



The Drum

THE BEAT OF BLACK CATHOLIC CHICAGO

November 2013

November is Black Catholic History Month

Not to be confused with Black History Month (also called Black Heritage Month), which is February, November is Black Catholic History Month. The 11th month of the calendar year was designated as such in 1990 at Fordham University in New York at the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus annual convention. The preponderance of dates in November with historical significance to Black Catholics was the major rationale for the designation. Those dates are:

- November 1, All Saints Day, an opportunity to review the lives of the hundreds of Saints of African descent in the first 300 years of the Church.
- November 2, All Souls Day, a time to remember all those African lost to cruel treatment in the Middle Passage crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.
- November 3, Feast of St. Martin de Porres, who became the first black American saint when canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 16, 1962. Throughout his life, St. Martin de Porres exemplified God's love for all people, regardless of their level in society.
- November 13, the birth of St. Augustine in 354 A.D., the first Doctor of the Church from North Africa.
- November 20, the death of Zumbi of Palmares in Brazil, South American founder of a free state for Blacks.

In celebration of Black Catholic History Month, we highlight a notable figure who was an anchor in the Black Catholic Movement of decades ago, the late Sr. Thea Bowman. The article below is from the website of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, Sr. Thea's religious order. (www.fspa.org) and republished here with permission.

Sister Thea's story

Born December 29, 1937, in Yazoo City, Miss., Thea was reared as a Methodist until at age nine when she asked her parents if she could become a Catholic. Gifted with a brilliant mind, beautiful voice and a



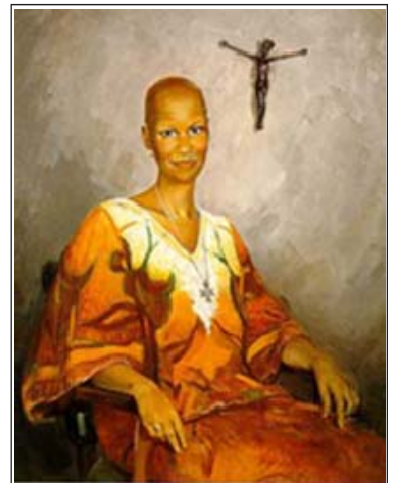
dynamic personality, Sr. Thea shared the message of God's love through a teaching career. After 16 years of teaching, at the elementary, secondary and university level, the bishop of Jackson, Miss., invited her to become the consultant for intercultural awareness.

In her role as consultant Sr. Thea, an African-American, gave presentations across the country; lively gatherings that combined singing, gospel preaching, prayer and

storytelling. Her programs were directed to break down racial and cultural barriers. She encouraged people to communicate with one another so that they could understand other cultures and races.

In 1984, Sr. Thea was diagnosed with breast cancer. She prayed "to live until I die." Her prayer was answered, and Thea continued her gatherings seated in a wheelchair. In 1989, the U.S. bishops invited her to be a key speaker at their conference on Black Catholics. At the end of the meeting, at Thea's invitation, the bishops stood and sang "We Shall Overcome" with gusto.

Thea lived a full life. She fought evil, especially prejudice, suspicion, hatred and things that drive people apart. She fought for God and God's people until her death in 1990.



Celebrating Twenty Years of Mawusi Retreat

By Karine Guignard

MAWUSI celebrated its twentieth Anniversary on August 2-4, 2013 at St. Mary of the Lake Conference Center in Mundelein. Mawusi is a yearly retreat to learn more about what Catholic

spirituality means from a Black perspective. Mawusi in Ewe, a language from Ghana and Togo, means "in the hand of God." The retreat is designed for adults and young adults seeking a deeper understanding and experience of Catholic worship and spirituality in a Black cultural and historical context.

This year's theme focused on the symbol of Sankofa, which means looking back to move forward, reaching into our past and retrieving what we need to bring into the future to move us ahead. The Mawusi committee looked at the Black Holocaust, "Maafa." In Swahili Maafa is a term for "Disaster, terrible occurrence or great tragedy." It refers to horrors of the enslavement of African people. The concept of Maafa was developed by Dr. Marimba Ani, and it evolved out of her study of the nature of African Civilization.

The Prayer Committee presented seven stations of Maafa looking back on the roots of Black Spirituality. From Mother Africa, through the Middle Passage, to the Slave Market and the Enslavement, the Great Migration, the Genocide of Black people and the coming together through prayers and Libation to the Ancestors that have paved the way for Black people.

In moving forward, Father John Harvey, the main speaker on Saturday morning charged everyone to remember their baptismal blessing and to listen to the Holy Spirit for guidance.

Sister Madge Karecki inspired the group with "The new Evangelization is You" and that we are all call to this mission. She concluded with "Eight Clear Steps" on how we can establish the New Evangelization. Reflecting on our baptism, Encountering Christ, Living the Liturgy, Conversion, Clear witness, Proclaiming Christ, Act with bold humility, and Share the gift of the church.



Karine Guignard of St. Sabina presents one of the stations of Maafa.



The afternoon session with Paul West, enlighten us on the Covenant of God. The covenant being the promises, the conditions, the sign and the form that God gives to his people. God expanded the covenant in scripture, first to man and wife, to the extended family, to the clans, to the tribes, to the nation and finally to all people through Jesus Christ. We are all call to be a Covenant people.

Sunday closing session with Dr. Vanessa C. White, encourage the group with finding a balance in life by taking care of the body and the spirit. Her words were to make it "intentional" by setting a time for exercise, prayer, enjoyment and family. She included managing what one eats, to reading the labels on food, to preparing healthy meals, and adding more fresh vegetables and fruits in our diet. Father Mike Notec inspire us to continue the movement forward at the closing Mass.

The weekend retreat at Mundelein, the Diocesan seminary school, offered the Mawusi group time to enjoy a tour of the beautiful grounds, prayer time, rosary by the lake, reflection time and the bonus of shopping with imports of African Market-by Victor Annan.

Amongst the 80 guess participants celebrating the 20th year of Mawusi Retreats, were the Office of Black Catholic director Andrew Lyke, the director of Office of Catechist and Youth Ministry Marujah Sedano, Dr. Timone Davis, Dr. Opal Easter, the many Deacon couples from Chicago and the Deacon couple from Rockford Dioceses just to mention a few.

The Mawusi committee is thankful for the past 20th years and is looking forward to the next 20th year's celebration. Save the Date cards coming soon for **Mawusi 2014 Retreat**.



The Sankofa symbol, which means "Go back and fetch", was the them of the Mawusi Retreat.



Lois DeFelice of the Office for Catechesis & Youth ministry opens the retreat with a pacesetting presentation.



Parris Washington of St. Anselm presents to the retreatants at Mawusi 2013

If you don't start something, it won't be nothing!

Dr. C. Vanessa White

Several years ago, I came across a prayer by Therese Wilson Favors, former director of the Office of Black Catholics in Baltimore entitled "If you don't start something, it won't be nothing" The main focus of the prayer was that our ancestors in faith and action, such as St. Augustine, St. Monica, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman and Daniel Rudd (founder of the Black Catholic Congress Movement), responded to God's call by taking some form of action, they "started something" and took the risk, and in so doing, changed their community, the church and world they lived in.



IF YOU DON'T START SOMETHING, IT WON'T BE NOTHING

On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States started something when they designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. Two commemorative dates fall within this month, Saint Martin De Porres' Feast Day (November 3) and Saint Augustine Birthday (November 13). Also during the month of November, as Catholics, we pray for all saints on November 1st and for all holy souls on November 2nd. As we journey through this month, let us all take the time to pray and remember all the saints and souls of African descent.

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Servant of God - Mother Elizabeth Lange and Venerable Mother Henriette Delille started something in the mid 1800s when they founded the first two religious orders for Black Catholic women in the United States. At the time when no religious communities would accept Black Catholics, Mother Lange and Delille, founded two orders - the Oblate Sisters of Providence in Baltimore (founded by Mother Lange) and the Holy Family Sisters of New Orleans (founded by Mother Delille) who through heroic faith and courage have ministered to and with the Black community for over 100 years!

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Servant of God - Fr. Augustus Tolton started something in 1886 when he became the first Black Catholic to be ordained a priest for the Roman Catholic Church for the United States. Fr. Tolton was the first Black Catholic male ordained whose parents were both of African descent and who was born from the institution of slavery. Though ordained in Rome (no seminary in

the United States who accept him), he returned to Illinois to minister to communities in Quincy and later Chicago. His courage and great faith were signs to many of the great faith of African Americans in the Catholic Church.

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Venerable Pierre Toussaint started something in New York in the early 1800s when he opened his home to orphans and contributed most of his funds (made as a barber) to the poor and oppressed in the city. He in fact helped to raise funds to build St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York and was respected as one of the leading Black New Yorkers of his day.

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Today we have these four men and women of African descent from the United States on the road to canonization. Their stories point to individuals as well as communities who "started something." Some of us are called to direct service by helping to alleviate a present day crisis – such as the recent floods, hurricanes, fires and earthquakes that have threatened our communities. We give monies, food, clothing, water and the like. We are also called to start something by beginning to address causes of poverty, violence and other oppressive structures in our midst. How can our voice be added to those voices that call for a change in oppressive structures, how are we educating our communities and supporting programs that look to change the lives of those who currently live in poverty, illiteracy and violence?

We need only respond to God's invitation to make a difference in our world, in our communities, in our neighborhoods and in our families. We need only trust, that our one voice, our one response can make a change. As Howard Thurman, mystic and theologian states "the decision to act releases energy in the personality ... and in the integrity of the act one knows that he (she) is created in the image of God." Mother Teresa stated so eloquently many years ago, "if you can't feed a hundred, feed just one... it starts with you, it starts with me. Just one, One, ONE! So today, let us take time to listen to the spirit that dwells within us, to that inner voice and "start something!"

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And the Fathers Shall Lead Them!

Bishop Joseph N. Perry

We are observing the Year of Strong Catholic Parents in parishes across the Archdiocese of Chicago as part of a strategic plan. In Sunday homilies and other parish programs we are encouraged to reflect upon the leadership of mothers and fathers with securing their children in the faith and our Catholic traditions. Indeed, they are the first teachers of the children in the ways of the Lord.

What can this mean for Men's Ministry in the African American Catholic community?

Sunday is the day when husbands and fathers can lead their families to the Lord. Sunday is the day we go to God's House and in so doing acknowledge the leadership that God has over our households. In the book of Joshua of the Old Testament, chapter 24, Joshua, Moses' right hand man with the passage of God's People into the Promise Land, when the allegiance of the people



to God was on the line, Joshua exhorts the people to be faithful to God after all that God has done for them and their ancestors and reaffirms his own allegiance to the Lord when he says: *"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!"*

Husbands and Fathers can make the very same pronouncement as Joshua when it comes to the inspiration and providence we need from God to keep our families together and provide for them all that they need. But, we do this within a context of a good deal of meaning that has occurred to

us over the years. Most of us have been raised in some measure in the ways of religious faith and practice. Somewhere along the line we get out of practice for reasons of personal problems or the time it takes to keep a steady livelihood for those we love or simply our preoccupation with the ups-and-downs involved in surviving. We recognize we need more than our own strength to keep it all together. We need a higher power to accomplish the tasks of being a good husband and a father. Marriage and Family Life is the first vocation in the order of society and the church. Yet, family life dodges any number of threats and dangers we wish to navigate through successfully for the welfare of our spouses and our children.

Sunday Mass brings alive the death and resurrection of Jesus

Christ. The night he was arrested, Jesus met with the 12 men he chose to carry forward his message. Jesus relied on their loyalty and friendship with him. 12 men he commissioned that night to take the church beyond his own death. That night was solemn within religious

observance. In the midst of all this Jesus gave them a token by which to remember his sacrifice asking them to repeat it often in his memory. In that Passover was given the Eucharist, the Lord's abiding presence with us until he returns for us. We have been following the Lord's instructions this way for well over two thousand years. It is a legacy par-excellence of Christian faith. Disciples therefrom gathering to remember the Lord's sacrifice and his resurrection by coming together on his day to rehearse his message and take nourishment from the Sacrament of his Eucharist, - food we all need to live the Christian lifestyle, make



the right decisions that course through our lives while leading our families to the kingdom.

Sunday is a special day for the Church and for our families to connect with God and to find sustenance to be witnesses in the world that is, at best, ambivalent about the message of the Gospel; but



for which we stand committed like Joshua of old.

I have heard it said often these days that our teenagers are sure to take seriously the importance of Sunday in their lives if they see their dads getting up and going to Church on Sunday. Somehow, we expect mothers to lead the way naturally. But, our children look for and need to see their fathers showing them how to pick up and value the important things, the meaningful things that last and crown our lives with purpose and fulfillment. And this begins with our friendship and faith in Jesus Christ.

Make Sunday special for yourselves and your families by attending Mass.

Joseph N. Perry



Eternal Rest . . .

Marguerite "Margo" M. Butler (1934-2013)

Marguerite "Margo" M. Butler was born in Chicago on Aug. 4, 1934, the only child of Russell Anderson and Mary Louise Higgins Anderson. A lifelong Evanstonian, she was baptized Roman Catholic at St. Mary's Church. She attended St. Mary's Elementary School and the Illinois Technical School for Colored Girls, run by the Sisters of Good Shepherd in Chicago. Graduating from Evanston Township High School in 1951, she attended Evanston Business College, then Northwestern University as a part-time student, before going on to attend the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and Roosevelt University. Margo married James E. "Lefty" Butler in 1952, and they had three sons.



Margo's professional life spanned various industries, including the U.S. Army, the U.S. Dept/Agriculture, IBM, Continental Airlines, Xerox Corp., the diversity advocacy group Chicago United, the medical field, working at both Evanston Hospital and Baxter Labs, and selling residential real estate in Evanston and on the North Shore.

Margo was a community dynamo, with service work spanning years of volunteerism in Evanston schools. A passionate advocate for diversity, she served on the one-time North Shore Committee for an Urban League, and on the Executive Committee for the NAACP. She sat on the boards of the United Way and YWCA; and was a former member of the Auxiliary Board of VFW Snell Post #7186, and chaperone for the Snell Post Drill Team & Color Guard.

A devout Catholic, her passion was her church. Ever concerned with nurturing a diverse community, Margo in 1998 founded the Evanston Area Black Catholics group to reach out to, support, and provide venues for black Catholics' involvement in their local church and in the affairs of the Catholic church in the metropolitan region and internationally. For outstanding service

and contributions to the Black Catholic Community of Metropolitan Chicago, Margo in 1998 received the Sister Thea Bowman Award from the Holy Angels Knights of St. Peter Claver Auxiliary. For the same devotion and service, she was presented the Father Augustus Tolton St. Nicholas Parish Award by the Office for Black Catholics of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1999, and the Dr. Nathan Jones Award in 2002.

Margo was a member and secretary of the planning committee for the Black Catholic Convocation held in Chicago in 2000, and editor of its proceedings book. She served as local co-chair of the National Black Catholic Congress IX held in Chicago in 2002; was secretary of the ongoing Black Catholic Convocation Implementation Committee; and worked faithfully with the Chicago Congress Team until God called her home. "To say she was feisty is a understatement. She challenged me to be better," said Andrew Lyke, Director of the Office for Black Catholics of the Archdiocese of Chicago. "She generously stepped in to assist and take the lead in our common work in the Church. It was easy to go deep with Margo because there was nothing superficial about her. The depth of her work matched that of her love."

At Margo's beloved St. Nicholas Parish, she served as lector, Eucharistic minister and minister of care as a member over 50 years. She was the first chairperson of St. Nick's Race & Ethnic Unity Committee; a member of the Parish Pastoral Council for years and its chairperson for two years; a member of the Finance Council since 2004; and a member of St. Nick's Welcoming Committee and its Bereavement Committee.

Margo enjoyed reading, cooking and traveling the world, and her travels covered most of the United States, including Alaska. She visited countries as close as Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico; and as far away as Amsterdam, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Tahiti. A trip to Ghana this summer fulfilled her dream to visit Africa. Survivors include her husband, James E. "Lefty" Butler; three sons, Michael, James and Russell; five grandchildren, Barbara Steele, Karli and Nina Butler, James Williams and Gary Dubose; and two great-grandchildren, Marcus McDowell & Zailen Siner, who all will miss her dearly but are comforted knowing a life lived for God is now with God.

Rev. Roderick Marvin Brown, O.P. (1942-2013)

Roderick Marvin Brown was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 17, 1942, the youngest of five children, to William Brown and Isabel Gordon. He attended Holy Angels Grammar School, Quigley Preparatory High School, and graduated from Corpus Christi High School in 1960.

Father Brown served in the U.S. Navy as a corpsman from 1960 to 1964. He graduated with a B.A. in Liberal Arts from Chicago State University in 1974. He entered the Dominican



Novitiate in 1974 and made his first profession of vows on October 4, 1975 at St. Rose of Lima Priory in Dubuque, Iowa. He continued his studies for the priesthood at the Aquinas Institute of Theology and was ordained on August 8, 1979 in Dubuque, Iowa. Father Brown continued advanced studies at the doctorate level at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, PA in Theocentric

Counseling.

In 1979, Father Brown was assigned to campus ministry at Texas Southern University (Houston, TX), where he served four years until becoming Vicar for Black Ministry in the Genesee Region of the Diocese of Lansing, MI and pastor for Christ the King Parish in Flint, MI.

Later he was part of the Team Ministry at Visitation Parish in Chicago. He was invited to Buffalo, New York, where he spent 14 years as vicar to the Central Buffalo Vicariate, serving St. Matthew and St. Bartholomew Parish as well as the founding pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish. There, he embraced the opportunity to serve a large population of African American Catholics struggling with poverty.

Though Fr. Brown came to consider Buffalo "home", he returned to St. Pius V Priory in Chicago in 2002 on limited service due to his diagnosis with Multiple Sclerosis.

In 2008, he moved to Resurrection Life Center in Chicago. He died on the morning of October 16, 2013 while recovering from surgery at Resurrection Hospital. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish in River Forest, Illinois on Thursday, October 24. He will be buried at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, Illinois.

The Deacon Speakin'



Ministry of Love, Compassion and Care In Our Midst

Deacon James Norman

St. Peregrine is the patron saint of the sick, especially those suffering with cancer or other serious illnesses. Guided by the Virgin Mary, Peregrine received the habit of the Servants of Mary in the priory of Siena.

At the age of 60, he suffered from varicose veins which degenerated into cancer of the leg. The doctors decided to amputate the leg. The night before the amputation, Peregrine dragged himself before the image of the crucifixion. There he became drowsy and saw Jesus descend from the cross to heal his leg. The following morning the doctors could find no sign of cancer or even a wound.

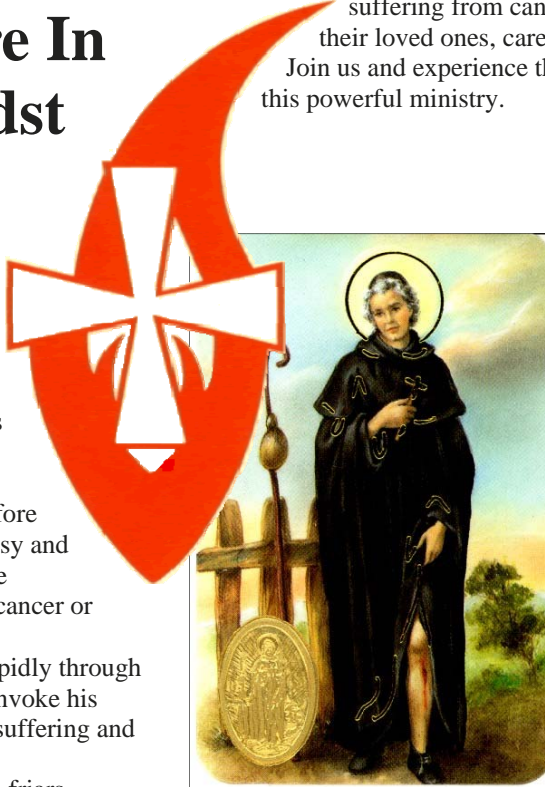
News of this miraculous event in 1325 spread rapidly through Italy. Many believers, especially the sick, began to invoke his name and seek his intercession for the relief of their suffering and even for a cure from illness.

Since the miraculous healing, the Servite family, friars, sisters, secular and lay members, has been committed to offering

the ministry of St. Peregrine: a ministry of compassion and the spirit of service toward those who are sick and suffering.

The National Shrine of St. Peregrine is located Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica, 3121 West Jackson Blvd. Pilgrims from all over the world come to pray at the national shrine for spiritual strength, healing and to offer thanksgiving. St. Peregrine Masses are held at 11:00 a.m. every second Saturday (Spanish) and third Saturday (English) of the month. The Mass includes a blessing with the relic of St. Peregrine.

This treasure resides in our community awaiting those suffering from cancer or other serious illnesses, their loved ones, caregivers and health care providers. Join us and experience the love, compassion and care of this powerful ministry.



Prayer to Saint Peregrine

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty", "The Wonder-Worker", because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you. For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being, and who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more. You were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction. Ask of God and Our Lady the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you.

(Pause here and silently recall the names of the sick for whom you are praying)

Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy. Amen.

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Cardinal George celebrates 125 years of Catholic education with Holy Angels School at October 5 Mass



Fr. Andrew Smith with Deacon Bruce McElrath



Deacon LeRoy Gill, Cardinal Francis George, Deacon Mervin Johnson, and Fr. Dane Flens ready for the Procession.

Welcome, Willie Cobb, V-VI Youth Min. Coord.

My name is Willie Cobb and I am the new Vicariate VI Youth Ministry Coordinator. My wife and I have been married for almost 18 years, and we have three children attending Catholic schools in the Chicago land area. I am committed to Catholic values and to the teachings of the Church.



I am proud to be a product of Englewood's St. Bernard's Parish, now St. Benedict the African East; it is exciting to return to the south side parishes where I was initially trained in ministry by the likes of Father Jack Farry, Joyce Gillie, Irene Friend and Joyce King. In my early years I was influenced by Father Michael Pfleger and Father John Cusack, and my recent influences are the tremendous teachers and my peers at Loyola's Institute of Pastoral Studies and the Archdiocesan Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program through St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, particularly Linda Couri and Fr. Thomas Baima.

I bring almost thirty years of ministry experience amongst young people to this new position. From my early days on the west side leading young people canoeing through Canada and backpacking in Colorado, to my years as project manager with the I Have A Dream dropout prevention program, to my 20 years as a teacher, motivational speaker, youth minister, campus minister,

and director of student activities in Catholic high schools in Chicago and Richmond, California, I have helped young people with little hope to find hope in God. Drawing from a wealth of multicultural experiences with individuals from all ethnic, racial, and economic backgrounds, I develop self-sustaining programs that continue long after I move on.

I have developed a ministry of holy hospitality and leadership development that welcomes individuals where they are, and develops relationships and programs to meet the spiritual, emotional, and academic needs of children and families. This is the ministry of Christ. Being welcoming and loving to all of God's children is a powerful lesson that Christ teaches with the woman at the well when he reached out to her and helped to heal her and to make her whole. She was an outcast even to her own people. She was a woman and a Samaritan, the lowest of the low in the time of Christ. Jesus was not supposed to talk to her, let alone heal her. This healing, even this conversation, was a social taboo but Jesus, being a revolutionary, blows right through social norms and lived his mission to love his neighbor. This is my calling: to love as Christ and when we do we may reap the same results as Christ. 28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" 30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him. (John 4- 28-30 NIV) That woman who no one would talk to became a missionary and changed the life of everyone in her own town. They in turn became true believers. 42 They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world." (John 4- 42NIV)

This is holy hospitality, inviting people to be a part of God's mission so they can invite others. This is my mission in life.



The Drum



In Africa, tribes used the drum to bring the community together to celebrate, to mourn and to communicate. The drum kept the community connected, informed and in harmony.

The Drum, today, is a publication of the Office for Black Catholics, an agency of the Archdiocese of Chicago, edited and published by Andrew Lyke.

The Drum contains news, events and insights relevant to the Black Catholic community of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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Sisters of St. Francis celebrate 80 years in Bronzeville

A lot has changed in the 50 years since Sister Marilyn Freking came to Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 4920 South Martin Luther King Dr., in Bronzeville. As a young elementary school teacher, she discovered a bustling African American community with a thriving middle class that was eager for their children to have an education steeped in religion and personal values.

This desire to give their children every opportunity to succeed was the impetus that prompted the Sisters of St. Francis to open a high school in addition to the elementary school.

Over the years, both schools closed. The elementary school was open from 1933 - 1993 and the high school from 1945 - 1962. Both Sisters Marilyn and Ann Rubly, however, remain.

On October 6, parishioners held a special mass and reception for the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque Iowa in celebration of their 80 years of service. Long time parishioner Anthony Williams, who was a student at Corpus Christi, thanked them on behalf of the church.

"I stand in awe of the Sisters of St. Francis. When I think back to 1933 and what it must have been like coming to the South Side of Chicago. At that time, in this country as you know, African Americans were still standing on the outskirts of our society, still very much ostracized. Yet, you saw us as important enough to be here," said Williams.

Sr. Ann came to Corpus Christi 41 years ago. Recently, she retired, but has chosen to continue serving the church.

"We've lived here longer than we've been anywhere else," said Sr. Rubly. "We're both here because we dearly love this community."

Both Catholic nuns carry out different ministries at the church. Sr. Marilyn oversees the social services needs of the parish—including the weekly soup kitchen. While Sr. Ann attends to the needs of the sick and elderly.

Sr. Marilyn said working at the church is all she knows.

"I love helping people. It is important to me that people know their benefits and how to get them. I try to be a support to people of the community," explained the 74-year-old.

Originally built in 1900, Corpus Christi Church served a wealthy predominantly Irish-American community. After the Great Migration, the area began to transition to African American and became known as "Bronzeville."

Over the years, 161 Sisters of St. Francis have served at the Catholic Church. Eleven made the trip from Dubuque Iowa for the 80th anniversary.

Father Anthony Bassey, who arrived as the new pastor of Corpus Christi on August 9, said it was wonderful to see how passionate the congregation was about celebrating the St. Francis Sisters.

"I believe that Corpus Christi has been blessed by their presence," said a moved Fr. Bassey.

Williams presented the sisters with a specially designed plaque and they returned the generosity with a song of blessing, which they said is offered to people who are very special to them.

DID YOU KNOW...



... that Grambling State University was founded on November 1, 1929?



... that on November 3, 1983 Rev. Jesse L. Jackson announce his candidacy for the U.S. presidency?



... that on November 2, 1983 a bill making the 3rd Monday of January a federal holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan?



... that on November 4, 2008 Barack H. Obama was elected President of the United States?

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... that on November 3, 1980, Judge Lucile A. Watts was the first African-American woman elected to the Circuit Court in the State of Michigan?



DID YOU KNOW...



... that on November 5, 1968 Shirley Chisholm of Texas was the first African-American woman elected to the U.S. Congress?



... that on November 5, 1926 Negro History Week was initiated by Carter G. Woodson?



... November 6, 1962 Edith Sampson became the first African-American Chicago Municipal Court Judge?



... that on November 7, 1909 the Knights of Peter Clave were founded in Mobile, Alabama?



... that on November 7, 1968 Carl Stokes of Cleveland, Ohio, and Richard Hatcher of Gary, Indiana became the first African Americans to be elected mayors of major U.S. cities.



... that on November 8, 1966 Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts became the first African American to be elected to the U.S. Senate since Reconstructions?



.. that on November 9, 2008 Grammy Award winning South African singer and Civil Rights activist Miriam Makeba (also known as "Mama Africa") died of a heart attack after a benefit concert in Italy?

Go Down Moses Annual Retreat



Why...

We gather in an effort to engage black catholic men more fully, so that we all can come to know understand their heritage, faith and worth around the Eucharistic Table and in the Church.

How Much...

Lodging, Meals and Retreat Sessions are **FREE!** (Limited travel scholarships may be available to qualified persons – contact us for details)

Where...

Washington D.C Area...at the...
Holy Family Spiritual Center
407 Randolph Road
Silver Springs, MD 20304

When...

December 27th – 30th, 2013
Registration Deadline: Sunday, December 15th 2013

What...

We pray that all who participate will come to know that they are needed in leadership and ministry in our Church, especially around the Eucharistic Table and in our families and communities.

Who...

Men, black and catholic ages 18 to 45, are invited to join us for our annual retreat.

Retreat Team:

For More Info or to Register email us at:

Fr. Ferd Cheri, OFM
godownmoses@outlook.com

Br. Gerald Hopeck, OFM
or CALL

Br. Benedict Gerard Kelley, fbp
651-646-8586 x 301

Br. A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem.

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**Registration Contact: A'dell Lee
(202) 526-9270
Email : ssjpastcncr@aol.com**

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The Church, The Cardinal and You is a monthly news show featuring interviews with Cardinal George and broadcast via the Comcast cable network. Andrew Lyke, director of the Office for Black Catholics, and Todd Williamson, director of the Office for Divine Worship, host this show that includes a variety of stories taped at locations across the Archdiocese of Chicago. This program is produced by the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Radio and Television.

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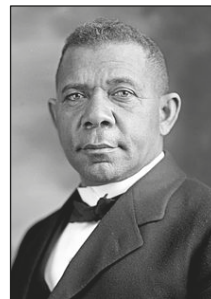
... that on November 9, 1731 Benjamin Banneker, inventor and surveyor for Washington, DC, was born in Ellicott City, MD?



... that on November 10, 1891 Granville T. Wood patented the Electronic Railway?



... that on November 13, 1949 Caryn Johnson, who achieved fame as actor and comedienne Whoopi Goldberg was born in New York City?

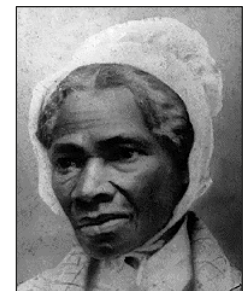


... that on November 14,

1915 Booker T. Washington, African-American educator, author, orator, and advisor to presidents, died in Tuskegee due to hypertension?



... that on November 17, 1862 Venerable Henriette DeLille, founder of the Catholic order of the Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans, which was composed of free women of color, died? The order was founded on November 21, 1842 and provided nursing care and a home for orphans, later establishing schools as well. At the time of her death, there were 12 members of the order. By 1909, it had grown to 150 members, and operated parochial schools in New Orleans that served 1,300 students. By 1950, membership in the order peaked at 400.



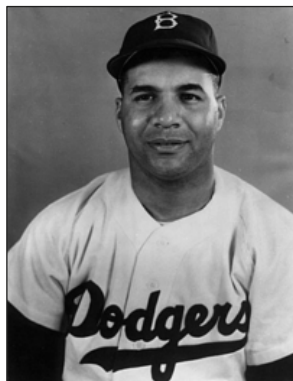
... that on November 18, 1787 abolitionist and women's rights activist Sojourner Truth was born in Swartekill, Ulster County, New York? Her given name was Isabella Baumfree; she took on the name Sojourner Truth in 1843. She was born into slavery and escaped to freedom with her daughter in

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1826. She died on November 26, 1883.



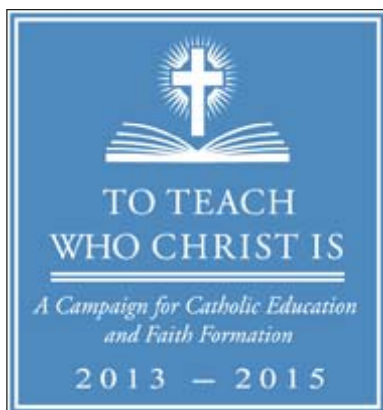
... that on November 19, 1921 Baseball great Roy Campanella was born in Philadelphia? He was named Most Valuable Player of the National League on his birthday in 1953?



... that on November 24, 1868 Scott Joplin (the "King of Ragtime") was born in Texarkana, TX?



... that on November 25, 1949 dancer and actor of stage and film Bill "Bojangles" Robinson died? Despite earning more than \$2 million during his lifetime, Robinson died penniless at the age of 71 from heart failure. His funeral, which was arranged by longtime friend and television host Ed Sullivan, was held at the 369th Infantry Regiment Armory 369th Infantry Regiment near Harlem and attended by 32,000 people. Adam Clayton Powell, Sr. gave the eulogy, which was broadcast over the radio. Robinson is buried in the Cemetery of the Evergreens in Brooklyn, New York.






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Saturday, November 2, 2013

Noon

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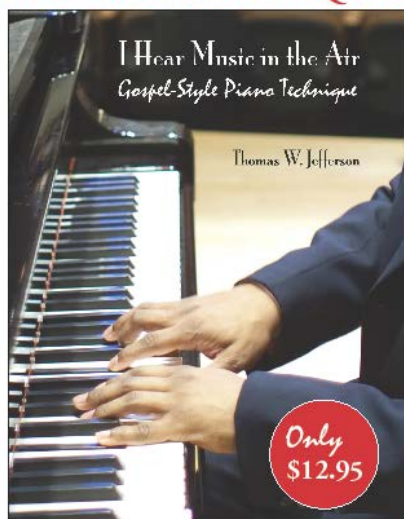
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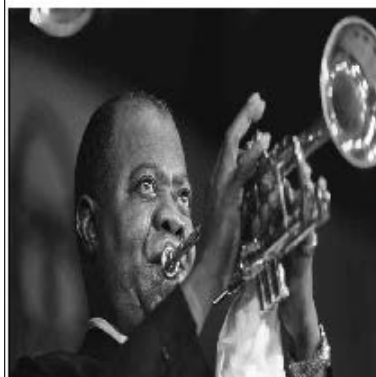
Date: November 11th, 2013

Time: 1:00PM-4:00PM

Location: The Sankofa House
4041 West Roosevelt Rd.
Chicago IL., 60624

For Additional Information Contact
Ed Bickham
773-542-9900

Or Nicole "Nikki" Harvey
nicole.harvey@mail.house.gov





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Xavier University of Louisiana, the nation's only Historically Black and Catholic institution of higher education, invites nominations and applications for the position of Director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies (IBCS). The Director reports directly to the Provost/Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs and is responsible for implementing major policies and procedures relating to the overall administration of the IBCS. The Director supervises the Associate Director for Administration, the Administrative Assistant, and the Associate Directors for the specific programs and Community Life. In addition the Director is the official representative of the Institute to appropriate educational and ecclesial forums. The Director is responsible for planning and leading year-round events, conferences and workshops sponsored by the Institute. The Director is expected to collaborate with Campus Ministry, the Office of Catholic Identity and Mission Integration, and the Theology department. Overall, the Director should be an energetic, thoughtful and visionary leader who is able to work creatively with a variety of constituents and stakeholders.

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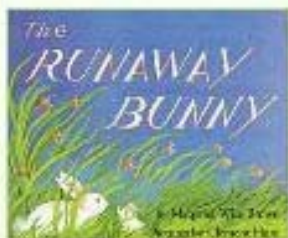
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November 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection is the primary source of funding for the CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs. Committed to addressing the root causes of poverty, the CCHD has provided access to invaluable resources for those who struggle in poverty and has made positive impacts throughout Chicago and the United States. The organizations the CCHD supports coordinate programs that help to change the lives of those less fortunate by creating jobs, providing training for adults and educational opportunities for children, and helping to stabilize neighborhoods. Inspired by Catholic social teachings, the CCHD's mission is respect for human life from conception to natural death, recognizing that all human beings are created in the image and likeness of God and are endowed with certain inalienable rights.

Organizations assisted by the CCHD include the Latino Union of Chicago. Started in 2000 by immigrants, the Latino Union has worked to ensure that low-income immigrant workers have the tools to improve economic and social conditions for themselves and their communities by moving legislation and developing leaders in our communities who arise to break the cycle of poverty and injustice. Earlier this year, the Latino Union led the effort to pass the new wage-theft ordinance in Illinois. For their witness to the social teachings of the Church, which embody Christ's love for the poor, the Latino Union was recognized nationally by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops with the 2013 Sister Margaret Caffery Development of People Award. For more information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the groups it funds, please visit www.chicagopeaceandjustice.org/cchd or visit www.usccdb.org and search "CCHD Collection Resources."

Help us get poverty "off the map," and support the CCHD in the upcoming collection on November 23 and 24. Please remember that 50 percent of the collection's proceeds stay here in our archdiocese to fight poverty in our own communities and to defend the dignity of our neighbors.

Thank you for your generous consideration of this important call to help our brothers and sisters in need, especially during this season in which we give thanks to God for our many blessings. You and those you love are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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