



Archbishop Cupich introduced at press conference

By Joyce Duriga

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The Archdiocese of Chicago now knows who will succeed Cardinal George. On Sept. 20 it was announced that Pope Francis appointed Bishop Blasé Cupich, 65, of the Diocese of Spokane, Washington, as the ninth archbishop of Chicago.

Cardinal George introduced Archbishop-designate Cupich (pronounced “Soo-pich”) during a press conference at the Archbishop Quigley Pastoral Center, 835 N. Rush St.

“Bishop Cupich is well prepared for his new responsibilities and brings to them a deep faith, a quick intelligence, personal commitment and varied pastoral experiences,” Cardinal George said.

Archbishop Cupich will be installed during a Mass at Holy Name Cathedral on Nov. 18. Cardinal George retains the office of archbishop until the installation. After Cardinal George turns 80 -- the maximum age when cardinals can vote in a conclave -- Archbishop Cupich could be eligible for a red hat but until then he will hold the title of archbishop.

The new archbishop is no stranger to Chicago having served on the board of the Chicago-based Catholic Extension Society since 2009.

Archbishop Cupich told the media that the appointment “humbles and encourages” him and his priority as the new archbishop is to be attentive to the way God is working through the people in the archdiocese.

He learned of the appointment 10 days before the announcement and said he felt overwhelmed and surprised when the papal nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, called him.



Cardinal George introduces new archbishop - Photo Gallery
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Some in the media describe Archbishop Cupich as a moderate but when asked about this description he said, "Labels are hard for anybody to live up to, one way or another. I just try to be myself and I try to learn from great people. You've had great people here in this archdiocese pastor you. And I'm following a great man."

When asked if his appointment – the first major appointment made by Pope Francis in the United States – sends a message of the Holy Father's agenda, Archbishop Cupich said no.

"I think the Holy Father is a pastoral man. I think that his priority is to send a bishop not a message," he said.

That Archbishop Cupich's new flock is a lot larger than his present flock is not lost on him.

"This is an enormous upgrade, so to speak," Archbishop Cupich told the media. "We had a hundred thousand Catholics in eastern Washington and I had 27,000 Catholics in South Dakota." There are 2.2 million Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago, which is the third largest archdiocese in the nation.

When pressed on what tone he will bring to the archdiocese, Archbishop Cupich said, "I think it's really important to keep in mind that it's not my church, it's Christ's church. I have to be attentive to his voice in the lives of the people and the word of God and the way that he communicates to all of us through the pointers that he gives."

In an interview with the Catholic New World following the press conference Archbishop Cupich thanked Catholics in archdiocese for their warm welcome and said he looks forward to visiting the parishes and communities.



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"I really am sincere in saying I know that I can only do this if I have their support and prayers. I want to be very pronounced in asking, begging for their prayers," he said.

Archbishop Cupich did his doctoral work on Scripture readings used in the liturgy and that remains a part of his spiritual nourishment, he said.

"I find that, not just the word of God in the Bible, but the convergence of how the texts are put together in the liturgy is a source of my own spiritual life."

Archbishop Cupich was born on March 19, 1949, in Omaha, Nebraska, and is one of nine children. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Omaha in 1975, and was ordained and installed as bishop of Rapid City, South Dakota, in 1998. In 2010 he was installed as bishop of Spokane. He speaks Spanish and lives at the seminary there.

He has degrees from the College of St. Thomas in Minnesota, the Gregorian University in Rome and Catholic University of America. Additionally, Archbishop-designate Cupich was the secretary at the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, D.C.; was pastor of two parishes in Omaha; and served as chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People from 2008 until 2011.

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Evidence collected for Father Tolton's sainthood cause heads to Vatican

By Michelle Martin
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CHICAGO (CNS) -- With prayers, songs and sealing wax, Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago formally closed the investigation into the life and virtues of Father Augustus Tolton Sept. 29 in a ceremony in the St. James Chapel at the Archbishop Quigley Center.

The prayer service marked the binding and sealing of the dossier local research aimed at making Father Tolton, the first African-American diocesan priest, a saint. Cardinal George opened the cause in 2010.

Now the cause for Father Tolton's canonization moves to the Vatican, where the documents collected by supporters of his cause in the Archdiocese of Chicago will be analyzed, bound into a book called a "position," or official position paper, and evaluated by theologians, and then, supporters hope, passed on to the pope, who can declare Tolton "venerable" if the pope determines he led a life of heroic virtue.

Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry, the postulator of the cause, said the collected evidence -- which includes everything from newspaper articles to correspondence to eyewitness testimonies -- certainly indicates that is the case.

"Everything in the record of the case demonstrates that we had a saint among us and we hardly noticed," Bishop Perry said. "Father Tolton leaves behind a shining example of perseverance."

He was born a slave in 1854 on a plantation near Brush Creek, Missouri. His father left to try to join the Union Army during the Civil War. In 1862, his mother escaped with her three children by rowing them across the Mississippi River and settling in Quincy, Illinois.

Young Augustus had to leave one Catholic school because of threats; he found a haven at St. Peter parish and school, where he learned to read and write and was confirmed at age 16.

He was encouraged to discern his vocation to the priesthood by the Franciscan priests who taught him at St. Francis College, now Quincy University, but could not find a seminary in the United States that would accept him. He eventu-

ally studied in Rome and was ordained for the Propaganda Fidei Congregation in 1886, expecting to become a missionary in Africa. Instead, he was sent back to Quincy, where he served for three years before coming to the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1889.

He spearheaded the building of St. Monica Church for

black Catholics, dedicated in 1894, and died after suffering heat stroke on a Chicago street on July 9, 1897. Springfield Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, whose diocese includes Quincy, attended the ceremony, as did representatives of the Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri, where Brush Creek is located.

Cardinal George, who is to retire when his successor, Archbishop Blasé J. Cupich, is installed Nov. 18, called the opening of Father Tolton's cause one of the most important, if not the most important, thing he has done in his more than 17 years as archbishop of Chicago.

"The church, over the centuries, has ordained many priests, most of them quite holy, in some ways, some in great ways," the cardinal said.

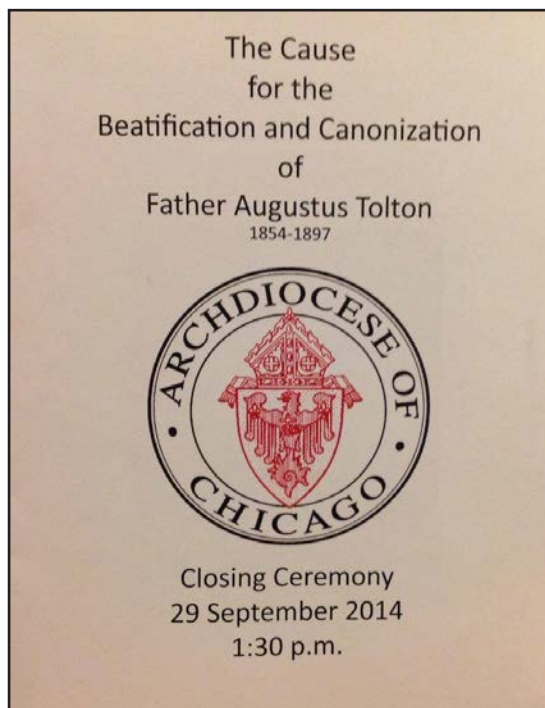
Father Tolton was one such holy priest, who "devoted himself to his people, quietly and in his own way," he said, despite great difficulties and setbacks.

"Virtue has consequences, and virtue is stronger than evil," Cardinal George said. "History is what God remembers. The rest passes."

During the ceremony, Bishop Perry thanked members of the Father Tolton Guild, who are working to move the cause forward; members of the historical commission, who examined the records of his life; and members of the theological commission, who examined his writings to make sure that they are free of doctrinal error.

Neither commission found any reason for holding the cause back.

"Father Tolton demonstrated himself to be humble yet courageous, faithful to his priestly vows, welcoming to both black and white," Bishop Perry said.



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Bishop Joseph Perry and Bro. A. Gerard Jordan, O.Praem. with the two sealed packets of documents to be issued to Rome



Bishop Perry with Dr. C. Vanessa White, Associate Professor of Spirituality at Catholic Theological Union and Director of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program, and Andrew Lyke, Director of the Office for Black Catholics

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If the pope declares that Father Tolton indeed led a life of historic Christian virtue and is to be called venerable, Bishop Perry said, the next step is to look for evidence of a miracle attributed to Father Tolton's intercession. The dossier sealed Sept. 29 includes letters already written to Cardinal George telling of favors granted after praying for Father Tolton's intercession, Perry said.

In general, one confirmed miracle is needed for beatification, and a second such miracle is needed for canonization.

Andrew Lyke, director of the archdiocese's Office for Black Catholics and a member of the Father Tolton Guild, said he will continue working to spread the word about the cause. His office and the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry

Program at Catholic Theological Union sponsor pilgrimages to sites significant in Father Tolton's life and ministry, both in Missouri and Quincy and in Chicago, and the guild encourages everyone to pray for the priests intercession for whatever their needs are.

At the moment, Father Tolton is among four African-American Catholics whose sainthood causes have been opened, Lyke said, and his office tries to draw attention to all four.

The others are Mother Henriette Delille, foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans, who has been declared venerable; Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence; and Pierre Toussaint, who was brought to New York as a slave and later became a well-known philanthropist, also declared venerable.

"But of course I have a special place in my heart for Father Tolton," Lyke said. "He has always been an inspirational historical figure, but I feel much closer to him spiritually since I've been praying to him every day."



Dr. White and Cardinal Francis George

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BLACK FAMILY LIFE

Fr. George H. Clements

Facts are facts. No responsible individual can question the reality that Black Family Life is in crisis. Monogamy becomes an oxymoron when one is continually confronted with. "Baby Mama", Deadbeat Dad, Sperm Donor. Homeless Child.

A few years ago those words were unknown to Black folks. Now Black Americans are faced with the challenge of the repercussions ensuing from using those words. Entertainment moguls, hip hop artists, rap singers, fascinating Black athletes have all contributed to the glib denial of one stern reality - Black Family Life is in crisis. Too many Blacks have withdrawn into the world of horrific pretense when anyone brings up something as corny as a single man and a single woman coming together in matrimony to produce offspring.

Marriage is the butt of jokes, ridicule, derision and mockery. It is portrayed as an antiquated, somewhat quaint institution and quite laughable.

Facts are facts. Talk about the husband as the breadwinner is dismissed as delusion. Black Women as working heads of households is widely accepted. A biological father and a biological mother living together is an anachronism as the working Black Woman take over the Black family.

The shame that accompanies a young teenage girl producing a Black child has long ago been nonexistent. A young Black male generating a child is no longer considered a travesty. In fact there is now a tendency to excoriate those who use the term illegitimacy in reference to Black children born out of wedlock.

This collapse of Black Family Life has contributed to the evils of Black poverty, Black homicide, Black drug addiction. Black incarceration, Black alcoholism. Black academic failure, Black rape, Black disease, Black unemployment. Black disenfranchisement, Black dilapidated housing, Black crime, Black domestic violence, Black suicide on and on and on.

The preceding are facts. Whether Black folks are willing to accept them as facts is irrelevant. They ARE facts and those facts cannot be dealt with until Black folks - not Whites - Black folks determine that enough is enough.

Rattling off grim social statistics is ridiculous unless we Blacks, who somehow have managed to succeed despite incredible barriers, make a conscious decision that we are our Brothers' Keepers. Okay. I am a bona fide member of the Black middle class. What should I be doing?

You are a middle class Black man or Woman! You achieved that position, in all likelihood, by striving, striving, striving. Nobody gave it to you. You used your own sweat equity, your own ingenuity, your own intellectual prowess and your own plain old guts, your intestinal fortitude, to get where you are today.

I am in no position to tell you what you should be doing to alleviate the plight of the Black underclass. You must take a look in your own mirror and ask that question of yourself. There is so much that needs to be done for our Black brothers

and sisters who are out there stuck in every ghetto in America.

You used your own skill to rise above the Black multitude. Now use that same skill to help other Black folks rise.

I am simply pointing out the obvious. Our Black brothers and sisters are languishing in these jails of America. Find out who some of them are so you will be able to correspond with them and visit them. Black crack-heads abound all around us. They are sick. They should be in hospitals not jails. You can help some of them get health insurance so they can go into rehab. Too many of our Black teachers have been known to tell their students: "I got my education; evidently you are too ignorant to get yours".

Some of our White brothers and sisters have already opened up their own hearts and homes to our Black homeless children. You members of the Black middle class know good and well, you should be doing precisely the same thing. The Black middle class has no right to castigate *White* folks while sitting *back* in these beautiful homes with noses turned up in contempt at black inmates, Black junkies and those who are wallowing in Black on Black crime.

Middle class blacks, do not facetiously ask "what can I do?" Show under class Blacks what you yourself did do to cope with the vicissitudes of racist America. The salvation of Black Family Life is in the hands of the Black middleclass. The Black middle class must resist the temptation to feel that we are going to resurrect Black Family Life by appealing to the slavery ridden guilt or the gracious magnanimity of white folks. By nature they are looking out for the welfare of their own families. And at best if there is some spill over, after taking care of their own, Black folks might get a little of their largesse.

Simply put, Black Family Life is doomed to extinction unless we go back to Genesis 4:9 "AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?" The answer to that question lies within the psyche of the Black middle class.

My statements are fatuous platitudes given the direction that so many African Americans - especially young ones - are heading. However, they are my beliefs, whether taken seriously, or not. They are my beliefs. Hopefully they will not die with my own death, but they are my beliefs.

Fr. Clements is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the former pastor of Holy Angels and the Founder of ONE CHURCH-ONE CHILD, ONE CHURCH-ONE AD-DICT, and ONE CHURCH-ONE INMATE.



Sammy Basso Gets His Wish at Holy Angels Church To Experience A Gospel Mass Celebration

On Sunday, September 14, 2014, at 11:30 a.m., the National Geographic Reporters brought Sammy Basso to Holy Angels Catholic Church to fulfill his wish to experience the celebration of a Gospel Mass. Sammy is 18 years old. He suffers from a rare aging disease call progeria. He was born in Italy. Sammy speaks his native language, Italian, and English as a second language.



Sammy also had a desire to sing with a gospel choir. He had the pleasure of singing a leading part in a song entitled “We Sing Praise to Our King” with The Holy Angels Eucharistic Ensemble, along with some

members of the Chicago Black Catholics Choir, under the direction of Mr. Tyrone Pittman on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Sammy moved the church to tears and shouts of joy with his exuberant gestures as he rocked from side to side singing a leading part in a gospel song that he learned the day before the Mass that he would attend at Holy Angels Church.



Sammy has a great outlook on life. His prophetic message to all people is, “Don’t waste your life.” He suggests that everyone should learn how to live life well. His example gives the village of Holy Angels much to gaze upon. Truly, Sammy’s presence was ordained by God to bless the village of Holy Angels.



When Sammy was asked about his experience at Holy Angels’ Gospel Mass, he stated that he enjoyed hearing the congregation say, “Amen,” while the Homily was being delivered by Fr. Andrew Smith, pastor of Holy Angels Church, and the excitement from the congregation when the choir would sing.

Sammy’s family, along with the National Geographic Reporters, expressed their appreciation of the Gospel Mass at Holy Angels Church. One of the reporters said that he was moved to tears, and the last time that he was moved to tears was during a “Star Wars” movie. The reporters were so appreciative for all that they had experienced during the Gospel Mass at Holy Angels Church.

Assuredly, God was manifested at this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at Holy Angels Catholic Church.

We offer special thanks to Mr. Gregory Callaway who posts Holy Angels’ Sunday Mass on YouTube each week. Mr. Callaway was moved by God to follow through on Sammy’s request to make his wish a reality. Many thanks to Mr. Callaway for allowing God to minister through him!

The Holy Angels Church Family offers thanks to Fr. Andrew Smith for the opportunity to host this most blessed event at Holy Angels Church.

By Tyrone Pittman
-Director of Music

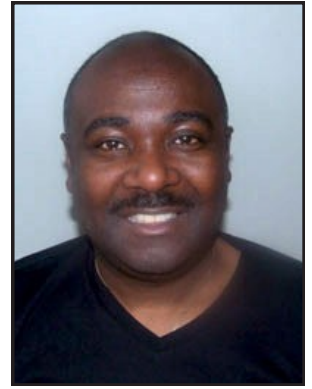


Grandma's Hands

Dr. Keith Wilson

Bill Withers wrote a classic hit called Grandma's hands that spoke of many of the positive things youth would experience at the hands of our grandmothers also affectionately known as "Big Mama" to many of us. Those hands could cook you a meal, sew a button on your favorite shirt and occasionally provide discipline when you got out of hand in church.

Because of a very well-known football player named Adrian Peterson a firestorm has been ignited around hits which did not occur on a football field. Currently the case is being litigated in the legal system, but at the heart of the matter is corporal punishment administered by Mr. Peterson on



his 4 year son. Mr. Peterson apparently found himself in a situation where he believed that his son was acting inappropriately and as a result, he took a tree branch and whipped his young son. Since then, there has been much media attention on Mr. Peterson which has highlighted a debate in many circles about corporal punishment.

This is not an attempt to justify or approve or disapprove of the behavior, but an attempt to assess attitudes around corporal punishment. Mr. Peterson's former girlfriend reported the situation to authorities, who took pictures of the child where apparently marks and bruises resulted and now Mr. Peterson is facing charges of abuse from local authorities in Texas. At issue to many outside of the legal and social service systems is the use and the right of many to administer corporal discipline.

Many of us reflect on those times during our youthful years of the 1960's and 70's where nuns were famous for other habits then the one ones they wore. The habit was that of being generous administrators of discipline for various offenses such as talking in mass or cheating on a quiz. Whether it was a rap on the knuckles with a small wood ruler on smaller children or the wonderful use of a wooden paddle on older youth, many of us have "felt the burn" from Sister so and so!

At the same time in many homes mothers and fathers would frequently punish the breaking of family rules with devices of mass destruction like tree branches, belts, extension cords and the all-time favorite of the Hot Wheels racing track. If Mattel only knew. Most of this type of discipline was because of cultural and social norms that were acceptable at that time. Those were different times then today where a social worker would certainly come to a home if a teacher sus-

pected such behavior.

Today we live in a different world. Those types of punishments are not allowed or acceptable in schools. Cultural differences do still exist as it is estimated that 51% of African-Americans still practice this time of discipline.

There are regional differences as Southerners believe in spanking more than northerners.

But the issue is now social acceptability and the actual effectiveness of the act as well as lasting harm being done on our youth.

Current data actually shows that the whipping of developing youth results in a decrease of vital gray matter in young children which adversely effects cognitive and learning abilities of our youth. The data is also mixed on whether corporal punishment even has the long term desired effect of altering behavior in a positive fashion.

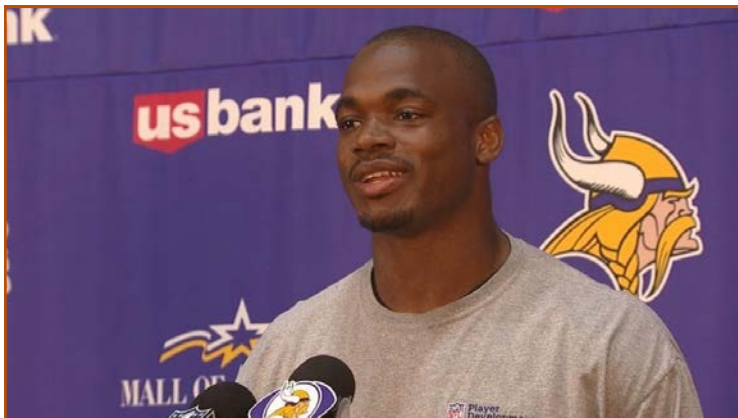
Did Adrian Peterson abuse his child? We really don't know, but it is likely that in the future he and other parents would choose another course of action. Harsher scrutiny seems to always follow the African-American community. Our community really needs to discuss openly and honestly opinions on this issue. Everyone has strongly held feelings on one side of the issue or another, but this Adrian Peterson situation has highlighted how we need to get on one side . . . our children's!

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Editor's note: Keith is also my new dentist.
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Recording artist Bill Withers



Football player Adrian Peterson of the Minnesota Vikings



Why won't my kid do his homework?

Willie Cobb

How well is your child doing in school? Does your child struggle in school? Does the school understand your child and how your child learns?

I have dyslexia, I did not find out that I had dyslexia until I was a sophomore and in my third college. After many years of therapy, I learned how to handle the emotional damage that not having the proper educational support had on me. I believed that I was unintelligent. Don't let that happen to your child. As frustrating as the situation is for some

teachers and students, an untested child will endure more emotional damage than any other educational situation could provide. I never had a locker in high school because I could not remember where the locker was and because I could not remember the combination. Even today, I do my best to park in the same spot every day. I do my best to park in the farthest parking spot at the grocery store because I can never remember where I parked my car. I do not read like everyone else. I cannot spell.

I hid these things for many years and that caused me great emotional harm. I do not run and hide anymore. Students should never have to run and hide from who they are and how they learn. They simply need for their parents or some adult to advocate for them.

These are a few simple questions that parents should be asking themselves: Are you frustrated by your own child? Do you wonder why your child won't do his/her homework? Why are they struggling so mightily with reading? Does your child hate reading? Do you fight with your child every single night to do simple homework? Do they have a problem comprehending and understanding simple words?

These are all very legitimate questions and the issues may be frustrating to both the parents and the teachers. The fact is, if you have asked yourself any combination of these questions, then your child may have a learning disability. Your child may have dyslexia or some other learning disability.

You have a right to have your child tested. The county, the state, the city, and the school districts all are under obligation by federal law to test your child for any learning difficulties. Whether your child is in the public school, a charter school, a parochial school, or Catholic school, your child has a right to be tested. The parent has to be the advocate for the child. The parent has to have the ability to go up to the school and insist that your child receive testing. If your child is in a private school or Catholic school, you can go to the local school district office or go to the local public school and speak with the counselor and or the principal to tell them what your concerns are and request that they set a testing date for your child. They have to test the student because there are public funds that the school can use to pay for all students to be tested. Some of those funds are called Title Funds that come out of your taxes. Some schools will resist testing your child but you must persist. Your child has a right to be tested; you have the obligation to be the voice, the advocate for your child.

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CONNIE'S CORNER

Grumbling

How much grumbling do we do per day? Mouths stuck out like a proboscis on a mosquito ready to bite its victims. Frowns on our foreheads are as deep as the Grand Canyon. Our bodies are as stiff as a board and unbending when others reach out to us. What's the problem? Did we ask God to help us through a problem or did we think we were superheroes. Don't we realize there are no telephone booths for us to change to our superhero costumes? When we finished looking like a proboscis winkled-up grouch, who solved the problem? Not us, because we finally had to drop to our knees and beg the Almighty for help. Then the problem was solved as God gave us an escape hatch and sometimes we forget how much of a provider He is.

We keep forgetting the problems Moses had with the grumbling Israelites. They got their freedom when the Red Sea opened to let them escape the Egyptian Army. Who made it possible? In Exodus 16 Moses led the people to the desert and the people grumbled because they were going to die from hunger. Who provided the morning and evening meals? In Exodus 17 the people grumbled more about dying of thirst? Moses hit a rock with his staff and there was water. Who provided the water? Amalek waged war against the Israelites. As long as Moses held up his arms with his staff high in the air, the Israelites were winning. But when he dropped his arms his people were losing. Aaron and Hur came to his rescue by supporting his arms and staff to be raised high that led to the Israelites winning the war. Who provided a victory when the city walls of Amalek were considered impenetrable? "And the walls came tumblin' down".

If we believe in God's promises to us, we would not look



Connie Redden

like we have been chewing tacks all day and night. Grumbling is a weapon of mass destruction, but can be disarmed by prayer and faith. Grumbling saps our energy and allows evil to creep into our minds and divert attention away from God. He told us in His written words He would provide us with armor necessary to fight evil. Let's take time to read Ephesians 6:10-18 as a reminder how to acquire fighting power to strengthen our faith. During the Middle Ages the knights wore heavy armor to protect themselves, but God's armor is stronger and can be worn with ease. God has been staunch in His promises to love, protect, heal, provide and deliver. Therefore, we

can stop sticking out our lips, frowning, and having a stiff body. God is on the job. He's got our backs. Let's wear a smile and pass that smile to someone else as we praise God when we are in a valley or on top of a mountain. Praise Him everyday all day long.

NABCA Annual Meeting in Diocese of Richmond

The National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA) held its annual membership meeting in Richmond, Virginia, September 17-20, 2014. There were 39 members present representing 29 dioceses. NABCA's membership is comprised of Episcopal Moderator Most Reverend Shelton Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux (LA), diocesan directors and coordinators of Black Catholic ministries, clergy, religious brothers and sisters, affiliates and volunteers. The Association's mission is to be a voice for Black Catholics nationally and provide a setting for discussion and action related to the efforts of the Catholic Church in the areas of spirituality, evangelization, vocations and social justice in the African Diaspora.

NABCA president, Pamela Harris, Director of the Office for Black Catholics in the Diocese of Richmond, VA, presented the following Plan of Action for the Association:

1. To reach out to the next generation by inviting young adults to future annual meetings to develop their skills as Catholic leaders.
2. To continue and encourage support for the cause of canonization of four faithful African American Catholics.
3. To collaborate with the clergy to promote and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life in order to reflect the rich diversity of the Catholic Church.

There were several presenters who focused the membership's attention on a variety of matters impacting Black Catholics. Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Chicago, and Brother Gerard Jordan updated

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the membership on the Cause for the Canonization of Fr. Augustus Tolton. Bishop Perry, Diocesan Postulator for the promotion of the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Fr. Tolton told the gathering: "Father Tolton's life story provides an example of how we might handle protracted disappointment in our own lives and end up with our faith hope and love intact...By means of Father Tolton's trials he has paved the way for graces of the Gospel to bless the African American community. By his life black Catholics see an image of the Christ and His Church ever in need of conversion to Christ. We too must be a witness to the world...We do so, that all may hear our collective voice, which agrees, that this priest is a model to follow when we imitate the Christ-like strength, charity, humility and pastoral care we see in his virtuous life example. If we are silent about the Cause for his Canonization, the Church will be silent in her response."

In addition to supporting the canonization of Fr. Tolton, there was consensus for the support of the three other causes for sainthood of Black Catholics: Henriette Delille, SSF, decreed Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010; Pierre Toussaint, decreed Venerable in 1997 by Saint Pope John Paul II; and Mother Mary Lange Guild, foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence of Baltimore MD.

Other presenters included Donna Grimes, Assistant Director of the Subcommittee on African American Affairs at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church who reported on "Rebuilding the Bridge" an initiative of the Bishops to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. She encouraged the membership to recognize and participate in the commemorative activities highlighting the involvement of Catholics in the civil rights struggle scheduled in the various dioceses through June 2015.

Tina Baldera, Training Manager, Parish Social Ministry, Catholic Charities USA, discussed the activities and initiatives supported by CCUSA including the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG) that will be held in Washington, D.C., February 7-10, 2015. NABACA partners with CSMG in their Diversity Outreach Initiative which seeks to involve leaders from diverse communities at the Gathering.

Father Maurice Nutt, C.S.S.R., Director of the Institute of Black Catholic Studies (IBCS) at Xavier University of Louisiana, stressed the importance of the year-round training offered by IBCS for clergy and lay leaders serving the Black community. He encouraged NABACA members to promote IBCS summer programs, including the Master's Degree in Theology, Catechist formation, youth and young adult minis-

try and spiritual enrichment.

NABCA was established in 1976 in response to the growing needs of the Black Catholic community. Prior to the launch of the Association, there were strong organizations forming to publicly address the issue of racism and the lack of Black leadership in the Catholic Church. The National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus was established in 1968 along with the National Black Catholic Seminarians Association. By 1970 the National Office for Black Catholics (NOBC) was established as an umbrella leadership organization for these



Attendees of the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators Annual Meeting in the Diocese of Richmond, September 2014

groups, along with the National Black Sisters Conference and the National Black Catholic Lay Caucus. The NOBC was financed by the "Black Catholics Concerned" collection in U.S. parishes and was supported by the National Bishop's Conference.

Diocesan bishops began to establish their own offices of black Catholic ministry as a way to assist with evangelization in the Black Catholic community. In 1976 five directors, administrators of Black Ministries, met in Rochester, NY to discuss not only the needs and concerns of the community but the internal conflicts related to each director's office and the Church's responsibility to Black Catholics. Jacqueline Wilson authored the history of NABCA to capture the history, present and future of this organization and the challenges and issues we continue to address. Reading "Yesterday & Tomorrow" is a reminder that these issues are just as relevant today as they were almost 40 years ago.

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A 'St. John Paul II priest' from 'foothills of Mount Kenya'

By Dolores Madlener
Catholic New World

He is: Father (Paul) Maina Waithaka, pastor of St. Catherine Laboure Parish, Glenview since 2009. Former pastor of St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr in Posen. Grew up in Kenya. Ordained at Mundelein in 2002 at age 29.

Village life: Born in East Africa, "In the foothills of Mount Kenya, second highest mountain in Africa. It's near where they say Prince William proposed to Kate. Mother still lives there with my two brothers.

"I lost my dad when I was two. Our home was Catholic. Grandmother planted the seed. She would wake up early on Sunday and make breakfast -- tea and sweet potatoes for everybody. And she'd make sure everyone went to church.

"Then we children moved with mother and other Christians to north-east Kenya. It was 10 per cent Christian, and 90 per cent Islam, Al-Shabaab, related to Al-Qaeda. After some years we moved back to central Kenya because of safety issues."

He credits Maryknoll priests and nuns like Sister Anastasia Lott in the north-east for encouraging his vocation. "I was baptized 'Paul' at age 11. (I prefer my given name Maina, pronounced like the myna bird.) The Maryknoll priests provided cassocks for us to be altar servers. I was the first to wear one. I served until I was a teenager and my cassock looked like a mini-dress. One day a new pastor came: Father Tom McQuaid of Chicago. He said he asked permission from Cardinal Bernardin to join a missionary group. He chose Maryknoll. I liked him right away. He had no car; he walked to the market. He would drink the dirty water where everyone else was drinking -- like Pope Francis!"

Seminary: "I wanted to go to a good high school to be a priest. Being in Muslim territory we had no Catholic high school, so Sister Anastasia and Father Tom took me to the minor seminary in the West. It was a 24-hour bus ride. I left in January and came home in December! The last time I've celebrated Easter at home was in eighth grade. "At graduation I joined the Missionaries of Africa. Father Tom went back to Chicago when I was in the college seminary. Later he surprised me with a letter, asking if I'd like to be a priest in Chicago. I only knew 'Chicago Bulls.' I didn't even know where it was on the map."



Fr. (Paul) Maina Waithaka

Adjustments: "American English is a dialect of its own. My first time in a restaurant I ordered whatever the guy next to me ordered. Best part of being here is how friendly and helpful people are. I don't like winter. I was studying on a Saturday morning in 1999, when I saw all this white stuff falling down for the first time."

Leisure: "I like to cook Kenyan food, but I can cook sloppy joes, too. I used to play soccer with friends, but now I'm 41 and into golf. I've been following Pope Francis' writings. I'm a John Paul II priest and I like to read about him. I enjoy suspense novels, and a movie now and then."

Prayer: "Here at St. Catherine's parishioners have a 24-hour adoration chapel. I stop at least three times a week to spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament. I got a smart phone recently and downloaded the Divine Office in chant. I love it and pray along with it."

Favorite saint: "St. John Paul II. He gave me a rosary. He's a model for my priesthood."

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Father Paul Maina Waithaka celebrates Mass at The Abbington of Glenview healthcare residence on Aug. 20. Waithaka is pastor of St. Catherine Laboure Parish in Glenview. Brian J. Morowczynski/Catholic New World

We are all one

Megan Graves

By Breath, by Blood, by Body, by Spirit, we are all one... these words by contemporary singer Sara Thomsen rang through my mind, body, and soul as I left the Sinsinawa Mound two months ago. For me, being "sent out" on the feast of St. Dominic in August has connected me even more with the heritage of Dominican Life, as I begin my life as a Sinsinawa Dominican candidate. My two months here in Whitefish Bay so far, have been filled with contemplation and adventure. From evening prayer to fresh popcorn, I wake up each day with a sense of peace and happiness, as I live with twelve wonderful Sinsinawa Dominicans. Also, being at Dominican High school has helped me to recognize my own privilege of being able to journey with students who are still in search of who they are and how they can see God in all people. I have also been blessed with the opportunity to begin a Black Heritage club at our High school, which will allow many of the students to explore and engage in conversations about the richness of African traditions and history around the world. The rich culture of Milwaukee also allows me to connect with my heritage, as I have been able to volunteer at the Wisconsin Black historical Society and attend Graduate Chapter meeting with my Sorority of Alpha Kappa Alpha. I know that the journey has just begun for me, but I also know that I have been



blessed with so much support and prayers to begin the journey, so I think of this ancient African Proverb, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." As we are all one.

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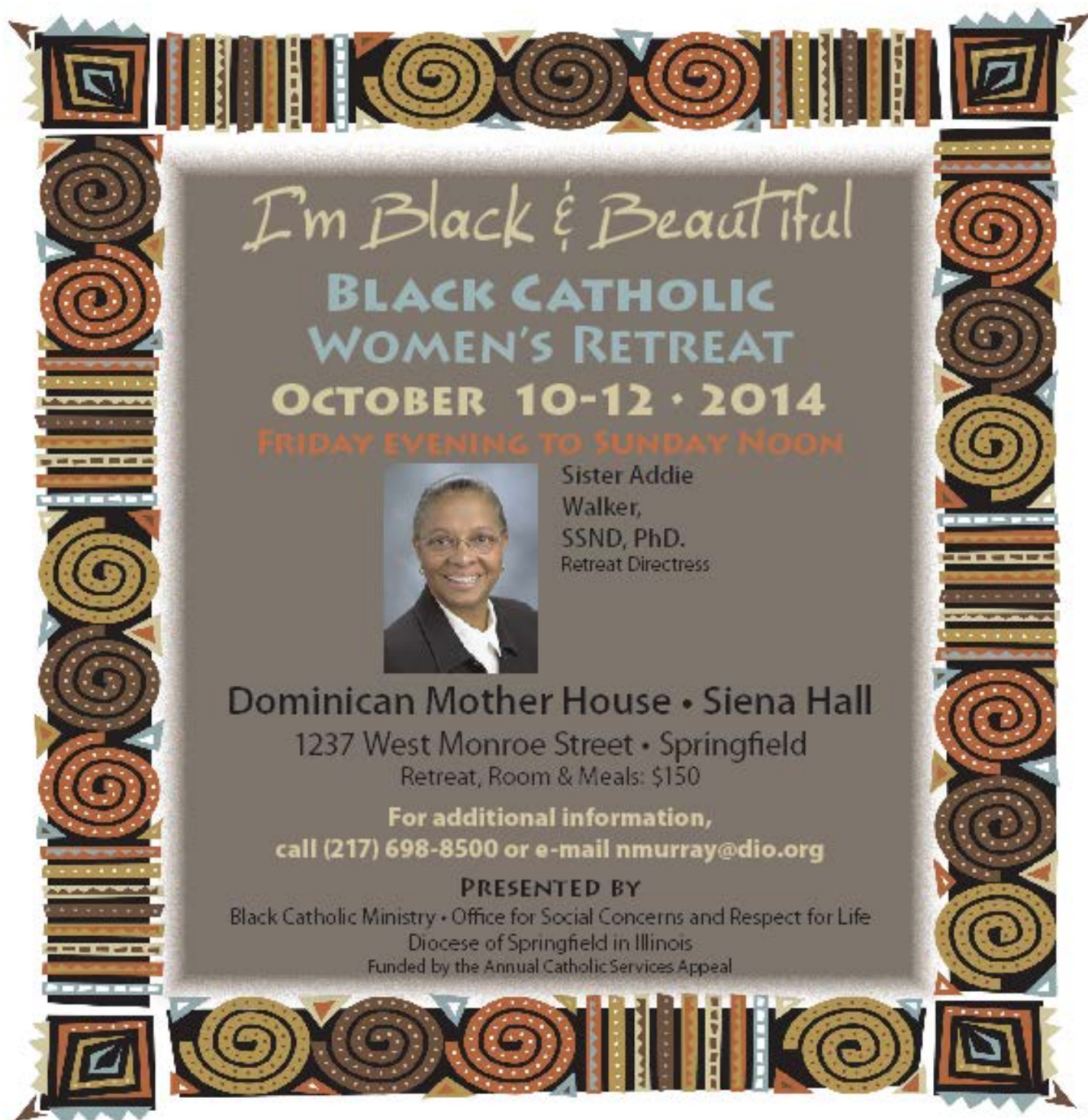
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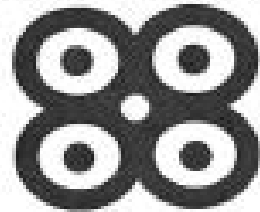
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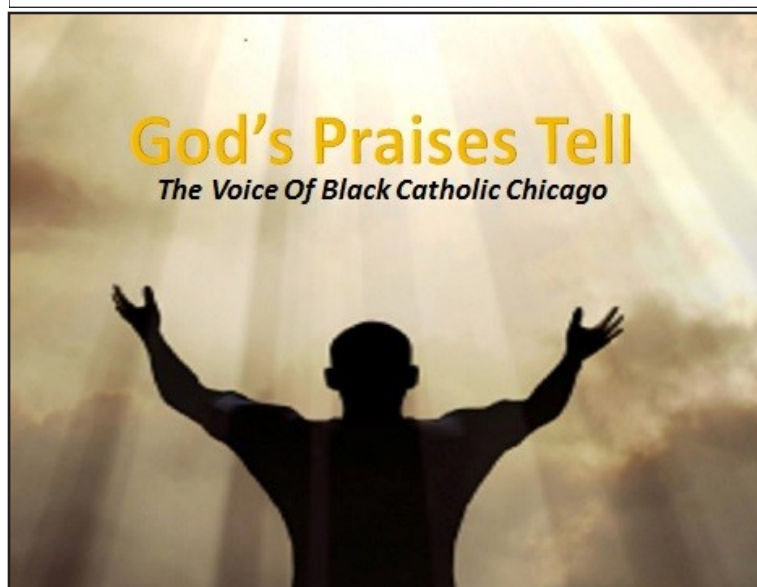
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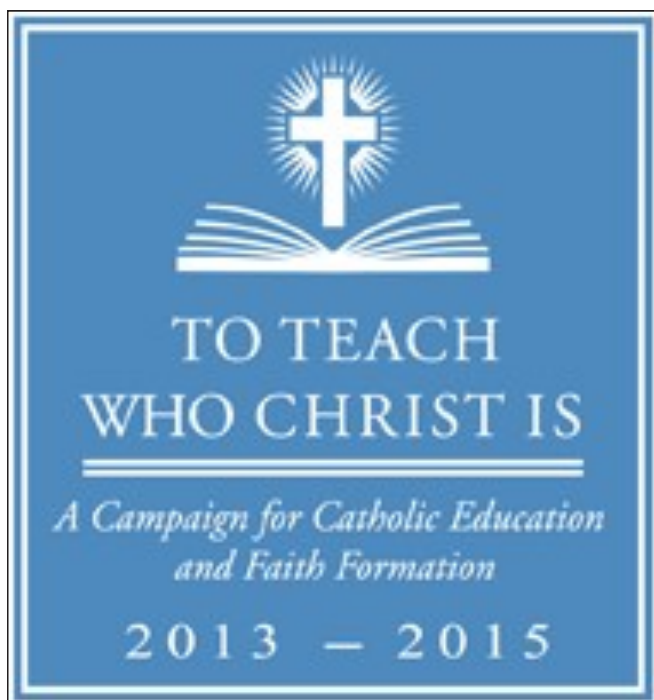

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