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# The Drum

THE BEAT OF BLACK CATHOLIC CHICAGO

May 2013

## Paschal Mystery revealed in the brokenness of marriage

Andrew & Terri Lyke

**T**alk to anyone married for ten or more years and they'll agree, if they're honest, that things are not quite the same as they had envisioned them to be when the marriage began. Some unanticipated goodness is realized while other dreams are deferred, if not lost. It seems that for every hurdle a couple successfully clears, there is a stumbling block, a detour—something that goes awry, something that *dies* in them.

With every dream deferred, for every sacrifice of self for the other, there is a sense of dying. Many couples never get beyond that dying experience. They mourn their losses so much that separation is the only remedy that makes any sense.

Kathleen Hughes, in her book, *Saying Amen: A Mystagogy of Sacrament*, says, "Every loving is a dying—a dying to my own time, comfort, convenience, wants, needs, concerns, interest. [It] is a dying to self-interest and self-aggrandizement in an act of generosity and self-giving . . . and it all happens not just when one or the other feels like it but daily, and for all the days of ordinary time as well as in the high holy seasons of a marriage."

A wife who attended a marriage retreat with her husband phrased it this way:

"Sometimes it seems like we have a one-eyed, three-legged dog of a marriage. But we're still making it day by day."

To talk about dying in the same breath as loving calls for conversion—conversion from what is of us to what is of God. Most couples can't fathom this at their weddings. When they make their promises to each other, to the community and to God, they can't know what they are committing themselves to. The notion of dying to anything is so remote from their immediate sense of hope, and their outpouring of love for each other has no casualties in the springtime of their marriage.

Yet even in the vows they speak on their wedding day, there is a foretelling of the rhythm of dying and rising—in good times and bad, in sickness and in health, for better and for worse—that will be intrinsic to their life together.

Marriage that is lived as sacrament has that Paschal Mystery character. We die to self so that our new self—the marriage—may have life. And the relationship that is fashioned by this is by far a more precious work of art than the buried, limited vision from which it began.



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Sacramental marriages may not all have, at first glance, that visible glow that is evident at weddings. No marriage is perfect. Some may appear less perfect than others from outward appearances. But before we rush to judgment, we must look deeper to discover the covenant that holds them together. Revealed beneath the surface is the couple's story that parallels the Paschal Mystery—of dying and rising. From their story we experience their covenantal love that is of God—SACRAMENT! Though it may look like a one-eyed, three-legged dog of a marriage, it may be the face of God.

*Andrew & Terri Lyke have been Catholic marriage ministers since 1981. Married for nearly 38 years, they present retreats, seminars, and workshops around the country. Their focus is the strengthening of Black families through healthy and stronger bonds between men and women. They are co-founders of Arusi Network, Inc., a not-for-profit that funds their work. Donate at [www.arusi.org](http://www.arusi.org).*

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## Ministerial Census in the African American Community

Bishop Joseph N. Perry



**Y**ou might find interesting the situation of minister and religious numbers serving black Catholics here in the Archdiocese of Chicago. As reports would indicate, Chicago is the third largest Archdiocese in the nation, Los Angeles being the largest followed by New York. We have 2.3 million Catholics in Chicago and environs, 66,000 are African American Catholics or 3%. Of 358 parishes, 37 have significant African American Catholic membership. There are 791 priests, two hundred and fifty of whom are retired, and 6 auxiliary bishops assisting Cardinal Francis George. An additional 4 bishops are retired. We have 4 African American priests for the Archdiocese; 1 African American seminarian studying for the priesthood; 8 African American priest members of religious orders four of whom are pastors; 13 African priests serving as pastors eight of whom are ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago and three who are members of religious orders; 16 African priests serving as associate pastors nine of whom are ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago and four members of religious orders. 10 priests from dioceses in Africa assisting our parishes with sacramental ministry while they are students here in the various colleges and universities. There are 22 African American Deacons serving in the Archdiocese; an additional 5 who are retired. We have 5 African religious communities of Sisters serving in Chicago.

These stats change from year to year due to transfers and retirements and change of assignment.

Chicago is also the home of our brother and former slave from the state of Missouri, Father Augustus Tolton, who pastored the former St. Monica Church at 36<sup>th</sup> & Dearborn streets until his untimely death of heat-stroke July 9, 1897 at the age of 43. Refused acceptance in seminaries in this country, the Franciscan Fathers (OFM) of the Sacred Heart Province arranged for him to do his studies at the Propaganda Fide seminary in Rome. His possible cause for sainthood can be followed at [www.toltoncanonization.org](http://www.toltoncanonization.org).

While we look at this profile of African American and African religious service in our local Church, we proudly count the 17 priests of European descent who serve the black community, a number of whom have spent their entire, if not the majority of their, priestly lives in our community. To them go our profound thanks.

Lastly, we are conscious of our serious obligation to raise up young men and women of African descent, prodding them along to consider vowed service to the Church with their lives as priests and religious.

*St. Sabina's Deacon Leonard Richardson celebrates 25 years as a deacon. He was joined by parishioners, family, friends, his brother deacons and their wives at St. Sabina on April 28th.*



**West Side Catholic Parishes  
Evangelization Revival  
May 19–22, 2013  
Rev. Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R.  
**Faith on Fire**  
*This church is on fire*  
**2 Timothy 1:6****



**MAY 19**

ST. AGATHA  
773-522-3050  
3047 WEST DOUGLAS  
10:30AM MASS

**MAY 20**

ST. MALACHY • PRECIOUS BLOOD  
312-733-1068  
2248 WEST WASHINGTON  
6PM DINNER & 7PM PRAYER

**MAY 21**

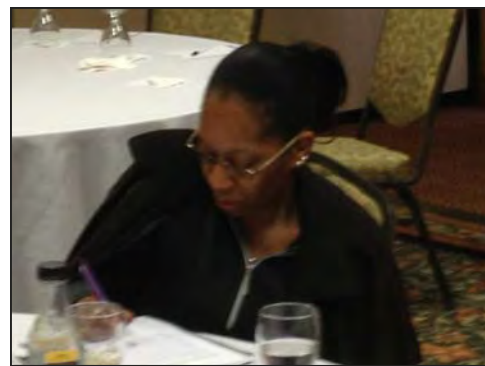
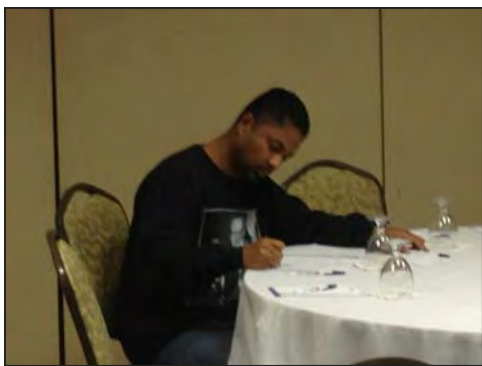
OUR LADY OF SORROWS BASILICA  
311 WEST JACKSON  
773-638-0159  
6PM DINNER & 7PM PRAYER

**MAY 22**

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES  
512 WEST WASHINGTON  
773-287-0206  
6PM DINNER & 7PM PRAYER

ALL OF OUR CHRISTIAN SISTERS AND BROTHERS SEEKING  
A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST ARE WELCOME.





Couples from St. Malachy+Precious Blood, Holy Name of Mary, and St. Sabina attended the April 26-27 *Marriage On A Lampstand* retreat at the Hilton Gardens Inn in Tinley Park. The focus of the retreat was strengthening marriage among African Americans by emphasizing the public dimension and the sacramental nature of marriage.

Participants engaged in processes and presentations to build PEPP in their relationships: Primacy, Empowerment, Protection, and Prayer. They also addressed the current status of African-American family life that has the lowest marriage rate and the highest divorce rate. Each couple prepared action plans to direct them toward a stronger union for sake of the community.

Presented by Andrew & Terri Lyke, this program was underwritten through grants from the Office for Black Catholics, the Zaranti Foundation, Arusi Network, Inc., and the Paluch Family Foundation.



**PRAY IT  
FORWARD  
YOUTH PRAYER  
SERVICE  
MAY 15, 2013**

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**63<sup>RD</sup> STREET BEACH - CHICAGO**

# The Deacon Speakin'

## A Call to Action – Our Silence is Killing

*Deacon LeRoy T. Gill, Jr.  
Chairman  
Black Catholic Deacons of  
Chicago*



According to the Centers for Disease Control, homicide is the number one cause of death for African Americans and the second leading cause of death among Hispanics between the ages of 10 and 24 years old. This country has one of the highest rates of interpersonal violence of any industrialized country, and violence is the major cause of nonfatal injuries among youth. These facts should disturb our souls and cause us to act in bold unprecedented ways.

The problem of violence involving youth is devastating and complex. Individual and social influences contribute to an individual's susceptibility to use violence. Our media images often glorify interpersonal violence - image after image reflecting the violence in society and in some cases may exploit or contribute to it. Our children are exposed to images of violent acts daily and we passively promote violence by not acting.

It affects us all – even youth who are not direct victims of violence are victims to the chronic presence of violence via the media, in their homes, and in some neighborhoods, it is a part of daily life.

In light of the above facts, and the increase in violence facing our communities here in Chicago, we are compelled to face this issue head on, seek solutions, and take action to reverse the trend. Just as we have a responsibility for saving a child in the womb, we too have the responsibility to respect and protect life from birth through “natural” death.

Our goal and hope is to see some of the following topics addressed in our Churches. Unemployment and job skills training; the power of restorative justice and the blending of the borders to help create safe places in the community; the positive impact of parenting programs; the need for after-school programs; greater community awareness and involvement; basic human services; gun control; funding, etc. All of the programs and strategies aim to prevent youth violence and related risk factors.

We are asking everyone to share in the responsibility to address and reverse this trend of violence. Violence is a learned behavior that is not uncontrollable or inevitable. It is within our power to change.

Every faith based community (Protestant, Catholic, Islamic, Jewish...) could offer after school or out of school programs in their community at least one day a week. If we want our youth to stay off the streets, we must provide a place for them to go. Youth need a safe place to gather after school that provides extracurricular activities, tutoring, mentoring, workshops, cooking classes and various other activities that are engaging. Collaborate with neighborhood organizations to establish and provide activities. If every church, mosque, synagogue, and temple, in every community, provides a program one day a week, our youth

would have a safe place to gather every day. That is why our institutions of faith exist – to ensure that the people of God are served.

Schools have a unique opportunity to engage families and are a practical venue for violence prevention initiatives that teach conflict resolution and interpersonal development and decision-making skills and techniques. Our Catholic Schools are the institutions committed to creating and strengthening healthy morals encouraging the skills for living out nonviolent solutions to social conflict.

Parents are to understand that our youth are more likely to behave violently if they witness violence at home. Our youth have learned attitudes accepting aggressive behavior as normal and as an appropriate way to solve their problems. The more they are exposed to violence in their homes, in the media and in their neighborhoods, the greater their risk for aggressive, violent acts. We are asking parents to learn how to resolve their differences non-violently. This includes non-violent language. We are the example they will follow. We are asking parents to become proactive – seek to improve communication skills and relationship building techniques. Limit the amount and types of media programming children are viewing. Decide what your household can do as a family to improve your neighborhood.

We are asking the entire Church community to seek out and participate in the various events and initiatives to reduce the trend.

Social and economic imbalances are rooted in the systemic causes of violence. Hatred of another economic class, race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, continues to incite crimes of hate. Our politics reflects and delivers speech that feeds the anger of opposing political parties. Fears of those we do not know and understand appear as threats to our security within our countries boundaries and beyond. We are engaged in a war on terror outside our borders. BUT Moreover, we face another great war on our own homeland, the war against youth violence.

**We are calling ALL to Action – Our Silence is Killing**



**The  
Robin Watson Combo**

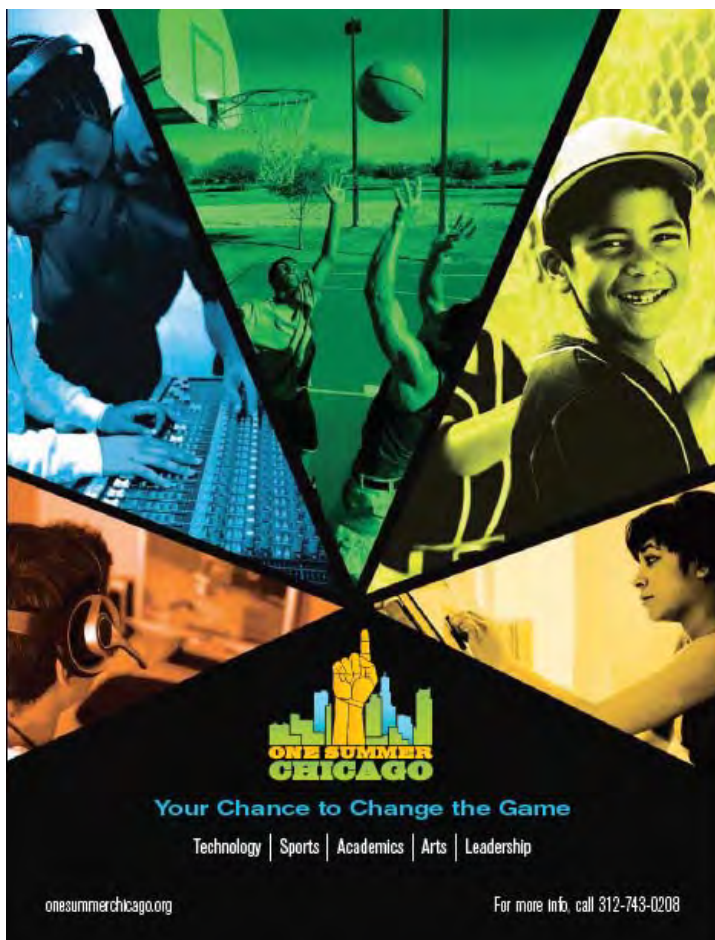
Dave Turner, piano  
George Aparo, drums  
Rolfe Hokanson, bass

**3160 Cabaret**  
May 9 & 23  
9:00—12:00  
3160 N. Clark  
Chicago, Illinois

**John & Tony's**  
May 11  
7:30—11:30  
27W371 North Ave.  
West Chicago, Illinois



## DID YOU KNOW...



...that on May 1, 1950 Gwendolyn Brooks became the first African American to win a Pulitzer Prize for "Annie Allen"?



...that on May 2, 1968 the Poor People's March to Washington began?



...that on May 2, 1920 the first baseball game of the Negro League was played in Indiana?



...that on May 3, 1978 Ernest "Dutch" Morial was elected New Orleans' first Black mayor?

### Sing For Joy!

*Alleluia, Alleluia!  
For the Lord God Almighty Reigns!*



#### Concert

Celebrating the Easter Season  
Selections from the St. Ambrose Choirs  
from 10:30 AM Mass and 1:00 PM Mass

Special Guests  
Los Tres Padres

Sunday, May 5, 2013  
4:00 PM

St. Ambrose Catholic Church  
1000 East 47<sup>th</sup> Street  
Chicago, IL  
773-624-3695

Free Will Offering



... that on May 4, 1961 the Freedom Rides began in protest to segregated bus terminals in the South?



... that on May 5, 1988 Eugene A. Marino, SSJ became the first Black archbishop in the U.S. as archbishop of Atlanta.



# REVIVAL RALLY for PEACE

An Alpha and an Omega  
call on  
"The Alpha and The Omega" for Peace

**June 8th, 2013**  
**Holy Angels Catholic Church**  
615 E. Oakwood Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60653



**Rev. Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.B.**  
Redemptorist Missionary  
1633 N. Cleveland Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60614



**Rev. Andrew C. Smith Jr.**  
Holy Angels Catholic Church  
615 E. Oakwood Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60653

**REVIVAL FOR PEACE 9AM - 12PM**

**WALK FOR PEACE 12PM - 1PM**

**RALLY FOR PEACE 1PM - 5PM**

**Holy Angels Catholic Church**  
615 E. Oakwood Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60653

**Music Performed By**  
The Holy Angels Eucharistic Ensemble  
Tyrone Pittman, Director


## 2013 National Black Catholic Men's Conference



**"Un-Stoppable"**

**October 24-27, 2013**

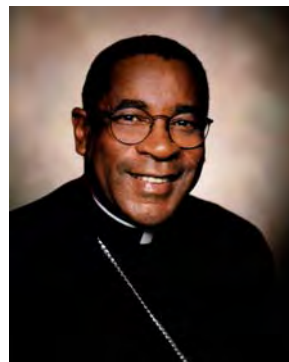
Wyndham Garden  
Woodward Conference Center  
3401 South IH-35  
Austin, Texas 78741  
Phone: 1-800-WYNDHAM  
or 512-448-2444



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[www.bowmanfrancisministry.com](http://www.bowmanfrancisministry.com)  
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High School & College  
Students: \$75.00  
Youth Ages 8-13: \$60.00

Mail registration payment to:  
Bowman Francis Ministry  
Project  
Chester P. Smith, SVD  
815 East 58th Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

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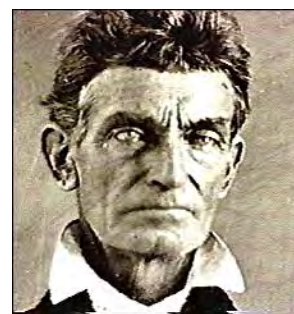
...that on May 5, 1993  
J. Terry Steib, SVD was  
installed Catholic Bishop of  
Memphis?



...that on May 6, 1962 St.  
Martin de Porres was  
canonized a Saint in Rome?



...that on May 6, 1960  
President Dwight D.  
Eisenhower signed the Civil  
Rights Act?



...that on May 9, 1800  
abolitionist John Brown was  
born



...that on May 10, 1994  
Nelson Mandela was  
inaugurated president of  
South Africa

...that on May 12, 1871  
segregated street cars were  
integrated in Louisville, KY,  
following a sit-in staged by a  
Black teenager



...that on May 13 1914  
heavyweight champion Joe  
Louis was born?

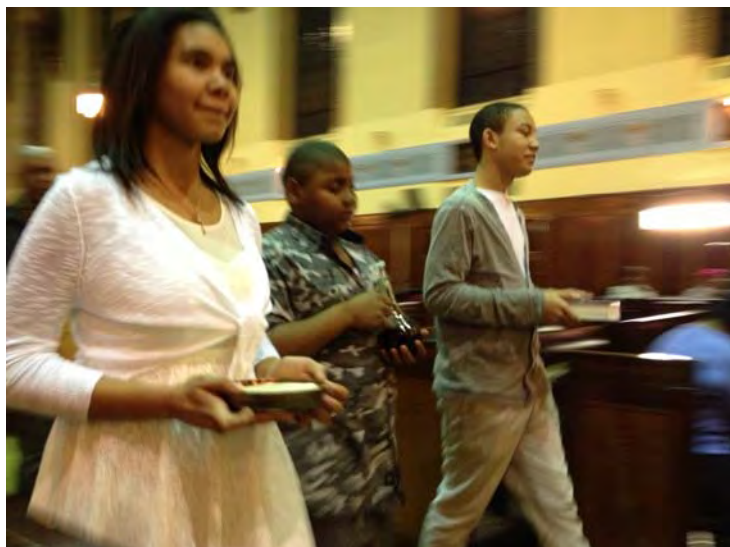


...that on May 13, 1950  
singer, composer Steveland  
Morris (Stevie Wonder) was  
born?

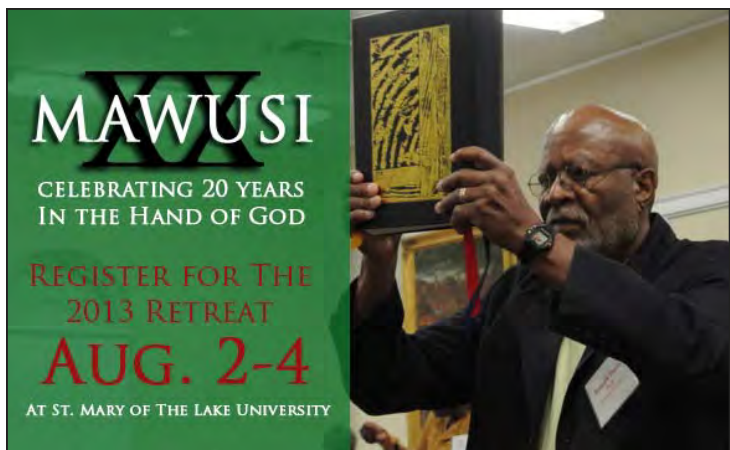




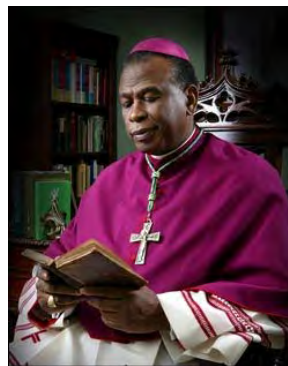
The Haitian Catholic Mission Banquet was resplendent with good food, good music, and good dancing. The April 6 event was held at the Crystal Light Banquet Hall in Burbank.



First Communicants bring up the gifts at the Easter Vigil Mass at St. Kilian's.



## DID YOU KNOW...



...that on May 17, 1995 Chicagoan Edward K. Braxton was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis?



...that on May 17, 1954 the U.S. Supreme Court declares that segregation in schools is unconstitutional in the landmark case Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, KS?



...that on May 18, 1896 the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the "separate but equal" doctrine in Plessy vs. Ferguson?



...that on May 19, 1925 Malcolm Little, later to be known as Malcolm X, was born?



...that on May 21, 1987 the National Black Catholic Congress VI was convened in Washington DC? It was the first such gather since the late 19th Century.



...that on May 27, 1942 Dorie Miller was awarded the Navy Cross for heroism at Pearl Harbor?





25 years of priesthood was celebrated by twin brothers Chester and Charles Smith at St. Anselm Church on April 13th. Joined by other priests of the Divine Word Missionaries, Father Thomas Jackson, OP, and Father Anthony Bozeman, who came from New Orleans to give a most congratulatory homily. The only twin African Americans to be ordained Catholic priests, Fathers Smith return to their hometown for this milestone celebration. In attendance were a host of family and friends, including their mother and sister.



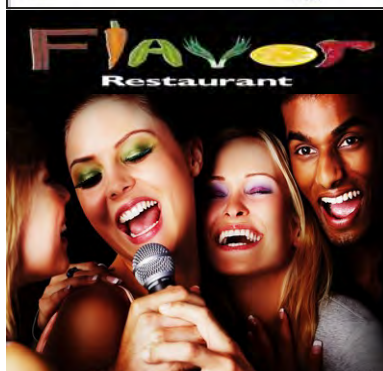
New pastor of St. Elizabeth Church, Father Antoine Leason, SVD, was installed by Bishop Joseph N. Perry on Sunday, April 14th. St. Elizabeth's is considered the "Mother Parish" of the Black Catholic community of Chicago, as it was merged with St. Monica's, the church built by Father Augustus Tolton.

 The image shows a Facebook page for the Office for Black Catholics, Archdiocese of Chicago. It features a profile picture with a red cross and a black silhouette of Chicago, and a cover photo of a group of people wearing blue headwraps. The page includes a Facebook 'f' logo, the office's name, a description, and a call to like the page and visit their website.
 

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Archdiocese of Chicago

Building the Beloved Community

Like us on Facebook  
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**Thursday Night Karaoke**  
7:00—11:00 PM

**Music by KJ-Drew**  
(AKA Andrew Lyke)

3315 Vollmer Road  
Flossmoor, Illinois

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# Tolton Events 2013

## Augustus Tolton Essay Contest "A Man for All People"

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



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

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

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

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

## CHICAGO PILGRIMAGE

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

**MAY 11, 2013**

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$50 per person  
Includes lunch, bus, and spiritual journeying in the steps of Fr. Tolton.

## QUINCY, IL & BRUSH CREEK MISSOURI PILGRIMAGE

Pray at the birthplace and burial site of Fr. Augustus Tolton. Journey in the footsteps of his family from slavery to freedom.

**SEPTEMBER 20—21, 2013**

Cost: TBA

## THE GALA

Fundraiser to support the canonization cause of  
Servant of God  
Fr. Augustus Tolton

**OCTOBER 27, 2013**

Union League Club of Chicago  
65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL  
Time/Cost: TBA





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**June 19—23, 2013**  
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 18451 Convention Center Drive  
 Tinley Park, IL 60477



Providing seminars and forums that invite parishioners to a better understanding and appreciation of the liturgy.

#### ABOUT THE LYKE CONFERENCE

The Lyke Conference is a Roman Catholic liturgical conference with a focus to enhance worship through enculturation and education in an environment that is richly African-American and authentically Catholic. The Conference Goals are:

- ♦ To provide a culturally rich atmosphere encompassing music, art, ritual and other activities and experiences that will inspire and enable participants to enrich worship services in their own parishes
- ♦ To provide participants with spiritual uplifting and unifying knowledge that can be shared with their parish communities and families
- ♦ To facilitate an ongoing dialogue involving the African-American community and the Catholic Church
- ♦ To grace the prayer life of God's people through the development of liturgical resources that are rooted in the Black experience and truly Catholic
- To teach, train, and form liturgical ministers
- To develop and inspire our youth spiritually and culturally to recognize and share their giftedness and to share their time and talent in fostering Christian values
- To promote and develop lay ministerial leadership as well as vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the African-American community
- To evangelize within the African-American community and other communities



"There is a splendid opportunity for the vast **richness** of African-American **culture** to be expressed in our liturgy. it is this **opportunity**, thanks to the norms established in the revised Roman **liturgy**, which enables our work of **evangelization** to be filled with such **promise** for the future."

—Archbishop James P. Lyke, OFM

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