was rescinded after an extensive investigation into cheating allegations.

The nexus of the controversy appears to stem from an encounter when JRW badly beat a team from neighboring Evergreen Park by a humiliating margin. Evergreen Park has for years had a reputation of not being very welcoming to people of color, blacks in particular. It is within this framework that JRW player's families observed residents from Evergreen Park taking pictures of licenses and vehicle stickers it was a not so subtle reminder that "you don't belong here" and racially motivated suspicions were raised. Furthermore when the white coach of the Evergreen Park team appeared to make it his life's mission to investigate the team. When confronted, he immediately rebuffed any charges of racial motivation with the reply "Hey I have a black wife"



as a shield for any racist motives left most black onlookers rather unsatisfied. People marry people of other races and often maintain a degree of ambivalence about the racial experience of their counterpart from another race to the degree that racially discriminatory behavior (even minor) are rationalized with the classic "I couldn't be a racist because . . . (fill in the blank)". How many usually reasonable and open minded men react with even a mild degree of sexism even when unprompted? The current POTUS is certainly no sexist, but found it hard not to comment on the beauty of female Attorney General in

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California in a very public forum. I won't even get into the antics of his Vice President Joe Biden! The point is the best of us fall prey to upbringing and life experience and occasionally fall short.

It is very plausible that because of assumptions often made about African-American men in particular, that extra scrutiny would be placed on these talented youth just because of societal assumptions that it would be impossible for an all-African-American team to beat virtually all white teams. Their success MUST include cheating on their part. Isn't this what society says? It's these racially driven attitudes that frame the context of the punishment of these very talented youth that had no control of what adults did on their behalf. They have no choice as minors as to what car they ride in to what location. It is more than conjecture that on some of the opposing white teams, residency is an issue as well. Even the white coach that reported JRW has similar allegation against him.

I remember back to the book *Crime and Punishment* I read as a young person. Its title and premise reminds that all is not fair in life. Black youth are far more likely to be prosecuted and incarcerated than their white counterparts for similar offenses. This is not to justify criminality or to have a statistical discussion about crime, but to highlight the double standard being applied to our youth. The quarterback for the New England Patriots

Tom Brady was clearly involved in cheating prior to the Super Bowl by utilizing advantageous and illegal deflated footballs to secure a win in a playoff game to get into the Championship game. Even though the cheating was revealed, there were no consequences to the white symbol of America's game. Keeping in mind his coach had a history of cheating. If Warren Moon was the quarterback, would the outcome be the same?

JRW was cleared on 2 occasions until they were further put under the micron microscope after the prompting of the same coach with his own issues causing the discovery of an erroneous map which sealed their fate. My view is investigate all the teams that participate in Little League with the same vigor that occurred with these boys from the south side, publish the results and move forward. These youth who did not use corked bats, 18 year old shortstops or the "juice". They should have their trophy returned until society is perfect and fair. We keep saying the kids shouldn't be punished, but punished THEY were! As a society let's fight for some true social justice! Sometimes things are black and white and sometimes they are BLACK and WHITE!

Keith Wilson is an engaged Catholic leader at Holy Angels Parish in the Bronzeville Community. He has a dental practice in Frankfort, Illinois. Keith is a regular contributor to The Drum.

God's Praises Tell: The Voice of Black Catholic Chicago

Here are links to podcasts of February shows:

Remembering The Dream

February 2, 2015 Webinar

This is a recording of a webinar by Catholic Charities, USA. The moderator is Tina Baldera; presenters are Ron Jackson and Andrew Lyke.

Catholic Social Ministry Gathering 2015

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Andrew Lyke interviews Kimberly Mazyck of CRS and students from Lyke House on Atlanta University Campus and Xavier University in New Orleans.

37th Annual Black Heritage Prayer Service

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Julie Welborn and Willie Cobb join Andrew Lyke to discuss the annual Black Heritage Prayer Service on Friday, February 20, 2015 at Holy Name Cathedral.

Tolton Week/St. Ambrose Lenten Series

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Sr. Dr. Jamie Phelps, OP and Dr. C. Vanessa White join Andrew Lyke to talk about Tolton Week at CTU and a Lenten speaker series at St. Ambrose Parish.

Go to obc-chicago.org to listen to these and other broadcasts.

Women's History Month? Why not?

Willie Cobb

I've debated with myself over the last month whether I had the right to write this article. I decided that I have. Mostly because my youngest child turns 13 in March. She is an intelligent, articulate, bright, and beautiful teenager - who is absolutely driving me out of my mind.

When my two sons were born I thought that I was in complete control of every-

thing. The moment she was born, I literally looked down at her tiny premature body and wondered: what am I to do with her? That sentiment has not changed in the last 13 years.

March is Women's History Month and I thought maybe I should speak to someone else and ask them to write an article on women's history, but it was my daughter who helped me to realize that I am the perfect person to write this article because, I am her father, and it is my job to protect her in every way that I can.

My family saw the movie *Selma* together. The movie I did not appreciate, but that's for another article. My daughter absolutely loved the movie. She and her classmates attended the Black Catholic Heritage Liturgy last month. (If you missed it, you missed one of the most powerful prayer services ever.) They had a tremendous time. She is working on a project for school about Frederick Douglass and she's doing an outstanding job. These things all together reminded me that I am not only the protector for her life, I am the protector for her mind.

I started thinking about Women's History Month, and then realized through my research, that women and particularly black women, suffer tremendous injustice in this world. While black women have the lowest rates of breast cancer, more black women die from breast cancer than any of the group. Recent racial discussion has focused on black men; the discussions have ignored black women. We have ignored the fact that while black boys get in trouble in school more than any other group, black girls are suspended from school twice as often as boys are.

Black women have to suffer not only racism, but they have to deal with sexism as well. My daughter has helped me to realize that it is a father's job to protect all of his children, not just his sons. I have two strong, strapping boys who I let get away with things that I would never even consider letting my daughter think about. But my boys remind me that she also has advantages and gets away with things that I definitely have said no to them about.



The one thing that I do know, that as a black man, all children matter. The church needs to concentrate on young people, males and females. Those in the church need to help them see a greater future. We need to truly emphasize the need for men to be in their daughter's lives. Daughters need for dads to say how much they love their children, particularly their daughters.

I hug my daughter every single day and she knows unequivocally that if I needed to, I would try and move a mountain for her. When she was in 3rd grade she hated the teacher and she turned to her classmates and said, "Do not worry. I will tell my dad and he will fix it."

The teacher, thinking that my daughter was exaggerating her father's skills, invited me in to teach one of her classes and yes I blew the class away, because I am a qualified teacher. The teacher then changed her teaching style.

My daughter then turned to her classmates a few weeks later and said, "See I told you my dad would fix it." When my daughter was 3 years old, she looked at me one day and said, "Make me some crayons." I said, "I cannot make crayons." And she, with those big brown eyes, started to cry and scream with the biggest tears I had ever seen. And my heart sank into the bottom of my shoes and I said, "Ok, I was kidding, I'll make you crayons." I ran to the store, peeled off the paper surrounding the crayons, and I gave them to her. She looked up at me and said, "Dad, don't you ever play with me like that again."

As a father, as a man, I have come to realize that my daughter looks to me to make things better. Whether I am working or unemployed, whether I am around all the time or whether I am around occasionally, it is my job to love my children. March is Women's History month, this month I vow to talk more about Women's History with all three of my children.

Willie Cobb is Theology teacher and Campus Minister at Notre Dame College Prep High School and a regular contributor to The Drum.

CONNIE'S CORNER

Jesus was an activist

By Connie Reden

Many times we do not think of Jesus as being an activist. An activist is a person who fights for change and usually does not come from an elitist group of people. An activist is an ordinary person who has strong beliefs in a cause to improve life for many who cannot fight for themselves. Jesus was this kind of person. He was born in human form to redeem us from sin and temptation because of His love for us. In the following ways I see Jesus as the epitome of activism:

- He debated the Jewish rabbis.
- He fed those who were hungry.
- He stopped a woman from being stoned to death.
- He encouraged others to live their daily lives in love, with hearts and with actions that displayed love.
- He expressed compassion toward others, and encouraged his apostles to treat others with this same virtue.
- He showed disgust with the money changers and lenders who disrespected His Father's house.
- He told people that each one of us, as sons and daughters of God, could do great things because of love.

He performed miracles that changed individuals, changed those who saw the miracles, and those who heard His teachings.

Each one of these actions made Him an activist for change. Because of His efforts a great religious movement resulted, as well as, the concept of democracy that began to unfold. With His great sacrifice of death by crucifixion, people began to see their lives and actions as pathways to redemption and eternal life.

I have been an activist for many years though my works have not been as great as those of Jesus. Whenever I step into the battlefield I always ask God to guide me with a sense of righteous purpose and to give me the strength to complete my tasks. I care about people and their conditions and I could not be a Christian if I had no role model. He gave me Himself, courageous grandparents and a mother who had a tenacious spirit to help those without hope. Their mission became my vision and mission.



Connie Redden

In these modern days, people need love and we cannot make positive changes without love for our fellow man. I get tired as Jesus did in His human form. He wanted at times to avoid the massive crowds that surrounded Him. He needed to revitalize His Spirit. He talked over His mission with His Father. During the year we all need to revitalize our spirit and allow Jesus to guide our paths, not just for ourselves but for others. We cannot afford to sit in the background and let a small number do the work. We are the sons and daughters of a mighty God and we need to reach out to others. I hope my actions will be an example to pass the lamp to future activists. It irritates me to

hear people say, "I don't have time.", "I'm too tired." or even to say, "It won't make a difference what I do." No matter how small our contribution to change may be someone will benefit.

Jesus had time for us. He sees all we do for others as a tally in His book to determine our worthiness to live with Him in heaven. I hope my mission in life has been pleasing to Him. Again, I always say I have more years behind me than ahead of me. I want to wear the white robe of heaven, and wear the shoes to walk all over heaven. I want the wings to fly all over heaven. I am an imperfect person, but I have been able to do extraordinary things in the name of Jesus. He's my model and you should make Him yours. There is a bookmark page for us all in His tally book. We all want Him to say, "Well done, my child."

In the Name of the Father who loves us, the Son who lives within us, and the Holy Spirit who empowers us.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Constance "Connie" Reden is a member of Holy Name of Mary Parish in the Morgan Park Community. Her reflections on faith and life is a regular feature of The Drum.

We are mistaken. Our challenges have changed!

Trey Cobb

Black America has been lied to. The remnants of civil rights and the rhetoric of direct action have convinced us that our hope lies in social media campaigns and TV pundits. Anybody who believes the most significant struggle for equality takes place in the marketplace of ideas is mistaken. This century we must campaign in labor markets and commodity markets. Our political battles must be waged against opponents in an election, and our marches will be for a high quality education system, not just an integrated education system.

Let me be clear. I think that grand juries' recent inability to indict people who kill unarmed black men is a gross miscarriage of justice. I believe that black lives do matter, and those who would alter that narrative are often avoiding tough racial questions. Developments in American race relations are significant. The debates, protests, and tweets are impactful. But our primary challenge does not lie in these undertakings.

Black America's path to prosperity is paved with the stones of economic development and political empowerment.

More than a tenth of Black people in this country are unemployed, and more than a quarter are poor. The only way to lift our local economies is to start and support our own businesses.

More than 30 percent of Black students don't graduate from high school, and of those who do make it to college less than half graduate. Moreover, nearly 40 percent of inmates in the United States are black. We have to use the voting process and our right to run for office to hold elected officials accountable for the state of our education and prison systems.

We have been disorganized and reactionary since the end of last century's civil rights movement. We look back on the marches against segregation and voting inequities. We think that similar strategies will suffice to address the 21st century effects of racism.



We are mistaken.

Our challenges have changed.

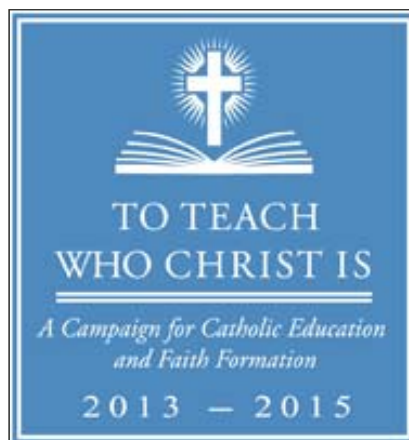
All the passionate protesting and rigorous debate we can manage won't solve these problems. The entire world can recognize and mourn the degradation of Black people and Black communities. We can convict every white person that kills an unarmed black person. Nothing will change.

Until Black America organizes to directly address the issues we face, the iron triangle of poverty, poor education, and mass incarceration will persist.

If it were easy it would've already been done for us.

I expect to someday live in a world where the wounds carved into this nation by slavery will have healed. My grandchildren may look back with confusion on our nation of strife and division. So long as we embrace new strategies to confront new challenges, no roadblock is too great to impede our journey from this nation to the one I envision.

Trey Cobb is a student at DePaul University and Ed Choice Illinois Youth Director. 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>



The 2015 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

Megan Patrice Graves

My Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters always say, “at the heart of ministry, is relationship.” Well, this is why I was very excited to attend this year’s Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington, D.C. as the theme was: “To Go Forth: Encountering Christ in the Heart of the World.” This gathering brought together hundreds of people and organizations from around the nation whom represent the beautiful and diverse Catholic family that we are a part of and who understand that our faith not only calls but demands that we advocate for peace and justice throughout the world. This would not have been possible for me, but I was blessed to be selected as one of the recipients from the Diversity Outreach Initiative Scholarships, which allows people from many different backgrounds to attend.

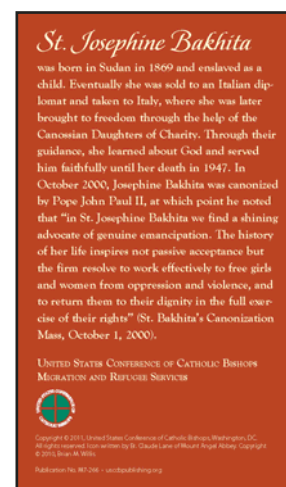
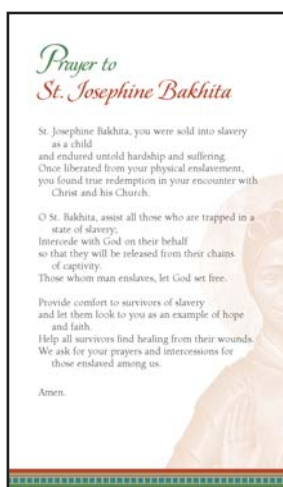
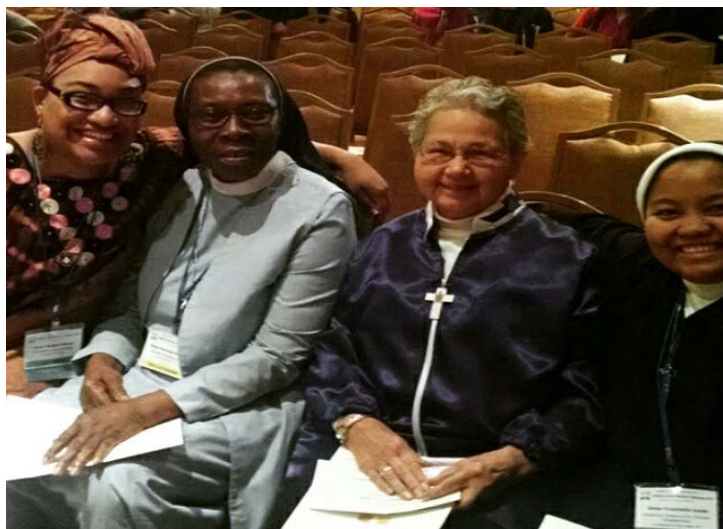
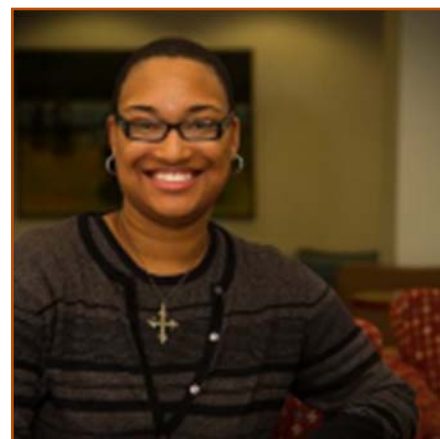
I was able to listen to incredible social justice activist discuss topic like human trafficking, immigration reform, racial justice and reconciliation, the need of eradicating global poverty and environmental sustainability, and so on. However, two things that I cherished the most from this conference were the personal connections that I made with individuals and our celebration of Liturgy! This gathering gave me the chance to connect with people from various Catholic organizations and I was able to engage in beautiful dialogues with small groups during various workshops. I was always so humbled to hear people talk about their ministries and how it is always about doing good works with the people. Also, our celebration of Liturgy was like nothing that I have ever seen. From dancing to bilingual singing, this was truly the work of the people.

What was also made the gathering all the better was our use of social media, as our official hashtag was #togoforth or #CSMG15, so for someone who loves Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, this gathering gave me a perfect excuse to always be on my phone!

So, to top off this amazing experience, on the last day we lobbied at Capitol Hill and met with people in the offices of our state representatives. For me, this was an exhilarating experience and many of the staffers that I

met were very kind to us and listened to our every word.

This was a transformative experience, as I was able to understand that no matter how grand or how small each of our ministries are, we are all called by God to go out into the world where the people out to encounter the Christ in them.





Organizing Catholics For Justice Congress

Walking Should to Shoulder into God's Dawn. Hosea 6:1-6

Since it's inception in the summer of 2013, Organizing Catholics for Justice (OCJ) has worked diligently to be the vehicle by which Chicago Catholics can come together in solidarity for a more peaceful and just city.

On March 14, 2015, join us at the OCJ Congress to organize the faithful of Chicago to pray together, to become energized for social justice work, and take action together as a faith community. The agenda will include action items on issues such as **Mass Incarceration, Economic Justice, Equitable Funding for Education, Fair Trade**, and more.

Register now to be a part of this celebration of the gospel's call to "*break the bonds of injustice and oppression which give rise to glaring, and indeed scandalous, social inequalities.*" (Pope Francis)

When: March 14, 2015

Time: 10:30 am- 12:30 pm

Location: Holy Angels Catholic Church, 615 E. Oakwood Blvd, Chicago, IL

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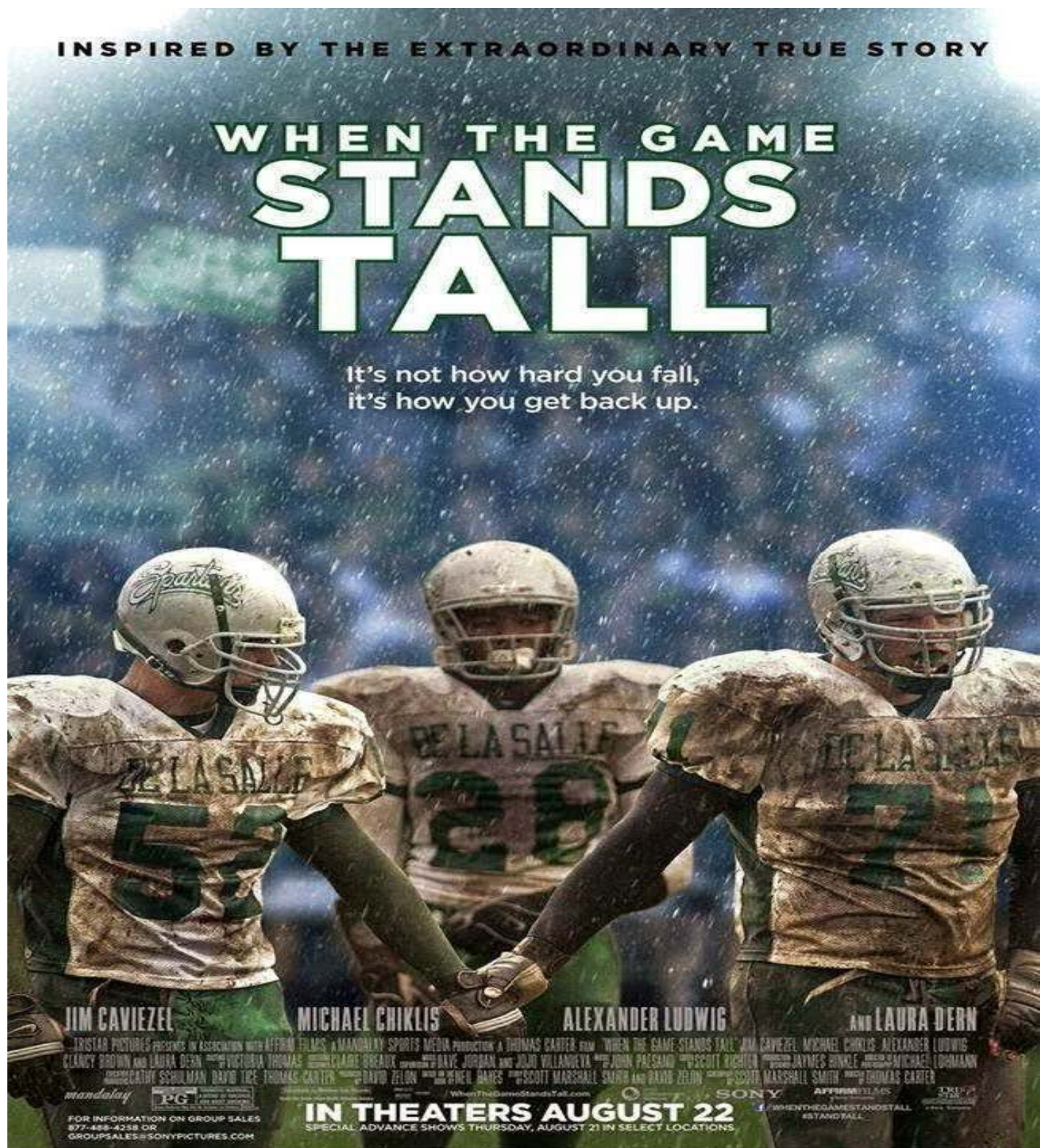
Register by March 3rd: www.fathersforthefuture.org/program-registration



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10 a.m. – 7 p.m., 2nd floor |
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5:30 p.m., room 504 |
| March 3 | Tolton Cinema
4 p.m., room 504 |
| March 4 | Tolton Lecture
4 p.m., room 210 B/C |
| March 4 | Art Gallery Opening, 6 p.m. |
| March 7 | Harambee! |





TOLTON LECTURE:

African American Biblical Perspectives

by James Chukwuma Okoye, CSSp

Hosted by the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program

James Chukwuma Okoye, CSSp
Director of the Center for Spiritan Studies
Duquesne University

The annual Tolton Lecture highlights theological scholarship within the Black Catholic community. Fr. Okoye's lecture will examine features and challenges associated with the recently released *African American Catholic Youth Bible*. He will then present other aspects of African American biblical perspectives, raising questions for further discussion and practical use.



March 4, 2015
4 p.m.

Reception to follow

Room 210 B/C
Catholic Theological Union
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5416 S. Cornell Ave., Chicago

Complimentary parking available

For more information, contact
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tolton@ctu.edu
773.371.5440

Fr. Okoye is Director of the Center for Spiritan Studies at Duquesne University and former Carroll Stuhlmuehler, CP, Professor of Old Testament Studies at CTU. He was the Provincial Superior of the Nigeria Province from 1981–86 and the General Assistant of the Congregation from 1986–92. He was also a member of the International Theological Commission from 1986–91 and Peritus in the Synod of Bishops for the preparation of the Synod of Bishops for Africa from 1992–94. The main focus of his research has been the interplay of the Word of God and culture in Bible, tradition, and life. He is the general editor of the *African American Catholic Youth Bible*.





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The paintings of Floyd Atkins, Barb Matz, and Desmond McFarlane

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Images (left to right): "Proud Mary" by Floyd Atkins, 12x12 inches
 "Women of Color" (detail) by Desmond McFarlane, 24x48 inches
 "Conversation" by Barb Matz, 24x36 inches



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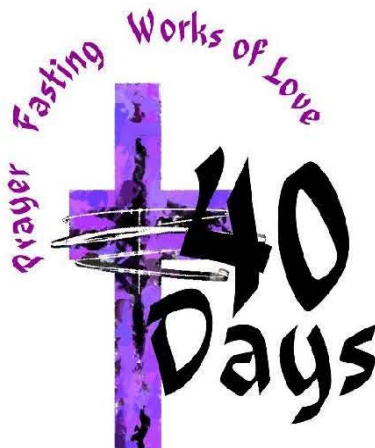
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Wednesday, February 25, 2015, 6:30 PM

❖ **DR. KIMBERLY LYMORE, M.DIV., D.MIN.**, Associate Minister, St. Sabina Parish

Wednesday, March 4, 2015, VESPERS, 6:30 PM

❖ **FR. BRIAN GUADALUPE WALKER, OP**,
 Pastor of St Benedict the African West Parish

Saturday, March 7, 2015 PARISH LENTEN RETREAT, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

❖ **SR. JAMIE T. PHELPS, OP, PhD**, Adjunct Faculty, Xavier University of Louisiana's
 Institute for Black Catholic Studies, New Orleans, LA.

Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 6:30 PM

❖ **MS. JULIE WELLBORN, M.DIV.**, Archdiocese of Chicago, Office of Catholic Education

Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 6:30 PM

❖ **MS. CHRISTINE RILEY, M.DIV.**, Director of Religious Education and RCIA Catechist,
 Member of Parish Council at St. Martin De Porres Parish

Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 6:30 PM

❖ **DR. C. VANESSA WHITE, D.MIN.**, Director of the Augustus Tolton Program, Catholic
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The Stations of the Cross began as the practice of pious pilgrims to Jerusalem who would retrace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary. Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church.

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| • Friday, March 13, 2015, | 12 Noon |
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*<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/stations-of-the-cross/>

Addenda: THE ROSARY Similarly, the 150 Hail Marys that were recited for the rosary were an adaptation of the medieval monastic practice of reciting the 150 psalms in the Psalter. Lent is a good time to enhance or reclaim the practice of daily rosary and its meditation on the life of Jesus.

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Guest Speaker: 6:00 p.m.

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Bring the whole family and invite a guest.



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The Racial Divide in the United States

All women are invited to join a time of prayer and reflection on how to live a life rededicated to the work of peace and reconciliation among our citizens of different races; ethnic origins; and social, cultural, educational, economic, and religious backgrounds.

Monday, February 23	Prologue: This is an invitation to imagine the country and the Church from a different perspective.
Monday, March 2	A New Awareness of the Racial Divide and a Call to Christian Dialogue
Monday, March 9	NO SESSION
Monday, March 16	Trayvon Martin, Oscar Grant, John Crawford III, Michael Brown, Jr., Eric Garner, and Tamir Rice
Monday, March 23	What We Have Seen and Heard
Monday, March 30	Are There Really "Minority" Americans and "Minority" Catholics?
Monday, April 6	Conclusion: Pray, Listen, Learn, Think and Act

Pastoral Associate Shelby Boblick will lead the reflections. Meetings will take place in the Rectory of St. Catherine - St. Lucy Catholic Church, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL.

Join us as and when your schedule permits. Drop-ins are encouraged! Bring your female friends, visitors, or relatives. All are welcome: once, occasionally, or regularly.

We'll offer 3 sessions each Monday: one at 9 a.m., a 2nd at 1 p.m. and a 3rd at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Please join us at the time that suits you and your life. No need to come at the same time each Monday. Sessions last no longer than 90 minutes.

Questions? Call Shelby Boblick (630-240-2765) or St. Catherine-St. Lucy (708-386-8077).

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2015 Scheduled Events

Thursday, October 8, 2015

10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
3:45 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.
9:30 p.m.

Registration (at the Hilton Hotel)
Historical Field Trip (leaving from the Hilton)
Registration (at Our Lady Queen of Peace)
Dinner (on your own)
Depart hotel for Our Lady Queen of Peace
Men Rally & Gospel Celebration at Our Lady Queen of Peace
Return to Hilton Hotel

Friday, October 9, 2015

7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
7:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m.
12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m.
9:30 p.m.

Registration
Breakfast (on your own)
Praise and Worship
Keynote
Health Fair
Break
Workshops
Lunch (on your own)
Workshops
Dinner (on your own)
Reconciliation followed by the "Spiritual Cafe"
Eucharistic Adoration
Men Fellowship

Saturday, October 10, 2015

7:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
7:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m.
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2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.

Registration
Breakfast (on your own)
Morning Mass
Praise and Worship
Keynote
Break
Workshops
Lunch (provided)
Harambee Town Hall
Power Break
Depart for Immaculate Heart of Mary
Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary
Reception
Return to Hilton Hotel

Sunday, October 11, 2015

7:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

Breakfast (on your own)
Healing & Commissioning Service

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"Iron is Sharpened by Iron; One Person Sharpens Another" Proverb 27:17



2015 National Black Catholic Men's Conference October 8-11, 2015

Registration Form

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Address _____

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Email Address _____

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(College) _____ Young Adult (age 18-35) _____

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Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy, a new Catholic school located in the Park Manor community on the southside of Chicago, is an innovative and forward thinking learning community. Streaming the traditions of St. Columbanus and St. Dorothy Schools into one, the Tolton Academy will create bright futures for our children. The Tolton Academy is a merger of the historic St. Columbanus and St. Dorothy Schools. The merger of the two historic schools is the result of a pastor led initiative to respond to the low enrollments of both schools and the Archdiocese of Chicago's requirement to be more fiscally responsible. Both schools hold students to high academic standards, and the academic excellence of St. Columbanus and St. Dorothy Schools will be a foundation for the Tolton Academy.

The Tolton Academy is the first elementary school in the Archdiocese of Chicago to implement a STREAM curriculum. A focus on Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math sets us apart as an academically strong and spiritually rooted learning community. Today, the Tolton Academy is forming an innovative curriculum that will merge these disciplines into a comprehensive program. The STREAM curriculum will allow our school to be religiously, educationally, and technologically advanced. The Tolton Academy will maintain and further the high academic standards for which our students are accustomed to, while recognizing the needs of individual learners. The life and legacy of Fr. Augustus Tolton teaches our students that God has a purpose for them, and the Tolton Academy will help foster this realization.

The Tolton Academy is primarily an African American school whose students come from across the city of Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. The Tolton Academy encourages academic achievement while instilling religious and moral values to promote the development of the entire person.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
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Desired Qualities and Duties of Principal

In addition to the job description set forth by the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy's principal will:

Catholic Identity

- Serve as the faith leader, ministering to the community the gift of education modeling the values of Fr. Augustus Tolton
- Promote and facilitate an environment which fosters the Catholic identity of the school
- Encourage and educate students, school families, and faculty members to celebrate liturgies, including Sunday Family Mass, and seasons/feasts of the liturgical year
- Promote Parent/Guardian partnerships in advancing the mission of the school and the ministry of Catholic education

Curriculum Development

- Stream and enhance our existing academic excellence with innovations across our curriculum while recognizing the needs of individual learners
- Create a strategic plan to implement STREAM curriculum
- Implement the vision for the school and develop and communicate 1,3,5, and 10 year educational plans
- Follow latest trends and policies in education, including the Common Core Standards and new ways of conducting teacher evaluations and standardized testing
- Establish a vision for integrating technology into the school

School Viability

- Inspire and unify all involved in the school
- Implement and manage an aggressive admissions process as well as a retention plan to secure enrolled students
- Assist in the budgeting and planning for academic and enrichment programs
- Seek and foster relationships with donors, benefactors, organizations, and businesses to support the viability of the school
- Cultivate relationships with area private and public high schools in order to provide options for our students to continue their education
- Demonstrate financial responsibility in the operation of the school
- Encourage faculty to research opportunities to support funding for designated programs to promote and enhance the STREAM curriculum

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Communication

- Communicate effectively and efficiently with faculty, staff, parents, and the St. Columbanus and St. Dorothy parish communities
- Design and implement communication strategies to ensure all interested parties are informed about the school
- Represent the school with the Office of Catholic Schools and attend meetings that relate to the role of Principal
- Meet regularly with the faculty and staff
- Establish and manage an evaluation process with faculty and staff
- Facilitate parental concerns and communicates with parents regarding internal school issues
- Mediate conversations between teachers and parents to address issues, as necessary
- Assist with development of marketing materials

General Administration & Accountability

- Lead the administration team consisting of: Director of Institutional Advancement and Dean of Students
- Think critically about new ideas from others and say "no" in a positive manner when appropriate
- Develop appropriate handbooks for school families and school staff
- Create teacher teams and shared leadership to delegate responsibilities
- Promote cultural sensitivity among teachers and students through instruction and interactions
- Provide mentorship for new teachers as necessary
- Build and sustain professional, working relationships with all members of the school community and involve them in the decision-making process of the school where appropriate
- Maintain accurate local files and records for both students and employees
- Be informed of appropriate child development milestones to ensure child social, emotional behaviors are appropriate according to stages of development
- Ensure discipline in the classroom is immediate and appropriate

Personnel

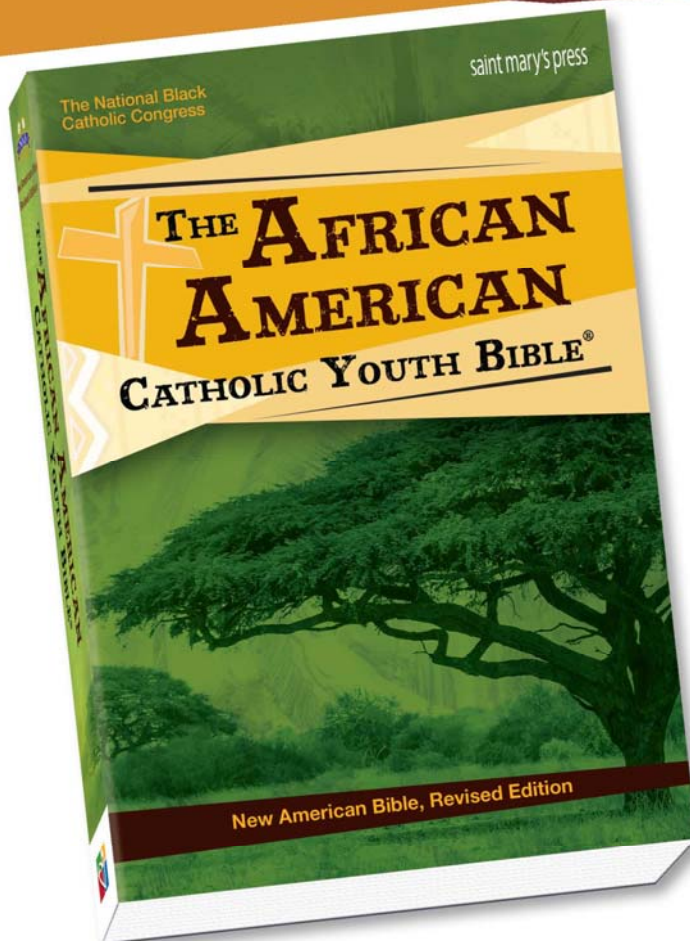
- Define roles, objectives, and goals for all faculty and delegate responsibilities while recognizing the needs of individual learners
- Manage and address conflict in a positive, consistent, and constructive manner
- Take risks by trying new initiatives, evaluating their effectiveness, and changing course as necessary
- Avail to the faculty and staff by remaining visible throughout the school and be accessible to support their needs
- Seek new opportunities for professional development for faculty and staff

Requirements

- Practicing Catholic
- Licensure in Administration
- Master's Degree
- Minimum 3 years professional experience in Catholic education
- Complete pre-employment file through AppliTrack (www.applitrack.com/archchicago/onlineapp/)

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"Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"
Matthew 27:32

In the providence of God, Simon, an African from Cyrene, a town in present Libya (North Africa), helped Jesus to carry his cross. The condemned person had to carry the cross to the place of crucifixion. Jesus, having much, was so weak the soldiers feared to carry the cross. They compelled Simon to bear his cross. Thus, Simon bore the cross willingly that Simon received thereby the graces of the cross. For Mark mentions a Simon of Alexander and Rufus" (Mark 15:21), perhaps well known to Mark's readers as a man of African descent, who shared in Simon's service and in some sense "in

Crosses borne with grace and endurance for the sake of Christ bear abundant fruit. We are reminded of the African American experience.

a look inside

TAKE IT TO GOD

"Make Disciples of All Nations"
Matthew 28:16-20

Dear Jesus, you told us, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." We should be faithful disciples drawing others to you and making the world around us subject to you. All social structures should conform to your will. You call us to witness to your marvelous goodness and to reach out to those who do not yet know you. You desire us to be your face of love and forgiveness in the world around us.

Loving Jesus, make me more sensitive to the needs that are around me. As I go about my business, open me to opportunities to share your love with the people I meet. Give me the boldness to speak up for you, the courage to work to transform whatever is evil and unworthy of you. Kind Lord, make people's hearts receptive to the Good News. Amen.



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Seton Academy Announces new Athletic Director

Seton Academy continues its proud tradition of athletic performance under the direction of our new Athletic Director for 2015, Mr. Scott Pallay. Mr. Pallay, a resident of South Holland since 1968, was in the first class of the South Holland grade school students to actually attend and graduate elementary school from Coolidge in 1969. As a member of the first graduating class from Thornwood High School, class of 1973, he was the very first Varsity Captain of Thornwood's Basketball team scoring the first Varsity basket in the current Thornwood Fieldhouse.

Scott didn't just work on the court but he also was the first Sports Editor of both Thornwood's school newspaper and yearbook only to go onto Graduating from Bradley University in Peoria, IL with a B.S. in Physical Education.

Having worked in the insurance business for over 36 years his life-long goal came to be as he stepped up to the position of Athletic Director at Seton Academy. Mr. Pallay is not new to Seton as he has been the girls' softball and volleyball since 2013. He is a certified coach by the Illinois High School Association via the American Sport Education Program in 2013 and proudly is married, with two children ages 20 and 18.

His goal as Athletic Director is to oversee and continue the fine tradition of athletic performance that Seton has demonstrated over the years, with a special emphasis to ensure Girls Sports are given ALL the same opportunities as the Boys Sports offered at the school.



The Leo Lions captured the championship of their own IHSA Class 2-A Regional on Friday night, defeating Harper 69-41 in the title game. **Darius Oliver** scored 14 of his game-high 22 points in the second half, and **Darius Branch** hit three 3-pointers during an 11-point first quarter that staked the Lions to a 23-6 lead. Branch finished with 20 points, and **Kewan Smith** scored 16.



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Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Every Friday during Lent, join us for an inspirational talk beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Glass House.

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February 27th: *Julie Welborn, M. Div.*

March 6th: *Dr. Kimberly Lymore*

March 13th: *dr. timone davis*

March 20th: *Christine Riley, M.Div.*

March 27th: *Adam DeLeon, S.J.*

Soup and substance will be served.

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March 11**

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What is LIFT?

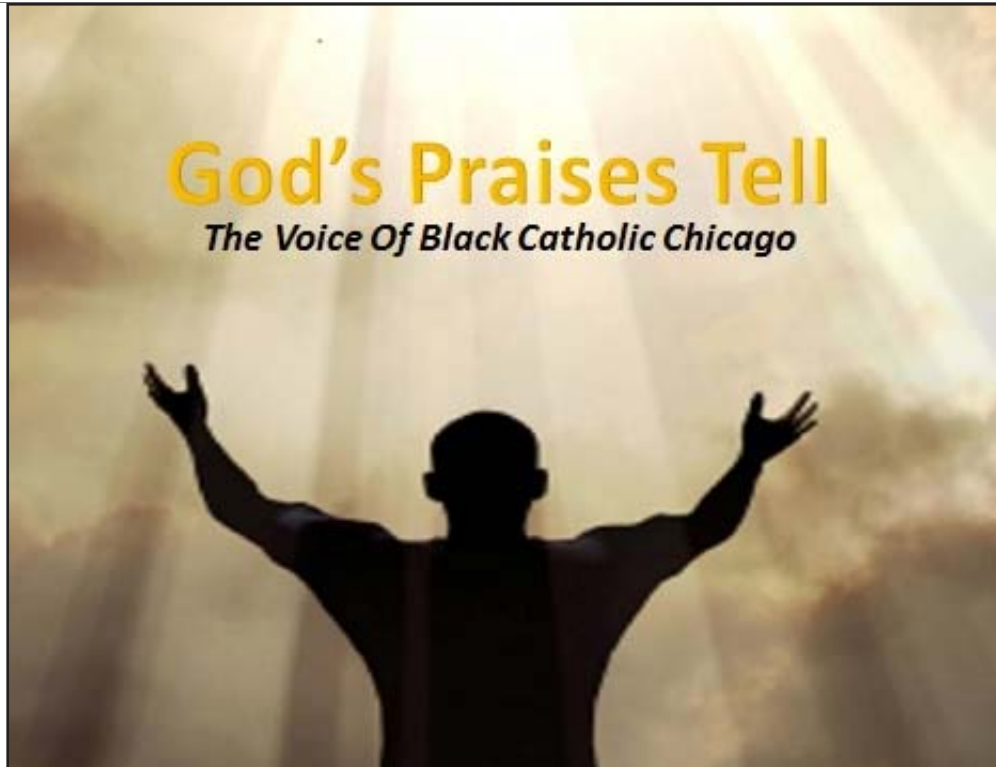
LIFT's mission is to help community members achieve economic stability and well-being. LIFT recruits and trains a diverse corps of advocates (volunteers) who make a rigorous and sustained commitment to service. This volunteer corps operates a national network of service centers, where advocates work **side by side** with low-income individuals and their families to find employment, secure safe and stable housing, as well as make ends meet through public benefits and tax credits. LIFT has offices in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, DC, which have all together served more than 40,000 members in its 14-year history.

Reasons to LIFT

- Getting involved in your community and truly helping others achieve their potential
- Better understanding of city systems including housing, public benefits and DHS
- One-on-one direct service with members
- Skills for your resume that transfer to ANY job, ANY major
- Networking with other major non-profits in Chicago
- Building life-long friendships with other advocates and interns from all Universities/walks of life in Chicago!

Qualifications and Expectations:

- Strong communication skills with ability to convey ideas in written and spoken English
- Commitment to LIFT's mission and vision
- Fluency in other languages not required but a plus
- Organized, punctual and responsible
- Dedicated to fighting in poverty in the US and Chicago and desire to serve
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