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Catholic Cultural Diversity Network Convocation

A Program of the USCCB

The Catholic Cultural Diversity Network Convocation gathered some 300 invited experts, practitioners and pastoral leaders on May 6-8, 2010 at the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Church Life. The convocation theme, "It's Better Together" called participants to pray and learn, to share and listen and to work together in strengthening the capacity of our Catholic Church to fulfill the mission of evangelization among diverse communities present in the life and leadership of the Church today. The convocation proposes to create an atmosphere of dialogue and collegiality by providing an opportunity for leaders to know each other and exchange hopes, dreams and challenges. It seeks to tap into the potential of the Church's rich and growing diversity for the explicit purpose of enhancing Catholic identity in the United States and carrying out the Church's mission to evangelize.

The event conveyed a diverse selection of leaders from every culture, ethnicity and race to dialogue within their perspective "families" and with the broader assembly. It also provided a unique opportunity to dialogue with our bishops in the pursuit of an ever more "catholic" vision for the Church in the 21st Century in the spirit of Pope John Paul II's *Tertio Millennio Adveniente* and Pope Benedict XVI's pastoral visit to the United States in April 2008. Intercultural communication and relationships are more important than ever for the Church in our country. Today they provide a key for the Church's growth and vitality as one Body in Christ.

The convocation is part of a multi-year USCCB Strategic Plan which seeks relevant and appropriate responses to two goals of the USCCB's priority on cultural diversity in the Church with emphasis on Hispanic Ministry:

1. To increase the Catholic community's

understanding and acceptance of cultural diversity in the Church.

2. To include diverse cultures in the life and leadership of diocese, parishes and other Catholic organizations in the United States.

The convocation brought together bishops and priests, academicians, diocesan and parish leaders, national experts, school leaders, ethnic pastoral leaders, publishers, and national organization representatives for several dialogue opportunities. It is a process designed to promote interaction of six cultural/racial families, namely: African American, Asian and Pacific Islander, European-descent, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, and refugees, migrant and travelers (including new immigrants from Europe, Brazil, Africa and the Caribbean). This gathering continues the encounter of the "many cultures in God's house" which began many decades ago.

A subcommittee on the process for the convocation has assembled a collection of resources:

- A Theological Framework on "*Catholicity, Identity and Communion in an Age of Diversity*"
- Reflection Statements on the six cultural "families" that have been identified for the purpose of grouping at the convocation
- A Reflection and Prayer Service suitable for intercultural groups with a special prayer based upon the meditation of Pope Benedict XVI at the 2008 Synod on the Word
- A link to a USCCB webpage will provide the above materials online as well as a few more resourced such as "Many Faces in God's House," an impressive video about interculturality in the Church today.

For more information visit
www.usccb.org/scdc

TWENTY-THREE YEARS AND COUNTING: A BANQUET MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By: Eliza M. Young, Ph.D.

The Office of Multicultural Ministry recently presented African American Catholic Leadership Awards for 2010 to thirteen students for the Rodriq McCravy Scholarship Awards and eight adults for the Leadership Awards at its Twenty-Third Annual Banquet. This well attended event was held on March 6, 2010 at the Galt House, where honors were given also to Acacia Award and the Genevieve Boone Award recipients. This inspirational banquet represents what M. Annette Mandley-Turner, Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Ministry, calls a “gathering of all our brothers and sisters to recognize and affirm the gifts that Black Catholics bring to the church, including a deep dedication and firm commitment to the ministry of leadership.” The recipients are all gifted members of the Black Catholic community who have proven their profound commitment, extensive support, and dedicated work to specific Catholic communities within our regions.



2010 Award Recipients

Two well respected priests, Father Cyprian Davis and Father Boniface Hardin, received the Acacia Awards. This award is named after the resilient African tree, whose biblical origins reference the sturdy Acacia wood which was appropriated to build the Ark of the Covenant and whose historical background references protection, shelter, and food to many African communities. Both priests spiritually and historically have dedicated their entire lives to community work for Black Catholic traditions and training. Father Cyprian Davis has served the St. Meinrad community for many years as spiritual teacher, workshop leader, and author of numerous articles and books, including his renowned *The History of Black Catholics in the United States*. Similarly, Father Boniface Hardin has diligently worked in the area of spirituality and education and founded Martin University in 1977 in Indianapolis. He subsequently served as its President until his retirement in 2007. Both priests exude committed work and service to the Catholic community.

The Genevieve Boone Award was given to Dr. Joseph Twagilimana, a member of St. Thomas More Church in the Rwandan and United African Communities in Louisville. Dr. Twagilimana, as a devoted and tireless volunteer also with the Francophile Association, exemplifies the committed work that Mrs. Genevieve Boone espoused in her work in the Catholic Community.

The Rodriq McCravy Scholarship Awards were presented to six high school seniors who have demonstrated leadership in their respective parish communities. They are Dahana Beausejour – St. Martin de Porres, William McKenzie – St. Augustine in Louisville, Sheryl Miles – Christ the King, Joyce Spalding – St. Martin de Porres, Tisis Spalding – Holy Rosary, and Ashley Walker – St. Augustine in Louisville.

The eighth grade scholarship recipients who will be attending Archdiocesan high schools were Anton Hamilton – St. Monica, Nicole Hodgens – St. Monica, Malik Logan – St. Augustine in Louisville, Isaiah Porter – Christ the King, Aaliyah Taylor – St. Martin de Porres, Jasmine Turner – St. Martin de Porres and Cameron Williams – St. Augustine in Louisville.

The African American Adult Leadership Awards given annually to individuals who have provided spiritual work, inspirational access, and significant gifts to the church and society, were given to James Churchill – Holy Rosary, Arthur Cox – St. Martin de Porres, Lee Ewing – St. Augustine in Louisville, Evelyn Jenkins – St. Ignatius, Ana Hill-Johnson – Christ the King, Marilyn Keene – St. Monica, Sheila Kelley – Immaculate Heart of Mary and Richardson Scimphi – St. Martin de Porres

A highlight of the evening was the guest speaker, the Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., Archbishop of the Louisville. He was appointed to this position by his Holiness Benedict XVI on 12 June, 2007 and installed on 15 August, 2007. Archbishop Kurtz appropriated laughable wit and informed comments to laity and religious present.



Black Catholic Clergy

Much laudable credit should be given to the Office of Multicultural Ministry for planning a well organized and smooth moving program. Equally proficient were the two Mistresses of Ceremony, Charmein Weathers and Debra Whitner and the other presenters. The evening ended with the announced winners of the Silent Auction advancing more than \$2,000 for the donated gifts.

HAITIAN FLAG DAY: A SYMBOL OF PRIDE

By Berthony Louis jeune

A flag is connected to a country, its roots, its culture and its history. National Flag Day for any country is a symbol of general pride. A flag's origin can say a lot about a country's social make-up and history. Haitians consider any offense to their flag to be an offense to their country and they reserve a special day to honor it. That day is May 18th. In Haiti, Flag Day is a national holiday celebrated with great fanfare on the grounds of the national palace. It is observed by Haitians throughout the Diaspora. The origin of Haiti's flag is tightly linked to a history of struggle for freedom.



In 1803, the free slaves and the men of color decided to fight for the creation of an independent nation. Before marching onto Port-au-Prince, the capital city of Haiti, Emperor Jean-Jacques Dessalines (one of the founding fathers of Haiti), a black man and Alexandre Sabès Pétion (1st President of the Republic of Haiti), a mulatto, needed to make a strong statement. On May 18, 1803, in the city of Archaie, not far from Port-au-Prince, they agreed on an official flag. It included blue and red bands that were placed vertically. The white squared portion that included the country's arms and the famous phrase "L'UNION FAIT LA FORCE", meaning strength through unity was also added. Haiti's first flag was sewn by a lady named Catherine Fon.

On January 1, 1804, Haitian Independence Day, the first flag of the Independent Republic of Haiti had a blue horizontal band on top of a red band. Emperor Jean-Jacques Dessalines and Alexandre Sabès Pétion decided to create a unique flag to represent their troops. They also wanted to send the French the message that they had lost the country of Haiti forever. To them, the blue symbolized the mulattoes and the blacks, while the red symbolized their blood. In 1805, shortly after Jean-Jacques Dessalines proclaimed himself emperor, the Haitian flag color was changed to black and red vertical bands. After the emperor's assassination in 1806, the blue and red bands were reinstated horizontally until 1964, with the exception of King Henri Christophe in the North, who kept the vertical black and red flag that Dessalines used from 1811 to 1820. From 1964 to 1986, the Francois Duvalier constitution decreed that the 1805 vertical black and red flag that Dessalines used was the official flag of the country. In 1986, with the overthrow of Jean-Claude "Baby doc" Duvalier, and by an overwhelming demand of the people, the original blue and red flag of Haitian independence was reinstated as the official flag of the nation.

The constitution of 1987's description of the new flag consists of two equal sized horizontal bands, the top one is blue and the bottom one is red. In the center of the flag is the country's coat of arms, placed on a white square. The coat of arms consists of a Palm tree surrounded by the liberty cap, and under the palms a trophy with the inscription 'L'Union Fait la Force', which means "In Union There is Strength". The national coat of arms depicts a trophy of weapons ready to defend freedom, and a royal palm for independence. This flag is flown today and is the emblem of the Haitian nation.



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Hispanic Day of Reflection

By Deacon Frank Villalobos

On January 23, 2010 the Hispanic Community participated in a Day of Reflection held at St. Bartholomew Parish. Father Jose Burgues, the Director of SEPI (South Eastern Pastoral Institute) located in Miami, Florida was the guest speaker.

The day began at 9:00 a.m. with a light breakfast and social time. Members from the parishes of St. Rita, Annunciation, St. Bartholomew, Epiphany and of St. Bernard and Sacred Heart parishes from the rural areas of our archdiocese were present. This was the first time that many of those present participated in an archdiocesan event. There were a total of 26 people in attendance.

Members from the Office of Multicultural Ministry were present to assist in this day. Deacon Frank Villalobos began this day of reflection by welcoming everyone and thanking them for giving up a Saturday from their busy lives to attend this event. Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner, the Executive Director for the Office of Multicultural Ministry was also present. She spoke to the participants, giving a warm welcome and the assurance that the Office of Multicultural Ministry is here to serve and assist in the needs of the Hispanic Community. Archbishop Kurtz led us in our opening prayer and spoke to those present in Spanish. Archbishop Kurtz always takes advantage of any opportunity to practice his Spanish and to make those present feel welcomed and have a sense of belonging.

Father Jose presented the topic "Leaders and Servants". It was a very informative presentation that brought out many questions throughout the day. The breakout sessions were full of discussion, questions, and insight from the participants. You could feel the Holy Spirit in the room and see the people imagining themselves working in their parishes and making a difference. The day ended with Holy Mass celebrated in the Chapel of St Bartholomew.

We would like to thank all who helped in the preparation, set up and provided support for this day. A special thank you to the parish of St. Bartholomew for hosting this wonderful event.

Día de Reflexión Hispano

Por Diacono Frank Villalobos

El 23 de enero del 2010, la comunidad hispana participó en un Día de Reflexión celebrado en la parroquia de San Bartolomé. El Padre José Burgues, Director del SEPI (Instituto Pastoral del Sureste) con sede en Miami, Florida, fue el instructor invitado.

El día comenzó a las nueve de la mañana con un desayuno ligero y un convivio. Los miembros de las parroquias de Santa Rita, La Anunciación, San Bartolomé, Epifanía, y de las zonas rurales de San Bernardo y Sagrado Corazón de nuestra Arquidiócesis estuvieron presentes. Esta fue la primera vez que muchos de los presentes participaron en un evento de la Arquidiócesis. Hubo un total de 26 personas presentes.

Miembros de la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural estuvieron presentes para ayudar en este día. El Diácono Frank Villalobos comenzó este día de reflexión con la bienvenida y las gracias a todos por otorgar un sábado de sus vidas ocupadas para asistir a este evento. La Sra. Annette Turner, Directora Ejecutiva de la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural también estuvo presente, ella ofreció a la comunidad Hispana una cálida bienvenida y la garantía de que la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural está aquí para servir y ayudar en las necesidades de la comunidad Hispana. El Arzobispo Kurtz nos guió en nuestra oración de apertura y habló a los presentes en español. El Arzobispo Kurtz siempre aprovecha cualquier oportunidad para practicar su español y hacer que los presentes se sientan bienvenidos e integrados.

El Padre José presentó el tema (Líderes y Siervos). Un tema muy informativo que hizo surgir muchas preguntas durante todo el día. Las sesiones estuvieron llenas de discusiones, preguntas, y discernimientos de los participantes. El Espíritu Santo estaba presente en este día, y entre los participantes se notaba que la gente se imaginaba trabajando en sus parroquias haciendo la diferencia. El día terminó con la Santa Misa celebrada en la Capilla de San Bartolomé.

Quiero dar las gracias a todos los que ayudaron en la preparación, organización y apoyo en este día. Un agradecimiento especial a la parroquia de San Bartolomé por organizar este evento maravilloso.

CEC – What’s Happening!

By Sister Patsy Guyton, SFCC

The Catholic Enrichment Center has been here for at least 8 years! When was the last time you and your family came to visit? The center is conveniently located in the heart of the west end of Louisville, at 32nd & Broadway streets. We offer a number of programs and activities to appeal to individuals and families. You just need to come by and talk to us about getting started.

Our weekly programs satisfy a variety of interests. Our tutoring and homework support not only provides academic assistance with regular homework, but usually offers the basic supplies and materials often needed for class projects and presentations. We have yet to help create the baking soda volcano, but I think that is a project best done at home!

Our sewing and quilting sessions that occur twice a week, have created some beautiful items. The ladies who attend find it relaxing and rewarding. They were extremely instrumental in helping the Girl Scouts create an africanic quilt. The purchase of materials for the quilt was made possible through a grant by the Arts Council of Louisville. Speaking of Girl Scouts, our Troop 1483 is about 3 years old and going strong. They are growing in numbers and increasing their community service hours! They are continuously making the grade with cookie sales and earning badges!

The center also offers a variety of health and wellness experiences. There is no excuse for being uninformed about your health. On Fridays, you can visit the UMOJA Health Clinic, free of charge! It offers an assortment of opportunities for health information, diagnosis and treatment. Along with the UMOJA Clinic, we have Fun and Fitness Fridays. These are sessions designed to enhance your knowledge on areas to cut back on, like sodium intake, calories and sugar intake, and to learn fun ways to exercise and work out. Saturday mornings we have Yoga instruction. Yoga teaches stress reduction, mental calmness and pain prevention while allowing your body to become more flexible. It is a moderate to slow moving physical activity designed to work with all body types. For a faster pace, we have aerobic exercise on Mondays and Cardio- fitness exercise workouts on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These workout sessions are designed to get your heart rate up and are higher impact!

We have a number of annual programs such as Kwanzaa, Seniors Derby Extravaganza, Male Ministry Fashion Show, Community Health Fair, Back to School Fair and Day of Reflection to name a few. So, when was the last time you were at the Catholic Enrichment Center? Make a note to yourself to come by the Center and see what we have here for you, and your family. We'd love to see you.

SAVE THE DATE!

**The Interregional African American
Catholic Evangelization Conference**

Jackson, MS

June 9-12, 2011

The conference is designed to equip and empower all who attend especially our youth and young adults and those who work with them. To accomplish this task, the conference is offering the best resources and experiences in faith that our heritage can afford.

For further information contact the Office of Multicultural Ministry at (502)636-0296.

Dare to Care – Bridging the Gap

By Audrey Penman

On the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, people can be seen gathering outside the Catholic Enrichment Center as early as 7:00 a.m. They have developed a system for recognizing their space in line so that by 8:45 a.m. when the numbers are to be passed out, they know their place. The Dare to Care truck arrives around 10:00 a.m., at which time the 300+ people take their place in line.

For most, these two times a month are an extreme blessing. With the cost of food, utilities, and housing going up, and salaries, stipends and other funds being reduced or staying the same, Dare to Care bridges the gap between the two. The Catholic Enrichment Center is a produce site, which means we distribute items such as potatoes, carrots, lettuce, cabbage, apples, oranges and other items, to name a few. Numerous recipe and food preparation discussions have been had while in line. Individuals share ways to utilize their goods in a healthy way. We have even been asked on occasion to make copies of recipes to share with individuals as they pass through the line.

Dare to Care Tuesdays not only serve as a day for handing out fresh produce, but also bridging the gap between young mothers and seniors or grandparents in line. Often times, they converse about food preparation, and ways to stretch one meal into two or three. Also, various vendors have called to participate in sharing their information with the crowd. Norton Healthcare offers blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, Norton Cancer Center offers screenings, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is sharing 2010 Census information, Pass Port shares insurance information and others in and around the community are offering services as well. West Louisville Community Ministries, located in the Catholic Enrichment Center, is also available to schedule appointments for those in need of rent, utilities and other financial assistance.

Dare to Care is a welcomed addition to the community. Individuals and families are able to come freely to receive fresh produce that in turn helps to establish a healthy lifestyle for them and their families.



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Celebrating *Seol-nahl*: Korean New Year

By Steve Hanseung Sohn

Korean Catholic Community at St. Aloysius



Korean New Year, also known as *Seol-nahl*, is the first day of the lunar calendar. *Seol-nahl* is used by many Koreans to return to their home towns to visit their parents and relatives where they perform the ancestral ritual known as *Cha-rye* in the morning, dressed in traditional costume called *Han-bok*.

After the ceremony, *Se-bae* is followed. Children wish their parents and older relatives a happy new year by performing one deep bow with the phrase “*Sae-hae bok mahn-hi badeu-seyo*”, meaning “please receive many blessings in the new year.” In return, children can be rewarded with some money and/or rice cookies.

Traditional games are associated with the New Year. The family board game *Yut-no-ri* is still a popular pastime. Flying kites are for boys and even men, and *Neol-ttwi-gi* (game of jumping on a seesaw) is for women.

We, the Korean Catholic Community at St. Aloysius, are unable to follow such traditions fully due to our circumstance of being a small minority group living in the Louisville area. We do, however, try to incorporate such traditions in our Sunday mass rite during the week by devoting that Sunday’s mass to our ancestors.

In this year, the year of the Tiger, we gathered at a facility in St. Aloysius to perform *Cha-rye* and *Sa-bae*. In fact, Fr. Jack (Caldwell) came to join. It appears that he now understands all this, at least much more than before.

Why don’t you join us for the tradition in the Year 2011 on February 3? You are, of course, more than welcome. There will be lots of food!



National Black Women's Conference
Sponsored by the National Black Sisters' Conference
By Sister Patsy Guyton, SFCC

The National Black Sisters' Conference is proud to announce the third gathering of the National Black Women's Conference from August 13 – 15, 2010, in Charlotte, North Carolina. It will be held at the Hilton Charlotte University Place. This is the third historic gathering of Black Catholic Women. This year's theme is "Commemorate, Celebrate, and Commit."

There are four plenary sessions scheduled. The opening session titled "Commemorating the Power of Black Women" presented by Sister Eva Marie Lumas, SSS, will prove to be a very dynamic presentation. Sister Lumas is an Assistant Professor of Faith and Culture as well as the Director of Field Education at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, California. She is also the Director of Sankofa Works, which is a faith development, pastoral training, and resource network for the African American community. Black Women have always been the backbone of our existence and their strength has been the propelling force to keep us keeping on.

The second plenary session is "Celebrating the Faith of Black Catholic Women," which will be presented by Dr. Kathleen Dorsey Bellow. She is the principal of Sacred Heart/St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Dr. Bellow is an Adjunct Professor at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Black Women have been bearers of the faith and the Word. This proclaiming of the "Good News" has freed slaves, provided deliverance, healed souls/minds/hearts/bodies, fostered hope and proclaimed Jesus throughout generations.

"Commit: Black Catholic Women Transforming Family and Community" is the third plenary session. The presenter is Mrs. Theresa Wilson Favors. Mrs. Wilson-Favors is the Director of the Office of African American Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Maryland. She served as Adjunct Professor for the DeSales School of Theology and the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Black Women have the Godly gift of empowering women of all ages. We claim this gift and release it to God for His blessing in order to communicate the gift in preparation for handing it over to the next generation.

Sister Loretta Theresa Richards, FHM, is a member of the Franciscan Handmaids of Most Pure Heart of Mary community. Sister will conclude the conference with the closing plenary session "Here I Am God, Send Me". She is a great one to encourage us because she has said "Yes" for over 61 years. She will intertwine her own story with our story to influence us to continue on the journey "To Commemorate, Celebrate and Commit Everyday to the Lord."



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Getting to Know Father Juan Perez

By Deacon Frank Villalobos

This is a wonderful and blessed time for the Archdiocese of Louisville, especially for the parishes of Annunciation in Shelbyville and St. John Chrysostom in Eminence. The Office of Multicultural Ministry gives a warm welcome to Father Juan Perez to our archdiocese. We would like to take the opportunity to share with you some information about him.

Father Juan Perez was born and raised in New York City. He attended elementary and high school there and obtained a degree from City College University of New York City.

When his parents retired, they returned to Puerto Rico, taking their son with them. Upon moving to Puerto Rico, he thought of attending graduate school, meanwhile he became involved in an Augustan parish where he discovered a call to the priesthood. Fr. Juan attended seminary for two years in Puerto Rico taking pre-theology level courses. After completing pre-theology, he was sent to "Seminario San Pedro Apostol" in Venezuela where he completed his seminary training.

After graduation and ordination, he was assigned as a chaplain in the United States Navy. He served with distinction on the Naval Cruiser USA Hue City during the "Desert Storm" operation in Iraq in 1991. After this assignment he served as a parish priest in Puerto Rico while also serving in the Naval Reserve. In 2002 he transferred services from the US Navy to the US Army. He worked for three years in Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, and was transferred later to Fort Meade, Maryland, where he served for three years. He was then transferred to Fort Knox, Kentucky for three years, including one year of deployment to Iraq in 2007 for the "Iraqi Freedom" operation.

Fr. Juan presently is seeking incardination into the Archdiocese of Louisville. Incardination is a three year process whereby a validly ordained priest may seek to become a member of a local presbyterate under the authority of the local bishop. The parishes of Annunciation and St John will have the pleasure and responsibility of welcoming Fr. Juan into their local Church. May our shared experience in ministry be full of the fruit of the Holy Spirit.



Conociendo a Padre Juan Pérez

Por Diacono Frank Villalobos

Este es un tiempo maravilloso y lleno de bendiciones para la Arquidiócesis de Louisville y especialmente para las parroquias de La Anunciación en Shelbyville y San Juan Crisóstomo en Eminence. La Oficina de Ministerios Multiculturales da una cálida bienvenida al Padre Juan Pérez a nuestra Arquidiócesis. Nos gustaría aprovechar la oportunidad de compartir con ustedes alguna información sobre él.

El Padre Juan Pérez nació y se crió en Nueva York, ahí asistió a la escuela primaria y a la preparatoria, y recibió su título de la Universidad City College de Nueva York.

Cuando sus padres se jubilaron, regresaron a Puerto Rico, llevándose a su hijo con ellos. Al mudarse a Puerto Rico, pensaba en ir a la escuela para su maestría. Mientras tanto, se involucró en una parroquia Agustina, donde descubrió la llamada al sacerdocio. El Padre Juan asistió por dos años al seminario en Puerto Rico tomando clases de pre-teología. Después de completar pre-teología, fué enviado al "Seminario de San Pedro Apóstol" en Venezuela, donde completó su formación de seminarista.

Después de su graduación y ordenación, fué asignado como capellán en la Armada de los Estados Unidos. Él sirvió con distinción en el barco Naval USA Hue City durante la Operación "Desert Storm" ("Tormenta del Desierto") en 1991 en Irak. Después de esta asignación se desempeñó como párroco en Puerto Rico mientras que también servía en la Reserva Naval. En 2002 se trasladó de la Marina de los EE.UU. al Ejército de los EE.UU.. Trabajó durante tres años en el Fuerte Buchanan, Puerto Rico, y después fue trasladado a Fort Meade, Maryland, donde sirvió durante tres años. Posteriormente fué trasladado a Fort Knox, KY por tres años incluyendo un año de despliegue en Irak en la operación "Libertad Iraqui" en el 2007.

El Padre Juan está buscando la incardinación en la Arquidiócesis de Louisville. Incardinación es un proceso de tres años en donde un sacerdote ordenado válidamente puede intentar de convertirse en un miembro de un presbiterio local bajo la autoridad del obispo local. Las parroquias de La Anunciación y de San Juan tienen el placer y la responsabilidad de dar la bienvenida al Padre Juan en nuestra Iglesia local. Que nuestra experiencia compartida en el ministerio esté llena de los frutos del Espíritu Santo.

Deuxième commémoration annuelle pour les victimes de la guerre et du génocide en Afrique

By Napoléon Akayezu

Samedi le 17 avril, la Communauté Africaine de Louisville s'est rassemblée en prière pour commémorer et rendre hommage aux victimes de la violence, de la guerre et du génocide en Afrique.

La paroisse Saint-Thomas More, qui a accueilli pour la deuxième fois l'événement, est devenue un lieu de rassemblement pour les membres de la diaspora africaine venant du Rwanda, du Burundi, du Congo, du Togo, du Libéria et d'autres pays déchirés par des conflits de toute sorte. Environ 150 personnes qui ont fui ces pays se sont recueillis et ont prié pour toutes les personnes mortes ou blessées dans une barbarie sans précédent.

Mgr Joseph Kurtz Archeveque de Louisville, qui dirige ce service œcuménique, a réitéré son appel à l'assemblée de prier pour ceux qui ont disparu mais aussi pour ceux qui vivent dans la misère et l'oppression on ne peut plus traumatisante sur le continent africain. Dans son homélie, il a exhorté la communauté à vivre sincèrement l'amour du Christ pour parvenir à la paix durable. Il a également rappelé que c'est en construisant la paix du Christ et l'amour du prochain dans nos cœurs, dans nos familles et dans le monde que nous pourrons éradiquer la violence sur notre terre.

L'événement, a été organisé sous le patronage de l'OMM (*Office of Multicultural Ministry*) de l'Archidiocèse de Louisville et a réuni principalement les personnes résidant à Louisville, mais aussi ceux qui étaient venues des contrées lointaines notamment de Dayton en Ohio, et de Nashville au Tennessee.

Trois personnes ressortissantes du Burundi, du Rwanda et du Congo ont donné leurs témoignages sur les événements tragiques qui ont endeuillé leurs pays en général et leurs familles en particulier.

Outre la communauté africaine, étaient également présents, le Père Philip Erickson, Curé de la Paroisse St. Thomas More, le Père John Birk, prêtre à la retraite, qui célèbre la messe en français deux fois par mois, à St. Thomas More, ainsi que d'autres membres du clergé et des pasteurs venant d'autres communautés religieuses. Parmi eux on peut citer le Pasteur Sylvain Mulinde de l'Eglise Evangélique Chrétienne et le Pasteur Elie Ntakirutimana de l'Eglise Pentecôte.

Dans son message de remerciement Monsieur Napoléon Akayezu, consultant africain auprès de l'OMM a rappelé que le souhait de diffuser largement le message de la paix en vue de faire de Louisville, la capitale de la paix au monde reste toujours d'actualité. « Nous sommes plus que déterminés à atteindre ce but et nous savons qu'ensemble nous pouvons y arriver » a-t-il ajouté.

Le service a été également embelli par différentes chorales de la communauté chrétienne africaine et la « Gospel Choir » de Louisville qui ont ému l'assemblée par leurs chants liturgiques en français, en anglais mais aussi en langues africaines.

Comme d'habitude, la cérémonie a été clôturée par la chanson célèbre « *Mungu Ibariki Africa* » en swahili qui signifie Dieu bénit l'Afrique.

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

By Napoléon Akayezu



On Saturday, April 17, the African Community of Louisville gathered in prayer to commemorate the victims of violence, war and genocide in Africa.

St. Thomas More Parish, which hosted the event for the second time, has become a gathering place for members of the African Diaspora from Burundi, Congo, Liberia, Rwanda, Togo and other countries torn by conflicts of any kind. About 150 people who fled those countries and other community members prayed for all those dead or injured in an unprecedented barbarity.

Most Reverend Joseph Kurtz, Archbishop of Louisville, who led this ecumenical service, reiterated his appeal to the assembly to pray for those who were killed but also for those who continue to live in incomparable poverty and oppression on the

African continent. In his homily, he urged the community to live faithfully in Christ's love in order to achieve sustainable peace. He also recalled that it's by building Christ's peace and brotherly love in our hearts, our families and in the world that we can eradicate violence in the world.

The event was held under the patronage of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM) and was attended mainly by people residing in Louisville, but also those who had come from faraway places including Dayton, Ohio and Nashville, Tennessee. Three persons from Burundi, Rwanda and Congo gave their testimonies about the tragic events which plunged into mourning their countries in general and their families in particular.

Along with the African community, other members of the Catholic community were present including Father Philip Erickson, Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish and Father John Birk, a retired priest who celebrates Mass in French twice a month at St. Thomas More. Other members of the clergy and ministers from other religious communities were also in attendance. Among them include Pastor Sylvain Mulinda of the Christian Evangelical Church and Pastor Elijah Ntakirutimana of Pentecost Church.

In his thank you message, Mr. Napoleon Akayezu, African Consultant with OMM stated that the commitment to spread the message of peace to make Louisville, the capital of peace in the world is still relevant. He said "We are highly committed to achieving this goal and we know that together we can make a difference".

The service was also graced by various choirs from the African Christian community and the "OMM Gospel Choir" from Louisville who moved the meeting by their liturgical songs in French, English, but also in African languages.

As usual, the ceremony was closed by the famous song "Mungu Ibariki Africa" in Swahili, which means "God bless Africa".

*The Office of Multicultural Ministry
wishes to
Congratulate
the 2010*

*Elementary School, Middle School, High School and College
graduates on all of your accomplishments!*

*Good Luck on your future educational and career endeavors!
We are proud of you!*

Vietnamese Day Celebrating 35 Years of the Lunar New Year

By Sr. Marcellino Nguyen, *Dominican Sisters of Peace*

It has been thirty five 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 means New Year).

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

Today, Tết not only brings together Vietnamese Catholic and Buddhist people, but everybody in order to relax, party and have fun. We come together 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 it. Red symbolizes good luck and happiness. Tết is the time we wear our traditional dress, "áo dài khan dong" (Vietnamese long dress with a hat).

This year is the year of the Tiger and we are really fortunate that Tết was on a long holiday weekend (Presidents' Day weekend), February 14. We had more time to enjoy our precious moments with families, communities and friends, just as special as the people in Vietnam.

While we were celebrating Tết, we remembered the persecution of our brothers and sisters in North Vietnam recently such as Thái Hà, Toà Khâm Sứ, Tam Toà và Đồng Chiêm. We especially remembered the destruction of the landmark cross on the mountain of Đồng Chiêm which was destroyed on January 6, 2010 and when many people were hurt.

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 2010



Camp Africa Freedom School

By W. Kay Frazier

This summer, the Office of Multicultural Ministry enhanced its Camp Africa Summer Enrichment Program to become “Camp Africa Freedom School”. This will be an integrated program of the Catholic Enrichment Center and the National Children’s Defense Fund Leave No Child Behind® program model. The Camp Africa Freedom School will provide summer enrichment through a model curriculum that supports children and families around five essential components: (1) High quality academic enrichment, (2) Parent and family involvement, (3) Social action and civic engagement, (4) Intergenerational servant leadership development, (5) Nutrition, health and mental health.

The National Freedom Schools program partners with faith based institutions, schools, colleges and universities and community based organizations. Their main mission is to boost student motivation to read, generate positive attitudes toward learning and connect the needs of children and families to the resources of their communities. The Freedom School program fosters an environment that supports & encourages children and young adults to excel. College age young adults are trained as servant leader interns to deliver the integrated reading curriculum and adults are trained as site coordinators and project directors to provide supervision and administrative oversight.

There will be two components to the Camp Africa Freedom School. The first two weeks will focus primarily on a math curriculum designed to enhance and build on mathematical skills for the youth. The following six weeks will focus on the integrated reading curriculum that will follow the National Freedom Schools module. The morning sessions are the most intense with little or no room for deviation from the instructional module. The afternoon sessions will be geared toward cultural, social, physical and community enrichment programs.

Each morning will start with a nutritious breakfast followed by “Harambee” (Kiswahili word for “*let’s pull together*”). This is a time of informal sharing when children and staff come together to celebrate and affirm themselves and each other. This time is enjoyed by listening, singing and dancing to a rendition of the “*Hallelujah Chorus*” by George Frederic Handel and arranged by Quincy Jones.

Volunteerism: Taking Root and Spreading

By Sister Patsy Guyton, SFCC

Volunteerism has always been the backbone of groups and organizations to assist them in running like a smooth wheel. It has also provided individuals with a sense of accomplishment and a feeling of giving back because they have received so much. Subsequently, a third and fourth group of volunteers surfaced over the last years. These individuals have to perform community service hours because of court ordered mandates and/or for receiving government assistance. The one element that connects all of these groups together is the extension of giving to others that which is needed to assist in whatever capacity.

The volunteers that serve at the Catholic Enrichment Center are an exceptional assembly of individuals. The comprised memberships from each of the above-mentioned groups serve with great dedication and enthusiasm. Two of the court ordered volunteers extended their volunteer hours beyond the required time of service. A few others requested notification of future volunteer opportunities. They are the ones who volunteered because of the Food Stamp Program.

The Center draws volunteers from the broader community such as the University of Louisville, Spalding University, Bellarmine University, OMM’s scholarship recipients, local churches and parishes. Members of the organizations and groups that meet at the center provide volunteer service, as well as interest from visitors coming for assistance from West Louisville Community Ministries have expressed an interest also.

Susan Carol, the manager of Good Will, recommended a volunteer who comes for a couple of hours a month. He just arrived in Louisville last December from Detroit and wanted to continue providing service to others. He particularly wanted to volunteer with an organization that services a diverse population. A CEC program attendee thought that it would be a good fit for the volunteer. In view of the fact that he already possessed a passion for volunteerism, a call was placed to him and it ensued with a positive response.

Parishioners from our local parishes were the first group of individuals to ever volunteer at CEC. Most of the volunteers from the earlier years have continued their service with us. We appreciate all the volunteers and bless them for extending a helping hand as we serve the Family of God.

Hispanic Pastoral Plan

By Deacon Frank Villalobos

The first planning meeting for the development of the Hispanic Pastoral Plan took place on February 6, 2010 at the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Louisville. The Pastoral Plan Development Team consists of parishioners selected by their parishes to participate in the process. The participating parishes are Annunciation, St Bartholomew, Epiphany, Immaculate Conception, St. James, St Joseph, St Helen, Holy Name, and St. Rita. Some parishes in the rural community were unable to attend because of distance. Though not present at the meeting, they will certainly be an important part of the development of the plan.

The day began with breakfast and social time. This allowed the members enough time to introduce themselves and to get to know each other. Deacon Frank Villalobos, Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Archdiocese of Louisville, welcomed the group and explained the purpose and the procedures for the development of the plan. Mrs. M. Annette Turner, Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Ministry was in attendance and offered wonderful words of encouragement and gratitude to the group. The facilitator for the group is Sister Justina Heneghan of the Office of Personnel and Planning. Her guidance and expertise will help ensure a well thought-out and properly developed plan.

Archbishop Kurtz arrived during one of the icebreakers and gladly participated. It was interesting to listen to the explanations that the members and Archbishop offered during the exercise. We found out that Archbishop Kurtz is like a willow tree and sees his journey in life as a walk in the woods. After our icebreaker Archbishop Kurtz thanked the members of the group in Spanish and blessed the members and the facilitators. After his departure, we began our first steps in the development of the plan. The members were given instructions and were given homework. During the next few weeks, they will gather information from their parishes. This information will be collected, analyzed, studied and prioritized.

The first steps in the development of the Hispanic Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Louisville have been taken. We ask for your participation, patience and most importantly your prayers as we embark on this difficult and most important process.

Plan Pastoral Hispano

Por Diacono Frank Villalobos

La primera reunión de planeación para el desarrollo del Plan Pastoral Hispano se llevo a cabo el 6 de febrero de 2010, en la Cancillería de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville. El equipo del Plan de Desarrollo Pastoral consiste de feligreses seleccionados por sus parroquias a participar en el desarrollo del Plan Pastoral. Las parroquias que participan son: La Anunciación, San Bartolomé, Epifanía, Inmaculada Concepción, San Santiago (James), San José, Santa Elena, Santo Nombre, y Santa Rita. Algunas parroquias en la comunidad rural no pudieron asistir debido a la distancia. Aunque no estuvieron presentes en la reunión, lo cierto es que serán una parte importante durante el desarrollo del plan.

El día comenzó con el desayuno y el convivio. Este tiempo permitió a los miembros presentarse y conocerse unos a otros. El Diácono Frank Villalobos, Director del Ministerio Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville, dió la bienvenida a los presentes y explicó el propósito y los procedimientos para el desarrollo del plan. La Sra. Annette Turner, Directora Ejecutiva de la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural ofreció unas palabras de aliento y gratitud al grupo. La facilitadora del grupo es la Hermana Justina Heneghan de la Oficina de Personal y Planeación. Su orientación y experiencia ayudará a asegurar un plan bien pensado y desarrollado.

Arzobispo Kurtz llegó durante una de las dinámicas y participó con mucho gusto. Fué interesante escuchar las explicaciones que los miembros y el arzobispo ofrecieron durante el ejercicio. Nos enteramos de que el Arzobispo Kurtz es como un árbol de sauce y ve su trayecto en la vida como un paseo por el bosque. Después de nuestra dinámica el Arzobispo agradeció a los miembros del grupo utilizando palabras en español y bendijo a los miembros y a los facilitadores. Después de la despedida del Arzobispo, comenzamos nuestros primeros pasos en el desarrollo del plan. A los miembros se les dieron instrucciones y tarea a realizar. Durante las siguientes semanas recopilaremos información de sus parroquias, la cual será recopilada, analizada, estudiada y a las cuales se les asignará la prioridad.

Los primeros pasos en el desarrollo del Plan Pastoral Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville se han tomado. Le pedimos su participación, paciencia y sobre todo sus oraciones mientras nos embarcamos en este proceso difícil e importante.

Community Outreach “Making a Difference”

The Community Outreach Initiative of the Office of Multicultural Ministry’s Catholic Enrichment Center (OMMCEC) has a new program. It is the **Shawnee Justice Reinvestment Project**. The Shawnee JRI Project is designed to enhance the offender’s re-entry initiatives of the Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government. The Offender Re-entry Project provides alternatives for ex-offenders released from jail or prison who will return to the Shawnee neighborhood in an attempt to promote successful reintegration.

The primary goal of the Shawnee JRI project is to reduce the prison and jail recidivism rate for persons returning to the community after completing a correctional sentence. Its secondary goals are to reduce parole/probation revocations and crime through the provision of services related to employment, housing, transportation and treatment. Such services offered are based upon the individual needs of the project participant, but could include housing, substance abuse treatment, employment training, education, access to public transportation and other services as needed. Overall, the Shawnee JRI project should improve community relationships and life experiences in the Shawnee neighborhood.

Another component of the **Shawnee Justice Reinvestment Project** is the Reinvestment Neighborhood Group (RING). This group meets bi-weekly at the Office of Multicultural Ministry’s Catholic Enrichment Center, which is located in the Shawnee area. These meetings allow all interested parties an opportunity to be involved in the Project. Currently, the Shawnee JRI Project is working in collaboration with the District Five Weed and Seed committees, Volunteers of America, Louisville Metro Corrections, Kentucky Department of Corrections, and Louisville Metro Police-2nd District. They are looking forward to an alliance with the Shawnee Neighborhood Association, West Louisville Business Association and other faith-based neighbors.

The Catholic Enrichment Center has established comprehensive outreach initiatives that include the essentials for the success of the reintegration project. The CEC is located in close proximity to the Probation and Parole Office. The NIA Center, which serves as a transportation hub and a one-stop resource center, is within walking distance of the CEC. It prominently sits on one of the city’s main thoroughfare thus increasing its accessibility to program participants.

Consequently, the collaboration between the Archdiocese of Louisville and the Shawnee Reinvestment Justice Project will prove to be an unparalleled venture.



“Umoja Young Adult Council”: New Leadership? We’ve Been Leaders All Along

By Charmein Weathers



Umoja-(oo-MOE-jah) – The Swahili word for “unity”. One of the seven principles (Nguzo Saba) of Kwanzaa, it means to strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race. The Umoja Young Adult Council is a unified group of young people between the ages of 19 and 40 representing the diverse members from the African Diaspora to provide a voice and to be a vehicle for OMM’s African American Catholic Ministries (AACM) to address matters related to faith formation, leadership and vocations. The council advises and assists OMM’s African American Catholic Ministries in implementing the National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan from a young adult perspective. Members of the Umoja Young Adult Council are discerned and invited by AACM in collaboration with the Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Ministry. These young adults are the very vibrant heart-beat in our faith community.

When so many of our Catholic Young Adults are leaving the church to join other faith communities, these servant leaders are more committed than ever. Their involvement in the church however is nothing new on a parish and archdiocesan level. These Young Adults were involved as youth in many areas, in parish ministry, participating in parish youth groups, Region I Youth Ministry, and the Kujenga Program to name a few. Being a part of the whole church at this stage in their lives is just a natural step in their faith development. They have always been a part of the church. They are the Pan African voice for Black Catholics in our archdiocese. They are hungry for God, passionate about their ministries and bring many gifts to the table. They are a part of their individual parish’s capital campaign as leaders. They are role models in their parishes to the youth. They are a key part of the Archdiocese’s Strategic Plan.

As youth they make their Confirmation under their parents’ guidance and after Confirmation and graduation from high school, many young adults have a greater sense of independence. Some are choosing to leave the faith or leave church completely, searching for something new that is not connected to their parents. Members of the Umoja Young Adult Council and other Young Adults in the church have not only made a conscious decision to continue their faith

journey in the Catholic Church, but to also play an active role in the process while on this journey. They are involved in parish life and are wonderful role models for our youth.

If the spiritual needs of some young adults are not being met, they will eventually choose to go elsewhere. If the spiritual needs of Umoja Young Adults are not being met, they position themselves in the parish and archdiocese to assist in making the necessary changes to fill those needs. Our faith communities must be very deliberate about opening their hearts and minds to all of the abundant gifts that our Young Adults bring, ensuring that their needs are addressed, that their spirituality is nurtured, and that their ideas and gifts are acknowledged, respected and celebrated. Let us continue to lift these young people up as they navigate through life’s challenges, always seeking the Kingdom of God.



Mr. George Merrifield: A Dream Come True

By Sister Patsy Guyton, SFCC

Mr. George Merrifield is the founder and CEO of the St. Jude Foundation. He grew up in the West End of Louisville on 35th Street off Broadway. He attended Holy Cross School and with his family worshiped at Holy Cross Catholic Church, both were located at 32nd and Broadway. The Office of Multicultural Ministry's Catholic Enrichment Center is presently at that same location.

When Mr. Merrifield was in the sixth grade, he and his family moved to the East End of Louisville. Although the young man was out of the West End, the area was not out of the young man. He still remembered the fun times spent with friends at Shawnee Park. Those were happy years for Mr. Merrifield. Those memories kept a vision and a desire alive in his heart to give back to the community that gave so much to him. He had a passion to assist families.

Mr. Merrifield would frequently pray to seek God's guidance regarding the focus of his dream and who, what, when and where it would impact. His wife, June, had a passionate interest in the dream also. She served as a great supporter and cheerleader who would join with him in prayer. Their unity kept the anticipation of a fulfilled dream pulsating so he would never give up hope. Additionally, he shared his dream with the St. Jude Foundation's Board, Mrs. M. Annette Turner (OMM) and some local leaders. Their consent encouraged him to pursue a plan that would bring the dream to fruition. This was the first step in fulfilling the dream.

When the Archdiocese renovated the old Holy Cross School (his former grade school), in order to have a Catholic presence in the West Louisville, it served as a sure sign that he was on the right track. Although he resided and had the Foundation's office in Prospect, Kentucky, he moved his office to CEC after his semi-retirement. I wonder if it was déjà vu. This served as the third step to fulfilling the dream.

The completion of the second floor renovation of the Catholic Enrichment Center lent itself to providing space that replicates a family's home. This action imparted life to the St. Jude Family Focus Program. The Program is a collaborative vision of the St. Jude Foundation and the Archdiocese of Louisville Office of Multicultural Ministry. The sessions, taught in a home setting, provide a warm atmosphere for all of the families that OMMCEC and St. Jude interacted with, in the joint ministries.

Stay tuned to the second part of this article, "A Dream Fulfilled" that will be included in the next OMM Newsletter.





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 by Deacon James Turner, M. Annette Mandley-Turner and the Rev. Joseph Brown, S.J, Ph.D. in 1986.

The Bowman Certificate Program is designed to be compatible with other ministry training programs. It would complement the Archdiocesan Ministry Formation Program, and it would not compete with the Certificate in Ministry Studies that is currently 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. to 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 \$30.00. Upon completion of the course, an exit interview is held with each participant with the Executive Director of the Office of African American Ministries. This interview provides an opportunity for course evaluation. Each participant will receive a certificate of completion.

2010/2011 Courses

- 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

African American Catholic Ministries

Viongozi Program

Parish Ministry Leadership Program

The purpose of the Viongozi Program is to enhance leadership skills for parish ministry.

The Process is intended for

- Individuals new in ministry
- Individuals considering a leadership position
- Individuals newly discerned or elected by parish lay leadership.

Participants must be recommended by the parish leadership and must be at least 16 years of age.

The cost of the program is \$10.00 per session with a total of seven sessions.

Classes are from 6:00 pm– 7:30 pm at the Catholic Enrichment Center.

Program Topics

- What Is A PLT? Emerging Leaders for a Vibrant Church
- Roles as Servant Leaders and Leader Shifts
- Transformation of Leaders
- Appreciative Inquiry
- Ministry with Strength Finders
- Archdiocesan Strategic Plan, Parish Strategic Plan and the National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan
- Understanding Church Structure
 - National
 - Regional
 - Local
 - National Organizations
 - Introduction of Leaders on all Levels
 - Documents
 - USCCB Priorities
 - Leadership for a New Church



For Further Information Call The Office Of Multicultural Ministry At 502-636-0296.



23rd Annual African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet

Acacia Award Recipients: “Leading by Example”

By Charmein Weathers

On Saturday, March 6, 2010, the African American Catholic Community of Louisville celebrated the gifts that many local leaders have given to their parishes, and the Archdiocese. Among those recognized were two phenomenal Men of God, Father Boniface Hardin, OSB and Father Cyprian Davis, OSB, both recipients of the Acacia Award.

The Acacia Award was established in 1989 by M. Annette Mandley-Turner to recognize an individual or organizations for their years of service, support and fidelity to the African American Catholic community. The Acacia Award is taken from the Acacia Tree, which is native to Africa. It is mentioned in the Bible in the books of Exodus and Isaiah. The wood of this tree was used to build the Ark of the Covenant. In Isaiah, the Acacia is said to be a sign of messianic restoration in Israel. The Acacia Tree is known for providing protection food and shelter in many African societies because of its deep-root system, stability and resilience to the harsh environmental conditions. Like the Acacia Tree, Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB and Fr. Boniface Hardin, OSB give life to our community and provide hope. Both are alumni of Saint Meinrad Seminary and have received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Over the years we have benefited greatly from their leadership, service, contributions to education and diligent efforts to provide outreach and care to our African American community. As we celebrate the Year of the Priest, we also celebrate the gifts that these men of God have given our African American Catholic Community.

Rev. Father Boniface Hardin, OSB



Father Boniface Hardin, OSB has been a champion for social justice and the advancement of society. A native Louisvillian, with family still deeply entrenched in this community, he has dedicated his life to human relations, education and the health and welfare of all. The founder of Martin University in Indianapolis, Father Hardin remains very active as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen and is affiliated with many boards and social groups.

Rev. Father Cyprian Davis, OSB



Father Cyprian Davis, OSB has been and continues to be one of the most important leaders in historical studies of the African American Catholic Church in the United States. He has written numerous articles and books focusing on the history and spirituality of African American Catholics. “The History of Black Catholics in the United States” is just one of his many works.

SWEET HAITI
By Michele Randolph

I loved you yesterday, during my childhood.
I love you today, during your suffering.
I'll love you tomorrow, when things will be better.
Sweet Haiti, to you my best wishes!



HAÏTI DOUDOU
Auteur : Michèle Randolph

Je t'ai aimé hier, durant mon enfance.
Je t'aime aujourd'hui, pendant ta souffrance.
Je t'aimerai demain, quand tout ira mieux.
Haïti doudou, à toi mes meilleurs vœux!



If All the Trees Were Oaks

What if all the trees were oaks,
How plain the world would seem;
No maple syrup, banana splits,
And how would orange juice be?
Wouldn't it be a boring place,
If all the people were the same;
Just one color, just one language,
Just one family name!

-But-

If the forest were the world,
And all the people were the trees;
Palm and pine, bamboo and willow,
Live and grow in harmony.
Aren't you glad, my good friend,
Different though we be;
We are here to help each other,
I learn from you, and you, from me.

—Author Unknown

Annual Back To School Community Fair

Archdiocese of Louisville
Office of Multicultural Ministry

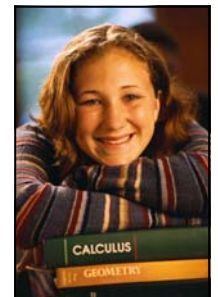
Saturday, August 7, 2010

Locations & Time To Be Announced

Food

Free School Supplies

Fun



For more information call 502/636-0296

Kujenga Viongozi II

10th, 11th, & 12th Grade

COMING SOON

WHEN: July 15-18, 2010

WHERE: St. Catherine College, St. Catherine, KY (Springfield)

COST: \$125 per youth

Cost includes: 3-nights lodging, all meals,
bus transportation, t-shirt, materials & photo



Name _____		Age _____	Gender _____	
Address _____		E-mail _____		
City _____		State _____	Zip _____	
Home Phone _____	Cell Phone _____	Emergency Contact # _____	T-Shirt Size _____	
School _____		Last Grade Completed _____		
Parish / Church _____		Have you ever-participated in Kujenga before? ___ yes ___ no		
		If yes when? _____		
Parent/Guardian Signature _____		Date _____		

In the event my child has to leave for any reason, I will provide all transportation needs

For More Information Call:
(502) 636-0296 ext. 1245

Catholic Enrichment Center Health Initiative

Submitted by Sr. Patsy Guyton, SFCC

The Office of Multicultural Ministry's Catholic Enrichment Center is happy to announce one new program and the expansion of an existing program. Each are included as components of the Health Initiative.

Fit and Fabulous – Aerobics: This program is included in the Health Initiative Program. The class meets each Monday from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm and guarantees that the aerobic action will get the heart pumping. The group is comprised of all ages and the pace is at each individual's level. The cost is minimal and participants pay weekly. If an individual desires additional physical fitness, they are welcome to join the Yoga class on Saturdays from 10:00 am – 11:00 am.

Bellarmine University expanded its Physical Therapy Program to include two additional series. The **Physical Therapy Department** along with their students and a professor made free treatment at CEC available for 28 participants from the community.

The first series was the **Free Diabetes Education and Awareness Class**. These sessions concentrated on education and class interaction. The class incorporated storytelling, PT screenings, class assignments and incentives (gifts).

The second series was the **Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls Class**. This award-winning program designed to assist individuals to manage falls and increase activity levels has had much success across the country. Persons attending this class were those concerned about falling or who have had a tendency to fall. Additionally, persons who wanted to improve balance, flexibility and strength benefited from this series.



CAMP AFRICA FREEDOM SCHOOL

WHO:

GRADES K-12

WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010 – FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2010

TIME: 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

WHERE: CATHOLIC ENRICHMENT CENTER

3146 WEST BROADWAY

LOUISVILLE, KY 40211

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 27, 2010

REGISTRATION FEE: \$50.00

ACTIVITY FEE: \$100.00

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This program is designed to help children develop a love of reading while increasing their self-esteem and generating positive attitudes toward learning.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I remain on a mountain experience from the 23rd Leadership Award and Scholarship Banquet. Though it was not my first experience, the light finally came on for me. I am not sure if people realize it or not, had it not been for you Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner and Deacon Turner's generosity of time, finances, and dream, we would not have gathered to affirm the presence of Black Catholics' gifts of leadership. I am truly grateful for all that you do in the office, your leadership, your profound love for our faith and your loyalty to diversity.

P. Portes, MSW, MBA
Cathedral of Assumption



Dear Editor,

As a member of the Haitian community, I am very proud of the work of the Office of Multicultural Ministry. The office has been a God send to us. It has worked very hard over the last 10 years welcoming us as a member of the Catholic Family. Although the staff is not fluent in our language, they go out of their way to make sure that we are a part of things. They have become a bridge for us. We feel honored to be included in the work of the office. We will continue to pray for the office because if Mrs. Turner should leave, all will be lost.

Marie Antoinette Joseph-Schuman
University of Louisville
St. Martin de Porres Parish

Editor,

OMM has one of the most resourceful staffs in our archdiocese. They are intentional in their efforts to serve the church and to make everyone, especially the diverse catholic members feel welcomed.

Peter Chow



Editor,

The Capitol Campaign is on its way and many pledges have been made. I was reluctant to participate because I felt that our needs would not be addressed. I visited the Office of Multicultural Ministry a month ago and my conversation with Mrs. Turner changed my mind. She helped me to understand how the needs of the multicultural communities and churches ministering with racially diverse populations would be met although only the Hispanics are mentioned. Thanks to the Archbishop for establishing Multicultural Ministry and for hiring the best leader, Mrs. Turner, in order to help the whole church be more welcoming of diversity.

George M.
Holy Spirit



OMM,

You did it again. The collaborative effort of the interfaith community of St. Martin de Porres to gather the entire Louisville community for a prayer service during the earlier days of the earth quake in Haiti is commendable. I have never witnessed such unity and concern as I did at the service. On behalf of your northern neighbors in New Albany who attended, we thank you for making that happen. Our prayer is that you will keep Haiti in the front of our minds now that the media has gone home and it is no longer a hot story for the television.

Pat MaGinnis-Roth
Leadership Kentucky

Editor,

Thank you for the Cultural Update (CU). It continues to be our connector, bridging the church in Louisville with the church in our rural community. We have learned so much about embracing diversity because of the CU and the work of OMM. I would like to make one recommendation, publish it monthly.

Steve Jagers
Bardstown

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

**Viongozi Program:
Leadership For A
New Church
May 26
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
CEC**

**Young Adult Church Open
House/ Meet & Greet
May 27
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
CEC**

JUNE

**Viongozi Program:
What Is A PLT?
June 2
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
CEC**

**Camp Africa Freedom School
June 7 – July 30
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (M-F)
CEC**

**Hispanic Men's Retreat
June 12
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Maloney Center**

**Male Ministry Fashion Show
June 4
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
CEC Thea Bowman Hall**

**Hispanic Leadership Formation
June 12
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Maloney Center**

**Kujenga Viongozi I
June 25 – 26
11:00 a.m.
Location TBD**

ONGOING PROGRAMS

**UMOJA Health Clinic
Fridays
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
CEC**

**Healthy Habits Yoga Class
Saturdays
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
CEC**

WATER

Water: a transparent, colorless, odorless, tasteless liquid; a compound of 11.188% hydrogen and 88.812% oxygen (H, O) freezing at 32°F or 0°C and boiling at 212°F or 100°C; that in a more or less pure state constitutes rain, oceans, lakes, rivers, etc.; an essential component for all organisms, being necessary for most biological processes; the most widely used of all solvents; has three different states, liquid, solid and gas: covers about three-quarters of the Earth's surface in solid form (ice) and liquid form; is prevalent in the lower atmosphere in its gaseous form, water vapor.

Water plays such a critical role in our lives. Every living being needs it to survive. World Water Day was celebrated on March 22 and although it has passed, we can all do more to protect this very necessary natural resource. World Water Day, celebrated every year, is one of the international days declared by the UN, on 22 March, as declared by the UN General Assembly in 1992. Water is a very precious natural resource that is sometimes taken for granted and for some, barely available. We can all do our part to be better stewards of this most precious natural resource. Here are a few facts about water and its consumption:



- Americans flush 6.8 billion gallons of water down their toilets each day
- 1.2 billion people worldwide don't have access to safe, clean water
- 3.575 million people die each year from water-related diseases
- 1.4 million children die every year as a result of diseases caused by unclean water and poor sanitation. This amounts to around 4,000 deaths a day or one every 20 seconds.
- Most of the world's people must walk at least three hours to get water
- 40 billion working hours are spent carrying water each year in Africa
- 97% of the earth's water is saltwater. Another 2% is locked in ice caps and glaciers. That leaves just 1% for all of humanity's needs-agricultural, residential, manufacturing, community and personal.
- The weight of water that women in Africa and Asia carry on their heads is about 40 pounds, the same as an airport luggage allowance
- The average North American uses 80 - 100 gallons of water every day
- The average person in the developing world uses approximately 3 gallons of water every day for their drinking, washing and cooking needs
- An American taking a five-minute shower uses more water than the typical person living in a developing country slum uses in a whole day
- Tap water running for two minutes uses 3-5 gallons
- Showering for five minutes uses 20-35 gallons
- Flushing the toilet once uses 5-7 gallons
- Full bathtub uses 60 gallons
- Automatic dishwasher uses 10-20 gallons
- 50% of the water used in the summer is for the lawn
- Without food a person can live for weeks, but without water you can expect to live about a week
- It takes about six gallons of water to grow a single serving of lettuce. More than 2,600 gallons is required to produce a single serving of steak.
- It takes almost 49 gallons of water to produce just one eight-ounce glass of milk. That includes water consumed by the cow and to grow the food it eats, plus water used to process the milk
- About 39,090 gallons of water is needed to make an automobile, tires included
- About 6,800 gallons of water is required to grow a day's food for a family of four



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Conservation: the act of conserving; the careful utilization of a natural resource in order to prevent depletion; official supervision of rivers, forests, and other natural resources in order to preserve and protect them through prudent management; the protection, preservation, management, or restoration of wildlife and of natural resources such as forests, soil, and water.

Water conservation provides benefits in every household by saving money. Water bills will be lowered and energy costs for heating the water are decreased. Here are a few ideas on water conservation.

- Take shorter showers
- When doing laundry, fill the washer to capacity
- Don't flush the toilet unnecessarily. Don't use the toilet as a waste basket to dispose of tissue and other items that can be disposed of in the trash can
- When using the dishwasher, fill it to capacity
- Minimize the amount of baths that you take or the amount of water used to fill the tub
- Don't constantly run water when brushing your teeth, rinsing vegetables and other food items or washing dishes by hand
- Water the lawn and garden at dusk when the day is cool
- Use a bucket of suds to wash the car and only rinse with the hose using a nozzle

Based upon current trends, over the next twenty years humans will use 40% more water than they do now. This is a global issue and the lack of safe drinking water is a human rights issue. What can you do? Follow some of the conservation tips listed above. Donate to an organization that provides clean water to those in need. Get involved in your school, community, and or church and spread the word about the issue. Use only what is necessary and conserve what you can. Clean water changes lives! Let us all do our part to ensure that all of God's children have access to this very precious and extremely necessary resource!



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"CONNECTION POINT"
RADIO SHOW
Saturdays
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
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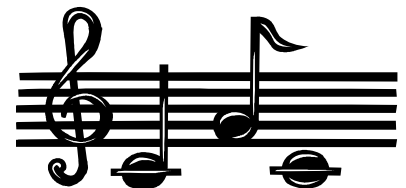
Music Director Needed for a Black Church in the Rural Community



WANTED:

- **Someone who can play Gospel Music during church worship services on Sunday mornings.**
- **Someone who is waiting for an opportunity to share their love of God through music.**
- **Someone who can fill the position immediately.**

- **Will work with an African American Church in the Springfield, KY area that is steeped in history & tradition.**
- **Will work with a significant number of youth & young adults.**
- **Will work on Saturday's and Sunday's.**



For further information please contact the Office of Multicultural Ministry at (502)636-0296.

Hola

Adios

SPANISH CLASSES

LEVEL I

The Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry is offering Basic Spanish classes for persons wishing to communicate and become more involved with the Hispanic community in their parishes.

What: Beginner Level Spanish Classes

Where: Maloney Center

1200 Shelby Street

Louisville, KY 40203

When: Wednesdays from July 7 through September 8

Time: From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

This is an 10 week program designed to prepare students to engage in basic conversational Spanish. To register or for more information you may contact the Office of Multicultural Ministry at 502-636-0296.

Buenos Días

Como Estas?

What's Cookin' In The International Kitchen?

Italian Meatballs

2 pounds of ground beef
1/2 teaspoon of pepper
2 teaspoons of minced garlic
1 cup of Progresso Italian flavor
2 teaspoons of parsley
1 medium onion
1 teaspoon of salt
3/4 cups of parmesan cheese
Breadcrumbs



Mix together all ingredients in a large ball with your hands. Roll into meatballs and fry in olive oil until all sides are brown. Cook in flavored tomato sauce for one hour.

Asian Honey Grilled Shrimp

1 1/2 pounds medium shrimp, peeled, de-veined
Salt
2 scallions, thinly sliced
1 cup brewed double-strength orange spice tea, cooled
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup rice vinegar
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 tablespoon peeled, finely chopped fresh ginger
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper



In a plastic bag, combine tea, honey, vinegar, soy sauce, ginger and pepper, to make marinade. Remove 1/2 cup marinade; set aside for [dipping sauce](#). Add shrimp to marinade remaining in plastic bag, turning to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes or up to 12 hours.

Remove shrimp from marinade; discard marinade. Thread shrimp onto 8 skewers, dividing evenly. Grill over medium hot coals 4 to 6 minutes or until shrimp turn pink and are just firm to the touch, turning once. Season with salt, to taste.

Meanwhile, prepare dipping sauce by placing reserved 1/2 cup marinade in small [saucepan](#). Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Boil 3 to 5 minutes or until slightly reduced. Stir in [green onions](#).

Spanish Rice

1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 medium onion chopped
1/2 diced bell pepper
1 cup uncooked long rice
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
1 can diced tomatoes
1 can of chicken broth



In 3-quart saucepan, heat oil over medium heat. Cook garlic, onion and bell pepper in oil about 5 minutes, stirring constantly, until crisp-tender. Stir in rice, salt and crushed red pepper. Stir in tomatoes and broth. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 20 to 25 minutes or until rice is tender.

Cherokee Bread Pudding

2 1/2 cups toasted bread cubes
2 1/2 cups scalded milk
1/2 cup sorghum
1 cup butter
Pinch of salt



2 eggs, beaten
1 tablespoon pure [maple syrup](#)

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a casserole dish.

Pour scalded milk over [bread](#); let stand 5 minutes.

Heat sorghum, butter and salt in a [saucepan](#). Gradually pour over bread mixture. Cool.

Gradually pour mixture over eggs. Stir in maple syrup. Pour into casserole dish. Place dish in pan of hot water and bake for 50-60 minutes or until firm.

Baked Cheese Grits

5 cups water
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/3 cups uncooked quick-cooking white grits
1 (15 1/2-ounce) can yellow hominy, drained
1/2 cup butter or margarine
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Preparation

Bring 5 cups water and salt to a boil in a heavy Dutch oven; gradually stir in grits. Return to a boil; reduce heat, and cook 4 to 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Stir in hominy, butter, and Cheddar cheese; spoon into a lightly greased 13- x 9-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Bake at 350° for 45 minutes or until set.



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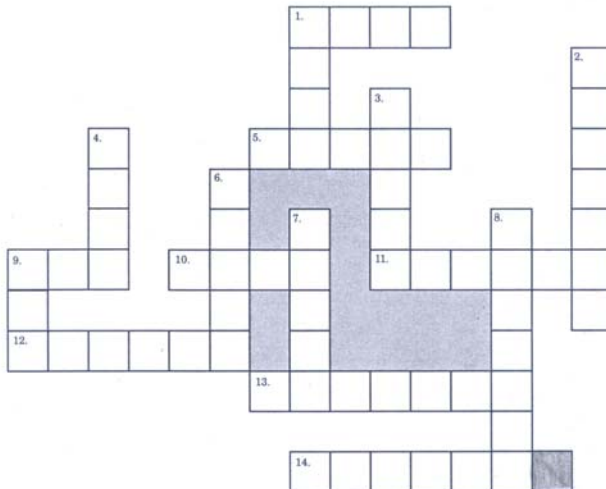
Complete the crossword puzzle by filling in the Spanish family words.

Horizontales

1. chico
5. el hijo de su abuelo
9. el padre de su primo
10. la chica de una madre
11. la madre de su madre
12. el padre de su padre
13. una chica que tiene hermano
14. dos chicos idénticos de la misma madre

Verticales

1. chica
2. dos chicas idénticas de la misma madre
3. la hija de su tía
4. el chico de un padre
6. el hijo de su tío
7. la hija de su abuela
8. un chico que tiene hermana
9. la madre de su prima



African Proverb



*Usipopata taabu hujawa mtu. (Swahili)
Suffering is prior to attaining success or
perfection.*

The Chagga are a Bantu People whose homeland stretches across the slopes of Africa's highest mountain, Kilimanjaro, in Northeastern Tanzania. They practice mixed farming and believe in a world view that integrates life's hardships as unavoidable co-building blocks of a successful life. Success stories of persons who have made it in life through sheer struggle (or suffering) are much extolled among the Chagga people by using this saying. Such persons are looked upon as heroes or heroines that others can imitate or learn from

Biblical Parallels

Genesis 3:19: "By the sweat of your face will you earn your food."

Philippians 2: 6-11: "He emptied himself... Therefore God has highly exalted him."



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July 15-18, 2010
St. Catherine College
St. Catherine, KY (Springfield)

Back to School Fair
August 7, 2010
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Holy Rosary (Springfield)

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TOP 10 GOSPEL SONGS

1. The Best In Me – Marvin Sapp
2. They That Wait – Fred Hammond Featuring John P. Kee
3. Rain On Us – Earnest Pugh
4. God Favored Me – Hezekiah Walker & LFC Featuring Marvin Sapp
5. I Want To Say Thank You – Lisa Page Brooks Featuring Royal Priesthood
6. Encore – James Fortune & FIYA
7. Grace – BeBe & CeCe Winans
8. All I Need – Brian Courtney Wilson
9. Close To You – BeBe & CeCe Winans
10. Resting On His Promise – Youthful Praise

SAVE THE DATE!

2010 Male Ministry *Fashion Show*



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502.636.0296 for ticket
information.