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Celebrating Asian-Pacific American Heritage By Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner, Executive Director



M. Annette Mandley-Turner,
Executive Director of the
Office of Multicultural Ministry

The Origins of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

May is designated as Asian-Pacific American heritage month. Originally, only 10 days during May of 1977 were reserved to celebrate the contributions of the Asian-Pacific. In 1992, the celebration was expanded into a month-long affair due to the significant events that occurred during the month of May. They include:
The first Americans of Japanese heritage immigrated to the U.S. on May 7, 1843; Chinese Laborers completed the work on the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. This endeavor alone propelled the United States, increasing the populations in the western territories.

Why it is necessary to celebrate the diversity within the Asian-Pacific American Groups (APA)?

Asian-Pacific Americans are not monolithic. The title encompasses everyone with ancestry on the Indian subcontinent to the numerous Pacific Islands including those of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Hmong, Filipino and Vietnamese descent. It is critical that the celebration of APA's does not send the message that individuality within the ethnic groups should not be recognized. In fact, it is important that embracing intergroup diversity is honored during the commemoration; recognizing the diverse contributions that each group has made.

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Celebrations

There are numerous activities and events that one might engage in to commemorate APA heritage month. Participating in cultural heritage festivals, spending time with elders as they share their lived experiences, visiting communities and neighborhoods where APA's reside to eat authentic meals, and expanding your library to include Asian-Pacific American authors who are embraced by a large sector of the APA population. Many non APA individuals also engage in affirming the contributions and achievements of APA's. It has become a learning experience for both.

In our Archdiocese, the Vietnamese, Filipino and Korean communities host a number of gatherings and invites the local church to participate. It is not sponsored solely for them but for the entire church. It is the mind set of the planners that all can benefit from their cultural gifts. What parish might we find the majority of the Asian-Pacific Americans attending? While 60% of the parishes in the Archdiocese are made up of diverse racial and ethnic faith communities, the following have made great strides in outreach to the Asian-Pacific Americans:

- St. John Vianney
- St. Thomas More
- Cathedral of the Assumption
- St. Aloysius

For additional information and for future initiatives and celebrations, contact the Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM).

African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet Silver Anniversary By Mrs. Ruby Thomas



The twenty-fifth annual African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry, was an elegant affair. Hundreds of people filled the beautiful ballroom at the Louisville Marriott Downtown Hotel to celebrate the awards' Silver Anniversary. For the past quarter century, the event has been a platform to recognize and honor Black Catholics who've set themselves apart through outstanding work done in their parishes and communities. "Wow! Twenty-five years and still reaping blessings," said Loueva Moss who attended the event and introduced the keynote speaker, Atlanta's archbishop the Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, S.L.D.. "This annual banquet serves as an opportunity for all of us to count our blessings and to affirm, reward, and acknowledge our Christian and cultural heritage," she continued. The awards banquet also served to raise scholarship funds for young Black Catholics getting ready to attend high school and college. Whether it was their first time attending or whether they'd been present at the very first banquet, attendees agreed on the significance of the event. "I think it's a phenomenal event. For African Americans it's one of the most significant, because it's important that we get recognized. It's what keeps us going," said Joyce Chenault, whose parents had been honored in the past. "I've not missed one. It's good to bring our people out especially those who are active; it really helps to keep the church together," said Deacon John Churchill. "I was recognized once and that was enough. Let's pass it around and get the young people involved," he continued.

Others agreed that the event provided a venue for African Americans to shine and to express their contributions to the Catholic faith. "It's at events like this that we get to celebrate the uniqueness of Black Catholicism," said Forrest Flemister. In his keynote address, Archbishop Gregory spoke of the importance of African Americans in the Catholic Church and the struggle to become a significant presence. He recalled the deep sadness and disappointment which filled the hearts of Black Catholics following Pope John Paul II's visit to Chicago in 1979. The pope's visit, which amounted to a quick drive through Chicago's south side, left Black's feeling ignored and neglected. Archbishop Gregory was quick to point out that this type of neglect of Black Catholics did not come only from the church. "The Black Catholic community experienced such neglect from other African Americans who may have grown accustomed to looking upon the presence of Black Catholics as a religious anomaly, because in many of their opinions we didn't truly represent the traditional faith heritage of Black people," he said. "Being Catholic hid us from the ranks of African American leadership and being Black often hid us from the intention of Catholic Church leadership," he continued. But it's the indomitable spirit of Blacks that have brought about the changes which have allowed them to become a force within the Catholic Church. "African American Catholics enjoy a specific identity which is a result of our racial and historic evolution both in this country and in the land of our origin," stated Archbishop Gregory. He said that Pope John Paul II's 1987 visit to New Orleans was a pivotal point in the process of Blacks solidifying their status within the church. "Following the pope's (1987) address, African American Catholics felt we'd clearly reached a level of maturity and inclusion within the heart of the church that had not been attained in all of the centuries before. We were no longer an invisible segment within the church," he said.

Those who attended the awards banquet would agree that Blacks are no longer an invisible segment within the church, but instead a vibrant group of people making a difference within their parishes and communities as evidenced by those recognized and honored with awards. Six young people received scholarship money through the 2012 Rodriq McCravy Award. This award was inspired by Rodriq McCravy, a young man who “shared his faith and beliefs and exemplified values that serve as an example for the youth.” The high school recipient was Michael Wright of St. Monica parish. The college recipients were Danté Beausejour and Jeffrey M. Mitchell, Jr. of St. Martin de Porres, Maya B. Hardin of Christ the King, Jalen Phillips of St. Monica and Zana Yocum of Holy Rosary. The African American Catholic Leadership Award was established in 1987 as part of the implementation of the National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan. The ten adults honored with the 2012 Leadership Award were Eugene Broadus of St. Augustine Louisville, Flora Clark and James Terry Hickman of St. Monica, Jamesetta Elery of St. Ignatius Martyr, Evelyn Glass of Christ the King, Marvina Lewis of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Glenn Miles of St. Martin de Porres, Peg’O Shaw and Margaret Staples of St. Augustine Louisville and George Smalley of St. Augustine Lebanon.

One of the recipients of the Acacia Award was Memphis diocese member Bertharene Young who was described as “embodying the true spirit of civic and church stewardship”. Clinton Bennett, owner of Bennett Photography and Video also received the Acacia Award for his commitment to “documenting the Black Catholic movement” and enabling the Office of Multicultural Ministry to build an archive. Louisville’s archbishop, The Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. was also honored with the Acacia Award because of his “passion for service, his willingness to invite others to dream with him and his openness to embrace diversity”. The Acacia Award, inspired by the resilient Acacia tree of Africa, was established in 1989 by the Office of Multicultural Ministry Executive Director M. Annette Mandley-Turner to honor a person or organization for their service, support, and commitment to the African American Catholic community. Edna Lillian Coleman was honored with the 2012 Genevieve Boone Award for her work in the St. Martin de Porres parish and her commitment to service in the African American community. The Genevieve Boone Award was established in 2002 by Mandley-Turner to recognize a person who embodied the qualities of Boone who was “a pioneer and trailblazer in the areas of cultural enrichment, education and faith formation from an Africentric perspective.” “It’s a humbling experience. I was truly surprised. Going back to my roots at my old parish St. Peter Claver, it was instilled in me that you work for the church. You don’t question it, you do it. If it needs to be done and you know you can, just do it,” said Coleman. The Silver Anniversary of the Annual African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet was one to remember. Marvina Lewis, Leadership Award recipient, captured the essence of the awards in saying that “working together is not about power or implementing one’s own ideas for recognition. It’s about growing in wisdom, knowing one’s limitations, and celebrating the gifts each person has to offer. It’s about helping one another sing the songs of praise from the heart and ultimately leading that band of praise.”

25th Silver Anniversary
Archdiocese of Louisville
Office of Multicultural Ministry
African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet



Celebrating Our Youth
African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet
Rodriq McCravy Scholarship Award Recipients
By Ms. Sheryl Edelyn

At the 25th Annual African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet, six teens from throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville were recognized for the leadership they've shown in their churches, schools, and communities.

But as they stood before a cheering audience and announced future plans for education and careers, the teens achieved another distinction - they joined the ranks of scores of youths touched by the life of a special young man they'll never know.

These six teenagers – Maya B. Hardin of Christ the King Catholic Church, Louisville; Danté Beausejour and Jeffrey Mitchell Jr. of St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church, Louisville; Jalen Phillips and Michael Wright Jr. of St. Monica Catholic Church, Bardstown; and Zana Yocum of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Springfield – are the 2012 recipients of the Rodriq McCravy Scholarship.

Awarded annually to rising eighth-graders and college-bound high school seniors, the scholarship recognizes outstanding youth leadership activities. Rodriq - or Rod, as he was called by family and friends - stood out for his positive attitude and church work at Christ the King. His athletic gifts, meanwhile, made him an asset in both basketball and track while attending Trinity High School.

Before his life was cut short by an undiagnosed heart disorder in 1987, older brother Newton said that Rod, then a sophomore at the University of Kentucky, had set several state track records and excelled enough to prompt talk in some sports circles that he could qualify to compete in the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul.

Not long after Rod's death, Newton said, the family moved forward with plans to partner with the Office of Multicultural Ministry to establish and award a scholarship in the young man's honor.

An annual track meet held at U of K in Lexington also bears his name.

"I often wonder what might have happened had he lived. He did a good job of touching people," Newton said. "The Archdiocese has given our family so much; in terms of Catholic education...helping ensure that other people have that same opportunity was important to us."

This year's recipients plan to make the most of their educational opportunities. Aspirations include careers in engineering, physical therapy, veterinary medicine, cattle farming and psychology.

But like Rod, they realize that keeping God first in one's life is pivotal to being a good leader. "Stay involved in church programs and be close to the church family," said Danté, a senior at Fairdale High School in Louisville. "Faith is important in life. It motivated me so I know it will motivate others to be the best."

Jeffrey, a senior at Central High School in Louisville, agreed. "Don't give in to peer-pressure," Jeffrey said. "Surround yourself with positive influences."

Newton said that Rod would probably be embarrassed by the attention he's received, but that he'd likely offer some leadership advice of his own. "He would say to the young people, 'Work hard and strive to be the best. As long as you're giving your best effort, wherever you fall is going to be good.'"



Rodriq McCravy
Trinity High School Class of 1986

Good Shepherd Parish - A Chance to Serve the Portland Community

*By Reverend John Burke,
Pastor-Good Shepherd Catholic Church*

“...To work with our neighboring churches and agencies to be a beacon of hope to those who suffer from the pervasive effects of poverty and injustice. To be a place of welcome and celebration for both parishioners and neighbors....Empowered by the gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit, we pledge to make Christ more visible in our community and to make Good Shepherd Parish a place where all who seek God can find a home.”

These words are taken from the Mission Statement of Good Shepherd Parish which was established nearly three years ago from the painful merger of St. Anthony, St. Cecilia, and Our Lady's. We were challenged to build a new parish using the former Church of Our Lady as our worship site, and to make good use of all the buildings of the former parishes. Nearly three years later there is good news to report as we work to use our facilities to fulfill our mission statement of being “beacons of hope” to those in the Portland community.

St. Anthony's facilities are leased by Catholic Charities and house their Migration and Refugee Ministries. At this location nearly 400 refugees are taking English classes. The friary and convent are offices and the church is a distribution center for furnishings for refugees. The property also serves as a Dare to Care distribution site twice a month and houses the St. Anthony Outreach Center.

St. Cecilia Church has been, until recently, the temporary home to Portland Avenue Presbyterian whose church was destroyed by fire over 2 years ago. Community Catholic School has been transformed, with the help of Catholic Charities, into 30 apartments for low-income senior citizens. The rectory houses offices for the Community Catholic Center which provides tuition and personal support for 50 children attending Catholic grade schools and high schools. Resurrection Hall houses the “Table of Plenty”, a community restaurant, which serves a free meal on the last Wednesday of each month from 2:00-6:30 p.m. to our neighbors. The “Table of Plenty” was born out of Good Shepherd Parish's desire to reach out to the community. We average about 300 meals a month. Three Alcoholic's Anonymous (AA) meeting's a week are also held in the hall.

Our Lady's has become our worship and parish meeting center. Lehmann Hall houses our religious education classrooms. Last year we held a “Hometown Heroes” dinner to thank the police and firefighters in our area. This Easter the American Legion used our grounds for a community Easter egg hunt.

There is still much work to be done, but I believe we have already come a long way toward fulfilling our goal of becoming a “beacon of hope” and a sign of Christ's compassionate presence in the Portland community.



Hispanic Day of Reflection

By Deacon Frank Villalobos, Director Hispanic Ministry

The Hispanic Day of Reflection held on February 28, 2012 at St. Helen in Glasgow, KY was an inclusive and positive event that emphasized a commitment to parish life and our response to our baptismal promises. This day provided the parishioners of St. Helen, Christ the King, St. Dominic, and St. Joseph in Bowling Green, KY an opportunity to reflect individually and share their reflections with members of their community and parish.

Thanks to the expertise of Father Jose Alberto Moreno, the guest speaker for the Day of Reflection from SEPI (South Eastern Pastoral Institute, located in Miami, FL), the group was able to come together at the end of the day with a vision on how to respond to their baptismal call. The members of the parishes in the southern area of our archdiocese recognize and acknowledge their call and response to their Baptismal promises. Many of those participating acknowledged that ministry in their parish is impaired if there is no commitment on the part of parishioners or a sense of community in their parish.

There was an overwhelming response and excitement to the possibilities that may be achieved if they begin the process of organizing themselves. Members of Christ the King in Tompkinsville, KY pulled me aside to discuss the different ways that they can encourage, invite, and evangelize the Hispanic community in their area. I offered many ideas and have promised to assist them in their efforts.

The parishioners of St. Helen were encouraged by the programs that the Office of Multicultural Ministry offers for their formation. They also asked if there was a possibility for the Hispanic Leader Formation Program to be offered at their location. Our office is taking this request seriously and looking into the possibility of offering these classes in late summer or early fall. A Day of Reflection is not only a day to remember the past but also a day to envision the possibilities for the future. It allows us to dream and plan for that which is possible when we come together as brothers and sisters, as one holy catholic family, to extend the Kingdom of God in our own little corner of our archdiocese.

El Día Hispano Reflejo

Por Diacono Francisco Villalobos, El director el Ministerio hispano

El Día Hispano de Reflexión celebrado el 28 de febrero de 2012 en la parroquia de Santa Elena en Glasgow, Kentucky fue un evento con todo incluso y positivo que puso mucho énfasis en nuestro compromiso con nuestra parroquia y nuestra respuesta a las promesas bautismales. Ese día se les otorgo una oportunidad a los feligreses de Santa Elena, Cristo Rey, Santo Domingo y San José de Bowling Green, Kentucky para reflexionar individualmente y compartir sus reflexiones con los miembros de su comunidad y parroquia.

Gracias al Padre José Alberto Moreno, el orador invitado para el Día de Reflexión de la SEPI (Instituto Pastoral del Sur Este), ubicado en Miami, Florida. El grupo fue capaz de obtener una visión de cómo poder responder a su llamado bautismal al final del día. Los miembros de las parroquias de la zona sur de nuestra Arquidiócesis reconocieron y aceptaron su llamado y responsabilidades a sus promesas bautismales. Muchos de los participantes reconocieron que el ministerio en su parroquia no crecerá si no hay un compromiso por parte de los feligreses o un sentido de comunidad en la parroquia.

Hubo una respuesta llena de entusiasmo a las posibilidades que pueden ser logradas si empezamos el proceso de organizarnos nosotros mismos. Los feligreses de Cristo Rey en Tompkinsville me preguntaron ¿De qué manera podemos alentar, invitar, y evangelizar a la comunidad hispana en su área? Ofrecí muchas ideas y me he comprometido a ayudarles en sus esfuerzos.

Los feligreses de Santa Elena se sintieron alentados por los programas que la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural ofrece para su formación. También me preguntaron si existe la posibilidad de que el Programa de Formación de Líderes se ofrezca en Santa Elena. Nuestra oficina está tomando en serio esta petición y vamos estudiar bien la posibilidad de ofrecer este programa a finales del verano o principios del otoño. Un día de reflexión no es sólo un día para recordar el pasado, pero también es un día para vislumbrar las posibilidades para el futuro. Nos permite soñar y planear lo que es posible cuando nos reunimos como hermanos y hermanas, como una santa familia católica para extender el reino de Dios en nuestro rincón de nuestra Arquidiócesis.

Celebrating a Leader
By Charmein Weathers,
Multicultural Special Projects/Communications Coordinator



M. Annette Mandley-Turner, Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Ministry has been chosen to receive the *Servus pro Christo* (Servant of Christ) **Award for Outstanding Leadership and Service to the Catholic Church in the African American Community** for 2012. This award, the first of its kind, is to be presented to her in recognition of her singular and tireless efforts in advancing the Catholic faith and the Gospel of Jesus Christ among her brothers and sisters and for her exceptional service to them, above and beyond the call of duty.

The award will be presented to her and other distinguished Black Catholic leaders at the National Black Catholic Congress XI, which will take place July 19-22, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN. Annette Mandley-Turner will be recognized and acknowledged for her exceptional leadership and remarkable service, both locally and nationally, at the Congress' Awards Ceremony, Saturday, July 21, 2012. This award will be presented on behalf of The National Black Catholic Congress, Inc.

She was chosen by the Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurt, D.D., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Louisville, to receive this award. Mrs. Mandley-Turner has served as the Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM) for 15 years and as the Director of the Office of African American Catholics prior to that for 9 years. She is a former president of the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA) and serves as the Region 5 Representative. She also serves as the Regional Coordinator (Region 5) of the National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) office and has held this position for the last 15 years. Mrs. Turner is the Founder of the African American Catholic Evangelization Conference (IAACEC). She is Co-Author of the 1st "Renew" process, an afrocentric renewal process for the Archdiocese of Louisville. Mandley-Turner took the mandate that was given in the archdiocese around education and leadership and created the African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet to make it a concrete reality. The banquet celebrated its 25th Silver Anniversary on March 3, 2012. She is a nationally sought after orator who has presented in over thirty states in addition to the continents of Africa and Europe.

Let us join together and congratulate Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner on receiving this wonderful honor and thank her for her many years of service and ministry to our local and national faith communities. We are truly blessed to have her in our archdiocesan family. Congratulations Mrs. Turner!!



SAVE THE DATE

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Saturday, December 1, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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Louisville, KY 40216
For more information call (502)471-2146

Keynote Address:
Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.
Archbishop of Louisville

Workshop Presenters:
Congress XI Archdiocese of Louisville Delegates

Registration Cost:
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\$25.00 Youth
Registration includes workshops, continental breakfast, lunch, Family Reunion

Prayer for a Diverse Community

By Education for Justice

Creator of all races and ethnicities,
help us see that a diverse community is the way
to deepen our lives and to know you more deeply.

Guide us to see that entering into a vital and just
relationship with others who are different from us
is the way to make ourselves whole.

Guard us from fear of the other,
from the fear that our own security is threatened
if we become truly willing to make a place at the
table for all.

Open us to live out what we profess to believe:

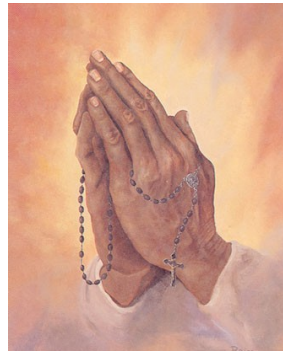
That our true security is in You and in your call to
justice and peace,
That we are a part of your global family,
That, because of your Incarnation, the human
dignity of everyone is sacred,
And that we are constantly called to conversion
and inclusive community.

We pray that you help us recognize any forms of racism
in our hearts,
And in our legal systems and social structures.
Forgive us our sins of exclusion.
Heal our souls and spirits.
Ground us in compassion for all through your grace.

Help us take the steps you call us to take
To build a more just community,
Where difference is respected
And where we can all join hands
And rejoice in the common good.

Through the mercy of God, we pray.

Amen.



TUNE INTO "CONNECTION POINT" RADIO SHOW

with

M. Annette Mandley-Turner

Saturdays

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Reflection: Family Diversity

By Mrs. Barbara Herzog,

Church of the Epiphany Family Children's Formation Minister



The topic for this class, "Family Diversity," made much clearer for me the meaning of "diversity." I thought I knew what this word meant. I am a parishioner and member of a church which has within its' mission statement, "we embrace diversity." Many, if not all, also believe that they know what this means. We all welcome people who are different or who think differently; but, I've often wondered *how* different or *different in what way exactly*.

I would venture to say that many would reply, "people are different based on race, ethnicity, life experiences, religious preference, and political affiliation." These were some of the differences which I heard talked about, but more importantly, I heard stories about the diversity *within* each family itself. In my own life it is very helpful to be reminded that preferences, likes or dislikes, philosophies, prejudices, interests, etc., of my immediate family members, are very often different from my own. Somehow, though, we live with and love each other and see ourselves as this tight little group, which is bound by

our bloodline or marriage, but which again is probably different from our neighbors'. We are all somewhere on that scale of the "stages of family life growth."

In my own life experience, it helps a great deal to be reminded that I should be aware of and "embrace" diversity within my own family, rather than focus on so and so who never agrees with me about anything! What I heard was, *that's ok – we're holy anyway!* How beautiful to know that, as you prepare a meal to nourish your family and/or friends, that you are engaging in a *holy* task. Hopefully, within each of our personal families, we are able to accept differences – *agreeing to disagree* – taking on the task of doing so lovingly, and with respect. The family is "the basic foundation of the Church and of society," what we learn here is what we take into our world and culture, and it becomes who we are as a society.

Lastly, what I also heard was the fact that, while family *is* holy, it certainly is and will continue to be messy. For myself, and within my ministry with parishioners, this is a very good thing! I don't mean that it is good that we will always have problems within our families, as well as with others, but it's a relief to know that we don't *have* to be "perfect. God loves us right where we are, and so should we love each other. Here, it appears, is the irony in all its' beauty: that if we are able to let go of our rigidity, realizing our imperfection, then we can focus on the vision and actually engage in actions which can be transforming. These actions will take us a step closer to that longed-for perfection, which is probably *why* God loves us just as we are.



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Faith Engaged National Black Catholic Congress XI

By Deacon James R. Turner, Archdiocesan National Black Catholic Congress Coordinator



The time is fast approaching for the convening of the eleventh National Black Catholic Congress, which is scheduled to take place on July 19, 2012 in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN. My prayer is that the city of Indianapolis will be prepared for the high spirited energy that Black Catholics from across the United States will bring. The implementation of the National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan continues to unfold as it impacts lives and changes the landscape in the African American Catholic Community and the Catholic church across the U.S.

History has a way of retelling the story in such a way that one might get caught up in the past experiences; such is the case of the historical account of the Black Catholic Congress movement. It is almost unimaginable that we would find ourselves walking in the shoes of one of our native sons, Daniel Rudd, the tapestry weaver of the National Black Catholic Congress. His vision of convening Black Catholics to assess the concerns and bring a Black voice to the future state of our presence in the church was relevant then and remains pertinent today. Who would have ever believed that as a result of the National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan, diocese and archdiocese around the U.S. would sow the seeds for evangelization experiences. These experiences would provide enrichment for individuals calling them to embrace their faith in such a way that they will become more engaged in the life of the church.

The Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry-African American Catholic Ministries joins three thousand others throughout the USA in preparation for this great gathering in anticipation of the ministry that will follow in local diocese (arch) after the Indianapolis Congress. I am fortunate to have more than 70 individuals from our archdiocese attending congress as a part of our Archdiocesan Congress Team (ACT). The team represents the intergenerational population from diverse geographical locations. They have made a two-year commitment to share their time and talent with OMM in implementing the National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan focusing on Evangelization. This can not come at a better time. Pope Benedict's perspective on the New Evangelism and the action steps that will come from this Congress will without a doubt provide a blue print for Black Catholics in our Archdiocese to engage in our faith more fully. The vision of the ACT upon return is to initiate the plan that Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner developed for our second Archdiocesan African American Catholic Congress scheduled to take place on December 1, 2012.

National Black Catholic Congress XI Archdiocese of Louisville Delegates

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| Daisy Allen-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Robert "Bob" Frazier-Christ the King | Alieda Pleasants-Immaculate Heart of Mary |
| Mary Baughman-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Joyce Frazier-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Christopher Railey-Holy Rosary |
| Debbie Beausejour-St. Martin de Porres | W. Kay Frazier-Christ the King/OMM | Dayanna Railey-Holy Rosary |
| Dorice Beausejour-St. Martin de Porres | Skyla Graves-Holy Rosary | John Reed-St. Augustine (Lou.) |
| Rev. Ben Brown-Holy Rosary | Pamela Grundy-Holy Rosary | Louise Reese-St. Augustine (Lou.) |
| Deborah Bullock-Immaculate Heart of Mary | Laura Guest-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Yunikka Reese-St. Augustine (Lou.) |
| William Bullock-Immaculate Heart of Mary | Bridgett Mary Gully-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Peg'O Shaw-St. Augustine (Lou.) |
| Imani Burns-St. Martin de Porres | Sr. Patsy Guyton-St. Martin de Porres | Mary Shoulders-St. Bartholomew |
| Christopher Burt-St. Martin de Porres/OMM | Sharon Harris-Christ the King | Margaret Staples-St. Augustine (Lou.) |
| Audrey Calhoun-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Stephanie Henry-St. Martin de Porres | Carrie Stivers-St. Monica |
| Genevieve Churchill-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Evelyn Jenkins-St. Ignatius Martyr | Deacon James Turner-Congress Coordinator |
| Marc Churchill-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Mary Grace Lewis-Holy Rosary | Anna Wade-Christ the King |
| Myron Churchill-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Marvina Lewis-Immaculate Heart of Mary | Deborah Wade-Christ the King |
| Deacon John Churchill-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Jazzlin Linton-Holy Rosary | Charita Weathers-Christ the King |
| Lillian Coleman-St. Martin de Porres | Mattie Little-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Charmein Weathers-Christ the King/OMM |
| Pam Coleman-St. Martin de Porres | DaShana Lockhart-Immaculate Heart of Mary | Geraldine Weathers-Christ the King |
| Deacon Ernest "Gus" Cooper-Holy Rosary | Janice Irene Lyons-St. Martin de Porres | Carmen Weathers-Washington-Christ the King |
| JoAnn Cooper-Holy Rosary | M. Annette Mandley-Turner-OMM | Camille Weathers-Woods-Christ the King |
| Joanna Cooper-Holy Rosary | Patricia Marable-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Christ the King |
| Jordan Crosby-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Leunika Mason-Christ the King | Debra Whitner-St. Martin de Porres |
| Helen Daniels-St. Martin de Porres | Marie-Ange Mbumba-St. Bernadette | Eric Williams-St. Martin de Porres |
| Robert "Steve" DeSha-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Carmella Milledge-Christ the King | Ruth Winstead-St. Augustine (Lou.) |
| Daisha Edelen-Holy Rosary | Makayla Montgomery-Christ the King | Cornita Wright-St. Monica |
| Lolita Ewing-St. Martin de Porres | Emily Mosby-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Michael Wright-St. Monica |
| Forrest Flemister-St. Augustine (Lou.) | Scheneen Oglesby-Immaculate Heart of Mary | Dr. Eliza Young-Christ the King |
| Markus Ford-Holy Rosary | Stanley Oglesby-Immaculate Heart of Mary | |

A Compelling Story for Black History

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Daniel A. Rudd (1854-1933)

“We think we will live long enough to see a black man president of this republic.”

—D. Rudd, February 1888

The story of Daniel A. Rudd (1854-1933), a black Catholic publisher, civil rights leader, and activist is one that needs to be told. The reason few people know his name might be because he was a double minority; he was both black and Catholic.

The book *A Cry for Justice, Daniel Rudd and his Life in Black Catholicism, Journalism and Activism, 1854-1933*, released by the University of Arkansas Press, ©2011 seeks to do just that.

Daniel Rudd was born a slave in Bardstown, Kentucky in 1854. His owners Charles and Matilda Haydon, were influential Catholics. As a child Rudd seems to have been permitted some type of tutoring. The Jesuits who worked to bring blacks into the church at Bardstown during the years of the Civil War may have taken an interest in this gifted young man. Upon emancipation Rudd went to live with his brother in Springfield, Ohio. Here he finished his high school training and went to work for the *“Springfield Review.”* Partnering with other black leaders in the city, Rudd protested against Springfield’s school segregation policies. After working as a reporter and editor for the *Springfield Review*, the young man founded the *“Ohio State Tribune.”* Over time Rudd appears to have lost some faith in the Republican Party. Instead he began to look toward the church for the answer to the *“negro question.”* In 1886 he and local physician, James T. Whitson, founded the *“American Catholic Tribune”*, a national black Catholic newspaper. The editorial position of the paper was unique among black publications. For in its pages Rudd claimed that the Catholic Church would play a leading role in delivering justice and full equality for blacks. Rudd declared that the Catholic Church was the *“only place on this continent where rich and poor, white and black, must drop prejudice at the threshold and go hand and hand to the altar.”* In the 1880s and early 1890s it appears that Rudd’s faith in the efforts of the church was well placed. For example, in 1890 Archbishop John Ireland called for the immediate elimination of the color line and the unequivocal recognition of the full equality of blacks. This caused an uproar even among racial progressives in the church. Rudd and Whitson had a falling out after a short time working together, and Rudd bought him out.

Following Rudd and Whitson’s acrimonious split, the ACT became even more prosperous boasting 10K subscribers at its zenith in 1892. This made the black newspaper one of the most successful of its day. Partly as a result of Rudd’s success, he was tapped to head up the Negro Press League. The editor was in demand as a lecturer. He was acquainted with T. Thomas Fortune and was visited in his Cincinnati, OH office by the likes of Ida B. Wells-Barnett. Rudd was a strong supporter of the first openly African American priest of his era, Augustus Tolton. (There is a move afoot to canonize this leader.) Because Rudd was a strong believer in black agency he organized the Colored Catholic Congress Movement. He did this in part because he believed blacks themselves should work on the *“race question”*. This organization continues to carry on Rudd’s legacy under the name the *“Black Catholic Congress Movement.”* Rudd also was one of three founding members of the lay Catholic congress movement which brought together a multiracial and multicultural group of Catholics to work on issues of concern to the church. This body was a real testimony to the churches attempts to include blacks and Native Americans in a meaningful way.

Rudd enjoyed the support of several high ranking church leaders who desired to see the evangelization of blacks. Rudd also was hosted by President Cleveland on two occasions. Upon the collapse of the newspaper, Rudd moved south. He worked as a lumber mill manager in Boyle, Mississippi before moving to Arkansas in 1912 to work for Scott Bond. Bond was Arkansas’s first black millionaire and a friend of Booker T. Washington. Rudd co-authored Bond’s biography and also invented a gravel loading machine which appears to have earned Bond thousands of dollars. Rudd remained loyal to the Catholic Church until his death in 1933. It appears his faith in this institution may have suffered after the church seemed to drop their efforts on behalf of the recognition of the social equality of blacks... Rudd was a gifted entrepreneur, writer, educator, activist, and churchman; but, perhaps the most inspiring part of his legacy was his prophetic cry for justice. For at a time when many Catholics had lost sight of the truth of the faith, Rudd with the vision of a prophet reminded his readers that the cardinal truth of the church was *“the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man...”*



Hispanic Ministry Update

By Deacon Frank Villalobos & Mrs. Eva Gonzalez

Parishes

Annunciation

St. Bartholomew

Christ The King

St. Dominic

Emmanuel

St. Edward

Church of the Epiphany

St. Gabriel

Holy Name

Immaculate Conception

St. Helen

St. James

St. Joseph

Our Lady of Mercy

St. Rita

THE STRATEGIC PLAN UNFOLDS BEFORE OUR VERY EYES

Diversity is a gift and a blessing from God to us in order for each individual to embrace the full tapestry of creation. The Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM) in our Archdiocese welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with other offices and agencies in embracing diversity. We take great pride in naming, claiming, and celebrating who we are and whose we are. OMM, like many other agencies in the archdiocesan structure, works diligently to respond to the diversity realities.

Our Hispanic community is a part of the growing diversity reality in the church. As an Archdiocese, we joined other dioceses and the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops to develop Hispanic Pastoral Plans. The plans serve as a framework for efforts regarding:

- Increasing the participation of Hispanics in the events of the church
- Enhancing the faith of the Hispanic communities
- Assisting Hispanic immigrants transition to living in the United States
- Forming servant leaders for collaborative ministry

We have been blessed with a spirit of collaborative stewardship in order to accomplish a number of action steps. This update provides a summary of the endeavors in our Archdiocese through Hispanic Ministries in the Office of Multicultural Ministry as it responds to the needs of our local church.

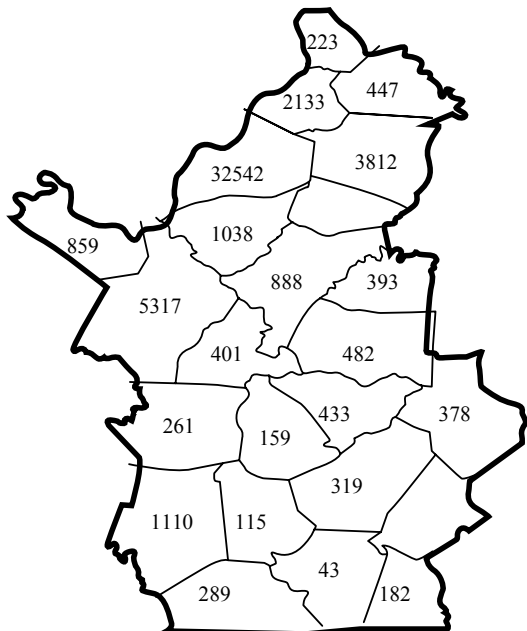


DAY OF REFLECTION
ST. HELEN GLASGOW, KY



SPANISH CLASS
MALONEY CENTER

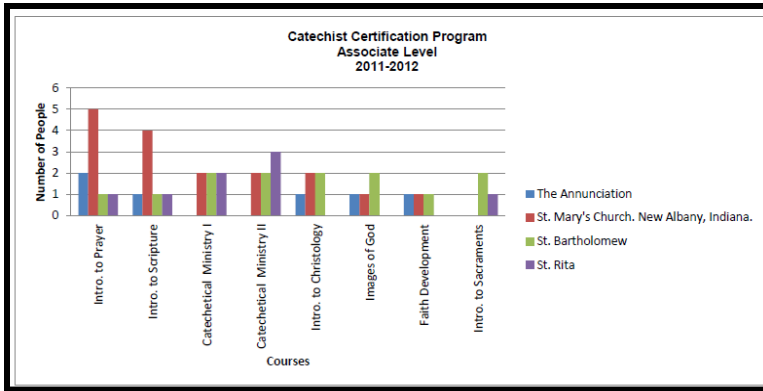
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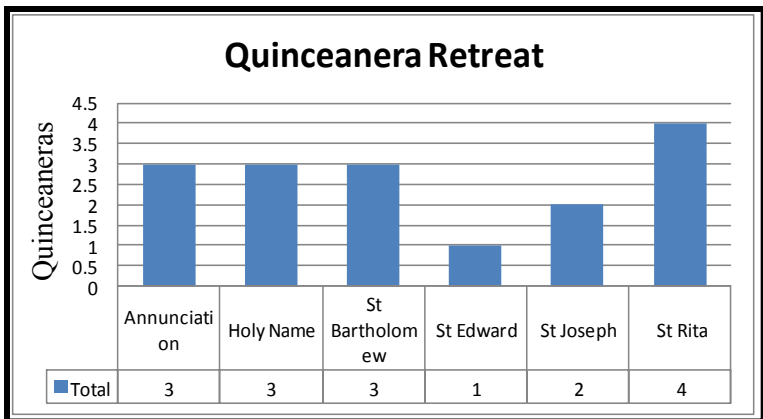
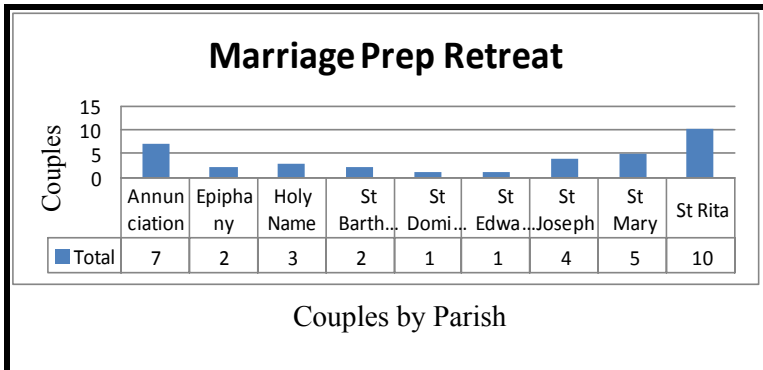
Where We Are Going

- Strengthen the existing Hispanic Ministry in the parishes.
- Work with the Offices of Vocation and the Diaconate.
- Offer Pastoral Spanish to clergy who would like to learn the language
- Encourage parishes to hire Spanish speaking Hispanics
- Encourage the laity to attend Archdiocesan Formation programs from a Hispanic perspective.

Forming Our Future Leaders



The concentration on Catechetical Ministry exists to form persons in their catechetical ministries to adults, youth, or children in the Archdiocese of Louisville. This formational process fosters the acquisition of appropriate applied knowledge and skills as well as the continued spiritual formation of catechists.



According to the 2010 Census, there are approximately 52,000 Hispanics living within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Louisville. The map to the left gives us a breakdown by county. With the understanding that not all Hispanics are Catholic, most Hispanics come from countries where ninety percent or more of the population is Catholic. Therefore it is safe to assume that 90 percent or more of Hispanics living in Kentucky are Catholic.

Hispanics travel to various locations of the archdiocese to find a home parish. Some look for parishes that are able to minister to their needs, some are looking for a parish that may remind them of their native home, or perhaps they want to worship in their native tongue. There are no plans in the near future to offer Hispanic Ministry in other parishes. The Office of Multicultural Ministry is working side by side with the 15 parishes to strengthen their Hispanic community and to do outreach. Though there are no plans for additional parishes at this time, we do need more Spanish speaking clergy and laity to reach out to our Hispanic brothers and sisters. Here are our resources for Hispanic Ministry:

- 15 Parishes with Hispanic Ministry
- 6 Non-Hispanic priests fluent in Spanish
- 1 Hispanic in the seminary
- 2 Hispanic priests
- 2 Parishes with Hispanics on Staff (St. Rita/St. Bartholomew)
- 2 Hispanic deacons
- 7 Priests that celebrate mass in Spanish but don't preach in Spanish
- 1 Trained Hispanic RCIA Coordinator
- 4 Hispanics on Archdiocesan Staff

OMM & St. Jude Family Life Skills Initiatives: Continuing to Provide for Families *By Mr. Christopher Burt, Family Life Skills Coordinator*



In Metro Louisville, stressful environments seem to be creating problems that have the capacity to rock the foundation of the family structure. Financial instability, unemployment, homelessness and other family issues are increasing at high rates all over, including West Louisville. Families are in dire need of not just help but the resources that can help them become self-sufficient.

The Family Life Skills Program (*FLSP*) at the Office of Multicultural Ministry Catholic Enrichment Center (*CEC*) provides families with resources to do just that. As we moved into the Second Quarter of the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year, we noticed a sharp increase in program inquiry and program participation. Families across West Louisville saw that the key to self-sufficiency isn't about a hand-out but a hand-up.

Our Community Partners also see the value in our program, for it provides and incorporates a sense of trust and collaboration among other service providers. This is to ensure that the needs of the families we serve are being met in a timely manner. A seamless approach to addressing the needs of the family by capitalizing on a community partner's strengths in the family's area of need is achieved and reduces the duplication of services. For many families, the speed in which they are able to get the right help in a timely manner can make impossibilities, possible.

As we completed the Third Quarter, new insights and expansions were developed for the program such as educational programming centered around technology with the opening of the CEC's new computer lab and job-training assistance. By providing these types of services in our program, the future and the legacy of the families in West Louisville will become stronger.



This is the driving force and responsibility of the Family Life Skills Program and we take this seriously by doing our very best for the best, the families of West Louisville.

OMM Joins the Wider Community Outreach Efforts With "Back to School Fairs" *By Ms. Charmein Weathers*



It's that time of year again. The first day of school is fast approaching and every school-aged child in the community has a list of school supplies they must have when school starts. School supply shopping is a highlight for many children as they prepare to move into a higher grade. From notebooks, pencils, ink pens, folders, markers, crayons, scissors, paper, glue, calculators and book bags/back packs, the list is sometimes long and varied. There is a tremendous need for all of these items and more. With the high unemployment rate and the economic challenges that many parents are facing today, it is a blessing to have some assistance with those very important tools that will enhance the learning experience of their children..

The Office of Multicultural Ministry joins the wider community with this very critical outreach effort of assisting in preparing children for school. It will host the **8th Annual Community Back to School Fair** on **Saturday, July 28, 2012** at two different locations within the city. The locations are: **Catholic Enrichment Center**, 3146 W. Broadway, Louisville, KY; and **St. Bartholomew Catholic Church**, 2042 Buechel Bank Road, Louisville, KY. Both will start at **10:00 a.m.** This activity is a component of the Family Life Skills, Community Outreach and Academic Enrichment program which ministers to families regardless of race, religion or geographical location. The goal is to assist our youth in having a successful start to their school year by providing them with a variety of school supplies. It is our hope that we, along with the wider community, are able to make the start of a new school year as seamless as possible for as many children that we can..

**Office of Multicultural Ministry
Catholic Enrichment Center
A Beacon of Hope in West Louisville**
*By Mrs. Kim Telesford-Mapp,
CEC Director*



I had not truly understood the significance of the impact of the services the Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM) Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC) provides until the evening of the 25th Anniversary celebration of the African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet. Mr. George Sanders, Executive Director of West Louisville Community Ministries (one of CEC's community partners) shared some sobering statistics regarding the population we serve west of 9th Street. Most revealing was the information regarding the unemployment rate in West Louisville, which is double that of the city average and its impact on daily living and the quality of life for those who live all around us. As I listened to Mr. Sanders extol the virtue and impact of both organizations working in tandem, I realized how valuable the Office of Multicultural Ministry services are through CEC, and how each service has a direct impact within this community.

CEC SUPPORT equals EMPOWERMENT!

God calls us forth to serve the least of our brothers and sisters. Archdiocesan support of the Office of Multicultural Ministry allows the Catholic Enrichment Center to support and empower families in the community. Our St. Jude Family Life Skills Program emphasizes education through practical learning by way of parenting classes, group and individual counseling, developing communication skills, financial management classes, and nutrition programming.

OTHER CEC PROGRAMS:

- The CEC ministers to the spiritual development of our Catholic community through our Mid-day Bible Study on Wednesday as well as Quad Parish Formation Classes and camaraderie building activities for our young people.
- Provides educational support through our afterschool tutoring program, computer classes, and use of our computer lab for job seekers, Camp Africa Academic and Cultural Enrichment summer camp, ACT/SAT Preparation, Spelling Bees, and more.
- Culturally, the CEC offers the following: Women's African Drumming Circle; Quilting/Sewing Circle; Music; Arts & Crafts; and Storytelling.
- In ministering to the whole person, CEC offers wellness programs in nutrition and physical activity programs. For the body, the CEC offers a free Physical Therapy clinic; Dare to Care; Diabetes Management; Living Well Disease Management Program; Alzheimer's Support Group; and Girls and Cub Scouts.
- To keep the mind/body connection strong and intact, the CEC offers classes in Tai Chi; Yoga, Zumba; Belizean Dance; Aerobic Line Dancing; Hula Hoop; Seniorobics; Senior Nutrition and Wellness; Tasty Tuesday Healthy Cooking; and Karate.

Mr. Sanders ended his speech by sharing a parable of a little humming bird trying to do his part to prevent the sky from falling. An elephant came along who thought it humorous that the tiny humming bird had the audacity to believe his little legs could hold up the sky. The humming bird simply replied "Each must do what he can-- and THIS IS WHAT I CAN DO!" The CEC is like that little humming bird. We can only do our small part in helping those with the least but that effort, to serve as that "Beacon of Hope" can and does make a difference to those we serve.

Snapshots From The Community

Fourth Annual Memorial Service for Victims of Violence, War & Genocide in Africa

Saturday, April 21, 2012, members of our ecumenical (interdenominational) community came together at St. Thomas More Church located on South Third Street in Louisville, KY for the Fourth Annual Memorial Service for Victims of Violence, War & Genocide in Africa. This annual prayer service for peace was created to bring the community together in order to commemorate the lives of the victims of violence, war, and genocide in Africa through prayer and song. Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., Archbishop of Louisville, was the presider and several choirs rendered musical selections. They included the African Ministry Choir, the Archdiocesan OMM Gospel Choir and the Evangelical Church Winning All's Imani Choir. A reception followed the service. The event was sponsored by the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry, its African Ministry and St. Thomas More Catholic Church. This was an inter-faith service.



Community Science Fair

By Charmein Weathers,
Multicultural Special Projects/Communications Coordinator

On a warm spring day, 48 students from around the city of Louisville came together for the 1st Archdiocese of Louisville Office of Multicultural Ministry Annual Community Science Fair. They represented a variety of schools from the Catholic, public, and private sectors; in 5th and middle school grades, 5th - 8th; and from a variety of cultures. Although a diverse group was in attendance, they all shared one common interest on that day, **SCIENCE**. Some had recently participated in the Louisville Regional Science Fair, some were headed to compete in the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair, and for some, this was their very first science fair experience.

A science fair is an event where students present the results of their scientific investigations. They are competitions, though they may be informational presentations. A science fair is an opportunity for students, individually or as members of a team, to actually apply the skills they have learned in their study of science. It is a real chance for students to show what they've learned, especially if they have been given the opportunity to experience solving problems or problem solving. A science fair is also a chance to show the students, the school community and the community at large how important and useful science is.

The schools represented were Christian Academy; Holy Family; Meyzeek Middle School; Nativity Academy; St. Francis of Assisi; St. Leonard; and St. Nicholas. The projects were as diverse as the students. They focused on physical, environmental, life and health sciences. They included: how catapults and trebuchets work; methods for preserving meat; the effects of energy drinks; the effects of coal ash impacts on immune cell function; energy transfer; exploring cell signaling in wound healing; and the effects of acid rain, just to name a few.

“The Archdiocesan OMM Community Science Fair is a place for both students and adults to teach and learn. I was thankful for the experience because it will help keep me sharp. It was so much fun to discuss science with other young scientists. As a participant, I observed several entries which were relevant in my own life, such as the entry on sports drinks. I drink them a lot. I was also intrigued with the entries on clean and sustainable energy because I believe we are stewards of this earth and are therefore responsible for it. I am excited about my entry for next year and am looking forward to participating again.” Marshall Washington - Meyzeek Middle School, 6th Grade

I was extremely impressed with these young people and feel very confident that they will go on to make a significant impact on our community, state, nation, and globally. With young people like this, we have nothing to worry about. We are looking forward to next year and seeing what these bright young minds will present.



Things to Do to Naturally Foster More Cultural Diversity Within Your Ministry

By Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner, OMM Executive Director

- Host multicultural events
- Attend and promote multicultural events
- Encourage forming parish relationships with parishes of different races within the Archdiocese
- Invite other clergy of different races and ethnic backgrounds to give the homily or establish a relationship with a racially or ethnically diverse parish to have pulpit exchange three times a year
- Develop cross cultural relationships within the community
- Partner with confirmation classes from racially diverse parishes to host a joint parish confirmation retreat
- Participate in activities that affirm diversity
- Invite individuals from different ethnic and racial backgrounds to present workshops
- Promote the hiring of different ethnic and racial individuals on Pastoral teams
- Create internal opportunities to socialize with people from different ethnic and racial backgrounds. Take a chance and have lunch with someone from a diverse racial or ethnic group.
- When planning programs or events, be more intentional to include persons from the diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds to serve on the team. This step will prove to be beneficial in the long run and participation from the diverse community will be greater.
- Create opportunities for parish youth groups to form relationships with youth groups of different races and ethnic backgrounds in the Archdiocese
- Celebrate your own diversity



Family Networking - Making it Happen!

By Ms. Audrey Penman, Community Outreach Coordinator



Webster's dictionary offers one definition of community as an interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common location. Networking is defined as the cultivation of productive relationships for employment or business. The Office of Multicultural Ministry's Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC) embraces all of the above. We have a vision for our community and would like to invite our neighbors in business, community based organizations, and neighborhood groups to join us in making the vision a shared endeavor.

The CEC, hosts a number of workshops, activities and programs that are open, and often free to the community because of various networking opportunities. As the Community Outreach Coordinator, I am making time to meet and greet our neighbors where they are. The center is always looking for opportunities to enhance the programs we offer and to add new ones.

The staff of the Office of Multicultural Ministry's CEC welcomes opportunities to serve the community through our programs.



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GRADES 10, 11, & 12

Bridging the Cultural Gap Through Spanish

*By Ms. Charmein Weathers,
Multicultural Special Projects/Communications Coordinator*

Hola, Buenos días, Adiós, Por Favor, Gracias! These are just a few of the most common words used to communicate in Spanish. As our archdiocese continues to become more diverse, we need to do what is necessary to be able to communicate with each other. Communication and a better understanding of other cultures will assist us in bridging the cultural gap. Some of our brothers and sisters in the archdiocese have picked up that mantle and taken the time to learn a new language. This undertaking is a bit more challenging than you might think. They are faced with several hurdles including challenges with their job schedule (the classes meet during their work day) and the difficulty of learning a new language. In spite of these challenges, they are still able to make it work.



The Office of Multicultural Ministry recognized the need for students to have an opportunity to take a non-threatening Spanish class, free from large numbers in class size, at an accelerated pace, and grades. The various classes offer that experience. Over the past year, over thirty adults have completed Spanish classes taught by Mrs. Eva Gonzalez, Hispanic Ministry Special Projects Coordinator. She has taught Spanish I, Spanish II, and Conversational Spanish, all offered in a stress free, enjoyable, and pleasant environment. The demand was so great for Spanish I that a summer class was added to the calendar at the last minute.



She is also currently teaching children enrolled in the summer academic and cultural enrichment program at the Catholic Enrichment Center, Camp Africa Inspire. This fall she will teach a Spanish class for Pastoral Leaders. All of the classes are offered for persons wishing to enhance their ability to communicate in Spanish with the Hispanic community in their parishes, schools, and on the job. It is designed to assist anyone who is interested in forming and strengthening relationships in their ministry and within the community. If you are interested in learning Spanish and doing your part to bridge the cultural gap, join Mrs. Gonzalez for class. You won't regret it!

“Making a Difference in Our Community”

By Carol Nord



NATIVITY ACADEMY
AT SAINT BONIFACE

Thirty percent of High School students will leave without graduating. As disturbing as this figure is, it is worse for African American and Latino students whose drop-out rate is almost 50%. Dropping out of High School today is to your societal health what smoking is to your physical health, an indicator of a host of poor outcomes to follow, from low lifetime earnings to high incarceration rates, to a high likelihood that your children will drop out of high school and start the cycle anew. (Time Magazine, April 17, 2007)

The purpose of Nativity Academy at St. Boniface is to reach these children from the lowest income neighborhoods of Louisville and help break the cycle of poverty through education. Nativity Academy is an independent Catholic middle school serving low-income children in Metro-Louisville. *Our mission is to challenge our students to reach their full potential academically, spiritually, and socially so they may grow to be responsible, caring, and active leaders in their families, communities, and society.*

Every community needs an educated workforce committed to contributing to and improving the quality of life. Children raised in poverty are far more likely to drop out of school and become a burden for the community, rather than enhancing it. Nativity Academy at St. Boniface is working to ensure that these children will break the cycle of poverty and become Louisville's future leaders.

Nativity Academy, which opened in July 2003, is patterned on the “Nativity Model,” an educational approach developed by the Jesuits in the early 1970s. Designed to serve low-income middle school children (grades 6-8 with priority given to those eligible for the Federal Free Lunch Program), the Nativity Model includes: a traditional academic curriculum emphasizing the core subjects in a faith-based environment; an extended day program for enrichment activities (music, art, drama, sports, etc.); a summer program incorporating academics and extra-curricular activities; small single-sexed classes; a daily supervised late afternoon study/tutoring session; minimal fees (current tuition is \$20 per month); parental involvement; volunteers working with professional educators and staff; and assistance to students and parents/guardians in the student's gaining admission to and successfully completing a college preparatory high school.

The Nativity Model has proven to be highly successful throughout the United States in insuring that underserved youth successfully complete high school, and are well prepared for college. Today there are 60 Nativity Model Schools serving over 5,000 middle school age boys and girls throughout 27 states. The schools have a 97% student attendance rate nationwide. Their students graduate from high school at a rate of 86% compared to the national rate for African-American or Latino students of 50%. Additionally, 96% of last year's high school graduates enrolled in college.

By combining a challenging academic program with an extended day/extended year program and graduate support programming, Nativity Academy at St. Boniface is able to provide a safe, goal-oriented, culturally enriched, and values-based environment to underserved families.

For more information on the school, contact us at (502)855-3300; www.nativitylouisville.org



THEA BOWMAN INSTITUTE

Archdiocese of Louisville

Program History:

This program honors Sister Thea Bowman, SPA (1937-1990), a teacher, musician, theologian, and dedicated servant of God. Bowman devoted her time to teaching in areas of Black Spirituality, Art, Literature, and strengthening the Black Family. She was a tireless champion of social justice and intercultural awareness. The Thea Bowman Institute and Certificate Program was named and created in 1986 by Deacon James Turner, M. Annette Mandley-Turner, and Rev. Joseph Brown, S.J., Ph.D..

The Thea Bowman Certificate Program is designed to be compatible with other ministry training programs. It would complement the Archdiocesan Ministry Formation Program, and would not compete with the Certificate in Ministry Studies offered by the Russell Institute. In addition, it would supplement the education of persons who have been ordained as deacons or priests and who minister in the black community.

It is a program that is enlightening and extremely beneficial to everyone, especially those who are active in the different areas of ministry in their parish. Most pastors encourage and highly recommend this program to their parish members who are in or considering a leadership role in their church.

Program Specifics:

Steeped in an Africentric perspective, the Thea Bowman Institute is a 15-month program that meets the 2nd Saturday of each month (except July & August) from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The location varies between the Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby Street, Louisville, KY 40203 and the Catholic Enrichment Center located at 3146 West Broadway, Louisville, KY 40211. The cost of each course is \$25.00. Upon completion of the course, an exit interview is held with each participant and the Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Ministry. This interview provides an opportunity for course evaluation. Each participant will receive a certificate of completion.

2012/2013 Course Schedule (Tentative)

- Introduction to the Sacraments
- Parish Administration for the Black Church
- Day of Reflection
- Catholic Social Teachings
- Scripture from an Africentric Perspective
- Foundations of Black Theology
- Africentric Youth Ministry: Foundations & Principles
- Africentric Young Adult & Campus Ministry
- Africentric Spirituality
- Africentric Worship
- Foundations of Liturgy from an Africentric Perspective
- Ministry in African American Communities
- Understanding African American Culture
- Evangelization/Outreach with the Black Community
- Biblical Justice
- Lay Ecclesial Ministry and the African American Perspective
- Catechetical Ministry and Africentric Lifelong Learning

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY



UPCOMING EVENTS



AUGUST

Spanish II Class
August 6, 13, 20, 27
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Maloney Center

Kujenga Viongozi II
August 9-12
St. Meinrad
St. Meinrad, IN

Hispanic Catechist Retreat
August 11
9:00 a.m.
Maloney Center

Hispanic ACTS Women's Retreat
August 30-31
Time: TBA
Flaget Center

SEPTEMBER

Thea Bowman Institute
September 8
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Maloney Center

Spanish II Class (Cont.)
September 10, 17, 24
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Maloney Center

Umoja Young Adult Activity
September 14
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
CEC

Hispanic Leadership Formation
September 8
9:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m.
Maloney Center

After School Tutoring
September 10
(Will run throughout the school year)
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
CEC

Community Health Fair
September 15
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
CEC/Thea Bowman Hall

Our Lady of Cobre Celebration
September 9
1:00 p.m.
St. Rita

Cooper-Clayton Smoking Cessation Class
September 11
(Will be held every Tuesday until 12/11/2012)
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m./6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
CEC

Senior Initiative
September 27
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
CEC/Thea Bowman Hall

OCTOBER

Spanish II Class (Cont.)
October 1
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Maloney Center

Hispanic Catechist-Associate
October 13
9:00 a.m.
Maloney Center

Women's Retreat
October 13
Cliffview

Male Style Show
October 26
7:00 p.m.
CEC/Thea Bowman Hall

Spanish for Pastoral Leaders
October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
10:00 a.m.
Maloney Center

Thea Bowman Institute
October 13
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Maloney Center

City-wide Spelling Bee-
Preliminaries
October 20
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
CEC/Thea Bowman Hall

Umoja Young Adult Cook-off
October 27
12:00 p.m.
CEC/Thea Bowman Hall

ACT/SAT Prep & Testing
October 6-26
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m./
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
CEC

Hispanic Leadership Formation
October 13
9:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m.
Maloney Center

Conversational Spanish
October 22, 29
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Maloney Center

Quinceanera Retreat
October 27
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Church of the Epiphany

Multicultural Kuumba Korner

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heritage

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DATES TO REMEMBER

National Black Catholic Congress XI
July 19 - 21, 2012
Indianapolis Marriott
Indianapolis, IN

Back to School Fair
July 28, 2012
10:00 a.m.
Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC)
St. Bartholomew

Spanish II Classes
August 6 - October 1, 2012 (Mondays)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Maloney Center

Kujenga Viongozi II
August 9 - 12, 2012
St. Meinrad Seminary
St. Meinrad, IN



Our Lady of Cobre Celebration
September 9, 2012
1:00 p.m.
St. Rita Church

Community Health Fair
September 15, 2012
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
CEC/Thea Bowman Hall

City-wide Spelling Bee
(Preliminaries)
October 20, 2012
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
CEC/Thea Bowman Hall

Conversational Spanish Classes
October 22 - December 10, 2012
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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HOW TO SAY "HELLO" IN FIFTEEN LANGUAGES

1. English - Hi, Hello
2. Spanish - Hola (informal), Buenos Dias (formal)
3. French - Salut (informal), Bonjour (formal)
4. Japanese - Konnichiwa (pronounced kong-nee-chee-wa)
5. German - Hallo (informal), Guten Tag (formal)
6. Hebrew - Shalom
7. Korean - Ahn Young Ha Se Yo
8. Hindi - Namaste (pronounced na-mus-thei)
9. Arabic - Marhaba (pronounced mar-ha-ba), Salam wa alei-kum (peace be with you)
10. Afrikaans - Haai (informal), Goeie Dag (formal)
11. Russian - Privet (informal, pronounced pree-vyet), Zdravstyuyte (formal, pronounced ZDRA-styoooy-tyeh)
12. Swahili - Jambo, Habari
13. Vietnamese - Xin Chào
14. Cantonese - Nay Hoh
15. Garifuna (Belize) - Buiti Binafin

SAVE THE DATE!

HEROES OF HOPE GALA

September 14, 2012

6:00 P.M.

Location: TBA

Cost: \$40.00



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