



The Drum

Archdiocese of Chicago
BLACK CATHOLIC INITIATIVE

A Unique Gift of Blackness

TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE BCI
OCTOBER 2016

**Just like the Faith, the Drum works for us if you pass it on.
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1. LET US PRAY

Petitions from the Congress Day of Reflection.

Based on Our Lady's Sorrows

For all the fallen lives in the African American community, especially the mothers who have lost their heart, may the love of the God the Father restore each and all to communion.

For children who are lost, by amazing grace and through the ministry of the church may they be found and join us in the work of the Lord.

For those who meet the Lord on the streets of Chicago that in him they will find the strength they need to bear the burdens and rise to the challenges of life.

For the unjustly tried and innocents condemned
That they will forgive the sins committed against them.

For our members who recuperating from social and systemic ills, that they remain steadfast in faith and unwavering in hope.

For all those who have been buried and who will be buried before we meet again, may our prayers lead them from the cross to the grave and from the grave to the sky in order to rest in peace.

Based on Our Lady's Joys

Let us pray for the continued Annunciation of the Good News to be received for the health and well being of the Black Catholic community.
Let us pray to the Lord

Let us pray in thanksgiving for the charge to make Christ present and real in times and places where fear needs to be replaced by hope, especially amongst the parishioners of our Church. Let us pray to the Lord.

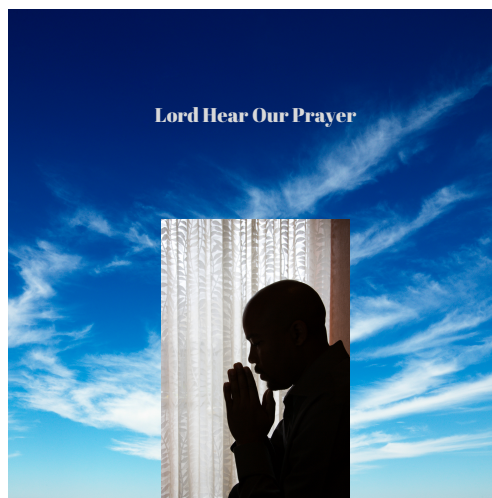
Let us pray that the Resurrection of Christ will be what we as Black Catholics stand in solidarity for when all who bring joy in the time of trouble. Let us pray to the Lord.

Let us rejoice with heaven and earth and on every street corner in the Black community as we recall the Ascension of Christ to Heaven as a sign of the best is yet to come. Let us pray to the Lord

Let us dance as sisters and brothers with the Spirit of Pentecost as we humbly submit to do Thy will. Let us pray to the Lord.

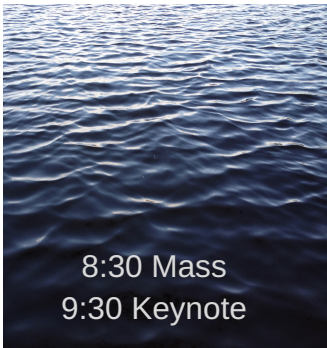
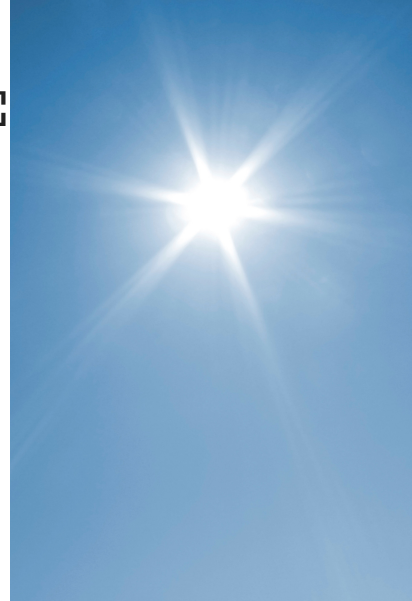
As we prepare to leave this place, let us pray with Mary, Queen of heaven, Queen of saints, Queen of Apostles, Queen of peace, that our work in preparation for the National Black Catholic Congress will be blessed by God and appreciated by men.

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



2. THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE BCI

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BLACK CATHOLIC INITIATIVE
**CLIMATE
JUSTICE
CONFERENCE**
Nov. 2nd
ALL SOULS DAY



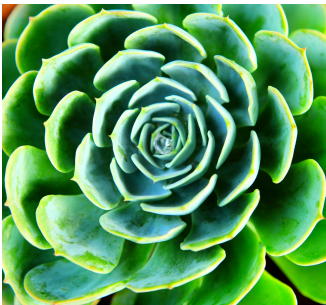
Keynote: Dr. Sylvia Hood Washington

Laudato Si

*What is Pope Francis saying to
Black Catholics?*

St. Benedict the African Parish
6550 S. Harvard

10:30 Workshops that explore and respond to our environment right here in Chicagoland!



The Green Carpet Ball

10:30 - 2:00

Workshops for students

Whole Food Luncheon

Screening of "Dirt, the Movie"

RSVP

<http://climateconferenceandgreencarpetball.eventbrite.com>

312.577.0475

Dr. Sylvia Hood Washington, OFS, HTP

Healing Touch of Tau

to Promote Environmental Justice and Heal Climate-Impacted Communities

Chicago has a long history of some of the nation's highest rates of asthma and lead levels in the African American community. The historic, deadly Heat Wave of 1995 disproportionately impacted Chicago-area seniors of color. Participants in the 2nd Annual Climate and Environmental Justice Conference, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago's Black Catholic Initiative, will both experience Healing Touch, a Green/Judeo-Christian spiritual healing technique, and learn how to use it to remediate environmental and climate health problems. Complimentary sessions are being provided by the newly formed 501 (c) 3 Franciscan charity *Healing Touch of Tau*. Please see the Introduction to Healing Touch video at the Download link here: <http://www.healingtouchprogram.com/about/intro-to-healing-touch-video>

Dr. Washington is a formally trained Healing Touch Practitioner. Part of her journey as a Secular Franciscan in faith-based environmental health activism is the use of non-invasive and non-pharmaceutical based health care for marginalized and high risk environmental/climate justice communities. The sessions offered are ideal for members of communities with high rates of asthma, COPD, lead poisoning, diabetes, mercury exposure, and cardiovascular disease. The sessions are also ideal for those who live within 30 miles of coal fired power plants, live in housing built before 1946, or have a family history of eating fish caught in the Great Lakes. Participants will receive:

- A 20 to 30 minute complimentary Green Healing Session .
- Training in how to administer this form of Green Healing to themselves, family and community members, and friends.

3. THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL CHURCH

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

GALA BENEFIT



Father Augustus Tolton

The Cause for Sainthood

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 13, 2016
NAVY PIER'S
LAKEVIEW TERRACE
3:00 PM**

MARTHA JANE TOLTON AWARD

SILENT AUCTION

HOR D'OEUVRES

CASH BAR

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**4. THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT
THE NATIONAL CHURCH**

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XII
Orlando, Florida
July 6 -9, 2017

5. MINISTRY POSTING

This position is for someone who simply wants to build bridges between the generations in order to help the church to grow.

BLACK CATHOLIC INITIATIVE YOUTH COORDINATOR

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Primary coordinator of the Black Catholic Initiative

STATUS: Part time

General Purpose: To position all parish life towards passing on the Faith.

Primary Task: Organize formation opportunities for youth and young adults.

Primary Responsibilities:

1. Be an advocate for youth.
2. Educate parishioners on the role of the young in church.
3. Facilitate religious education of youth.
4. Moderate Young Parishioners Council
5. Provide support for youth organized activities.
6. Organize travel opportunities for youth
7. Direct out reach programs
8. Collaborate with Archdiocesan initiatives
9. Collaborate with parishes and ecumenical churches
10. Coordinate BCI Team

Primary Qualifications

1. Spirituality
2. Energy
3. Creativity
4. Basic Scripture
5. Basic Catholicism
6. Basic organizing skills
7. Basic computer skills
8. Basic people skills
9. Basic fundraising skills
10. Honesty

To apply please send a resume to BCI@archchicago.org

6. ON THE AIR



Deacon John Cook hosts this weekly half-hour program that explores a wide range of topics relevant to Chicago's Black and Catholic communities. Deacon Cook serves at St. Felicitas Parish in Chatham and is very involved in overseeing youth programs in the Bronzeville neighborhood.

Tune in and Call in
312.255.8408

Let's talk about parish transformation

- October 4th - Fr. David Jones
- October 11 - Angie Hicks – Growing Church Protocol
- October 18 - Parents of 1st baby baptized in a newly merged parish
- October 25 - Valerie Jennings – Parish Vitality

Make Them Hear You!

**DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER CALL IN AND RECEIVE A
CHANCE TO WIN THE BLACK CHICAGO PRIZE!**

**SUBSCRIPTION TO ETA CREATIVE ARTS THEATER
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SUBSCRIPTION TO THE CHICAGO DEFENDER
SUBSCRIPTION TO EBONY MAGAZINE
SUBSCRIPTION BLACK ENSEMBLE THEATER
SUBSCRIPTION TO MUNTU DANCE THEATER**

7. LITURGICAL ACTION

Let the Church Say Amen!

Exploring the Beauty of Catholic Liturgy
in the African American Tradition

Featuring Dr. Kim Harris

Concert - Friday, October 21, 7pm

“Songs of Faith, Songs of Freedom, Songs of Worship”

Concert is open to all—bring your friends! A free will offering will be taken.

Day of Renewal—Saturday, October 22, 8:30am-1pm

at St. Martin de Porres Church, 5112 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago



Schedule:

Friday: The 7pm concert features solo song, witness, and congregational praise. Come prepared to lift up your voice! A free will offering will be taken.

Saturday: Doors open at 8:30am. We begin with Prayer at 9am, followed by a presentation by Dr. Harris, breakout sessions for different interest groups, and concluding with a Prayer of Blessing.

Join together for two days of formation and inspiration, featuring Dr. Kim Harris, a multi talented musician and speaker. Meet and share ideas with liturgical ministers from throughout the archdiocese, and find new inspiration for your own parish ministry.

For: Clergy, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, Sacristans, Cantors, Choir Members, Music Instrumentalists, Art and Environment and Liturgy Committee members, everyone interested in beautiful and vital parish liturgy!

Breakouts for Saturday—choose one below

A. Proclaiming the Word Through Scripture and Song

For: lectors, cantors, clergy, choir members, instrumentalists, liturgy planners

B. Becoming the Body of Christ: Receive Before You Give!

For: Eucharistic Ministers, ministers of care, sacristans, clergy, adult altar servers

C. Welcoming all God's Children: Liturgy and Hospitality

For: ushers, greeters, all members of the assembly, clergy

Registration (only needed for Saturday)

Name: _____

Parish: _____

Email Address: _____

Breakout Session (A, B, or C): _____

Amount enclosed: _____

FEE for Saturday:

register by Wednesday, October 19.

\$25 per person

\$20 per person, five or more from the same parish, \$200 maximum per parish

Make checks payable and mail to:

Office for Divine Worship

3525 South Lake Park Ave.

Chicago, IL 60653

Questions? Contact Wendy Silhavy at 312.534.8011 or wsilhavy@archchicago.org

8. SOCIAL ACTION

The Call to Communion:

*The Biblical and
Catholic Social Teachings'
Response to
Racial Violence*



Saturday, October 8th 1:00 pm

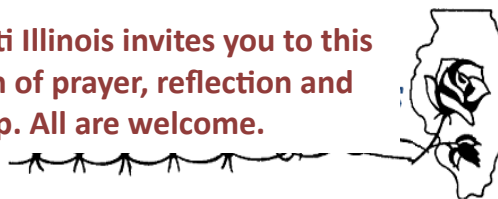
**St. Benedict the African East Parish, 6550 S. Harvard St., Chicago, 60621
(Just off the Dan Ryan Expressway, Exit 58B. Off-street parking available.)**



Presenter: Sr. Dr. Jamie T. Phelps, O.P. PhD

Xavier University appointed Dr. Jamie T. Phelps, O.P., Ph.D., a Roman Catholic sister who has been a member of the Adrian Dominican Congregation since 1959, as Director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies (IBCS) and Professor of Systematic Theology, effective August 1, 2003. Dr. Phelps has been associated with the IBCS since its inception in 1980 when she served as a major consultant to the Reverend Dr. Thaddeus Posey, O.F.M., Cap., who was the founding Director of IBCS. Since 1989 she has been a member of the Th. M. Degree faculty, and from 1994-2000 and served as Associate Director for the Institute's graduate degree program.

**Pax Christi Illinois invites you to this
afternoon of prayer, reflection and
fellowship. All are welcome.**



Co-sponsors: 8th Day Center for Justice, Chicago; Peace Studies Program, Lewis University, Rome-oville; Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate (Joliet Franciscans); Loretto Sisters (IBVM), Wheaton; Wheaton Franciscans; Women of Faith for Justice; Pace e Bene/Campaign Nonviolence; Pax Joyce Ministries; Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, Northfield; West Suburban Call To Action; West Suburban Faith-based Peace Coalition; Office for Human Dignity, Joliet; Department of Catholic Studies and the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology, DePaul University, Chicago; Augustas Tolton Program at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago;

The Black History Project

There are lessons to be learned and lessons to be taught.



In February the BCI sought
lesson plans used to teach
Black History in Catholic schools.

THE BCI IS NOW SEEKING LESSONS PLANS ON

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY

IN PREPARATION FOR NOVEMBER



Black History is a gift from God to the church.

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Parish Vitality and Mission



The BCI received the following announcements from parishes, schools and organizations for the purpose of sharing information and invitation.

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CENTER FOR WORLD CATHOLICISM *and* INTERCULTURAL THEOLOGY

Racism and the Catholic Church

Join Korean-American scholar, Fr. Simon C. Kim, on [Thursday, October 6](#), as he examines the Catholic Church's response to racism since Vatican II...and how changing attitudes will help, or hinder, the outlook on race relations both here in the U.S. and around the globe.

Thursday, October 6 at 6:00pm to 8:00pm

[Cortelyou Commons](#) 2324 N Fremont St

Why is the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops planning to release a pastoral letter on racism in 2018, nearly 40 years after their last statement? Will this statement help us navigate the recent struggles dividing our communities? This talk will examine the Catholic Church's response to racism since Vatican II and how changing attitudes will help or hinder the outlook of race relations not only in this country but throughout the world.

Speaker: A Korean-American scholar, Fr. Simon C. Kim is a theologian of culture; he strives to make faith generationally and culturally relevant, drawing on his own experience of church and identity. He's the author of several books, including *A World Church in Our Backyard* and *An Immigration of Theology*.



Questions? Please contact CWCIT at cwcit@depaul.edu or

773.325.4158

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2016 ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

"Keeping the Gates of Mercy Open"



Saturday October 8, 2016

DoubleTree Hotel

5000 W. 127TH Street

Alsip, Illinois

9:00AM-1PM

Donation: \$30:00

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Presents

2016 Fall Concert

Saturday, November 5, 2016

6:00 P.M.

Sounds of Praise

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Sisters in Spirit Praise Ministry

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Father Tom. Jackson O.P, Pastor

11159 S. Loomis Street

Chicago, Illinois 60643

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FALL BENEFIT LUNCHEON

**St. James Catholic Church
10600 South Archer Avenue & Route 83
Lemont, Illinois 60439
November 5th
NOON**

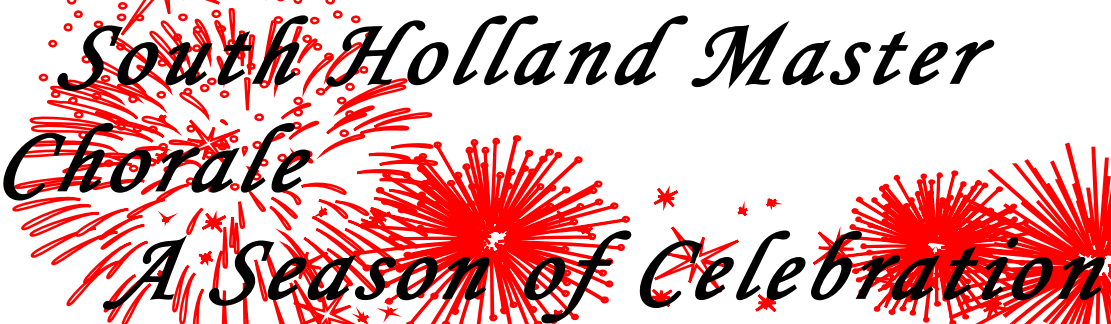
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South Holland Master Chorale

A Season of Celebration

Music for Celebration

St. Irenaeus Catholic Church
78 Cherry St, Park Forest, IL
Sunday, October 9, 2016, 4:00p.m.

First Reformed Church of South Holland
15924 South Park Ave, South Holland, IL
Sunday, October 16, 2016, 4:00p.m.

Music by Haydn, Handel, Widor, and Mascagni, as well as spirituals and a newly-composed piece.

16th Annual Christmas at St. Victor's

St. Victor Catholic Church
553 Hirsch Ave, Calumet City, IL
Sunday, December 4, 2016, 4:00p.m.

Works by Holst, Rachmaninoff, and Mendelssohn, as well as favorite carols of the holidays.

Royal Splendor: Music of Handel and Mozart

Covenant United Church of Christ

*1130 E. 154th St, South Holland, IL
Sunday, April 30, 2017, 3:00p.m. (note time)*

*St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
768 Lincoln Ave, Calumet City, IL
Sunday, May 7, 2017, 4:00p.m.*

Music of Handel and Mozart, with the Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra. The May 7 concert marks the 125th anniversary of St. Andrew Church in Calumet City.

CHORALE PERFORMANCES ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC

www.shchorale.org

10. THE BCI AND YOU

All are welcome to bring ideas and gifts to this collective work of baptizing, matrimony and anointing, this effort of kujichagulia, umoja and imani. This is a meeting of the seven sacraments of the church and the seven principles of Kwanzaa. This is a meeting of the church. That is what makes it and us truly catholic. Stay tuned, stay close, get involved, walk together and don't you get weary! There's a great camp meeting in the Promised Land. Believe that you are in the camp.

Thanks

Be to

GOD

When the battle is over

Will your loved ones look for your insurance policy

under your mattress

or

at your church?

PASS ON THE FAITH