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**Celebrating the Kwanzaa Holiday  
 Understanding Its Impact On Race Relations  
 By Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner, Executive Director**



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

Aren't sure what Kwanzaa is? Initially Kwanzaa did not directly affiliate with any particular main line religion unlike Christmas, Ramadan or Hanukkah. The celebration is 43 years old and is viewed as one of the newer American holidays. It originated in the sixties during turbulent times in an effort to encourage unity, as well as cultural and racial pride in the diverse black community. Currently, it is widely celebrated and recognized internationally. In 1997, the U.S. Postal Service launched its first Kwanzaa stamp. In addition, former U.S. Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush recognized the day while in office.

**What is Kwanzaa?**

The expression derived from the Swahili word, "matunda ya kwanza," which means "first-fruits," is based on African harvest celebrations such as the seven-day Umkhost of Zululand.

Kwanzaa was created to reconnect people from the African Diaspora to their African roots in addition to recognizing their struggles as a people by building community. The holiday is observed from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 annually. "Kwanzaa was created out of the philosophy of Kawaida, which is a cultural nationalist philosophy that argues that the key challenge in black people's [lives] is the challenge of culture, and what Africans must do is discover and bring forth the best of their culture, both ancient and current to use it as a foundation to bring into being models of human excellence and possibilities to enrich and expand our lives." (Official Kwanzaa Website)

Kwanzaa has seven principles known as the Nguzo Saba. They are: umoja (unity); kujichagulia (self-determination); ujima (collective work and responsibility); ujamaa (cooperative economics); nia (purpose); kuumba (creativity); and imani (faith).

## Kwanzaa Con't.



Kwanzaa celebrations include, a mkeka (straw mat) which rests on a table covered by kente cloth, or another African fabric. On top of the mkeka sits a kinara (candleholder) in which the mishumaa saba (seven candles) are inserted. The colors of Kwanzaa are black for the people, red for their struggle, and green for the future and hope that comes from their struggle, according to the official Kwanzaa website.

Mazao (crops) and the kikombe cha umoja (the unity cup) also sit on the mkeka. The unity cup is used to pour tambiko (libation) in remembrance of ancestors. Lastly, African art objects and books about the life and culture of African people sit on the mat to sym-

bolize commitment to heritage and learning.

### **Do All Blacks Observe Kwanzaa?**

When you look at all of the celebrations in the USA, it is safe to say that not all of the celebrations are observed by all of the people from any diverse racial group. Kwanzaa is no different, not all Blacks celebrate this holiday.

Approximately 10.4 million people observe the holiday internationally. People from every racial group have participated in the celebration, according to the official Kwanzaa website. Just as people from a range of backgrounds partake in cultural celebrations such as Cinco de Mayo, the Chinese New Year or Native American pow wows, those who aren't of African descent may celebrate Kwanzaa.

“As a child growing up in Queens, I remember attending Kwanzaa celebrations at the American Museum of Natural History with relatives and friends who, like me, were Chinese-American,” he said. “The holiday seemed fun and inclusive and I eagerly committed to memory the Nguzo Saba, or seven principles...”. (a quote taken from a Chinese-American)

Check local newspaper listings, black churches, cultural centers or museums to find out where you can celebrate Kwanzaa in your community. In the Archdiocese of Louisville, we are pleased to announce that we will gather on December 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church located at 1545 Louis Coleman Drive to celebrate our 32<sup>nd</sup> family get together. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office of Multicultural Ministry at 502 636-1786 ext 1245.



## City-wide Spelling Bee

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

The Catholic Enrichment Center of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry in partnership with Nativity Academy at St. Boniface hosted a City-wide Spelling Bee at the Catholic Enrichment Center located at 3146 West Broadway, Louisville, KY on Saturday, November 16, 2013. The Catholic Enrichment Center and Nativity Academy were enrolled in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Students representing local private and public schools from grades 1 - 8 participated in the event. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner was Marshall Washington, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Meyzeek Middle School. He will go on to compete in February in the State Spelling Bee in Lexington, KY, and should he win there, he will go on to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee to be held in Washington, D.C. in May. Marshall is a member of Christ the King Catholic Church. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner was Kamar Foree, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at Jacob Elementary School. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place prize was a NOOK Tablet and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place prize was a certificate to Britannica Encyclopedia Online School Edition. The students also competed within their grade levels and those winners won a copy of the movie *Akeelah and the Bee* along with a monetary prize. Family



Marshall Washington, winner of the City-wide Spelling Bee



Far left-Kamar Foree (2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner),  
Center-Dr. Eliza Young (Pronouncer),  
Far right-Marshall Washington (1<sup>st</sup> Place winner)

members, friends and members of the community were on hand to support the youth and cheer them on. The pronouncer was Dr. Eliza Young, a recently retired English and African American Studies Professor at Jefferson Community & Technical College.



2013-2014 City-wide Spelling Bee Participants



**1<sup>st</sup> Hispanic Encuentro**  
*By Mrs. Eva Gonzalez*  
*Hispanic Ministry Director*

The first Hispanic Encuentro in the Archdiocese of Louisville offered by the Office of Multicultural Ministry on October 12, 2013 provided opportunities to our diverse Hispanic community to deepen their faith. The day started with a welcome given by Mrs. Annette Turner, OMM Executive Director and Mrs. Eva Gonzalez, Director of Hispanic Ministry.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. was the keynote speaker of the event. He started with an opening prayer followed by a presentation translated by Fr. Pablo Hernandez. Archbishop Kurtz talked about the New Evangelization and mentioned to the community that their presence is important for and to the Church.

Archdiocesan agencies were also present. They set up booths with information and talked with those interested in areas such as Catholic education, vocations to the priesthood, vocations to religious life, youth ministry, and programs offered by the Office of Multicultural Ministry's, Hispanic Ministry. In addition, laity from the ACTS retreat (Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service) were present as well.

A series of workshops followed and were offered throughout the day. Children from grades K-1 and 2-5 listened attentively and worked on crafts and drawings given by catechists who presented themes for their age group such as "Living our Faith," "Encounters with Jesus," and "Celebrating My Hispanic Catholic Identity." Middle and high school youth were receptive to the presentation "Living Our Faith" and had the opportunity to hear from panelists regarding the call to vocations. Adults had the opportunity for sharing with other community members, themes like "Formation: Foundation of an Evangelizing Community," "Celebrating Our Faith as a Community," and "Lay Minister Formation: Essential Component to Minister Effectively" which gave new insight to those present. Fr. Emilio Sotomayor from the South East Pastoral Institute (SEPI) presented "Why Catholic?" with great enthusiasm and the audience was totally engaged!

The day closed with a Liturgy of the Word celebrated by Archbishop Kurtz, Fr. Michael Tobin, and Fr. Emilio Sotomayor. Many people from the community expressed their joy of being there and were grateful of having the opportunity to experience this event hoping to have a second Hispanic Encuentro next year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hispanic Encuentro will take place on Saturday, September 27, 2014 on the grounds of St. Pius X Catholic Church, its school, and community center.

**El Primer Encuentro Hispano**

El primer Encuentro Hispano en la Arquidiócesis de Louisville ofrecido por la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural el día 12 de octubre de 2013 brindó oportunidades a nuestra diversa comunidad hispana para profundizar en su fe. El día comenzó con la bienvenida de la Sra. Annette Turner, directora ejecutiva de la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural y la Sra. Eva Gonzalez, directora del Ministerio Hispano.

El arzobispo Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. fue el ponente principal del evento. Comenzó con una oración de apertura seguida de una ponencia traducida por el padre Pablo Hernández. El arzobispo Kurtz habló acerca de la Nueva Evangelización y le mencionó a la comunidad que su presencia es importante para la Iglesia.

Agencias de la Arquidiócesis también estuvieron presentes. Tuvieron mesas con información y platicaron con personas interesadas en áreas tales como educación católica, vocaciones al sacerdocio, vocaciones a la vida religiosa, ministerio juvenil y programas ofrecidos por el Ministerio Hispano de la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural. Además, laicos de los retiros de ACTS (Adoración, Comunidad, Teología y Servicio) también se encontraron presentes.

Posteriormente se continuó con una serie de talleres los cuales fueron ofrecidos durante el día. Niños de K-1 y de 2-5 grados escucharon atentamente y realizaron manualidades y dibujos dados por los catequistas que expusieron temas apropiados para su edad tales como "Viviendo Nuestra Fe", "Encuentros Con Jesús" y "Celebrando Mi Identidad Católica Hispana". Los adolescentes y jóvenes se mostraron receptivos al tema "Viviendo Nuestra Fe" y tuvieron la oportunidad de escuchar de panelistas el llamado a las vocaciones.

## El Primer Encuentro Hispano, Con't.

Los adultos tuvieron la oportunidad de compartir con otros miembros de la comunidad, temas como “Formación: Base De Una Comunidad Evangelizadora”, “Celebrando Nuestra Fe Como Comunidad” y “Formación De Ministros Laicos” Componente Esencial De Un Ministerio Eficaz” proporcionaron nuevas ideas a los presentes. El padre Emilio Sotomayor del Instituto Pastoral del Sureste (SEPI) expuso “¿Por qué Soy Católico?” con gran entusiasmo y ¡la audiencia estaba totalmente comprometida!

El día dio cierre con la celebración de la Liturgia de la Palabra celebrada por el arzobispo Kurtz, el padre Michael Tobin y el padre Emilio Sotomayor. Muchas personas de la comunidad manifestaron su alegría por estar ahí y estuvieron agradecidos por tener la oportunidad de vivir este evento esperando en tener un segundo Encuentro Hispano el próximo año. El 2do. Encuentro Hispano anual tendrá lugar el sábado, 27 de septiembre de 2014 en el terreno de la Iglesia católica St. Pius X que cuenta con su escuela y centro comunitario.



# COMMUNITY SCIENCE FAIR



Students from grades 5 - 12  
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Registration is required and the deadline is  
Friday, January 24, 2014

Saturday, February 8, 2014  
10:00 am-3:00 pm  
Entry Fee: \$10.00

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For more information, project/fair guidelines and to register, call the Office of Multicultural Ministry at (502)471-2123.



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*Adam Ruiz*

**One Man's Witness from Darkness to Light**

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**Dying with Dignity:**

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# Our Lady of Kibeho....A Celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary

By Mrs. Ruby Thomas



Members of the Rwandan community came together to witness the crowning of a small wooden statue of Our Lady of Kibeho during a ceremony filled with singing and dancing. The event which took place on December 1, 2014 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church commemorated the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Kibeho, Rwanda. The Blessed Mother first appeared to a high school student in Kibeho on Nov 28, 1981 with a message for the people to convert, to keep faith and to pray wholeheartedly.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., who celebrated the Mass, reminded those present that though the tradition of commemorating this first appearance in Rwanda isn't a very old tradition, it is a powerful one because "it gives honor and glory to the Blessed Mother when she appeared in Rwanda to ask for peace and conversion...conversion from selfishness to God's will and conversion from conflict to peace." "When we honor our Blessed Mother we are also asking for her help in imitating her by understanding the wonder of God's call to each of us in our life," said Archbishop Kurtz. Part of what God calls us to do is to live in peace with each other and this was central to the celebration and to the message delivered by the archbishop.

The joy and faith with which this group worshipped made it hard to believe that only a few years ago their lives were altered by such a violent event as that of the genocide in their native country. "Many of you know firsthand how terrible this tragedy was in Rwanda," said Archbishop Kurtz. "That's why we pray today that through the inspiration of our Blessed Mother that we may have peace," he continued. The archbishop spoke about how easy it is to fall into a pattern of conflict with those people closest to us. He told them that sometimes it's easier to pray for world peace than it is to pray for peace in our home. "But we know that if we want peace in our world we have to begin with peace in our hearts," he reminded them. Aggripana Barengayabo who attended the ceremony says this tradition of celebrating Our Lady of Kibeho is very important to her. "What happened in 1994 was a terrible time in our country's history," she said referring to the genocide which claimed hundreds of thousands of lives. "We came here today to pray for the end of the war in our country and for peace everywhere," she continued.

The statue of Our Lady of Kibeho, on which a small crown of pink petals was placed, was carved out of wood native to Rwanda and sent to Louisville for this ceremony. The church has confirmed two other apparitions in Kibeho, one on January 12, 1982 and another on March 2, 1982. Our Lady of Kibeho's feast day is November 28.



## A Reflection on Typhoon Haiyan and Local Relief Efforts

By Mrs. Michelle Banzon,  
Filipino Consultant and member of St. Gabriele the Archangel Church

The recent calamity that devastated my fellow countrymen in the Philippines struck me to the core of my being. The desire to reach out and help those families in some way was flowing out from within. Seeing those parents who had lost their kids, and even more, seeing those kids who had lost a parent, a grandparent, friend and relative, brought so much pain in my heart. I said to myself, I need to do something to help. I cannot just sit and look and donate money. I needed to do more.

I started to post on social network sites to collect items for the affected families. The response was overwhelming! At first, I was getting worried that the response would not be that great. The response of others humbled me to see how much compassion and love people still have nowadays. How people in the community immediately shared what they have to help someone in need. There were new kids clothes, new shoes with handwritten messages such as "God Bless You" on the box," and stuffed animals for kids. Those precious little gifts may not replace the hurt and trauma those kids feel but will surely give comfort and happiness somehow, and hopefully make them feel that they are not alone.

The tragedy made us witness how powerless we are against the wrath of nature. It also showed me how all came together as one united in helping the victims of such a tragedy. It was not just a small effort but a worldwide one. People from all ages, races, religions, united in one goal, one mission to help. Differences, petty misunderstandings, and conflicts were put aside for one big common goal - to help. How I wish this unity and compassion would always be there, how wonderful this world would be to live in.

The Archdiocese of Louisville is asking all parishes to take up a second collection. The efforts and support of the Office of Multicultural Ministry serving as a donation drop off point truly let us know that we are not alone in wanting to Help. . . as Christians.





**Why We Honor the Memories of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
*By Deacon James R. Turner*  
*Pastoral Administrator of St. Augustine and St. Martin de Porres Churches*



Every year a fundamental question arises. A large sector of our society especially our young adults and youth want to know why we honor the memories of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?

Our USA history reflects the journey of people from various countries and continents. The majority of the people who came to this land came for a better way of life and various forms of freedoms/entitlements. This was not the case for most of the people from the African Diaspora. They were brought here in chains and enslaved. Basic rights and freedoms weren't given to them because they were not considered human but rather live stock. In 1776, the Declaration of Independence was written by Thomas Jefferson stating that "all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." This is also referred to as the American Dream.

In order to accomplish the American Dream, the government established democratic principles indicating which laws the people should have. In spite of this, in the new government, enslaved people were not given the same rights as white people. They had no say about their lives which eventually lead to the civil war. It would be years after the war that all enslaved people were finally given their freedom through amendments to the Constitution. The Thirteenth Amendment outlawed slavery in the United States, the Fourteenth Amendment gave people of the African Diaspora living in the USA citizenship and the Fifteenth Amendment gave them the right to vote.

The mindset of a vast majority of Americans who were not enslaved felt that Blacks and Whites should not be treated equally. In 1896, to keep them apart, a law was passed by the Supreme Court supporting the mind set of "separate but equal".

Efforts to give black people equal rights never stopped. The changes were not enough resulting in the need for new laws. In 1954, the Supreme Court ruled that "separate but equal" schools were inherently unconstitutional and blacks and whites could go to the same schools.

Social change was difficult for many. It would take visionaries such as Mrs. Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who believed in peace and justice, to win more freedom for black Americans.

Between 1955 and 1968, Dr. King and a number of supporters from various religions and races assisted in changing the racist behaviors and attitudes in America. Attention was brought to the world regarding the mistreatment of Blacks. This led to new laws that ended the practice of keeping people of different backgrounds apart, making life fairer for everyone.

America will always remember the work of Martin Luther King, Jr. Each year, on the third Monday in January, we celebrate his birthday. This is the first national holiday to honor an individual Black American. The legacy of Dr. King lives in each of us and we are responsible to promote, teach, and live the American Dream.

The Archdiocese of Louisville will join all the states in the USA to celebrate the work of this drum major for peace. African American Ministries in the Office of Multicultural Ministry is hosting the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Archdiocesan celebration and have chosen the theme "Walking a Journey of Justice". We will gather at the Cathedral of Assumption located at 433 S. Fifth Street, Louisville, KY at 1:30 p.m. to reflect on his message through song, liturgical movement and voices echoing words of wisdom. It would be an honor to have you join our Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. for our celebration. He is truly a man who embodies social justice in how he lives his life.

## Reflections on the Papal Award

*By Ms. Deborah Wade*

*Member of Christ the King Church*



I am the parish leadership chair of Christ the King Catholic Church. It is my honor to reflect on the gifts, service and life achievements of Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner. Mrs. Turner has been a true servant for The Lord. She wrote long ago that "God is the center of my joy and my relationship with Jesus made it happen." It is in this relationship where Mrs. Turner has walked all of her life - the relationship she has with God, with her husband, Deacon James Turner, her family, personal friends, and her church families - all based on this love and joy she finds in God.

She is always working for God and God's people within the Archdiocese of Louisville and beyond. Always learning and sharing that education, she has been the instrument that God has used over and over again to uplift, change, and empower each one of us to lead and to work for The Lord. There has not been a time that I can easily remember when Mrs. Turner was not giving of herself to help someone else in need - whether that was a word of encouragement or a word of challenge; a calling forth of righteousness or a deep sense of bringing others to God's throne through Catholicism. I have heard Mrs. Turner say time and time again that it is not about her, it is about bringing people to God. It is about the Grace of God.

She is truly one that has high energy. I have seen her full of energy, excitement and awe for the calling that she accepted so long ago. She is always there at a conference or a congress with her finger on the pulse of the event making sure that everything that has been planned goes forth without a hitch. She arms us with the words of God, and has enlightened us by her teachings in various programs of the Office of Multicultural Ministry such as the Viongozi program, the Thea Bowman program, the Roots of It All Conferences, and the Interregional African American Catholic Evangelization Conferences. Working with the African American youth through the National African American Catholic Youth Ministry Network and hosting the Black Catholic Theological Symposium. From having the opportunity to learn from various leaders and scholars from across the country, to the African American Catholic Leadership Awards Scholarship Banquet that honors the African American youth and Adult Leaders of the Archdiocese of Louisville. She has shared her gifts in many ways.

She has organized the National Black Catholic Congress delegations from the Archdiocese of Louisville and promoted a Congress experience here in Louisville in the 80s and again in 2013. As the Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Ministry, she has made a difference in the lives of so many people in the Archdiocese making it the culturally diverse archdiocese that we are called to be by Jesus. It is my honor and pleasure to be counted as a friend and a colleague of Mrs. Turner and to give these few words to represent the many works that Mrs. Turner has achieved and continues to work for in the name of the Lord in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

# *Celebrate and Embrace Diversity!*



# 27<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet



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Dear Friend(s):

December 2013

The Archdiocese of Louisville's African American Catholic Ministries in the Office of Multicultural Ministry announces the presentation of our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet. The event is being hosted at the Hilton Seelbach Louisville, KY on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the Silent Auction beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of this banquet is to recognize African American Catholic Leadership within our Archdiocese. Funds raised for this event are given in the form of scholarships to assist African American Catholic youth in continuing their education. The youth awards will be given in honor of Rodriq McCravy, an African American youth and a parishioner at Christ the King. As life would have it, Rodriq died in October of 1987. Rodriq shared his faith and beliefs exemplifying values that can serve as an example for all our young people.

African American adults who made significant contributions to their faith community in the Archdiocese of Louisville will be recognized. The Genevieve Boone Award and Acacia Award will also be presented as well.

In an effort to ensure seating, please return your ticket request ASAP to the address below. Seating is limited therefore a quick response would be encouraged.

Please join us, along with Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., a host of dignitaries and friends.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner  
OMM Executive Director

DONATION: \$50  
Deadline February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

I will need \_\_\_\_\_ tickets. (Tables of eight (8) are available upon request).

I am unable to attend, but I am enclosing a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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The Keynote Speaker will be Donna Toliver Grimes, Assistant Director, African American Affairs, Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). For more details on the banquet, or if you are interested in purchasing a ticket or placing an ad in the Souvenir Journal, please contact the Office of Multicultural Ministry, 502.471.2146. Deadline for nominations is Thursday, January 9, 2014.

## Black Catholic Theological Symposium

*By Mrs. Ruby Thomas*

The 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium held at Bellarmine University, culminated with a traditional listening session at the Catholic Enrichment Center on Saturday Oct. 5. Many turned out for this unique opportunity to speak one on one with Black theologians from across the country. Fr. Maurice Nutt C.Ss.R., D.Min., said it's a blessing to have so many Black theologians in various fields and called the listening session their "gift back to the community." "We want to listen and hear what the community is concerned about and hopefully give some insights," he said. He noted that the issues which concern Louisville parishioners are no different than those which concern Black Catholics in other states. In her opening message, C. Vanessa White, D. Min, who is the symposium's convener, assured those gathered that their voices were just as important as those of the theologians. "The community's experiences, understanding, spirituality and history inform our teaching and our writing," she said. "The doctorate degree means nothing if we cannot speak to the community," she continued.

Clifton David, a parishioner of St. Martin de Porres, opened the session with the question "how do we maneuver in a secular society with a growing number of people who do not believe in God?" Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P, Ph.D. said that the strength needed to face this issue can be found in the lessons handed down to us by the 12 disciples. She reminded those present that the disciples were a minority, but the fact that they were ministering to non-believers did not stop them from doing the work Christ instructed them to do. Sr. Phelps said the disciples caught the people's attention by the way they lived and by the way they loved one another. "That's what made Christians stand out," she said. "We don't have to take them on and we don't have to fight," she cautioned. "We have to be in communion with Jesus and we have to live out the truth of our religion," she said.

Audrey Penman, a parishioner of St. Martin de Porres, voiced her frustration with getting younger members of the church involved. Timone Davis, D. Min., believes the answer to getting younger parishioners involved may be in an approach that invites and encourages them to take part in the "fixing and putting together" that builds a church community. Dr. Davis said that older parishioners' take charge attitude can sometimes leave the younger ones feeling as if they have nothing to contribute. "If we always present as though something is already fixed and put together, then you don't need me," she told them. "Sometimes we need to leave some things undone and let them do it," she urged.

Lolita Ewing, a parishioner of St. Martin de Porres, asked the group for their ideas on ways to evangelize and to attract young adults into the church. In response Dr. White told her to turn to the greatest commandment which is to love God and your neighbor like you love yourself. She suggested that a pre-requisite to tapping into the joy, passion and energy that's needed to share Christ's message is self care. "How are you loving and caring for yourself, so that you can be passionate about your faith," she asked? Dr. White said that many Christians become tired, because they are trying to do too much. As a result they become unhappy and start complaining and this is counterproductive to evangelization. Instead of trying to do it all, she advised them to find out what's important to the community. "Jesus journeyed with the people, knew their stories and was willing to listen," she reminded them. "Be present and be connected to the source. Take time to model what you want your community to look like," said Dr. White.

Charmein Weathers, a member of Christ the King Church and M. Annette Mandley-Turner, executive director of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry, raised the concern that Blacks are not the priority for many dioceses. Weathers, who also works for the Office of Multicultural Ministry, said she was very concerned with the number of Black Catholic Ministry offices that are closing their doors.

Dr. Davis responded that when it comes to faith, she's more focused on living the excitement of Jesus Christ and the gospel than worried about being someone else's priority. She assured those gathered that there's a power which comes when we understand that we were created in the image and likeness of God. She told them that sometimes Christians can get "caught up in trying to find the recipe for faith in order to build the perfect community." Instead, she said they should concern themselves with how they are testifying and whether that testimony is coming through in everything they do. "Do people know me as a believer outside of Mass?" That's the question Christians should be asking said Dr. Davis. Rev. Bryan Massingale, S.T.D, added that in dealing with this issue it's necessary for Catholics to acknowledge the pain that sometimes comes with being Black in the church. "It's not enough to talk about the joy we have as Catholics, but we need to acknowledge the pain of being neglected and not valued," he said. He also told them that it's important for them to talk about why they choose to stay despite the pain. "There's something that's deep in me that's Catholic and it's not just intellectual conviction," he said.

## Black Catholic Theological Symposium, Con't.

“There’s a real sacramental approach to life, Eucharist and baptism that makes sense,” he added. He also reminded them that Jesus’ invitation to pick up one’s cross and follow him alluded to the fact that there would be pain along the way. “There’s healing in being a part of a community which shares the pain and lifts us up and keeps us going despite it,” he told them.

The gathering ended with a small ceremony where Sr. Patricia Haley, S.C.N., was honored for her work in the Black Catholic community. “Sr. Pat is a spiritual mother and we need to hold up and celebrate people like her who’ve embodied God’s spirit of love and concern,” said Sr. Phelps. “In celebrating her we are celebrating what the spirit has done through her,” she added.



## African American Rural Catholics

*By S. Phillips*

We hear very little about African American Catholics growing up in the rural community so, when I was asked to write this I had to say yes. I come from a family whose Catholic roots can be traced back to the first Catholic families who settled in Kentucky. My family was the property of farmers and the religious communities. I have been told that they worked from sun up to sun down, helping to build the Catholic presence in what is known as the KY Holy Land. One of the things that my family received as slaves was the faith. My family has always been Catholic and now I am the fifth generation. I was once asked why I go to that white church. Isn’t it boring? Those questions were confusing for me. I have never gone to any other church /domination. All I know is being Catholic.

My racial identity is a part of my faith journey. My saints are Black; the songs I sing are Black Catholic songs; the members in my parish look like me with the exception of our Priest; the babies that are baptized are Black; the head of our parish council is Black; the art in my church is Black. So, it isn’t a white church that I attend but rather a Black Catholic parish. There is some value in having my Black parish because we can affirm our heritage and share that with the whole Church. Yes, we speak the same language as the churches in Louisville, but our culture is different. And, if rural African American is to be invited to be a part of our faith, they are looking for the Black experience.

As for the church being boring, I cannot identify with that. My parish is exciting and we are always doing things. We connect with all of the other Black Catholics from all over Louisville at least three times a year. We have programs for our youth, young adults and the seniors. The Office of Multicultural Ministry and its ministry for African American Catholics works hard to make sure that we continue to develop in our faith and we must share what we are learning from our cultural experiences. In conclusion, my career presents an opportunity to live in Louisville but I choose to worship and live out my Baptismal call in the rural community.

# Vietnamese Celebrating 39 Years of the Lunar New Year

By Sr. Marcellino Nguyen, Dominican Sisters of Peace



It has been thirty-nine years that Vietnamese people have been celebrating the Lunar New Year far away from our home. It brings tears to our eyes. How can the Vietnamese people forget the bustling and jubilation of Tết in our motherland? (Tết Nguyên Đán or Tết means New Year).

Tết is a holiday for the whole year. Vietnamese people look forward to TET because this is the awesome time for firecrackers, exploding dragon dances, entertainment, dancing, singing etc..

Today, Tết brings Vietnamese Catholics, Buddhists, and many other people together to relax, party and have fun. We come to share our earth cake (earth cake is

made from sticky rice, pork and yellow bean), and have games, carnival rides, and food booths at local areas and churches. Red envelopes are passed out with "lucky money" in them. Red symbolizes good luck and happiness and we wear our traditional dress, "áo dài khan dong" (Vietnamese long dress with a hat) during this time.

The holiday will be observed on January 31, 2014, with 2014 being recognized as the year of the Horse. The celebration at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Louisville will take place on Sunday, February 2, 2014.

While we were celebrate Tết, we remember the persecution of our brothers and sisters in North Vietnam at Thái Hà, Toà Khâm Sứ, Tam Toà và Đồng Chiêm. We especially remember the destruction of the landmark cross on the mountain of Đồng Chiêm which was destroyed on January 6, 2010. Many individuals were harmed as a result of the destruction.

Finally, we thank God for the blessing of Tết that unites Vietnamese people with others in friendship. It brings us together like a vast colorful masterpiece puzzle in the world today. God Bless you.

Chúc Mừng Năm Mới - Feliz Año Nuevo - Happy New Year 2014



**Ageing Gracefully!**  
*By Ms. Audrey Penman*  
*Special Projects & Outreach Coordinator*

**Psalm 138 Thanksgiving and Praise**

<sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

This is how we opened the first meeting of the Ageing Gracefully program. It was a wonderful experience that I was blessed to host for some sassy seniors! It was a “Giving Thanks Sherbet Social” reminding seniors to continue to live life and give thanks for their past, present and especially future blessings. It was a celebration of sorts that included several flavors of sherbet and an activity that prompted them to describe themselves in one or more flavors. This resulted in a most entertaining fun time, and that was the point!

So far, we have explored topics such as Interdependence, God as a Seamstress around our sewing class and Family Gatherings in which attendees brought eye opening pictures of themselves in their “earlier years”! That was quite an eye opening experience as we were treated to a photo from a former Miss Black Expo contestant. The sessions are intended to not only revisit their roots in spirituality and self preservation, but to remind them of their blessed place in family and society.

I invite the seniors to experience a series of activities around scripture, information presentations and socialization. This series takes place on Friday afternoons. I have a few individuals not of senior age, who come for the companionship. After several sessions, seniors have offered suggestions and ideas for topics and activities they would like to explore. I am in the process of planning the spring series that will include a black history movie screening. In my beginning planning efforts, I reached out to the Office of Ministry and Spirituality. They shared a booklet with me that lists a variety of topics and relevant scripture readings. In turn, I enhance specifically chosen topics with a program activity and atmosphere to break the ice, allowing them to relax and have a good time while talking scripture and *Ageing Gracefully!*



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## Senior Institute ...Senior Advent Day of Reflection

By Mrs. Kim Telesford-Mapp  
Catholic Enrichment Center Director



Senior Advent Day of Reflection is intended as an event for our seniors to gather in spiritual preparation and to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In all of the hustle and bustle of the Christmas holidays, we often lose site of the fact that “Jesus is the reason for the season”. It is a time of reflection, prayer and breaking bread.

The event was held at Christ the King Church on Thursday, November 21, 2013. Seniors were treated to a delicious lunch. Father John Judie was

our keynote speaker for the event. Participants were entertained by Ms. Dixie Burns who performed a very moving liturgical dance to “He is Here”. This was followed by an exciting game of Advent Bingo, where instead of numbers players, had to give the biblical answers to questions related to Advent. In addition to a gift bag with goodies, every senior left with a booklet instructing them on how to make their own Advent wreath and involve their families in celebrating Advent.



Upon reflection, Father Judie shared that hosting an event like this is important because it makes us acutely aware that although our seniors have many loving friends and family, they also have experienced great loss of loved ones, thus making the holidays difficult to get through. It is significant to have an event for seniors that uplifts their spirits during the holidays.



He added that the Senior Advent Day of Reflection is a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves what the season is really all about. He said it reminds us that we need to be open to receiving God...not presents. He pointed out that throughout the readings we see what God is trying to give to us if only we are open to receive it. Fr. John Judie is pastor of Christ the King and Immaculate Heart of Mary Churches.



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## Did You Know?

*By Mr. Christopher Burt, Family Life Skills Coordinator*

When deciding what type of discipline to use with our kids, it's important to look at the skills the discipline is teaching. We as parents often look at "Right Here, Right Now" and don't look at the long-term. It's critical that parents make choices for their children that will not only benefit them today but also help build valuable skills they need to become successful adults of tomorrow. To better assist our families in this endeavor, the Catholic Enrichment Center has designed a program strictly for youth called "Youth Life Skills". This program is a spin-off of our "Family Life Skills Program" and meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at the Catholic Enrichment Center from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Youth are taught such skills as Self-discipline, Social Skills, Healthy Decision Making, Confidence and Career/Educational Exploration.

Like us, our children need to learn self-discipline regarding money, chores, homework and time management. If we don't teach them now then all we are doing is taking on more responsibility than we need to. Social Skills are important as well and in the classes, children will learn about the importance of sharing and how the use of words can help them develop healthy friendships. Having good social skills can make a difference in a child's success throughout school and into adulthood.

Adults have to realize that kids don't see the world as we do. They need help in the areas of problem-solving skills and practice learning how to make decisions on their own. With your commitment and our dedication, we can ensure that our children will have the confidence to learn from their mistakes, accept criticism and use positive self-talk to help them find courage. When kids learn they feel more confident about trying new activities and exploring their talents. Youth Life Skills is a great way to ensure that our kids learn how to have confidence, now and in the future.



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## Generate Opportunities for Cross-cultural Experiences, Revised

By M. Annette Mandley-Turner

Parishes and communities are neither welcoming nor multicultural simply by wishing individuals from diverse racial and ethnic identities will visit and stay; diverse practices and thinking outside of the box gets us out of our comfort zones. A group of 245 individuals gathered over a period of four weeks to discuss how we might create more opportunities for Cross-cultural Experiences resulting in the following recommendations. While more than 27 suggestions surfaced, the following were raised multiple times (5 or more) by individuals. Below are possible opportunities to enhance cross-cultural experiences:

- Identify the diverse racial/ethnic groups in your parish and invite them to share their cultural gifts in small groups; in ministry teams; over pot-luck
- Display multicultural religious art forms in our facilities
- Host a multicultural lunch break or dinner experience inviting all to bring a dish from their cultural heritage; have participants move into groups reflecting the diversity make up for the meal if it is a dinner; provide an opportunity for each group to share something regarding the food they brought and why they selected it
- In the work environment, be intentional and invite others from racial diverse groups to share lunch with you. Use the lunch time to build cross cultural friendships.
- Create lifelong learning cultural opportunities to foster a mindset for the entire faith community that diversity is a gift from God in the work place and in our parishes.
- Those in leadership or in positions of influence need to deliberately infuse a multicultural perspective in every aspect of their lived realities.
- Foster and promote cross-cultural experiences appropriately into liturgies, committees, and councils
- Identify cultural groups that are present in your community but not in your parish, and develop relationships with local organizations that serve those groups. Attend their events, open your ears and eyes to the culture of those organizations, and ask how you can be of service.
- Develop a Did You Know section in your parish or office bulletin or the weekly newspaper illustrating the contributions of the people of God especially the multicultural communities to the Church and or the local community.
- Be intentional in your efforts to welcome diversity using signage, public relations, participation, decision making, celebrations, workshops, presenters, in-services and conferences.
- When serving on committees or councils, look around to see what racially diverse group is not present and work to change the representation.

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December 30, 2013

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January 20, 2014

1:30 p.m.

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February 8, 2014

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### 1. Growing an Engaged Church: How to Stop Doing Church and Start Being the Church... By Albert L. Winseman

Fr. Daniel J. Mahan, Executive Director, Marion College Center for Catholic Stewardship, Indianapolis, IN highly recommends this book as a must read for pastors and all church leaders, for it will give them both a clearer understanding of parish dynamics and tools to make a positive difference. The author sends the message that it is essential to engage in being church.

### 2. Redefining Diversity... By Dr. R. Roosevelt Thomas

Building upon the bold ideas presented in his seminal bestseller *Beyond Race and Gender*, Dr. R. Roosevelt Thomas demonstrates how diversity is far more than a human resources issue. His new "Diversity Paradigm" embraces and enhances all areas of business/organization, especially those that are complicated. By identifying eight options for action, the Diversity Paradigm helps readers assess where their organizations are now and where they would like them to be. Each option has its own risks and repercussions, which Dr. Thomas realistically outlines, and provides suggestions for an environment in which all members are included and are able to share their gifts and talents. It addresses why it is important to value people and their diverse realities.

### 3. Parish Ministry in a Hispanic Community... By Charles W. Dahm

Published more than a decade ago, this book has taken on new life. It is based on the model of one urban Hispanic parish, St. Pius V in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago. It provides examples of ways that Hispanics, Mexicans, in particular, can be integrated into the Church without compromising their unique identity. The book embraces Mexicans' deep, vibrant religiosity, rooted in their love of native language, music, ritual, and tradition, and responds to growth opportunities, loneliness, isolation, discrimination, and marginalization by highlighting a network of parish resources made available to them, from soup kitchens, shelters, and secondhand clothing stores, to parenting, marriage and family counseling programs, organizing Christian Base Communities, Religious Education fiestas, street fairs and communal celebrations that meld liturgy and culture.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### *27<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Catholic Day of Reflection*

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