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THE BEAT OF BLACK CATHOLIC CHICAGO

Remembering the Dream

By Andrew Lyke

Last month we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 1963 March On Washington, the historic gathering at the National Mall at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial where the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. articulated a vision that reshaped the American Dream. With his "I Have A Dream" speech, Dr. King gave a stirring oratory that sparked the American imagination for a more just society. Grounded in faith, Dr. King's words emboldened in us courageous hope and daring promise for a nation that would one day live up to its creed that all people are created in equal dignity. Now 50 years later, the current state of race relations could turn daring hope into cowering cynicism.

While legal apartheid in the country was revoked nearly a year later when the Civil Rights Act was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson, the evil of white supremacy was merely diverted to other, more insidious methods to sustain a racial caste system. The burgeoning prison industrial complex has replaced the old system of racial disenfranchisement with a new "Jim Crow" that targets people of color, particularly Black men, and permanently bans them from that very dream so well articulated 50 years ago.

So, what does this milestone mean to us? Despite the conditions that invite despair I try to live in hope, despite the ugliness around me. I need to remember "The Dream" of which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke so eloquently. Remembering the dream helps me to focus on what's possible in the midst of adversity. It reminds me that the cross isn't the end of the story. Yes, unearned suffering brings redemption. And it is our history as oppressed people whose faith carried us through the darkest of days, and the spirituality shaped by God in us that make us prophetic.

However, there are many who remember the dream as though it were realized. They want to rush into the "post-racial era" of



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the National Mall in Washington, DC on August 28, 1963.

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nightmare."
-Malcolm X

America where all dues are paid and we all have a clean slate. They want to put the past behind us, take no responsibility for it, and expunge the sin without penance. To be prophetic we can't

allow ourselves to be lulled into that anesthetic amnesia where we act as though America didn't happen to us. It was shortly after Dr. King gave his signature "I Have A Dream" speech when Malcolm X said in an interview, "While Dr. King was having a dream the rest of us Negroes are having a nightmare."

Perhaps Malcolm's commentary reflected the growing polarity in the Liberation Movement at that time. However, it speaks

to us today as an anchor for the hope that remains in the dream. For us to be prophetic we need to remember the dream without forgetting the nightmare. For those groups who came to America for opportunities unavailable in their homeland, when America happened to them it was a good thing. For those who came to America as refugees from oppression in their homeland, when

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America happened to them it was a wonderful thing. For those who came to America for a religious freedom or simply a better life, when America happened to them it was grace from God. We can't rewrite history so that we can claim that for our stolen African ancestors. America happened to our ancestors and it was evil. It was the work of the devil. To spin it any other way plays into the hand of Satan himself. For us to be prophetic we need to remember the nightmare and not succumb to the spin of revisionist history that tries to mitigate the horrors of that 400 year holocaust. For only through remembering the nightmare can the dream ever be in its fullness.

If there is any real forgiveness for the horrors of the ignoble past it will be because we remember the nightmare and embrace the dream. If America whitewashes the ignoble past by relativizing the holocaust to "what all groups went through" there is nothing for which America must atone. For there to be true reconciliation we need to embrace the hope of the dream and boldly tell the truth about the nightmare. And then courageously and lovingly move closer to the Kingdom of God.

Finally, remembering the nightmare while holding fast to the dream isn't all about what was. The nightmare continues today for very many in newer and more insidious forms. "It ain't over!" We have much to do to bring about the "beloved community" for which Dr. King dedicated and gave his life.

Job postings at Lewis University



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Reporting to the Director of University Ministry, the Coordinator of Retreats/Faith Formation (First & Second Year Students) designs, organizes, facilitates and recruits for a variety of retreats and reflection experiences which engage and support first and second year students. Responsibilities include mentoring a team of student leaders who facilitate the FYI (First Year Interaction) retreat program; designing a vocation retreat as part of the University's grant-funded DISCOVER Vocation Initiative; and envisioning new programs and initiatives for first and second year students. The Coordinator also mentors five Peer Ministers in first year residence halls.

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- Organize and facilitate a team of students to plan and to recruit for First Year Interaction (FYI), a one-day retreat experience designed to help first year students reflect on their purpose, make a successful transition to college life, and connect with others.

- Write a two year, five year, and ten year Retreat Plan that includes descriptions of retreats, costs, staffing needs.
- Organize and facilitate a team of students to plan and to recruit for a vocation retreat specifically for second year students.
- Collaborate with the other Coordinator of Retreats to implement a revised Peer Ministry Program. Hire and train all Peer Ministers and mentor those in the first year residence halls.
- Design and develop additional retreats for first year students that reach a diverse spectrum of students.
- Design and develop Faith Communities in collaboration with the other Coordinator of Retreats/Faith Formation.
- Explore the development of a retreat experience and opportunities for reflection for faculty, staff, and alumni of the University.
- Serve on Ministry and other University committees or task forces as assigned.
- Participate in weekly staff meetings, VIP and Open House Days, provide guidance in pastoral conversations with students and staff, and be a pastoral presence in residence halls and common areas.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Experience organizing retreats and times of reflection; should also have experience training students to facilitate peer-led retreats. Must have the ability to effectively work independently and as part of a team. Must demonstrate outstanding communication skills (oral and written). Bachelor's degree (theology or pastoral studies) required. Master's degree (theology, pastoral studies, divinity) highly preferred.

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Reporting to the Director of University Ministry, the Coordinator of Retreats/Faith Formation (Third & Fourth Year Students) designs, organizes, facilitates and recruits for a variety of retreats and reflection experiences which engage and support third and fourth year students. Responsibilities include serving as the Associate Moderator of the Koinonia (LUK) retreat program (the University's hallmark retreat program) and providing oversight for the EPIC (Each Person in Contemplation) retreat program. The Coordinator is also responsible for envisioning new programs and

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initiatives for third and fourth year students as well as mentoring the nine Peer Ministers in residence halls for upperclassmen.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Responsible to model the University Mission through dedicated job performance, service excellence to constituencies, respectful collaboration and active support of the University's Mission and Catholic and Lasallian higher education.
- Serve as the Associate Moderator of the Koinonia retreat. Help the Moderator to organize and to facilitate a team of students to plan and to recruit for LUK (Lewis University Koinonia), a three-day retreat experience for second, third and fourth year students.
- Organize and facilitate a team of students to plan and to recruit for EPIC Retreats that focus on contemplation, Christ, and community.
- Write a two year, five year, and ten year Retreat Plan that includes descriptions of retreats, costs, staffing needs.
- Collaborate with the other Coordinator of Retreats to implement a revised Peer Ministry Program. Hire and train all Peer Ministers and mentor those in residence halls for upperclassmen.
- Design and develop Faith Communities in collaboration with the other Coordinator of Retreats/Faith Formation.
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Evangelization

Bishop Joseph N. Perry



"Evangelization" is a buzz word in the Catholic community these days. The late Pope John Paul II coined the term "*the new evangelization*" just prior to the turn of the new millennium, the year 2000, when he called on the Church for a new evangelization to refresh the world with the message of Christ, especially, those areas of the world already evangelized but who may have become lukewarm if not disaffected from faith. *Evangelization* comes from a Greek word that means the gospel – that is – spreading the gospel (the message) of Jesus Christ. The duty of spreading the good news about Jesus redounds to every baptized man and woman. Some do it professionally, of course, as officially deputed ministers, teachers and preachers in the church. For most of us, it simply means letting the light of Christ shine through the words we speak, the gestures we indicate, the thoughts that inspire right action in every instance so that others may see, directly or inadvertently how special it is to be a Catholic Christian. This task of spreading the Good News demands a consciousness of our discipleship in Christ – the Lord we love and admire so that He imbues everything about us.

If you are so inclined to surrender your life to God, you might find inspiration in these words of Blessed John Henry Newman – 1848:

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace ... if I do but keep his commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him; whatever I am, I can never be thrown away.

If I am in sickness my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about."

Bishop Joseph N. Perry

Bishop Perry is Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate VI Archdiocese of Chicago

OBC Summary for FY 2012-13

Below are highlights of the Office for Black Catholics for fy-2013.



**Office for Black Catholics
Archdiocese of Chicago**

African-American

Heritage Month Mass:

The 2013 Mass at Holy Name Cathedral marked 35 years for this annual event. This year we had a more balanced collaboration with the Catholic Schools Office, and we had new and younger people at the planning table.

Anti-Racism Task Force:

OBC was involved with two key initiatives in collaboration with the Office for Racial Justice and the "Dwell In My Love" Anti-Racism Task Force:

- Advanced Training module that integrates biblical narratives into the spiritual rational for anti-racism work.
- Freshman Retreat for Leo High School

Archbishop James P. Lyke Liturgical Conference:

OBC partnered with the Lyke Foundation to host the Annual Archbishop James P. Lyke Liturgical Conference in June 2013 at the Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park, Illinois. While the focus of this event was authentic Black Catholic liturgy, we reached out to all corners of the Archdiocese to encourage local participation. It was a wonderful culmination of the Year of the Sunday Mass.

Black & Latino Catholics In Dialogue (BLCD):

A collaboration with the Office for Immigration Affairs & Immigration Education and the Office for Hispanics, OBC worked closely with St. Martin De Porres parish in making their annual Feast Day celebration a multicultural event. OBC also engaged with the Peace & Justice office of the Joliet Diocese in opposing the proposed private detention center for immigrants. OBC was part of an action on the Mayor's Office in Berwyn to address racial profiling of police officers against Latinos.

Communication:

- In January OBC launched the first issue of *The Drum*, a monthly e-magazine that focuses on events, issues, history, spirituality, and culture of African-American Catholics of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The format of the publication evolved after three issues to its current format, a 16-page layout with color and features from the African-American Catholic Deacons, Bishop Joseph Perry, and pertinent historical events with photos. Readership is over 600. To access an online archive of the current and past issues go to www.blackcatholicchicago.org.
- *God's Praises Tell*, a weekly ½ hour radio show that focuses on the Black Catholic Community is part of *The Catholic Community of Faith* that airs each weekday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Our show airs each Tuesday from 9:00 to 9:30. Since January of 2013 OBC Director took on

hosting duties and has refocused the show closer to the life of everyday and not-so-everyday Black Catholics of the Archdiocese and beyond. To access an online archive of recent shows go to www.archchicago.org/radioTV/programs/GodsPraisesTell.

- *BlackCatholicChicago.org* is the website for the Office for Black Catholics. Since November of 2012 the Director has taken on webmaster duties. The website promotes events of parishes, news of agencies, and national Black Catholic initiatives. Go to www.blackcatholicchicago.org.
- *The Church, the Cardinal and You* is a monthly news show featuring interviews with Cardinal George and broadcast via the Comcast cable network. Director Andrew Lyke share hosting duties with Todd Williamson, director of the Office for Divine Worship. The show 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.

Comcast customers who live in Chicago and throughout the suburbs can see *The Church, The Cardinal and You*, Sunday at 2:30 p.m. on CN-100, the Comcast Network (Channel 100). The program also airs Friday at 7 p.m. on Chicago Loop Cable Channel 25.

- *Black And Catholic And Prophetic* is an audio presentation by Andrew Lyke that was taped in February of 2013 at Sacred Heart Church in Joliet. It's a recording of a presentation given for Black History Month. It expresses His deepest thoughts and feelings about what it means to be a prophetic people of faith. To listen visit the "Director" page at www.blackcatholicchicago.org

Community Organizing:

OBC worked closely with Southsiders Organized for Unity & Liberation (SOUL) on an initiative to build a class-A arts & recreation center in the Bronzeville community. We were successful in getting public funding to begin.

The Director participated in a week-long training for community organizing through IIRON, and tri-state power organization that targets root-cause issues in the community. With SOUL and IIRON, the OBC is engaged in organizing Catholic parishes for taking public action to bring about needed change in the community. The main purpose is to build power in the Black Catholic community, power that strengthens within the Catholic system of the Archdiocese, and power that raises Catholic presence in the ongoing struggle in the community. One major focus is the "Prison Industrial Complex" that targets Black men, a social analysis called "The New Jim Crow."

CRS Ghana Immersion Trip:

In September of 2012 Andrew Lyke was part of a "diversity delegation" organized by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) that went to the West African country Ghana. The delegation was made up of seven Latinos, one white person, and one African-American, Lyke. They visited several CRS projects throughout the country. Lyke produced a video that highlights the trip. To view the video visit the "Director" page at www.blackcatholicchicago.org.

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In November Lyke hosted a reception for Thomas Awiapo of CRS-Ghana, who was the guide while in Ghana. He was doing a U.S. tour promoting the work of CRS in Ghana. Attending the reception at Lyke's home were Bishop Perry, Anthony Suarez-Abraham, staff members of CRS-Central Region, and key leaders from the Black Catholic Community. Lyke presented the video he produced, after which Thomas gave a presentation.

Lyke gave a lunchtime presentation to students at DePaul University, he was the keynoter at a "Hunger Banquet" at St. Benedict Prep, and he gave a presentation on Global Solidarity at St. Mary's in Evanston for Peace and Justice groups from several parishes.

Ministry through a family lens:

Lyke leads local and national foci on Catholic outreach to African-American families. The OBC financially supported a parenting program designed to address domestic violence. As a collaboration with Arusi Network, Inc., the OBC sponsored a marriage retreat. Lyke negotiated with the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NACFLM) in creating a section of the organization that focuses on outreach to African Americans. He leads that effort and sits on the board of directors of the organization to advocate for that effort. In conjunction with his leadership role with the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA), he is shaping a national Catholic outreach strategy for African Americans. Locally, OBC is working with Strong Catholic Families process to shape a relative and effective outreach to African Americans.



Deacon LeRoy Gill give the opening reflection at the Annual Sunrise Prayer Service at 63rd Street Beach. Written on the crosses are names of children killed by violence. The August 24th services were at six locations.

National Black Catholic Congress:

The OBC convened local Black Catholics in preparation for the National Black Catholic Congress to surface primary concerns and needs of Black Catholics in the United States. A local leadership team led a delegation of around 60 to the Congress in Indianapolis. The team conducted listening session in response to the Pastoral Plan of Action, which was a resulting artifact of the Congress.

Tolton Cause for Canonization:

In collaboration with Bishop Perry and the Tolton Guild,

- The OBC coordinated at all levels the Gala Fundraiser for the Tolton Cause for Sainthood. The event, held at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place.
- The OBC organized a pilgrimage in Chicago, which traced the life and ministry of Father Augustus Tolton.
- Collaborated with DePaul University's Catholic Studies Department in establishing the first annual Tolton Essay Contest, which was presented during World Catholicism Week.

Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program:

The OBC continues to provide ongoing financial support for the academic program at Catholic Theological Union. OBC also supports the program through the Director chairing the Nominations Committee for new scholars, his participation on the Advisory Board, and the Formation Team. He also engages with the scholars one-on-one in various initiatives in the community.

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Organizing Catholics for Justice

On Saturday, August 17th the Office of Peace and Justice (OPJ) of the Archdiocese of Chicago launched a new initiative called "Organizing Catholics for Justice" (OCJ). The Internet-based initiative is designed to unite Chicago Area Catholics through grassroots organizing. About 130 people gathered for the kick-off event at Holy Family Parish in Chicago. Among the speakers representatives organizations that are recipients of grants from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Mitch Gainer, who cut his community organizing teeth working with "Obama for America," OPJ director Anthony Suarez-Abraham, and Andrew Lyke, director of the Office for Black Catholics. Below is the text from Lyke's presentation.

I daily reflect on a paradoxical reality as a leader in the Black Catholic community. For a people with a history that has shaped in us a spirituality that channels us to God in such a way that we know God's infinite mercy, that in the darkest of days God is with us and never abandons us . . . a spirituality that channels us to God in such a way that we know what it means to be delivered . . . in such a way that we know Redemption, we are so marginal in the broader Catholic community and the Black Church. You see? When they talk about the powerful Black Church from which the Civil Rights Movement spawned . . . the Black Church that is part of the powerful political base of this city . . . well, they don't mean us. And when they talk about the magnificent power of the Catholic Church, globally, nationally, and right here in the great Archdiocese of Chicago, they still don't mean us.

We share a history where we know suffering; ours is a faith in which we live Salvation. We bear the wounds of Christ and we are a prophetic witness to God's covenantal love.

Yet, our family life is in rapid decay; our parishes hang by a thread; our pews are emptying young people who are joining more robust mega-churches; and we are more marginal in the broader Catholic community than we were 40 years ago. In this city of Chicago, founded by a Black Catholic, with a robustly powerful Black political base, where we have one of largest cross-sections of African-American wealth; and a city that is so very Catholic, the common Black Catholic experience is not one of being powerful but being powerless; parishes and schools facing possible closing, pews emptying, and congregations with lost vitality.

Something is wrong with this picture. Perhaps we aren't telling our compelling story in such a way that we know it, believe it, and are compelled by it. And perhaps we aren't feeling powerful because we aren't acting powerfully. We are not taking the kind of action that will change for the better those conditions in our communities that increase anxiety, despair, and depression, all which create conditions for poverty, violence, self-medication, and family erosion.

What if we Black Catholics organized ourselves to take

action on key issues in our community? What if we acted more cohesively to demonstrate our power? What if we Black Catholics were successful in making changes for the betterment of our communities?

I have recently been involved in community organizing. I went through a weeklong training earlier this year in which my thinking has been dramatically shifted. Here's a metaphor to think about: Imagine yourself paddling a canoe down a river. As you are paddling down the river you notice people in the water drowning . . . lots of people coming from upstream drowning in the water. You immediately jump into action to pull people out of the water. But you can only do so much. It's just you in one canoe. But you do what you can, even though it's far from enough. Though you might save a few, people are still drowning. When will you stop pulling people out of the water and paddle to shore and run up stream to see why people are falling in the river?

We need to put our energy and action in addressing the root causes for those issues and change the conditions of hopelessness and high anxiety in our communities. Organizing Catholics for Justice is a tremendous resource that will help us identify issues and organize our efforts so that we may act powerfully, feel powerful, and use our power for the Glory of God in a just society that enjoys the Peace of Christ.

Pulling people out of the water will always be part of the work of the Church. It's what we do, and it's a good thing to do. But, if that's all we do we will fall far short of what needs to be done to battle the encroaching darkness on our families and communities.

We need to build power by acting powerfully, effecting positive change, which makes us feel powerful, and act more powerfully to effect more positive change, which makes us feel even more powerful, and act even more powerfully . . . and on and on to the Peaceable Kingdom of God.

We do this from the grassroots in the pews. We do it as a call from baptism; we need no more credentials than that. We do it because it is intrinsic to our faith as everyday Catholics—as in-the-pews Catholics. We *are* a powerful people because ours is an awesomely powerful God. Our power is God's power.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, we can make a difference. So, let's do it!

For more information about "Organizing Catholics for Justice" go to www.organizingcatholicsforjustice.org.

Family Reflections

By Andrew & Terri Lyke

This article is part of an anthology of articles from the bi-weekly column by Andrew & Terri Lyke that appeared in various Catholic diocesan newspapers around the U.S. from 1994 to 2003. This article was originally published in September of 1994.

A witness to love, even when we don't feel like it

Imagine being in a car driving down a busy highway. There are several cars ahead of you. In the cars are couples, men and women. Some are sitting close together, some far apart. Look more closely at one of the couples sitting very close together. They look like they are in love. They boldly dare to display their love before the world. Now ask yourself, "Are they married?" Sadly, for most observers the answer is "no."

Somehow we don't expect married people to carry on that way. We excuse newlyweds because they're new at it; they're young and foolish. Their honeymoon will soon be over. They too will have to face the reality that married life is hell at its worse and full of disappointments at its best. That's the kind of social support we give marriages today.

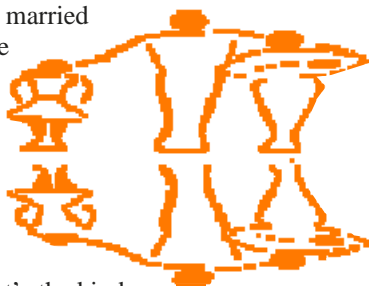
We married folk too easily fall victims to our disbelieving culture. For some reason we are less inclined to let our love shine forth in the more obvious ways after we have committed ourselves to the relationship.

Meanwhile, we see the notion of lasting, permanent, covenant relationships deemed as unrealistic in our current culture. We no longer expect marriages to last forever. Though couples still say in their vows "for as long as we both shall live," for many they really mean "for as long as we both shall love." And when they stop loving they get the expected divorce.

What conventional wisdom doesn't consider is that love is more than just how we feel about each other. Love is what we do, sometimes in spite of how we feel about each other. In marriage we go through cycles of romantic times that lead to disillusionment, back to romance, disillusionment, and so on through the life of the relationship.

Early in the relationship romance comes spontaneously like a gift out of nowhere. As the relationship matures, romance becomes less and less spontaneous. Married couples find themselves living in what seems like constant disillusionment. Divorce very often is the repercussion. No matter who's right or wrong, both feel victimized in the end.

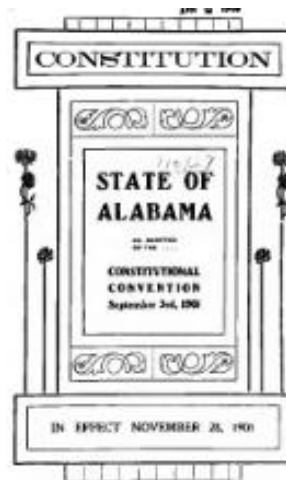
When couples understand that love is a decision on their part to act for the well-being of the other, they are better able to create for themselves the romance that will keep their relationships fresh and exciting. Married couples have the power to act in ways that cultivate love. Their actions, when they become habitual, are



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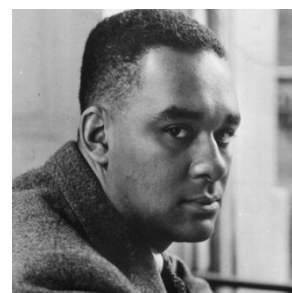
... that on September 2, 1993 Bishop Carl Fisher, SSJ, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, CA, died at the age of 48 in his home in Lakewood, CA? In a letter he wrote to his Church colleagues in August that year, Bishop Fisher state, "I know that almighty God is a God of mystery, but after two years of struggle and suffering the time has come when our blessed Lord is calling me to an eternal reward in Heaven."



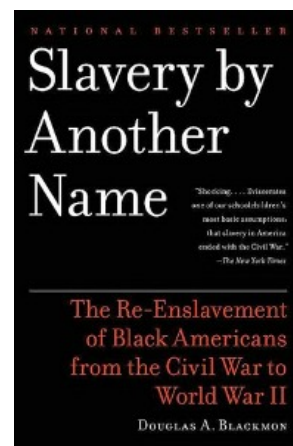
... that on September 3, 1901 Alabama adopted a new state constitution that outlaws interracial marriage and mandates racially segregated schools?



... that on September 3, 1838 abolitionist Frederick Douglass escaped from slavery?



... that on September 4, 1908 novelist Richard Wright was born in Roxie, Mississippi?



... that on September 6, 2010 Alabama prison officials ban all prisoners from reading Douglas A. Blackmon's *Slavery by Another Name*? This literary work is a Pulitzer Prize-winning history of re-enslavement of African Americans in the 19th Century. Did you also know that the ban is still in effect?

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rituals that remind them of their vows to love for better and for worse.

So it's crucial that couples enact rituals that say "I love you" even when their feelings don't say it. Rituals like good-night-kisses, holding hands while walking, praying together, looking in each other's eyes, and actually saying "I love you" become regulators that remind us and others that we have a covenant relationship. Loving rituals provide a setting that helps married couples to create romance. Romance then is no less a gift than when it came spontaneously. However, it doesn't seem to come from *nowhere*. It clearly comes from the couple's intentions of each other. Romance is even more precious because they know that it emerges out of (and in spite of) disillusionment.

Imagine again the couples in the car on the highway. Think of those sitting very close to each other as couples who have in their relationships rituals of love. Are they married? Sure! Why not? What do you expect?

Family Reflections appeared in several Catholic diocesan newspapers from 1994 to 2003. Columnists Andrew & Terri Lyke are the parents of two children who are now adults and raising families themselves. This particular column was written from their perspectives as Catholic parents raising children in faith. Revisiting this writing today as grandparents, they reaffirm their this article and happily share it with the readers of The Drum.

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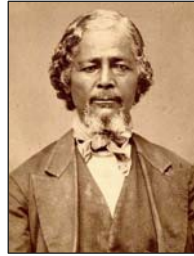


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DID YOU KNOW...



... that on September 5, 1877 Benjamin "Pap" Singleton (1809–1900) founded Singleton's Colony in Kansas. Singleton was an American activist and businessman best known for his role in establishing African-American settlements in Kansas. A former slave from Tennessee who escaped to freedom in 1846, he became a noted abolitionist, community leader, and spokesman for African-American civil rights. He returned to Tennessee during the Union occupation in 1862, but soon concluded that blacks would never achieve economic equality in the white-dominated South. After the end of Reconstruction, Singleton organized the movement of thousands of black colonists, known as Exodusters, to found settlements in Kansas. A prominent voice for early black nationalism, he became involved in promoting and coordinating black-owned businesses in Kansas and developed an interest in the Back-to-Africa movement.

... that on September 8, 1957 Althea Gibson (August 25, 1927 – September 28, 2003) became the first Black athlete to win the U.S. National Tennis Championship? Gibson was also a professional golfer, and the first African-American athlete of either sex to cross the color line of international tennis. In 1956 she became the first person of color to win a Grand Slam title (the French Open). The following year she won both Wimbledon and the U.S. Nationals (precursor of the U.S. Open), then won both again in 1958, and was voted Female Athlete of the Year by the Associated Press in both years. In all she won 11 Grand Slam tournaments, including six doubles titles, and was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame and the International Women's Sports Hall of Fame. At a time when racism and prejudice were widespread in sports and in society, Gibson was often compared to Jackie Robinson.



... that on September 20, 2007 up to 15,000 people in Jena, Louisiana protested the attempted murder prosecution of six Black teens for fighting with White students who hung a noose from a tree on their high school campus?



... that on September 21, 1989 General Colin Powell was confirmed Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest ranking position in the U.S. Military?

Don't give up on life or give in to suicide!

By Dr. Keith Wilson

As a people of color who find strength in also being people of Faith. We find ourselves in the crosswinds of two cultures. As a people who have a history of enslavement, being strong physically and mentally was at the core of our survival. However at the same time, we also called on our God to deliver us in times of need.

As Catholic people of Faith, we have been instructed by that Faith that the act of suicide is a mortal sin while our African-American culture simultaneously infers that any act involving giving up is cowardice. Black men in particular early on are trained to be tough, and not cry. "Tough it out and get back in the game!" We have all heard that black folks don't kill themselves . . . right?

One of the challenges in our culture is pride. The same pride that makes us raise our fists and challenge things such as racism, poverty, lack of opportunity, and violence in our communities, and other issues can also cause us not to share personal challenges that we may be embarrassed to discuss.

I imagine that many of us have been experiencing common challenges for this particular generation around issues like job loss, unexpected expenses, or just day to day struggles that come with living as a black person in America. But sometimes Black Pride promotes a culture of keeping things to ourselves. Though God is the greatest problem solver and prayer works . . . "Faith without work is dead" We have to be willing to do some work!

What does all of this have to do with suicide in our community? Everyday some young person is killed usually in the streets of one of OUR communities. Homicide is the 4th highest cause of death of youth in our community ahead of Diabetes and Heart Disease. But did you know as recently as 2004 a study on suicide rates showed that suicide was ranked number 3 amongst youth? How could this be? And how did you not know? Answers Black people do kill themselves and we don't talk about this and many mental health issues because of taboo.

Last year another Chicagoan, Mr. Don Cornelius, took his life. This man was known to millions as the former host and creator of Soul Train and was also a former Chicago Police Officer. He was a very wealthy man at one point in his life but was suffering from chronic pain. Did you know many sufferers of chronic pain contemplate suicide? Three of the highest risk factors are being male, elderly and suffering from chronic pain. How many not so famous men fall into this category?

Many people of all stripes will need mental health counseling in addition to spiritual counseling. Life is tough! But guess what turning to substances such as drugs and alcohol don't work as they are 5 and 6 on the causes of suicide followed by unwillingness to pursue mental health services. Sound familiar? Ever heard someone say only "crazy" people get "that" kind of help? Do you know any current members of the military, dentists, policemen or

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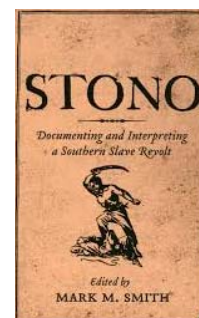


. . . that on September 8, 1982 Emerson John Moore was first African American to be ordained Catholic Bishop of New York? Moore suffered from a substance abuse problem for several years, and was addicted to alcohol and cocaine. He would disappear periodically from his public ministry to seek treatment, often missing events and suffering from financial difficulties. He also suffered from acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS); however, it is unknown how he contracted the disease.

In early 1994, Moore entered the Hazelden Foundation, a drug and alcohol treatment center in Center City, Minnesota, as a long-term patient. He later died there due to complications with AIDS, at age 57. The Archdiocese of New York, in an official announcement following his death, said Moore had died of "natural causes of unknown origin." Cardinal O'Connor said he could not discuss the circumstances of Moore's death but he would not be ashamed if one of his priests or bishops had AIDS.

At his funeral at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal O'Connor spoke of the hardships that Moore face as an African American bishop in the Catholic Church, saying, "It is not enough that a black bishop be ordinarily intelligent. He is expected to be extraordinarily intelligent. It is not enough for him to preach adequately; he must preach brilliantly. It is not enough for him to be polite; he must be the essence of courtesy. If he speaks with pride of being black, he's racist; if he supports civil rights, he's a threat. If he praises white people, he's an Uncle Tom. He is expected to be a paragon of priestliness, yet be more human than the weakest among us. In short, if he cannot walk on water, he's an utter failure; if he walks on water too easily, he has forgotten his 'place'."

. . . that on September 9, 1739 enslaved Africans carried out the Stono Rebellion (sometimes called the Cato Conspiracy and Cato's Rebellion), the largest slave revolt in colonial America? All 50 participants were killed or imprisoned.



. . . that on September 21, 2011 Troy Davis was executed in Georgia despite recanted witness statements and a global campaign for commutation due to innocence?



. . . that on September 22, 1950 Ralph Bunche won the Nobel Prize for Peace for his work as a mediator in Palestine?

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Roman Catholic Priests? All have an unusually high rate of suicide.

As people get older many begin to feel that they are a burden to families or helpless. Watch your loved ones...these can be signs to be concerned about as we live longer. People giving away cherished belongings is another thing to look out for. People who feel no hope for the future or are experiencing mood changes also need to be watched.

The good news is that God is still good! The blessing of a modern society is that there are many professionals who can help. There are countless medications that work! Consult family when appropriate but get professional hope. You can't pray suicidal thoughts away, but counsel with your parish priest and prayer WILL help!

Though many famous people like Chicago Bear Dave Duerson and most recently Lee Thompson Young of Jett Jackson fame have gained a lot of attention because they were famous black men to commit suicide, countless average black people take their lives. We must change this and we will change this as a community of Faith working together!

In the words of a famous person . . . I bid you Peace (The Father), Love (The Son), and SOUL (The Holy Spirit)!

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DID YOU KNOW...



. . . that on September 15, 1963 four little girls were killed in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL by White supremacists? Their names: Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, Cynthia Wesley, and Addie Mae Collins.



. . . that on September 19, 1881 Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama holds its first classes with 30 Black students and one teacher: Booker T. Washington?



. . . that on September 16, 1925 legendary blues guitarist and singer B.B. King was born in Itta Bena, Mississippi?



. . . that on September 17, 1861 historically Black Hampton College (now Hampton University) was founded? Today Hampton is the home of the National Center on African-American Marriages & Parenting (NCAAMP), a research center, which has provided

foundational sociological studies for the Healthy Marriage Initiative. Also on campus is the historic Emancipation Oak. In 1863, the Virginia Peninsula's black community gathered under the oak to hear the first Southern reading of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, leading to its nickname as the Emancipation Oak. In 2009 the NCAAMP hosted a national summit on marriage. It was under the Emancipation Oak where the Hampton Proclamation on Marriage was signed by national leaders in marriage and family. Among the signatories were Andrew & Terri Lyke, national Black Catholic pioneers in marriage ministry.




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DID YOU KNOW...



... that on September 23, 1926 jazz composer and master saxophonist John Coltrane was born in Hamlet, North Carolina?



... that on September 24, 1957 nine Black students, under the protection of the National Guard, integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas?



... that on September 9, 1968 tennis star Arthur became the first African American to win the U.S. Open?



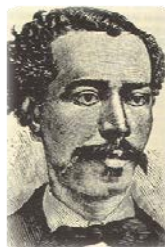
... that on September 12, 1992 astronaut Dr. Mae Jemison became the first African-American woman in space?



... that on September 27, 1912 blues composer W.C. Handy, widely known as the "Father of the Blues," published *Memphis Blues*?



... that on September 30, 1935 pop crooner Johnny Mathis was born in Gilmer, Texas?



... that on September 10, 1947 John R. Lynch was born? Lynch was an American politician, attorney, writer and military officer, who was elected as the first African-American Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1873. He was among the first generation of African Americans elected to the U.S House of Representatives during Reconstruction, the period in United States history after the Civil War.

War.

In his 50s he studied law and was admitted to the Mississippi bar in 1896, but he returned to Washington, DC to practice law, and later moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he lived for more than two decades. He served in the United States Army during the Spanish American War and for a decade in the early 1900s, achieving the rank of major. He was active in law and real estate in Chicago after his military service.

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... that on September 12, 1974 Eugene Marino (May 29, 1934 – November 12, 2000) was ordained Catholic Bishop of Washington, DC? Marino served as Archbishop of Atlanta, Georgia from 1988 until 1990, becoming the first African American archbishop in United States of America. He was of both African American and Puerto Rican descent.



He was also the fourth African American to become auxiliary bishop for Washington, D.C. and the first to be secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. As archbishop of Atlanta, he tackled the conduct of other priests until his resignation after his affair with a lay-minister became public knowledge.



... that on September 29, 1948 journalist and TV personality Bryant Gumbel was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. Did you also know that Gumbel and his brother Greg grew up on Chicago's Southside and graduated from De La Salle Institute?

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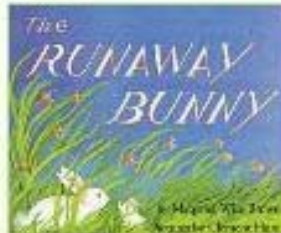
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Deacon John Cook of St. Felicitas Parish, Fr. Matt O'Donnell, pastor of St. Columbanus, and Fr. Bob Miller, pastor of St. Dorothy were among the clergy who lead the assembly in prayer.



Fr. Matthew O'Donnell, pastor of St. Columbanus Parish gives a rousing sermon addressing issues of peacemaking as a call from the Gospel.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, O Lord!

Fr. Thaddeus Posey, O.F.M.Cap., 69, died Wednesday morning, August 7, at Victoria, Kansas, following a long struggle with cancer. The son of the late Lt. Col. John William and Teresa (Braxton) Posey of Washington D.C., Fr. Posey was born in Washington, D.C., on May 10, 1944.

Following graduation from Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, Posey earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy at St. Fidelis College in Herman, Pennsylvania, and a master's degree in religious education from Capuchin College in Washington in 1970.

Already as a seminarian, in 1968, he was the founding chairperson of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, and he remained active with the group until 1989. Meanwhile in 1963, he



entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order at Annapolis, Maryland. After ordination to the priesthood in 1971, he served as counselor at Carroll High and assistant chaplain in the District of Columbia juvenile prison.

In 1973, Posey moved to Denver, where he served as assistant pastor of Annunciation Church, chaplain at the juvenile detention center, and pastoral minister and teacher at Machebeuf High School. After the founding of the Capuchin's Mid-America province in 1977, Posey served as provincial secretary and treasurer in Kansas City, Missouri, and began his 30-year career with the chaplaincy service of the U.S. Army Reserves.

From 1980 till 1991, Father served as founding director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans. During those years he also coordinated retreat programs for the Charles Lwanga Center in St. Louis, taught at St. Louis University and Cardinal Ritter Prep, and began doctoral studies at the University. Earning a Ph.D. in historical theology in 1993, he joined the faculty of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., from which he retired in 2006. During his years at St. Thomas he taught eight annual extension courses in Ghana on 20th Century African Christianity. In early 2007 he also retired as a full colonel from the military, and since then he has been in residence at St. Fidelis Friary in Victoria, Kansas.

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