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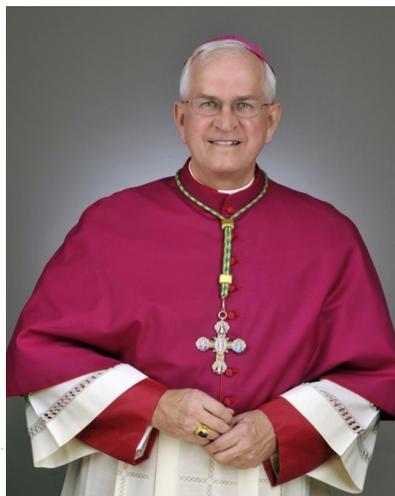
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## Statement on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act

By Most Rev. Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.  
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Louisville



### USCCB President Highlights Achievements of the Civil Rights Act; Calls for Unity and Respect of Human Dignity

September 9, 2014  
WASHINGTON—Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil Rights Act has called for unity and perseverance to continue the vital work begun in the

Act for the respect for human dignity. The statement was issued September 9, the first day of the bishops' September 9-10 Administrative Committee meeting at the USCCB headquarters in Washington, and the memorial of St. Peter Claver.

"Fifty years ago, the Civil Rights Act offered an olive branch of hope for equal treatment and opportunities for education, employment, and fuller participation in society," Archbishop Kurtz said in his statement. "The Civil Rights Act was a monumental step forward and since then, we have made even more progress in this vital work of transforming hearts and minds, but there is still much work to do. The Act itself did not eradicate the legacy of slavery, racial discrimination and injustice."

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Archbishop Kurtz highlighted the work of the Catholic Church, including bishops, in the quest for integration and justice. “Propelled by their values and beliefs, members of different faiths and denominations, including Catholics, insisted that racial justice in the United States was an imperative, no longer to be ignored,” Archbishop Kurtz said.

The full statement follows:

**Statement on the Occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act**  
**Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz**  
**Archbishop of Louisville, Kentucky**  
**President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**  
**Issued on September 9, 2014**  
**Memorial of St. Peter Claver**

“If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. This is the commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother” (1 John 4:20-21).

As America celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 this year, I join together with my brother bishops in recalling the heroic history of that achievement. We honor the many civic, business, and religious leaders, students, laborers, educators and all others of good will who courageously stood up for racial justice against bigotry, violence, ignorance, and fear. We remember with deep gratitude the countless personal sacrifices they made, sacrifices that all too often included hardship, violence, and even death. We honor the victory they won after such a long and sustained civil and legislative struggle.

We are especially grateful for the vital contributions of the faith community during this period. Propelled by their values and beliefs, members of different faiths and denominations, including Catholics, insisted that racial justice in the United States was an imperative, no longer to be ignored. Inspired by Holy Scripture, fortified by prayer and spiritual music, and sustained by a love for Christ, a number of Christians worked with and for the poor and marginalized, notably in the segregated South.

We also join our voice to those Catholic bishops who repeatedly spoke against racism as evidenced by statements from the USCCB’s predecessor organization in 1943, 1958 and again in 1963. In the 1963 statement on Racial Harmony, the bishops condemned the injustices of segregation saying that it “implies that people of one race are not fit to associate with another... We cannot reconcile such a judgment with the Christian view of man’s nature and rights.” They further insisted that “discrimination based on the accidental fact of race or color... cannot be reconciled with the truth that God has created all men with equal rights and equal dignity.” A number of bishops—including Archbishop Ritter (St. Louis, 1946), Archbishop O’Boyle (Washington, D.C., 1940s and 50s), Archbishop Rummel (New Orleans, 1950s and 60s), and Cardinal Sheehan (Baltimore, 1963)—worked to desegregate Catholic schools, hospitals, and other institutions, clearly signaling by their words and actions that racial discrimination has no place in the Church or in society.

In a later pastoral statement, the bishops even more directly named racism for what it is: “Racism is a sin: a sin that divides the human family, blots out the image of God among specific members of that family, and violates the fundamental human dignity of those called to be children of the same Father.” (Brothers and Sisters to Us: U.S. Catholic Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Racism, 1979)

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The Church remains a prophetic voice and must continue to insist on the dignity of all persons and the very real opportunity available to each of us, to have a personal encounter with Christ and to be instruments of His healing, love, and truth. As my brother bishop, Bishop Joseph Perry has said, “The Church remains the principal source of healing and hope for people... We continue to need from the Church prophets and agents of reconciliation, individuals and groups, laity and clergy who make it their responsibility to bring people together despite stubborn differences and the conflicts that would guarantee walls of separation in our society.” (1998)

Fifty years ago, the Civil Rights Act offered an olive branch of hope for equal treatment and opportunities for education, employment, and fuller participation in society. The legislation promised a better quality of life for millions of Americans who had been excluded from the privileges of citizenship based on race, color, national origin, and other grounds. It championed human dignity and provided legal protections that began to transform communities around the country.

The Civil Rights Act was a monumental step forward and since then, we have made even more progress in this vital work of transforming hearts and minds, but there is still much work to do. The Act itself did not eradicate the legacy of slavery, racial discrimination and injustice.

In fact, there are reminders across our nation today that the embers of racial discrimination still smolder. This evil infects institutions, laws, and systems, and it harms our brothers and sisters. We must therefore continue to work against the destructive influence of racism on families, religious and civil communities, employment, the prison system, housing, hunger, educational achievement, and mental health.

While reflecting on the work that has been accomplished and that which remains to be done, I wish to mention the special and untiring contributions of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Last Spring, I had the privilege to join a delegation of Christian leaders at an ecumenical symposium in Alabama where we reflected on Dr. King’s renowned Letter from Birmingham Jail in the presence of his daughter, the Rev. Bernice King.

In his letter, Dr. King advocated for strong, timely action to lift us “from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity.” I hope we will all continue to strive for that “solid rock of human dignity” today and to honor with gratitude the sacrificial labors of Dr. King’s writings and actions.

In conclusion, the Gospel requires ongoing personal and social transformation. Respecting the dignity of each person is paramount as we seek to spread the beauty of God’s truth throughout our world. We cannot give in to discouragement. As Pope Francis reminds us, “Bringing the Gospel is bringing God’s power to pluck up and break down evil and violence, to destroy and overthrow the barriers of selfishness, intolerance and hatred, so as to build a new world.”

As we commemorate the notable achievements that resulted in the Civil Rights Act and other significant movements toward justice for all God’s children, let us continue to take up the banner and press forward to love one another as our Lord loved us (Jn 13:34). And, as we do so, we recall the words of Dr. King written from his jail cell, “Let us all hope that the dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear drenched communities, and in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty.”

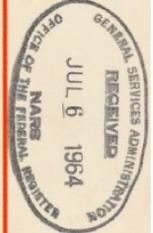
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# Eighty-eighth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the seventh day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four*



## An Act

To enforce the constitutional right to vote, to confer jurisdiction upon the district courts of the United States to provide injunctive relief against discrimination in public accommodations, to authorize the Attorney General to institute suits to protect constitutional rights in public facilities and public education, to extend the Commission on Civil Rights, to prevent discrimination in federally assisted programs, to establish a Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Civil Rights Act of 1964".*

### TITLE I—VOTING RIGHTS

Sec. 101. Section 2004 of the Revised Statutes (42 U.S.C. 1971), as amended by section 131 of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 (71 Stat. 637), and as further amended by section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1960 (74 Stat. 90), is further amended as follows:

(a) Insert "1" after "(a)" in subsection (a) and add at the end of subsection (a) the following new paragraphs:

"(2) No person acting under color of law shall—

"(A) in determining whether any individual is qualified under State law or laws to vote in any Federal election, apply any standard, practice, or procedure different from the standards, practices, or procedures applied under such law or laws to other individuals within the same county, parish, or similar political subdivision who have been found by State officials to be qualified to vote;

"(B) deny the right of any individual to vote in any Federal election because of an error or omission on any record or paper relating to any application, registration, or other act requisite to voting, if such error or omission is not material in determining whether such individual is qualified under State law to vote in such election; or

"(C) employ any literacy test as a qualification for voting in any Federal election unless (i) such test is administered to each individual and is conducted wholly in writing, and (ii) a certified copy of the test and of the answers given by the individual is furnished to him within twenty-five days of the submission of his request made within the period of time during which records and papers are required to be retained and preserved pursuant to title III of the Civil Rights Act of 1960 (42 U.S.C. 1974-74e; 74 Stat. 88) : *Provided, however,* That the Attorney General may enter into agreements with appropriate State or local authorities that preparation, conduct, and maintenance of such tests in accordance with the provisions of applicable State or local law, including such special provisions as are necessary in the preparation, conduct, and maintenance of such tests for persons who are blind or otherwise physically handicapped, meet the purposes of this subparagraph and constitute compliance therewith.

"(3) For purposes of this subsection—

"(A) the term 'vote' shall have the same meaning as in subsection (e) of this section;

"(B) the phrase 'literacy test' includes any test of the ability to read, write, understand, or interpret any matter."

(b) Insert immediately following the period at the end of the first sentence of subsection (c) the following new sentence: "If in any such proceeding literacy is a relevant fact there shall be a rebuttable

## Multicultural Ministry Provides Opportunities for Recognizing, Welcoming and Celebrating the Breadth of Diversity

*By Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner*



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

Multicultural ministry is nothing new. It is present in Jesus' ministry and in scripture. It is not a coincidence that we have a multicultural gathering of believers in the town of Jerusalem for the setting of the Pentecost experience. The testimony was in their languages as they are heard speaking about God's deeds and power. Those who were there were astonished by the different dialects and recognized that they were recipients of something good. They felt compelled to share within their own communities.

Planting and growing a multicultural awareness can be overwhelming but truly a desirable challenge. It requires us to think outside the box in our efforts to examine how we function in our offices, agencies, parishes and institutions. It calls for enhancing existing programs or creating new ones to include the lived racial and cultural realities of all. Our pastoral leadership through preaching, prayer and workshops might elect to encourage the faith community to invite, promote and embrace diverse racial/cultural representatives into positions where they will have opportunities to fully engage in decision making. The understanding in regards to this is that sharing in the decision making process creates a sense of ownership and a sense of belonging.

There is a shared mindset among proponents in the Multicultural arena that views the church as one people with many faces with each sharing their diverse cultural richness and traditions with the entire faith community. Through multicultural ministry, the church seeks to recognize, welcome and celebrate the breadth of diversity. Multicultural Ministry should expand how diversity is defined moving the church beyond language differences to embrace race, culture, geographical areas, gender, age, style of music, liturgical styles, etc. It beckons those in leadership roles to ask the tough questions regarding exclusion, tokenism and personal comfort levels.



**2014 Multicultural Pentecost Celebration:**  
**A Celebration of Diversity**  
*By Mrs. Ruby Thomas*



Catholics from the United States as well as many from distant parts of the world filled the Cathedral of the Assumption to commemorate the feast of Pentecost with a very festive celebration. The event, sponsored and organized by the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry and the Office of Worship, began with prelude worship music followed by mass celebrated by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. African, Filipino, Vietnamese, and Hispanic parishioners dressed in colorful traditional clothing sent up their praises through songs sung in their native languages. Brother Shahid Abdullah Shabazz led the mass procession with an African drum solo. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples and many Catholics refer to it as the birthday of the church. This celebration had all the festive elements of a birthday party complete with an ice cream social in the Cathedral undercroft following mass. "It's really important when we celebrate a birthday that the whole family gathers," said Brian Reynolds Ed.D, chancellor and chief administrative officer of the Archdiocese of Louisville. "This event is a way for the whole family and this local church to gather in one place with the variety of cultures and our people to praise God," he continued. Reynolds also noted that the mixture of children and seniors further lent to the feeling of a family gathering.

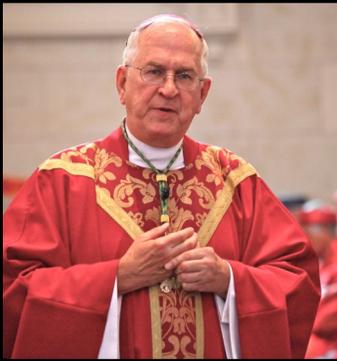
This coming together of cultures truly called to mind Jesus' commission to his followers to go forth and make disciples of all nations. ("Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19-20). In his homily, Archbishop Kurtz reminded those gathered that the Holy Spirit is a gift. "We are coming together from all different cultures and backgrounds in order to say to the Lord Jesus and to the Holy Spirit, thank you," he said. Archbishop assured them that nothing is possible without the Holy Spirit; that everything came into being during the time of creation with the help of the Holy Spirit. "You and I are breathing in and out, because of the gift of the Holy Spirit," he said. "We are here today to give testimony to that gift."

The archbishop said that people are often tempted to think they don't need God and that they can replace him with money or power. He recalled the story of the tower of Babel from Genesis chapter eleven where the people gathered not to praise God, but to try and prove they didn't need him. Not so said the archbishop. "You and I are gathered today to tell each other; to tell God and to tell others that we need the Holy Spirit," he said. The archbishop also reminded them that the Holy Spirit needs us to carry out God's work. He told them that the capacity to care for and to include others is a sign the Holy Spirit is taking over their lives. "Charism means that the Holy Spirit is going to work in people's lives through you and me," he assured them.

The archbishop also talked about the gift that is diversity. He described the Holy Spirit as the glue which binds those gifts together to form the church. "The Holy Spirit not only reveals our gifts," said the archbishop. "It also reveals to us the way we serve the church with those gifts," he continued. Andy Tran, a parishioner of St. John Vianney Church, was one of the members of the Vietnamese community who attended the joyous event. To him diversity is a blessing. "I enjoyed seeing the different cultures worship the Lord," he said. "This is a great opportunity to share with and learn from other cultures," he stated. Dr. Angelito Samson, who is a member of St. Margaret Mary, called the mass a real cultural event and a celebration of race. Dr. Samson, who is a member of a local Filipino choir, especially enjoyed the music. "The songs were wonderful. I didn't understand the words, but the melody and the rhythm is very inspiring," he said. "If we do this more often it will bring more races together to sing in harmony with the lord," he continued.

This Multicultural Pentecost Celebration took place on June 7<sup>th</sup> and was made possible by the Catholic Services Appeal.

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# Fear Not Little Flock: Asian and Pacific Island Catholics Celebrating the Breadth of Diversity in our Church

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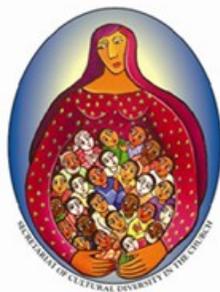


## Pentecost Reflection

*Fear Not Little Flock* lends to today's Solemnity of Pentecost, when the apostles, after receiving the Holy Spirit, spoke about Christ with courage. Pentecost is also when Catholics mark the birthday of our Church and celebrate the breadth of her diversity. Pope Francis, in his homily today, spoke about the four ways the Holy Spirit is active in the life of believers: instructing us in His way; helping us understand His words; empowering us to pray and call God 'Father'; and enabling us to speak the gospel message.

For nearly five centuries, missionaries have spread the gospel message to the many people in Asia and the Pacific Islands (API) at the cost of many lives. Despite the length of time and the multitude of people, API Catholics are still a 'tiny minority' compared to other religions in the region and in the US. Last year the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University's survey revealed that API Catholics are 6% of the US population.

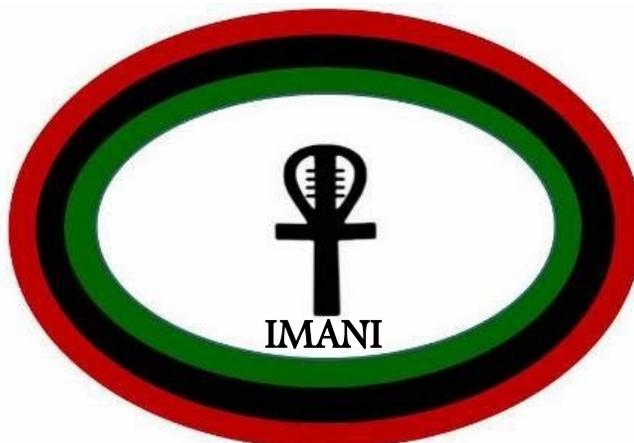
Jesus tells us "*Fear not, little flock, for it has pleased the Father to give you the Kingdom.*" (Luke 12:32). This gospel message gives us confidence as children of God to embrace our minority status and acknowledge our diversity. The breadth of diversity within the API ethnic communities is as vast as Asia or as deep as the Pacific Ocean. However, we do not lament diversity, but rejoice. Empowered by our Divine Master, we are ready to move fearlessly into the future. Rooted in the richness of our faith and fortified by the strength of our Asian-and-Pacific-Islander-ness, we continue with the understanding of who we are in the sight of God and bring our best to our universal Church and US home in grateful offering.



Archdiocese of Louisville  
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African American Catholic Ministries

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# Archdiocesan Black Catholic Congress



*Theme: "Jesus Is The Center Of My Joy"*

Speakers:

- Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.  
Archbishop of Louisville
- Rev. Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R., D.Min.
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- Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, Ph.D.
- Tyrone Powers, Ph.D.
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- Vocations
- Annulment
- Our Lady of Kibeho Celebration
- And much more!

For more information call the Office of Multicultural Ministry at (502)471-2146.

Pre-Congress Institute for Seniors

Friday, December 12, 2014

1:00 p.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.

\$5.00 per person

Archdiocesan Black Catholic Congress

Saturday, December 13, 2014

8:30 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

Registration & Continental Breakfast

Early Bird Registration by November 14, 2014

\$40.00 Adults \$25 Youth (4<sup>th</sup> ~ 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

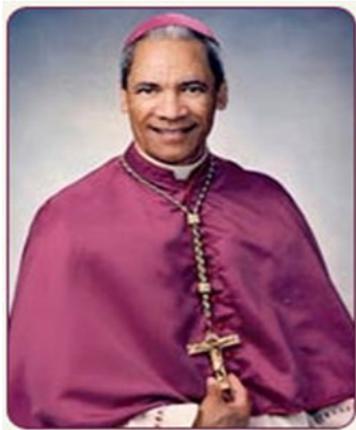
Includes: Continental Breakfast, Lunch,  
Workshops, & more!

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**Reflection on Race in America**  
**Remember the Treasure of Catholic Social Teaching**  
*By Bishop John H. Ricard, The Priest*



I grew up in the Deep South, at a time of even deeper segregation, a convenient term used to describe the complete separation of the races. It defined every aspect of our lives, where we lived, worked or went to school, and, especially, where we worshiped. (Martin Luther King, quipped, that Sunday morning church services were the most segregated hours.) For black families venturing out for entertainment or recreation it meant figuring out what was opened to us, and staying away from those that were restricted. We were cautioned at an early age to not cross those boundaries. As I look in retrospect it became clear that our parents tried their level best to protect us from the harsh realities of this situation. I can remember in particular, that we were taught to say "yes, sir" or "no, sir," in public when addressing white adults, to assure that the proper deference was shown.

**The Ever Elusive Better Life**

A ritual that most families faced was to experience their young pick up roots and leave the area to faraway places like New York and other cities on the East Coast or California, to look for work and a better life, which was to remain ever elusive for blacks living in the South. More seriously was living with the apprehension and fear of an ever present police that was ready and all too willing to enforce the rules by any means at their disposal, even if it meant the use of violence. There was an implicit understanding that they were permitted to do anything they wanted, as long as the status quo was maintained. At the beginning of the civil rights era, when that system was being seriously challenged for the first time, the violence increased, with lynchings, cross burnings and raids on homes and even the murder of individuals who had crossed the line and dared to challenge the system.

With a biased judicial system firmly on their side and supportive of their actions, which was, in fact, one of the principle reasons for their existence, the violence continued. Whenever most blacks, who lived through that time, hear of the terrorist acts taking place in the various parts of the world today, that terrorism resonates strongly with the victims of those actions. They knew all too well what it was like to live in an oppressive system.

**Much Has Changed for the Better, but...**

Although much has changed for the better in most of the Deep South and in the country as a whole, and there remains few signs of overt discrimination, much also remains the same. To a large degree, the litany of discrepancies between blacks and the rest of society remains very much the same for most black people.

Selective enactment and enforcement of laws result in more arrests and imprisonment of blacks and a broadly disproportion use of capital punishment for blacks convicted of serious crimes. Although they account for less than 12 percent of the population, blacks make up 70 percent of those in prison and on death row. Increasingly, blacks have a far higher level of unemployment, more are uninsured, are getting sick, and stay sick longer, than the rest of the population. In most large cities, failing schools, lack of opportunity, and violent crime remain an ever-present reality. It is within this context that you would hear it said that blacks see racism everywhere, and whites by and large, deny that it exists.

Faced with these facts, most whites would respond that much of this is a result of what blacks brought on themselves. They point to examples of the failure of black leadership and a too quick tendency of blacks to blame the system or play the race card. While there may be some truth in this, the fact remains that a solution to these problems remain beyond the scope of a single group's ability to address them. With global systems in place and the rapid advance in communication and technology, there is a need for the involvement and cooperation of all segments of society. The casting of blame just on blacks, is as much a mistake as blaming everything

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on racism. It may satisfy our need for quick and easy solutions, but it does not begin to address the issues.

### **Received More Boos**

In the more recent past, Catholic leaders in dioceses and religious communities provided that leadership. This was true at all levels. At the highest level, courageous bishops, like Patrick O’Boyle in Washington, D.C., Joseph Rommel of New Orleans, Lawrence Shehan in Baltimore, courageously challenged their own flock in confronting segregated parochial schools, segregated Catholic hospitals, and segregated housing.

Cardinal Shehan boasted to the religious leaders of other denominations in Baltimore that he received more boos than they from the angry white audience as they stood before the Baltimore City Council to advocate for fair housing in that city.

In 1951, the Josephites established the all black Catholic high school in New Orleans, St. Augustine, which sent more black students to Harvard, Yale and the other Ivies, than any other school in the country. The images of nuns in full habits and priests in black suits gave powerful moral witness to the civil rights marches. The Archdiocese of Chicago lead the way in the country in the establishment of interracial councils among lay leaders in parishes throughout the archdiocese. It is safe to say, although not properly acknowledged, that the Catholic Church was very much in the forefront of change.

Today a different test exists, one that is, in many ways, far more challenging and difficult but does require as much, or more, leadership from Catholics. The enormously rich and bountiful, but often overlooked, treasure of Catholic social teaching provides for us a guide. We must address this issue and all which divides our country, chief among them is the issue of race, and holds us back from providing to the rest of this conflict driven world, the example of leadership that is badly needed.

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## **My Perspective of the African American Catholic Community in West Louisville**

*Fr. Conrad Sutter OFM Conv.*

*St. Augustine Catholic Church (Louisville) & St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church*

It has been almost a year now since I have been ministering at St. Martin de Porres and St. Augustine parishes. I have been blessed by the whole community by how open and welcoming they have been from the first time I entered the community. The Eucharistic Liturgies are very much Spirit filled. The music and prayers of the community come from the heart. You can feel as the parishioners pray and sing that they are touched by the Lord. I am encouraged to preach well because the congregation listens and responds. I know that this happens because after the liturgy or sometime later someone will remind me of what I preached about. I get the impression that Sunday is truly Church day for members of the African American Catholic community because when they come to church they are in no hurry to leave, continuing to fellowship after the liturgy is over. The African American Catholic community has something to offer to reach our other sisters and brothers. Sunday is church day and God is given all of the time that is due to him.



A few things I believe that are important to the African American Catholic community are education and formation of faith for our youth from an Africentric perspective, the future of the Black church. We need to have continuing faith education for all ages in Bible Study and Faith Development. One other way we need to grow is to reach out to families, friends, and neighbors and invite them to celebrate and join our community. Yes, Evangelize in order to invite those who have left for various reasons as well as new members to be a part of our community.

I have had the honor of being a part of celebrating Eucharist, Baptism, Confession (Penance Service), Confirmation with the Bishop during Christmas, Easter, and Feast Day celebrations and at each one of them you could feel the Spirit of the Lord moving. Yes, I have been greatly blessed in being a part of this African American Catholic community in West Louisville.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hispanic Encuentro

**“About 300 attend the Second Encuentro”. This article ran in the October 2, 2014 edition of *The Record*  
By Mrs. Ruby Thomas, Special to *The Record***

The second annual Encuentro Hispano brought together close to 300 Hispanic Catholics from pre-school age to older adults. They spent the day on Sept. 27 at St. Pius X Church worshipping and taking part in faith formation workshops all with the purpose of strengthening family evangelization.

The word encuentro is Spanish for “gathering” or an “encounter.” The theme “Continuando La Jornada a Ser Una Familia Evangelizadora” (“Continuing the Journey to Be an Evangelizing Family”) was at the heart of the speeches which those in attendance had the opportunity to hear.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz celebrated Mass and during his homily told the gathering that being there on that day was no coincidence.

“God has chosen you and me to be here today,” said the archbishop. “There are many Latino families, but God chose you and me because he has a special responsibility for us to achieve.”

The archbishop went on to tell those gathered before him that God wants to use their example and witness to teach others and to lead others to Christ. He assured them they didn’t need to do anything special to achieve this.

“God wants us to be ourselves,” he reminded them. The archbishop also praised Hispanic Catholics for their strong family ties saying “We learn what it means to have strong families from the Latino community” he told them. “You are not perfect families, but strong families that are faithful to one another; families that teach faith and teach the ability to celebrate God’s gifts with one another.”

Felipa Valenzuela, a member of Annunciation Church in Shelbyville, Ky., who attended the Encuentro along with her four grown children and grandchildren, said strong family ties mean everything to her.

She recalled those spiritual values taught to her by her father and recalled how they’ve helped her in life. She said those are the same values she instilled in her children and is very pleased with the results.

“Events like this Encuentro are very important for families,” said Valenzuela. “The home is the first school, so it very important for parents to instill spiritual values in their children. If within the home the parents are not following God then there’s no spiritual guidance and everything falls apart.”

During his keynote address entitled “La Iglesia Domestica: Centro de Evangelizacion” (“The Domestic Church: Center of Evangelization), Piarist Father Rafael Capo, who is the director of the Southeast Pastoral Institute (SEPI), reminded those gathered that throughout the history of the church families have always been important in helping with the mission of evangelization.

Father Capo talked about St. John XXIII, Pope Paul VI, St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis and noted that each demonstrated love for families and called on families to be evangelizers. He also recalled St. John XXIII’s statement decades ago that the universal church begins with the domestic church . . . the one they have within their homes.

Father Capo told the gathering that he believes we are living in a golden era for the church and for Catholic families.

“I am convinced that, when we look back at history and they talk about this time, that it will be referred to as a golden era, because we have been given some powerful gifts through the grace of God,” Father Capo said.

This time in history is particularly important for Catholic families as the church is renewing its call upon families to be evangelizers, the priest added. And as Archbishop Kurtz did earlier, Father Capo reminded the participants that no large gesture is needed. All they need to do is take action, he said.

He also shared advice from St. John Paul II, who wrote in the apostolic exhortation *Familiaris Consortio* — “Family, become what you are.” Father Capo cautioned that it’s easy to become spectators watching from the outside as this era in the church unfolds. He exhorted the people to take action.

“You and your family are not spectators. You are called to be protagonists,” he assured them. “The church’s mission is to evangelize and every family is called to share in that mission. Your family is a domestic church, a small temple within the home where every member is called to walk in unity and to participate.”

The event was organized by the Archdiocese of Louisville’s Office of Multicultural Ministry — one of the more than 100 agencies and programs funded by the Catholic Services Appeal — and featured workshops for children, youth and young adults as well.

Piarist Father Nelson Henao, director of the Piarist Fathers seminary in Miami, Fla., was one of the speakers for the adult workshop. The group *Disipulos Misioneros* from SEPI and Art Turner, the Archdiocese of Louisville’s director of faith formation, facilitated the youth and young adult workshops. Elvira Conley, catechist from the Lexington Diocese and Nancy Miranda, catechist from the Indianapolis Archdiocese were among those who led the children’s workshop.

In other news involving the Archdiocese of Louisville’s Hispanic community, Archbishop Kurtz announced that Father Joe Rankin, pastor of St. Rita Church, has been named the archdiocese’s first vicar for Hispanic ministry.

“The vicar for Hispanic ministry will extend my presence in convening and supporting the priests and parishes involved in Hispanic ministry,” the archbishop said in a news release Sept. 26. He added that the appointment “reflects the growth of the Hispanic population in our archdiocese and the importance of parishes as the primary places of outreach and ministry.”

Father Rankin’s efforts, the archbishop said, “will complement the good work already being done by the Office of Multicultural Ministry.”

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## 2do. Encuentro Hispano Por Ruby Thomas, Especial para The Record

### “Unas 300 personas asisten al segundo Encuentro”

El Segundo Encuentro Hispano anual reunió cerca de 300 hispanos católicos desde la edad preescolar hasta adultos mayores. Ellos pasaron el día 27 de septiembre en la parroquia St. Pius X rindiendo culto y tomando parte en talleres de formación en la fe, todo con el propósito de fortalecer la evangelización en la familia.

La palabra encuentro en español es “reunión” o un “encuentro”. El tema “Continuando la Jornada a Ser una Familia Evangelizadora” fue el centro de los discursos que tuvieron la oportunidad de escuchar aquellos que asistieron.

El arzobispo Joseph E. Kurtz celebró la Misa y durante su homilía le dijo a los reunidos ahí que el estar ahí en ese día no era una coincidencia.

“Dios los ha escogido a ustedes y a mi a estar aquí hoy”, dijo el Arzobispo. “Hay muchas familias latinas, pero Dios los escogió a ustedes y a mi porque Él tiene una responsabilidad especial que desea que logremos”.

El Arzobispo continuó diciendo a los fieles que Dios quiere utilizar su ejemplo y testimonio para enseñar a otros y guiarlos hacia Cristo. Les aseguró que no tienen que hacer nada especial para lograrlo.

“Dios quiere que seamos nosotros mismos”, les recordó. El Arzobispo también elogió a los hispanos católicos por sus fuertes lazos familiares diciendo “Aprendemos lo que significa tener familias fuertes de la comunidad latina” les indicó. “Ustedes no son familias perfectas, pero familias fuertes que son fieles el uno al otro, familias que enseñan la fe y la habilidad de celebrar los dones de Dios el uno con el otro”.

La Sra. Felipa Valenzuela, miembro de la parroquia Annunciation en Shelbyville, Ky., quien asistió al Encuentro junto con sus hijos mayores y nietos, dijo que los fuertes lazos familiares significan todo para ella.

Ella recuerda esos valores espirituales enseñados a ella por su padre y de como le han ayudado en su vida. Ella dice que esos son los mismos valores que ella inculcó en sus hijos y está muy satisfecha con los resultados.

“Eventos como este Encuentro son muy importantes para las familias” comentó la Sra. Felipa. “El hogar es la primera escuela, así que es muy importante para los padres que inculquen valores espirituales en sus hijos. Si dentro del hogar los padres no siguen a Dios entonces no hay guía espiritual y todo se desquebraja”.

Durante su discurso principal titulado “La Iglesia Doméstica: Centro de Evangelización”, el padre Rafael Capó, sacerdote Escolapio, quien es el director del Instituto Pastoral del Sureste (SEPI), le recordó a la audiencia que a través de la historia de la Iglesia, las familias siempre han sido importantes con la misión de la evangelización.

El padre Rafael habló sobre San Juan XXIII, el papa Pablo VI, San Juan Pablo II, el papa Benedicto XVI y el papa Francisco y resaltó que cada uno demostró amor por las familias y llamaron a las familias a ser evangelizadoras. Además recordó la declaración de San Juan XXIII hace algunas décadas de que la Iglesia universal comienza en la Iglesia doméstica ... la que tienen en sus hogares.

El padre Rafael le dijo a la audiencia que él cree que estamos viviendo una era dorada para la Iglesia y las familias católicas.

“Estoy convencido de que cuando volteemos hacia atrás en la historia y hablen de este tiempo, será referido como la era de oro, porque nos han sido dado algunos dones poderosos a través de la gracia de Dios” indicó el padre Rafael.

Este tiempo en la historia es particularmente importante para las familias católicas al renovarse la Iglesia en su llamado a las familias a ser evangelizadoras, añadió el sacerdote. Y así como el arzobispo Kurtz lo hizo anteriormente, el padre Rafael les recordó a los participantes que no se ocupa un gran gesto. Todo lo que tienen que hacer es tomar acción, comentó.

Además compartió un consejo de San Juan Pablo II quien escribió en la exhortación apostólica *Familiaris Consortio* – “¡Familia, sé lo que eres!”. El padre Rafael advirtió que es fácil ser espectadores observando desde afuera al desarrollarse esta era de la Iglesia. Exhortó a las personas a tomar acción.

“Ustedes y sus familias no son espectadores. Ustedes están llamados a ser protagonistas” les aseguró. “La misión de la Iglesia es evangelizar y cada familia está llamada a compartir en esa misión. Su familia es una Iglesia doméstica, un templo pequeño en el hogar en donde cada miembro está llamado a caminar en unidad y a participar”.

El evento fue organizado por la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville – una entre las 100 agencias y programas patrocinados por Catholic Services Appeal – en donde además se destacaron talleres para niños, adolescentes y jóvenes adultos.

El padre Escolapio Nelson Henao, director del Seminario de los Padres Escolapios en Miami, Fl, fue el ponente para el taller de adultos. El grupo de Misioneros del SEPI y el Sr. Art Turner, director de la Oficina de Formación de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville, llevaron a cabo talleres para jóvenes adultos y adolescentes. La Sra. Elvira Conley, catequista de la Diócesis de Lexington y la Sra. Nancy Miranda, catequista de la Arquidiócesis de Indianápolis se encontraban entre las personas que dieron talleres para niños.

Entre otras noticias concernientes a la comunidad hispana de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville, el arzobispo Kurtz anunció que el padre Joe Rankin, pastor de la parroquia St. Rita ha sido nombrado el primer vicario de la Arquidiócesis para ministerio hispano.

“El vicario para ministerio hispano extenderá mi presencia al reunirse y apoyar a los sacerdotes y parroquias involucradas con ministerio hispano”, dijo el Arzobispo en un comunicado de prensa el 26 de septiembre. El añadió que el nombramiento “refleja el crecimiento de la población hispana en nuestra Arquidiócesis y la importancia de las parroquias como los principales lugares de alcance y ministerio”.

Los esfuerzos del padre Rankin, indicó el Arzobispo “complementarán el buen trabajo que está haciendo la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural”.

# 2014 M A L E R E T R E A T



**Archdiocese of Louisville  
Office of Multicultural Ministry  
Male Ministry**

## **MALE RETREAT**

**Saturday, December 6, 2014  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Flaget Retreat Center  
1935 Lewiston Drive  
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*30<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Wide  
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**Monday, January 19, 2015  
1:30 p.m.**

**Cathedral of the Assumption  
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## Intercultural Competencies

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



According to leading sociologists and urban studies gurus, Intercultural Competence (IC) is the ability to communicate effectively and appropriately with individuals of other cultures. One cannot preach, teach or form persons in the Catholic faith adequately without attending to the ways in which Catholic faith and identity become embodied in **culture**. Naming, claiming and celebrating one's culture is essential in developing lasting relationships.

The Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers process allows for building cross cultural relationships based on a shared respect and one's willingness to think outside of the box. While several processes allow numbers to be the driving force or rationale for implementing a program or process such as this, those who are electing to participate, do so because they believe that it will enhance their ministry skills working in the midst of diversity. There are five intercultural competencies through the five guidelines recommended by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church. The information and skills offered by this process are for people of every cultural, ethnic or racial group in the Church. We have formed a team of ten representing parishes, the Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM), the Diaconate and the Office of Lifelong Formation and Education (OLFE) who will participate in phase two of the training November 18-19, 2014. The plan is to offer the process in the spring for the entire archdiocese.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to call M. Annette Mandley-Turner at (502)636-0296.

## Reflections on the BICM: Emerging Questions for the Faith Formation Office

By Mr. Art Turner  
Director of Faith Formation, Office of Lifelong Formation and Education

Last fall I had the opportunity to participate in the "Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers" (BICM) workshop held at Our Lady of Sorrows parish in Monroe, Ohio just north of Cincinnati. I accepted an invitation from Annette Turner, our Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Ministry, to accompany her and other ministers from the Archdiocese of Louisville. As the new Director of Faith Formation for the Archdiocese of Louisville, I felt that this focus was more than relevant for my ministry and for my own personal learning.



When we arrived at the meeting area for the workshop, we were asked to mix with participants from other dioceses. What struck me most about the overall experience of the day was the realization that we are all struggling with the same issues and dealing with similar roadblocks when it comes to ministry in general, and multicultural ministry in particular. One of the most significant challenges for me personally is addressing the concept of "Ecclesial Integration vs. Assimilation" or the inclusion of all cultural/ethnic communities into ministry vs. the assimilation approach that forces groups to give up their language, culture, traditions, etc. As an agency director for faith formation, how will I lead my area in the direction of integration, especially in formation and catechetics? How will I welcome other communities in an authentic, Christian way that does not appear superficial, trite, or merely politically correct? How do I encourage interaction between my staff/agency and other cultures present within the Archdiocese?

I ended my day with more questions than answers but perhaps this is the Holy Spirit at work encouraging my direction in 2014. As Pope Francis stated in the *Evangelii Gaudium*, "Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone."

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

*By Ms. Charmein Weathers*

*Multicultural Special Projects/Communications Coordinator*

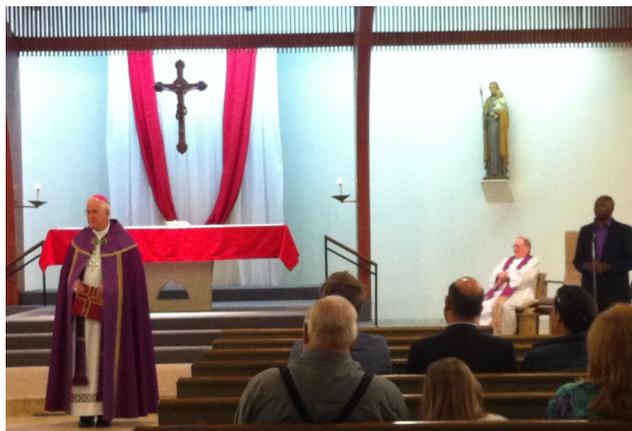


The opening song which was sung a cappella was “Nous Arrivons Des Quatre Coins De L’Horizon. Translated it means “We Come From All Corners of the Horizon”. Men, women and children who hailed from Rwanda, Burundi, Togo, the Congo, the U.S.A., and other African countries joined Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. for the Sixth Annual African Memorial Service for Victims of Violence, War, and Genocide in Africa. This multigenerational, multicultural, interdenominational service was held in order for the community to come together to pray for peace in Africa and around the world. Many in attendance share stories of loss, pain, and despair. They also share stories of survival, forgiveness and a strong faith. The prayer service for peace was held at St. Thomas More Catholic Parish located on South Third Street with a purpose of coming together to commemorate the lives of the victims of violence, war, and genocide in Africa through scripture, prayer and song.

Members of some of the African communities in Ohio (Dayton) and Tennessee (Nashville) joined the assembly in an effort to promote and celebrate peace and forgiveness beyond the borders of Louisville, KY. Archbishop Kurtz gave the homily in English while Mr. Napoleon Akayezu of the Rwandan community and former African Consultant to the Office of Multicultural Ministry translated for those in attendance in Kinyarwanda. This is one of the languages spoken in that region of Africa.

During one of the intercessions, the community asked the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, and war into peace. They prayed that all commit themselves to the sincere search for true peace which will extinguish all arguments, for charity which overcomes hatred, and for pardon which disarms revenge. “O Lord Hear My Prayer, O Lord, Hear My Prayer, When I Call, Answer Me, O Lord Hear My Prayer, O Lord Hear My Prayer, Come and Listen to Me” was the assembly response to the intercession that was sung by all.

A reception with traditional African dishes followed the service. The event was sponsored by the Archdiocese of Louisville’s Office of Multicultural Ministry, its African Ministry and St. Thomas More Catholic Church. This was an interfaith service.



## **Celebrating the Breadth of Diversity in our Church and in the Hispanic Community**

*By Mrs. Eva Gonzalez  
Director Hispanic Ministry*

We are many members in one Body! We are truly blessed by the diversity of culture in our Archdiocese: Africans, Asian and Pacific Islanders, Europeans, Hispanics, and Native-Americans, all belonging to the universal body of the Catholic Church. In striving to live the fullness of their faith, each group shares their gifts and talents in response to their baptismal call and God's love; in accordance to *Sacrosanctum Concilium* #37 "the Church has no wish to impose a rigid uniformity in matters which do not implicate the faith or the good of the whole community; rather does she respect and foster the genius and talents of the various races and peoples."

In celebrating the breadth of diversity among us, the Hispanic community is diverse as well. People from Cuba, Puerto Rico, Peru, Venezuela, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, and Colombia are some examples of this diversity. Each culture shares their faith and expresses their spirituality which takes place with the practices of novenas, small altars in the home, processions, stations of the cross during Lent, use of sacramentals like the scapular and medals among others. Devotion to the Virgin Mary under various titles is transmitted to the new generations. Some of them are: Our Lady of Cobre in Cuba; Our Lady of Divine Providence in Puerto Rico; Our Lady of Coromoto in Venezuela; Our Lady of Peace in El Salvador; Our Lady of Suyapa in Honduras; Our Lady of the Rosary in Guatemala; Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico; and Our Lady of Chiquinquirá in Colombia.

Equally important, the community brings the gift of family life manifested in their relationships within the family where blessings offered by parents or grandparents to their children take place. Family life reaches to the extended family as well. This way of being fosters hospitality and builds relationships within the community which shows a more collective approach by working and doing things together or gathering for "fiesta" in the celebration of the Sacraments, "Quinceañera," or birthdays, to name a few, where children as members of the family are always present.

We live in a multicultural society where we can learn from each other and share the valuable gifts that each culture brings to the church to build the Kingdom of God. Let's celebrate the breadth of diversity in our midst!

### **Celebrando la Abundancia de Diversidad en Nuestra Iglesia y en la Comunidad Hispana**

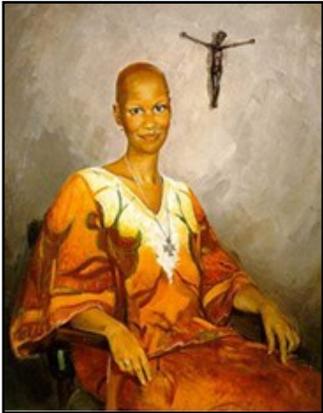
¡Somos muchos miembros en un Cuerpo! Verdaderamente somos bendecidos por la diversidad de cultura en nuestra Arquidiócesis: africanos, asiáticos e isleños del pacífico, europeos, hispanos y nativo americanos todos pertenecen al cuerpo universal de la Iglesia católica. En realizando un esfuerzo por vivir la plenitud de la fe, cada grupo comparte sus dones y talentos en respuesta a su llamado bautismal y al amor de Dios. De acuerdo a *Sacrosanctum Concilium* #37 "La Iglesia no pretende imponer una rígida uniformidad en aquello que no afecta a la fe o al bien de toda la comunidad, ni siquiera en la Liturgia: por el contrario, respeta y promueve el genio y las cualidades peculiares de las distintas razas y pueblos".

Al celebrar la abundancia de diversidad entre nosotros, la comunidad hispana es en sí misma diversa también. Personas de Cuba, Puerto Rico, Perú, Venezuela, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, México y Colombia son algunos ejemplos de esta diversidad. Cada cultura comparte su fe y expresa su espiritualidad las cuales toman lugar como en la práctica de novenas, colocación de pequeños altares en las casas, procesiones, el vía crucis durante la Cuaresma, uso de sacramentales como el escapulario y medallas entre algunos otros. Devoción a la Virgen María bajo varias advocaciones es transmitida a las nuevas generaciones. Algunas son: Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre en Cuba; Nuestra Señora de la Divina Providencia en Puerto Rico; Nuestra Señora de Coromoto en Venezuela; Nuestra Señora de la Paz en El Salvador; Nuestra Señora de Suyapa en Honduras; Nuestra Señora del Rosario en Guatemala; Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en México; Nuestra Señora de Chiquinquirá en Colombia.

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De igual importancia, la comunidad brinda el obsequio de la vida familiar manifestada en sus relaciones con la familia en donde bendiciones ofrecidas por los padres o abuelos a sus hijos son realizadas. La vida familiar llega hasta el resto de la familia (tíos, primos, etc..) también. Esta manera de ser fomenta la hospitalidad y crea relaciones entre la comunidad la cual muestra un enfoque colectivo al realizar trabajos y cosas juntos o al reunirse para fiestas en la celebración de los Sacramentos, la quinceañera o cumpleaños por nombrar algunos en donde los niños como miembros de la familia siempre están presentes.

Vivimos en una sociedad multicultural en donde podemos aprender de cada uno y compartir los obsequios invaluable que cada cultura brinda a la Iglesia para construir el Reino de Dios. ¡Celebremos la abundancia de diversidad en nuestro alrededor!



## **THEA BOWMAN INSTITUTE**

Archdiocese of Louisville

### **Program History:**

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

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

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

### **Program Specifics:**

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

### **Possible 2014/2015 Course Topics**

- Introduction to the Sacraments
- Parish Administration for the Black Church
- Africentric Spirituality
- Catholic Social Teachings
- Scripture from an Africentric Perspective
- Foundations of Black Theology
- Africentric Youth Ministry: Foundations & Principles
- Africentric Young Adult & Campus Ministry
- Day of Reflection/Archdiocesan Black Catholic Congress
- 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 & the African American Perspective
- Catechetical Ministry and Africentric Lifelong Learning

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

*By Mrs. Ruby Thomas*

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet brought hundreds of Catholics together for a celebration of people making a difference in their parishes and communities. The elegant affair, hosted by the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM), took place at the Seelbach Hilton Hotel. Eleven adults were honored including the Acacia Award and the Genevieve Boone Award recipients. Five high school students and eight college students were honored with the Rodriq McCravy Award and scholarships.



As noted by Debra Whitner, mistress of ceremonies, the OMM prides itself on inviting very distinguished speakers to deliver the keynote at this event. This year's guest, Donna Toliver Grimes, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Assistant Director of African American Affairs and Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, addressed the packed venue with a message that encompassed a reminder of God's love, encouragement to examine what's happening in the black community and a bit of advice on how to keep moving forward.

"We are God's beloved," Grimes greeted them quoting from James 5 13:20 on which her keynote address was based. "Reflect on the fact that God loves us so much. We are his heart, each of us," she continued. She said that the reading in John asked three important questions which she posed to the audience. "Are there any among you who are in good spirits?" "Are there any among you who are suffering?" "Are there any among you who are sick?"

She went on to talk about how there's lots of joy in public, lots of joy displayed on Sunday in church but not so much behind closed doors. As for the question on suffering, Grimes said that sometimes we are too focused on our own. "I am not trying to trivialize our own personal trials and tribulations, but I think sometimes we are too focused on our own suffering," she said. She reminded them that suffering does not only happen "across the ocean and around the world", but that there is plenty right in their communities and churches. "We see evidence of suffering in those struggling with addiction and unemployment and so often we pass them by," she said. "Is this what God is calling us to do," she asked? "We are called not to fail to see the suffering," she reminded them. She said the question on suffering pertains to the nearly one million African Americans whose lives have been impacted by the justice system. She said that one in eight African American children has a parent in prison. "What happens to the children who are left behind," she asked? Compounding that suffering is the grief and anger experienced by some of those children who are victims of mass incarceration. Grimes shared the story of a young woman she met at a panel discussion who'd lived her entire life without her father who was incarcerated. "The young lady says that she was so angry that her father was taken away from her when she was only two years old," said Grimes. She said that thankfully the Catholic Church and other churches have started giving attention to the issue of mass incarceration.

Grimes said that in order to address the issue of sickness, people need to look beyond the physical ills they are aware of and get to the "deeper sickness inside our community". She talked about a phenomenon called Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome, which is "a pattern of behaviors that's drawn from multigenerational trauma and continued depression because of real or imagined lack of access".

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Grimes talked about how psychologists and counselors are brought in to help people cope with grief following tragedies. “How do we deal with our grief and the violence we and our ancestors saw,” she asked? As a result, she says blacks have developed patterns of behaviors to preserve themselves. “We tell our children to stay close by when we’re in public; we tell them not to go talking to the guard at the bank...we don’t do those kinds of things,” Grimes said. The sickness and suffering hasn’t gone unnoticed by some. There are those working in the black churches and communities to bring healing, thus the reason for this celebration.

According to the OMM, the Acacia award recognizes an individual or organization for their years of service, support and fidelity to the African American Catholic Community. This year’s recipient was Christopher Tolbert who is director of worship at St. Thomas More and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic churches. “Like the Acacia tree, Mr. Tolbert gives life to our community and provides hope. Over the years we have benefited greatly from his leadership, service, contributions to our community, education and his diligent efforts to provide outreach and care to our African American community,” states a news release from the OMM. Marigold Williams, a youth leader at Christ the King Church was honored with the Genevieve Boone Award. According to the OMM, this award “recognizes an individual who exhibits a high level of commitment to his or her faith in the African American Community.” “Mrs. Marigold Williams embodies the essence of what Mrs. Genevieve Boone stood for and demonstrates the qualities of commitment that she exemplified,” states a news release from the OMM. (Williams’ son, Casey Williams, was one of the high school recipients of the Rodriq McCravy award).

Charles T. Churchill and Angela Robinson Linton of Holy Rosary Church were honored with the 2014 African American Catholic Leadership Award, as were Susan Cole of St. Ignatius Martyr. Honored as well with the 2014 African American Catholic Leadership Award were Michael and Carol Cuyjet of the Church of the Epiphany, Charles Gazaway of St. Boniface, Susan Ann Gibbs of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Stephanie Harrison of St. Monica, William Mathis of St. Martin de Porres and William Aldon Payne of St. Monica.

Shaquan Hays and MaAliyah Hodge of St. Monica were honored with the 2014 Rodriq McCravy Award as were Marshal Clark Washington and Casey Williams of Christ the King. Also honored with the 2014 Rodriq McCravy Award was Alonna L. Roberson of St. Martin de Porres. These young people will receive the scholarship for high school.



The young people honored with the 2014 Rodriq McCravy Award and scholarships to college were: Debbie Beausejour, Aaliyah T. Taylor and Jasmine C. Turner of St. Martin de Porres. Honored too with the award and scholarship money were: Jordan Crosby of St. Augustine Louisville, Skyla Lanae Graves of Holy Rosary, Amos Igwe of St. Albert the Great and DaShana Lockhart of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In moving forward, Grimes encouraged those present to learn and honor their history; to acknowledge and work through Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome; to cultivate leadership among the young adults and most importantly to listen to God. “God is showing us where we need to go. He’s given us everything to get there,” she told them. “We need to look further inside ourselves and our community and recognized that we’ve come through a lot. We weren’t supposed to survive, but we did and



look what great things have happened,” she said.

## Family Focus Program

By Mr. John Washington



The Family Focus Program was designed by the Office of Multicultural Ministry and the St. Jude Foundation to strengthen and enrich the life of the family. The purpose of the program is to develop the family unit in areas such as effective communication, parenting, financial education, health and wellness and cultural awareness. Since 2011, some 250 families from many parts of the Metro Louisville community have taken part in this program that helps make each family member stronger in addition to strengthening the entire family as a whole. For example, some families may come into the program with strained relationships due to feelings of hurt, anger, mistrust, and/or confusion.

While this occurs naturally, it must be addressed immediately in order to avoid further hardship on the family's relationship with each other.

One of the goals of the Family Focus Program is to help families develop happier, more stable relationships with each other. The program encourages the importance of change when it comes to how families approach different situations and interact with the world around them. As one family that completed the Family Focus Program Parenting and Communication workshops put it... "A successful family is one that is built on caring, understanding, respect, and support of and for each other."

It is the Family Focus Program's position that creating opportunities like this for families can be sources of life-long strength for them. It is never too late to begin the process of improving your family's life by developing some simple life skills. Once you develop these simple skills, you can easily apply them to any facet of your family's life.



# *Celebrate and Embrace Diversity!*



## Filipino Catholics Living Their Stewardship

By Mrs. W. Kay Frazier

The Filipino Catholic community is sharing their gifts – Time, Talent, and Treasures. They are faith-filled, proud and appreciative members of this Archdiocese of Louisville who demonstrate their Christian faith by answering the call to give back when called upon.

On July 7, 2013, the Filipino Ministry was officially established in the Archdiocese of Louisville at St. Margaret Mary Church (SMM) with their first mass. Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, D.D. presided, Fr. Steve Pohl (SMM) and Filipino priest, Fr. Emmanuel Zamora, aka, Fr. Noel, from the Diocese of Lexington (Harrodsburg, KY) con-celebrated. It was a joyous occasion and the community was very grateful and elated to celebrate mass in their language of Tagalog. More importantly, the affirmation of their relevance and acceptance by the Archbishop and the archdiocese was life giving.

Where are We Now?

Starting a new ministry can be an arduous undertaking and since the start of this ministry, the Filipino community has been actively engaged and involved in the archdiocese. They have willingly given back to the community at large, the archdiocese, the Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM), and their families and the greater communities of the Philippines especially after the natural disaster Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013. The outpouring of clothing, shoes, stuffed toys for the kids, and toiletry donations was phenomenal. OMM at the Maloney Center only served as a drop off site. The compassion and understanding of the human dignity of life and keeping family first was witnessed by all in our building. Like other diverse cultural groups, they want to reflect the beauty of God from their cultural perspective. The leadership representing the Filipino council met with the Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM) in order to share their dream. While they recognized their strengths as a collective Filipino community, they wanted also to be a part of the multicultural family. It would be through the Simbang Gabi celebrations and the celebrations for St. Lorenzo that other Filipinos throughout the archdiocese would gather with their families to name, claim and promote their cultural and faith identity.

Over the year, they embraced many exciting growth opportunities as well as responding to the Tsunami disaster, resulting in the loss of many lives. To clarify more of answering the call, when our office calls, they respond. The Filipino Catholic community gives, with no hesitation, participating in archdiocesan celebrations (choir, servers, hospitality, etc.), providing cuisine for our multicultural events, contributing to OMM's Cultural Update Magazine and The Record, and donating very generously with backpacks and supplies for our Community Back to School initiatives this Summer. They became their sisters' and brothers' keepers with their relief contributions for the typhoon donation drive.

The Filipino Catholic community is a part of the fiber of the entire community.

They are eager to participate in all aspects of the archdiocese:

- Mass choir for the Pentecost Celebration
- Back to School Initiatives
- Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration
- Leadership Awards Banquet
- Asian & Pacific Islander Initiatives
- Multicultural Marian Celebration

The future is promising as we continue to plan with our Asian & Pacific Islander communities and recognize their strengths and gifts, as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has. We all are God's people, who should answer the Call and be disciples.



***Typhoon Haiyan Disaster Relief Donation***

## **Celebrating the Breadth of Diversity in Our Church and in the African Community**

*By Ms. Charmein Weathers*

<sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup> Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

The people of God are rich in cultural diversity, coming from many different parts of the world. Our archdiocese is blessed with the gift of diversity with brothers and sisters living here that have come from around the world. Our local African community is almost as diverse as the continent itself. It is a rich tapestry of diversity with each member bringing to the table a wealth of gifts to share. Many have traveled over 7,000 miles and are from various country's including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Togolese Republic (Togo), the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of South Sudan, the State of Eritrea, and the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, to name a few. Though our brothers and sisters from Africa are far from home, they still maintain the richness of their cultures. This is evident in their customs, traditions, traditional clothing, language, worship style, the celebration of significant events, and interaction with family. Music (drumming included), dance, church (Mass), are all tied to their cultural fabric. They celebrate their faith and the sacraments, their families, the local community and the continued love for their home country. We celebrate the breadth of diversity in our African community.

<sup>4</sup> There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. Let us continue to celebrate the breadth of diversity in our local church, universal church, local community and our African community and honor all of the gifts that God has blessed us with! 1 Corinthians 12:4

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## Catholic Outreach to African American Families

*By Mr. Andrew Lyke  
Director of the Office for Black Catholics  
Archdiocese of Chicago*



Sociological studies show that the institution of marriage has virtually collapsed in the African-American community. Today more black men are in jail than in college. A black child born in slavery over 150 years ago had a better chance of being born into a family headed by committed biological parents than an African American born today. Marriage is perceived as an unnecessary option for too many African-American families. Today African Americans have the lowest marriage rate compared to all measured ethnic groups, and at the same time the highest divorce rate. Catholic outreach to marriage, generally speaking, is shaped for those who are either engaged or married. When considering the frightening degeneration of marriage among African Americans, one would think that marriage ministry with African Americans would be on the front burner of an evangelizing Church.

Yet, there is no strategy for Catholic outreach to African-American families. We are blinded by structures that have unintentionally screened out this segment of our population for marriage ministry.

That's going to change. The National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA) and the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM) have decided to do something about this in their unprecedented collaboration to develop such a strategy for outreach. It will provide the needed encouragement through skills training, catechesis, and adult faith formation for African American men and women who are in serious relationships or with children. This strategy will recognize that all families are holy and worthy of the care of the Church regardless of their marital status, and reach out to them where they are rather than ignore them because they are not where we want them to be. Again, all families are holy and worthy.

As this work advances over the next several months we will report on its progress. Please pray for the success of this unprecedented collaboration.

***Andrew Lyke is the Director of the Office for Black Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago. With his wife Terri, he has pioneered effective Catholic Marriage Ministry with African Americans. They are the founders of the Arusi Marriage Retreat, which they have presented in dioceses around the U.S. and Caribbean.***



**Continuing to Age Gracefully!**  
*By Ms. Audrey Penman*  
*Director Catholic Enrichment Center*

The New Year came in with a bang - cold, snowy, unpleasant weather! It took a couple of weeks before we got our group back on track with our Friday sessions! Seniors from various churches and community groups were calling to check on start dates, so we were determined and our first workshop was on electronics. There were so many questions and colorful comments about the electronic gadgets out today and what they do! We were all in agreement that if we invited some eight year olds in they could quickly get them to do what we wanted them to do, however, we decided against that for obvious reasons of patience on both parts!

We had heart healthy activities and a Valentine party in February. The seniors said that the healthy meal demonstration by our KY Cooperative Extension representative was quite tasty and easy to prepare. The ladies were very appreciative of the JenCare Neighborhood Medical Center for sending such an attractive Cardiologist to speak about heart health!

We have continued with sessions on pet options, going green options, other health topics and holiday celebrations. Most of the seniors have made it their Friday ritual to attend the Aging Gracefully sessions and are open to the variety of topics that were chosen. They look forward to the unique way that the topics are presented. We took a break from June through August because of the summer camp program and hosted our last session in May with lunch and a guest speaker for Older Americans Month which is May. We started the program up again in September and I'm looking forward to the exciting topics and activities that we will focus on and offer throughout the rest of the year.



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**Annual Back to School Fair**  
*By Mrs. Dorice Firmin*  
*Special Projects Community Outreach Coordinator*



In the Archdiocese Strategic Plan, Goal#3 states that we are to “embrace the diversity of culture in responding to God’s love.” I believe we have done exactly that. The goal of the Annual Community Back to School Fair was to assist our youth with a successful start to their school year by providing them with backpacks filled with school supplies that would last them at least the first Quarter/Semester of the school year. I believe it was a huge success. This was one last thing their parents did not need to stress about. We were also able to provide books for the students as part of our literacy

initiatives where we partnered up with Eagle Scout, Noah McDonnell who worked hard on a yearlong project of collecting children’s books for all age groups. Part of the project was to help the students start or expand their home libraries and to get them to love reading.

We had a number of participants and volunteers who helped make this event a success: Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) was represented and answered questions the parents had; Job Corps was there for the older students as well as adults; Dare to Care was handing out bags of produce to the families; Girl Scouts Troop #1483; Boy Scouts; the Louisville Fire Department; and the Start the Heart Foundation.



Representatives from JCPS and Family Health Centers were on board at the Maloney Center. We would like to send a special thank you for making this event a success.

In the past we were able to provide approximately 160 backpacks filled with supplies and another 160 bags filled with supplies once we ran out of backpacks. This year we were able to distribute 400 backpacks filled with supplies at the Catholic Enrichment Center and another 250 at the Maloney Center location. We were able to serve a host of various cultural groups from the around the city and are blessed to have such great partners who donated supplies,

backpacks and funds in order for us to purchase more supplies for the students. Because of that generosity we were able to give a filled backpack to every child that came to both of our locations. It was amazing! Once we ran out of supplies it was as if we had just enough because no one else came. We are looking forward to making next year even bigger.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Archdiocesan Black Catholic Congress

*By Ms. Sheryl Edelen*



For lifelong Catholic Loueva Moss, growing up in the church was rooted in the “pray and obey” philosophy. But it wasn’t until Moss, 76, became an adult and began attending workshops like the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Archdiocesan Black Catholic Congress that she said her faith began to truly blossom.

“I began to learn that I do have something to bring to the table, something to offer,” Moss said. “We are called to do these things by our baptism and we should continue to evolve and learn until our last day.”

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Archdiocesan Black Catholic Congress will be held December 12-13, 2014 in Louisville at the Flaget Retreat Center, 1935 Lewiston Drive. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Louisville’s Office of Multicultural Ministry, it will begin with a pre-Congress Institute on from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday for Seniors and feature a day of talks, workshops and worship from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday.

The theme is “Jesus is the Center of my Joy”. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for attendees to experience what it means to be a faith-filled church and to embrace the new evangelization from an Afrocentric perspective.

The Archdiocese of Louisville Black Catholic Congress, last held in 2012, was the first held in the diocese since 1985 and attracted more than 400 adults and young people from throughout Kentucky.

Moss, now a parishioner of Louisville’s Christ the King Catholic Church, attended both the 1985 Louisville Congress and its national counterpart the National Black Catholic Congress when it was held in Washington, D.C. around the same time. She said the Louisville Congress is an invaluable opportunity to plug into what makes African American Catholics unique and valuable to the Body of Christ. “Who do you think helped build (St. Joseph) proto-cathedral in Bardstown? Black men did. Who held the black churches together? Black women did. We are important, we have been here. We want to have the same focus on (our talents and contributions) as the other cultures.”

M. Annette Mandley-Turner is the executive director of the archdiocese’s Office of Multicultural Ministry. She said the national mandate to help people from the African Diaspora to share their faith stories, their relationship with Jesus and their lived realities remains a priority in Louisville.

“We’re all messengers, no matter what race, nationality, or where we live.” “We’ve all been called to share the good news,” Turner said. “This Congress is a tool for teaching us how we as a church might share the good news with members from diverse communities.”

For Fr. Ben Brown, sacramental moderator for Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Springfield, attending the Louisville Congress and was touched by the spiritual solidarity that occurred.

“My career as a priest is now over 40 years old,” said Brown, who was ordained in May 1974. “I see a lot of people (at the local Congress) that I’ve known since I was a young priest. It’s always really good to see them. I’m going to begin and end it in an integrated setting.”

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## Kujenga Viongozi: Empowering Youth, Creating Leaders

*By Mrs. Ruby Thomas*

Over a dozen African American Catholic youth were inspired and empowered by their participation in the Kujenga Viongozi Process I retreat held at the Flaget Retreat Center at the beginning of the summer. Though the participants were all very young (between the ages of 12-14), they were also very engaged; moved; and most of all very inspired by the three-day retreat. The event which was sponsored and organized by the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM) is designed to increase the black youth's knowledge of their African ancestry and to foster leadership skills.

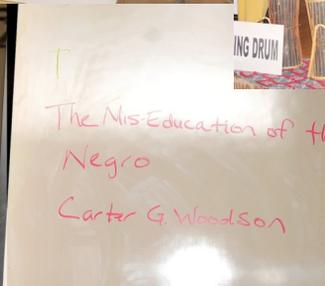
Some of the material covered during the process demanded a certain level of intelligence and maturity. This very young group rose to the challenge by listening; discussing; voicing their concerns and contributing their views. Over the weekend, they were exposed to information about their ancestors that both shocked and inspired them. Charmein Weathers, OMM's Multicultural Special Projects and Communications Coordinator, explained that blacks cannot move forward unless they understand their past. "We have to constantly reach back to our past in order to understand how it affects us today," Weathers told them. And reached back they did. "I learned how bad slavery truly was," said 13-year-old Kyana Hamilton who is a member of St. Monica Church in Bardstown, Ky. "The way slaves were transported on the boats is what has stuck in my mind," she added. Kyana said she didn't expect to learn so much about slavery, but is happy she did. "I am lucky," she said reflecting on what she'd learned. "If I lived then, my life would be very different. We are lucky to be here today," she asserted. Shaquan Hays, a 14-year-old who also attends St. Monica Church, said too that he didn't expect to learn all he did. "I have learned so many things teachers would never tell me in school," he said. "Slavery was way worse than it seems and black people have played more of a role in history than I thought...I've learned that blacks played a humongous role," said Shaquan.

One of the discussions on the final day of the retreat, centered on the book entitled 'The Mis-Education of the Negro' written by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in the 1930's. One of the quotes from the book which was discussed read: "If you teach a Negro that he has accomplished as much good as any other race, he will aspire to equality and justice without regard to race. Such an effort would upset the program of the oppressor. Play up before the Negro then his crimes and shortcomings...let him learn to admire others...lead him to detest the man of African blood... to hate himself." "Where do you see this happening today," asked Weathers who facilitated the discussion. Casey Williams, a member of Christ the King Church in Louisville, observed that this is much like the way some black students are treated by the school system. Casey noted that black students are often missing from Advanced Placement classrooms. He also observed that some teachers do not pay the same attention to nor do they provide the same level of encouragement to non Advanced Placement students. "Some teachers are helping certain children reach their full potential while pushing others to the side and forgetting about them," observed Casey. "This is not fair. Without that guidance, those students won't mature and aspire to be the best they can be. It's like trapping them in a prison of ignorance," he continued. The group also discussed how many blacks are still victims of the mental enslavement Woodson talked about in his book written over 80 years ago. "Mental enslavement tells us that we should be in the back of the bus, the back of the classroom and in the bottom of our class," said Weathers. "We've been programmed to think that's the only place we are meant to be," she continued. Thirteen-year-old Marshall Washington, a member of Christ the King Church, observed that this type of mentality is evident when some blacks expect him to behave in a certain manner based on which part of town he lives. "People are surprised when I tell them I live in the Shawnee Park neighborhood, because they say I am not ghetto," stated Marshall. "Ghetto is a mindset and doesn't define where you live," he asserted.

These are the kinds of discussions and type of information this group of youth was exposed to over the weekend. Many said they were leaving with a stronger sense of self and much more confidence in their knowledge of their ancestry. "I am leaving here with confidence, because I know more about where I come from," said Shaquan. Thirteen-year-old Matthew Cork, a member of West Chestnut Street Baptist Church, said the experience was amazing. "I've learned that we are good enough. If someone tells me I am inferior, I will say that I am great and will always be great," he said. Shaun Wimberly, a 13-year-old member of St. Martin de Porres, said Kujenga taught him how powerful blacks are. "Now that I've learned more about my history, I feel more equipped to tell when someone's being foolish or just lying to me," he said. "I know that if I keep coming back to Kujenga, that I will grow up to be a good man," he said.

Kujenga Viongozi African American Leadership Process is a way of implementing the National Black Catholic pastoral plan part IV "Empowerment/Lay Leadership".

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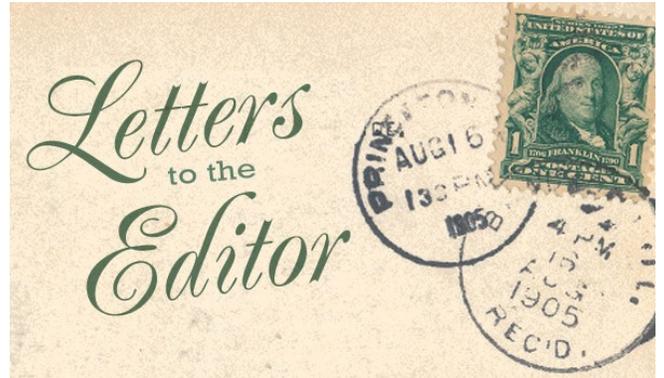


# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

My spirit has been revitalized because of the Pentecost celebration that the Office of Multicultural Ministry and Worship hosted. I have never been so welcomed nor have I ever felt that I was a part of the celebrations until this event. The Haitian community expresses our gratitude for the inclusion of all people. We appreciate the offices hard work and dedication. We are proud to have been a part.

***Maria Guyeeti***



Dear Editor,

My community is still on cloud nine from the marvelous Pentecost mass at the Cathedral. I know the Archbishop must be proud that we finally got it right! I was personally impressed with the music selections and the Archbishop's message. Many members from our community gathered at a local restaurant for dinner after the Ice Cream Social and engaged in very uplifting conversation. It became clear to us that we needed to step outside of our box or tear the sides of the box so that others may be a part of us and us with them. We are large in numbers but often over looked because the church seems to be focused on one group but this event made us feel like we belonged and that our part is important. We wait with great anticipation for next year.

***Kim Lee Nguyen***



Dear Editor,

I am a parent of two children that are participating in camp Africa II. I want to express my gratitude for the offices decision to continue this excellent program. I have seen results in a very short time with their interest in reading and math. I grew up in this community when we had several Catholic schools that provided this scope of academic enrichment to select from. This is no longer the reality for those of us living in West Louisville. What a shame and a sin; it denies our children from enriching their faith and attending a quality school in their community. Thank God, you have not left the community. Thank God for Camp Africa.

***Mrs. Williams***

Dear Editor,

With the national focus on evangelization, I wonder when someone is going to embrace the realities that exist for urban and rural communities. When will the blinders come off so that those responsible can see that people are leaving the church? We need the church more now than ever before and yet, the church doesn't seem to need us. Our Archbishop continues to speak positively about the many opportunities for us to be brothers and sisters which is Good news to the ear. He is a great pastoral leader and I thank God for him. The fact still remains that the urban and rural communities don't seem to be on the evangelization agenda.

***Mr. Jackson***

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

The African Community applauds your office for your continuous support of our needs. I know that they seem insurmountable at times because we come from many different countries but you hang in there with us. We thank the Archbishop for being present to us at the celebrations. Our dream is that one day, he will be able to come to a church where our culture and religious activities are a natural part of parish life and the church's name will reflect the name of an African saint.

**Akimbo Bantu**

Dear Editor,

We have accomplished much because of the dedication of the staff especially Mrs. Gonzalez. I am a student at Jefferson Tech and I became involved in my parish because of the Cultural Update Magazine in the Library. You have many events for my people and this makes me happy. I have been in Kentucky for four years and now I am hearing about the good programs. I am proud.

**Hector Ramous**

To the Office Multicultural Ministry,

Thank you for the recent Multicultural Women's Day of Reflection. I know that much planning made it possible. All of the activities were most enjoyable; the workshops that I attended were lively and informative. Sr. Eva's (Sr. Eva Lumas) stressing the importance of sisterhood and maintaining it by being trustworthy and loyal to one another was a timely message. Sister also offered ideas of how to approach and deal with the diversity that is all around us. She opened my eyes to the opportunities available and how we should be more involved. I hope that it will be possible to bring her back again.

Thanks again for such an Uplifting Day.

**Carmella Milledge**



*Letters*

to the EDITOR



## Senior Derby Extravaganza: Hats On To Fun!

*By Mrs. Mary Bradley*

The Senior Derby Extravaganza is an event with red carpet appeal. This annual event is filled with everything that the best Derby activities are promoting. Each year the event is bursting at the seams with a diverse group of friends, family, community organizations, sister churches and a whole list of folks trying to get a seat at one of the few “senior” Derby events in the city.

The Extravaganza brought together individuals and groups, to not only participate in the celebration of Derby, but to be part of an activity that provides opportunity for a celebration primarily for the senior community. Unfortunately, several senior programs around the city have fallen victim to budget cuts. This is one of the few activities that is not only promoted for seniors, but planned and put on by members of the Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC) senior council that help make up our Derby event committee. With all of the hard work and preparation, even the committee members get into the spirit of the event. One of the kitchen volunteers stated that “my job is to cut up the delicious desserts and get them out on the food table. This gives me an opportunity to also watch the races (stick horse) which are always so exciting!” She also said that she really enjoyed the race that featured clergy. “It made them seem more down to earth!” This year, as in the past, community participants included GuardiaCare and Elder Serve clients, Red Hatters and numerous members from various churches. The jockey’s included politicians, grocery store managers, and clergy.

Participants this year, and in the past have given rave reviews. Several seniors commented that “it is a beautiful event that gives seniors the opportunity to get out and fellowship in a safe environment, dress up to show off some foxy Derby hats and just have a good time.”



*Healthy Habits!*  
*By Ms. Audrey Penman*



When speaking of health related topics, West Louisville is usually mentioned in a not so flattering light. It has been stated by several health organizations that there is a disparity of access to health and often health education in this area.

The center is working to bridge the gaps in health awareness and access by expanding access to programs that work with individuals and groups to form Healthy Habits. We have in place several opportunities for health education and action through our collaborative efforts with church and community partners.

The Dare to Care produce distribution provides fresh vegetables, fruit and other commodities that can be used in preparation of healthy meals. Those who come for food supplements from the pantry, often have access to healthy recipes provided by our Healthy Taste instructor. Community partners provide classes in areas such as Smoking Cessation and Diabetes Education, bringing much needed outreach to the center. Our seniors and youth have monthly access to intergenerational workshops by the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension and Elderserve's Catch Healthy Habits programs. Church members have come forward to lead exercise classes in an effort to help maintain the body, a temple of God.

These programs and others are provided to our community at low or no cost. We are working to educate everyone that comes into the center about health opportunities and responsibilities.



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## An Update on Hispanic Ministry

By Mrs. Eva Gonzalez

The 2013-2014 journey with the Hispanic community was a year of joy which is a reflection of the hard work done in collaboration with the various offices of the Archdiocese, the clergy community, and the Hispanic community.

In the area of **social media** we launched Twitter, Facebook, and the Spanish section in the digital newspaper *The Record* to keep the community informed. We had Praying the Rosary posters for the months of May and October as well as billboards and posters highlighting Catholic schools. A front page article “Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations are Set” appeared in one of the December issues of *The Record*.

In regards to **programs**, the Concentration on Catechetical Ministry (associate level) was offered at Immaculate Conception, LaGrange, KY; the classes “Liderazgo Cristiano” and “Multicultural” were included in the Leadership Formation Program from leadership and culture sensitivity perspectives. The informative session for the Diaconate Program targeting Hispanics took place; the “Loving Ourselves, Loving Others According to God’s Will” program (based on the Theology of the Body for teenagers grades six to eight) gathered 18 adolescents; created Quinceañera’s brochures in English and Spanish based on USCCB’s information; created “Nuestra Arquidiócesis” brochures with the objective to give information about the history of our Archdiocese, distances from the parishes to our archdiocesan locations, and information on events; the first Multicultural Marian Celebration honoring Our Lady took place.

Under events, following what has been done at the national level, the first Archdiocesan Hispanic Encuentro with workshops for the whole family was implemented. Translation service was included in the Men’s Conference, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Hispanic Day of Reflection with listening sessions gave rise to engaging conversations to enhance the Hispanic ministry efforts as well as to look for the future steps within the ministry. Here is a summary of their input:

**Community level:** To motivate youth and adults to live their Catholic faith and to take responsibility in being active lay Catholics who build bridges in order to invite others by sharing their faith and participating in events at the parish and archdiocesan levels.

**Parish level:** Growth opportunities in raising people’s awareness to work with the Archdiocese by working with leaders, representatives on the Hispanic Council, and coordinators of Hispanic ministry who at the same time have a major role in providing information to the community by being bridges with the Archdiocese and the community; provide opportunities for blessings on birthdays and anniversaries; small groups of various spiritualities, counseling services for families, and spiritual direction; to strengthen the efforts to embrace the Hispanic community to the life of the church and to be culturally sensitive in formation programs.

**Archdiocesan level:** Host events for youth, adults, fathers and sons, and married couples where workshops for children are offered. Look for growth opportunities to initiate a pastoral care program; a radio program in Spanish as well as to evaluate other media; Prayer and Life Workshops; and to evaluate the cost of formation.

**Youth insight:** To have more formation after confirmation to deepen our Catholic faith which leads to spreading the word by being active Catholics who can take the initiative to invite others and give witness by example; to have the opportunity to serve in the Church and show our faith wherever we go using various styles of prayer and participating in small ecclesial communities where family members consider place-sharing from a corresponding to reality perspective. Andrew Root mentions in his book *Relationships Unfiltered*, “the place-sharer seeks to see the world from teenager’s location ... Place-sharing is not about getting young people to conform to our world, but to understand their world and how it’s impacting their person.”; participate in intergenerational events and embrace diversity.

## Informe Actual sobre el Ministerio Hispano

La jornada 2013-2014 con la comunidad hispana ha sido un año de alegría lo cual es el reflejo de la ardua labor realizada en colaboración con las diferentes oficinas de la Arquidiócesis, el clero y la comunidad hispana.

En el área de **comunicaciones** lanzamos Twitter, Facebook y la sección digital en español en el periódico *The Record* para mantener a la comunidad informada. Tuvimos posters del rezo del Rosario para los meses de mayo y octubre como así mismo anuncios espectaculares y posters en español sobre escuelas católicas. Un artículo en la página principal del periódico *The Record* titulado “Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations are Set” apareció en la edición del mes de diciembre.

Respecto a **programas**, el Programa de Formación de Catequistas (primer nivel o asociado) fue ofrecido en Immaculate Conception, LaGrange; las clases de “Liderazgo Cristiano” y “Multicultural” fueron incluidas en el Programa de Formación de Líderes desde una perspectiva de liderazgo y cultura; la sesión informativa del Programa de Diaconato enfocado a hispanos se llevó a cabo; el programa “Amándonos a Nosotros Mismos; Amando a los Demás de Acuerdo a la Voluntad de Dios” (basado en la Teología del Cuerpo del Papa Juan Pablo II) para adolescentes de 6to a 8vo. grado reunió a 18 adolescentes; se elaboraron los panfletos para Quinceañeras en inglés y español basados en la información de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos; elaboración del panfleto “Nuestra Arquidiócesis” con el objetivo de dar a conocer información acerca de la historia de nuestra Arquidiócesis, distancias de parroquias a centros arquidiocesanos e información sobre eventos; la primera celebración Mariana Multicultural honrando a la Santísima Virgen se llevó a cabo.

Bajo eventos, dando continuidad a lo que se ha realizado a nivel nacional, el primer Encuentro Hispano Arquidiocesano con talleres para toda la familia fue implementado. Servicio de traducción fue incluido en la Conferencia de Hombres y el 5to. Día de Reflexión Hispano con sesiones de escucha dio pie a conversaciones que buscan aumentar los esfuerzos del ministerio hispano así como ver los futuros pasos dentro del ministerio. Un resumen de las aportaciones dadas por los presentes se indica a continuación:

**A nivel comunitario:** Motivar a los jóvenes y adultos a vivir la fe católica y tomar responsabilidad en ser laicos católicos activos que forman puentes para invitar a otros a compartir su fe y a participar en eventos a nivel parroquial y arquidiocesano.

**Nivel parroquial:** Oportunidades de crecimiento en crear conciencia en las personas en colaborar con la Arquidiócesis por medio de esfuerzos emprendidos con los líderes, representantes del Consejo Hispano y coordinadores del Ministerio Hispano, que a su vez tienen un gran papel en proveer información a la comunidad al ser puentes entre la Arquidiócesis y la comunidad. Proveer oportunidades para bendiciones en cumpleaños y aniversarios, formación de grupos pequeños de varias espiritualidades, servicios de consejería para familias y dirección espiritual. Fortalecer los esfuerzos para acoger a la comunidad hispana a la vida de la Iglesia y ser sensibles a la cultura en programas de formación.

Oportunidades a **nivel Arquidiocesano:** Llevar a cabo eventos para jóvenes, adultos, padres e hijos, y parejas casadas en donde talleres para niños sean ofrecidos. Buscar oportunidades de crecimiento para iniciar un programa de cuidado pastoral; un programa de radio en español como así mismo evaluar otros medios de comunicación; Talleres de Oración y Vida; y evaluar el costo de formación.

**Aportaciones de los Jóvenes:** Contar con mas formación después de la Confirmación para profundizar en nuestra fe católica la cual nos lleva a proclamar la palabra al ser católicos activos que toman la iniciativa de invitar a otros al dar testimonio por propio ejemplo. Tener la oportunidad de servir en la Iglesia y mostrar nuestra fe a donde vayamos haciendo uso de diferentes estilos de oración y participando en pequeñas comunidades eclesiales en donde los miembros de las familias consideren “place-sharing” desde una perspectiva hacia la realidad así como el autor Andrew Root lo menciona en su libro titulado *Relationships Unfiltered* “the place-sharer busca ver el mundo a través del lugar del adolescente ... Place-sharing no trata de hacer que la gente joven se adapte a nuestro mundo, sino entender su mundo y como impacta su persona”. Y por último, participar en eventos intergeneracionales y acoger la diversidad.

# OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

**Men's Cook-off**  
November 8, 2014  
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
CEC/Thea Bowman Hall

**Hispanic Catechist Class**  
November 8, 2014  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

**Thea Bowman Institute**  
November 8, 2014  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

**Hispanic Leadership Formation**  
November 8, 2014  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

**Filipino Mass**  
November 16, 2014  
2:30 p.m.  
St. Margaret Mary

**Senior Initiative Day of Reflection**  
November 18, 2014  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
CEC/Thea Bowman Hall

**Sharing Our Faith-  
Mother & Daughter**  
November 22, 2014  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

### DECEMBER

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration**  
December 12, 2014  
5:00 a.m. - St. Rita  
6:00 p.m. - St. James (E-town)

**Archdiocesan Black Catholic Congress**  
December 12-13, 2014  
Flaget Retreat Center

**Marriage Prep**  
December 13, 2014  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

**Hispanic Catechist Class**  
December 13, 2014  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

**Hispanic Leadership Formation**  
December 13, 2014  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

**OMM Men's Retreat**  
December 6, 2014  
Flaget Retreat Center

**Simbang Gabi Mass (Filipino)**  
December 19, 2014  
6:00 p.m.  
St. Margaret Mary

**Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration**  
December 30, 2014  
5:30 p.m.  
CEC/Thea Bowman Hall

### JANUARY

**Haitian Independence  
Day Celebration**  
January 1, 2015  
Catholic Enrichment Center

**Thea Bowman Institute**  
January 10, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

**Hispanic Catechist Class**  
January 10, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

**Hispanic Leadership Formation**  
January 10, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

**Citywide Spelling Bee**  
January 10, 2015  
10:00 a.m.  
CEC/Thea Bowman Hall

**Filipino Mass**  
January 18, 2015  
2:30 p.m.  
St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**  
January 19, 2015  
1:30 p.m.  
Cathedral of the Assumption

# Intercultural Word Search

Y B V U X U T A P O B S H O C A P V M H  
R M H Y Y B R A P X N U V E F P O I O S  
K O R E A N K T P P P I R R B K L E D I  
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AFRICAN

APPRECIATION

BURMESE

EGYPTIAN

EMBRACE

ENGLISH

ETHIOPIAN

FILIPINO

FREEDOM

FRENCH

GERMAN

HISPANIC

HMONG

IRISH

KOREAN

LEBANESE

PAKISTANI

POLISH

RURAL

SPANISH

SYRIAN

SYROSMALABAR

TONGAN

URBAN

VIETNAMESE

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### **Heroes of Hope Awards Luncheon**

October 30, 2014

11:30 a.m.

Catholic Enrichment Center

### **Intercultural Competencies Training**

November 17-18, 2014

Flaget Center

### **Senior Advent Day of Reflection**

November 18, 2014

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Catholic Enrichment Center

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December 30, 2014

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Catholic Enrichment Center

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2. How My Parents Learned to Eat by Ina R. Friedman  
(Sandpiper Houghton Mifflin books)
3. I Love My Hair! by Natasha Tarpley
4. Two Mrs. Gibsons by Toyomi Igus
5. Colors Come from God...Just Like Me!  
by Carolyn A. Forche'
6. I Love Saturdays y Domingos by Alma Flor Ada
7. Black, White, Just Right! by Marguerite W. Davol
8. Baby Dance (Harper Growing Tree) by Ann Taylor
9. Pretty Brown Face by Andrea Davis Pinkney
10. Jack and Jim by Kitty Crowther
11. The Little Cupcake Divas by Kenya J. Turner

## SAVE THE DATE!

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Celebration*

*January 19, 2015  
1:30 P.M.*



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