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## Archdiocesan Strategic Plan "Embracing the Diversity of Culture in Responding to God's Love"

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



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

On July 7, 2013, the Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM) gathered more than 350 Filipino Catholics from across the archdiocese for an inspirational and cultural liturgy in their native language, Tagalog. St. Margaret Mary Church (SMM) was the host of this liturgy and is partnering with OMM to serve as the site for future events. "We are honored to have Filipino Catholics gather here at SMM and welcome the opportunity to work with OMM in responding to their cultural and liturgical (in Tagalog) needs", said Fr. Stephen Pohl, pastor of Saint Margaret Mary parish. Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. greeted those assembled in Tagalog then turned to welcome Fr. Noel Zamora, a Filipino priest from the Diocese of Lexington and expressed his gratitude for agreeing to partner with OMM to offer Mass in Tagalog once a month between the Lexington Diocese and the Louisville Archdiocese.

It was a pleasure for the site planning team (Mrs. Kay Frazier, Mrs. Evelyn Baluyot, co-chair of the Filipino Council, and me) to collaborate with Byron Heil, SMM director of worship/music, in their efforts to implement this Strategic Plan action step. A number who attended the liturgy referred to the experience as a way to reconnect with their country, their culture and their extended families. They viewed the liturgy as a blessing from God in a time when they needed it. "Bringing us together in our archdiocese to worship and celebrate in our own dialect brings tears to my eyes and warms my heart. Having the Archbishop to take time just to be with us, let us know that we are a part of the church", said a member of St. Albert the Great parish.

Archbishop Kurtz's words affirmed the cultural traditions of the people and encouraged them to embrace the key elements of the "New Evangelism". He spoke of the Filipino community as being a gift to the local Catholic community. A feast was prepared by local families offering opportunities for new cultural learning as you partook of the delectable dishes. "We have been preparing for four days because our meals are so special to us and for our guest. Meals such as these allow us to share our story and to express our gratitude for all that was done to gather us", said Theresa. This liturgy in Tagalog is the beginning of many great things to come as OMM continues to expand opportunities and resources that acknowledge the cultural traditions of the Asian and Pacific Islanders in the Archdiocese.

## **Evangelization...African American Catholics Doing It Again!**

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



I am often overwhelmed when I reflect on the faith journey of our Black Catholic brothers and sisters, the many men and women that have been in the struggle serving our church. When I reflect on the number of Black Catholic Congresses, Days of Reflection, Conferences, workshops and liturgies that have offered us inspiration, I know that we have indeed come a long way.

Our church has grown and been renewed through the wisdom and sacrifices of our brothers and sisters that carried the bloodstain banner of hope and faith. Over the years, the Black Catholic community has provided a vehicle of evangelization; changing the lives of others and bringing the saved and unsaved closer to Christ. We have seen and heard from the best of the best and we have gained our strength from our Black Catholic Bishops, Priests, Religious and our lay brothers and sisters.

In the beginning, The National Office of Black Catholics was the trailblazer that provided the vision for Black Catholics across the United States. This lay leadership organization was deeply rooted and had its hands on the pulse of the Black Catholic concerns. It challenged the Church to listen and to live out its Catholic Social Teachings. This organization was later replaced with the National Black Catholic Congress. Under its leadership the Black Catholic community created a National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan. The National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, National Black Catholic Sisters Conference, National Black Catholic Seminarian's Association, National Association of Black Catholic Administrators, and the Nights and Ladies of Peter Claver have all played a major role in implementing the National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan.

We have been blessed with clergy, religious and lay leadership in our own Archdiocese that have assisted in implementing the National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan. Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. has carried the banner and continues the vision of the important work that Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly, O.P. started. We have to thank one of the finest Offices of African American Catholic Ministry in the U.S. Its leadership and vision has provided us with the drumbeat of our ancestors that have gone on before us, yet left behind their restless spirit of service that dwells within us, calling us to a renewed faith and outreach to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus.

This is it! This 31<sup>st</sup> Annual African American Catholic Day of Reflection will be as exciting and refreshing as any Congress that you have ever attended or read about. You must plan to attend this day of inspiring speakers and workshops that will provide the catalyst that you and I so desperately need to revive the spirit. You haven't heard a speaker present or a preacher preach until you've heard Fr. Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R., D.Min. He will have you going away shouting! Mark your calendar for December 7, 2013 and get registered. You don't want to miss this day!

*Saturday, December 7, 2013  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

*Catholic Enrichment Center  
3146 West Broadway  
Louisville, KY*

*31<sup>st</sup> Annual African American  
Catholic Day of Reflection  
"The New Evangelization:  
Continuing Our Conversion Journey"*

*The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual African American  
Catholic History Celebration  
will be incorporated into the day.*

*Join  
Archbishop Joseph, D.D. &  
Keynote Speaker:  
Fr. Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R.*

## Papal Honors Being Bestowed Upon Nine Archdiocesan Faithful

By Charmein Weathers, Multicultural Special Projects/Communications Coordinator

Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner, Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Ministry and eight other archdiocesan faithful servants in the Archdiocese of Louisville have been chosen to receive Papal Honors by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. These honors are being bestowed on those who serve Christ and His people through their witness of love and service that represents countless others. They reflect the importance of faithful lay leadership and represent the special relationship of our Archdiocese with our Holy Father and the Universal Church. Two of the recipients will receive the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* Cross and seven will receive the *Benemerenti* Medal.

The *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* (Latin: *For the Church and the Pope*) Cross is also known as the "Cross of Honor". It is currently granted for lifelong distinguished service to the church by lay people and clergy. It is the highest award/medal of the Roman Catholic Church that can be awarded to faithful laity by the Papacy (The Pope). The medal was established by Leo XIII on July 17, 1888, to commemorate the golden anniversary of his priesthood and was originally bestowed on those men and women who had aided and promoted the jubilee, and by other means assisted in making the jubilee and the Vatican Exposition successful.

The *Benemerenti* Medal is awarded to individuals for their dedicated service to the Church. The English translation of this honor is "well-deserved." It was first awarded by Pope Pius VI (1775-1799) to recognize military merit.

The faithful recipients of these papal honors are:

*Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* Cross: Sister Mary Prisca Pfeffer, R.S.M., St. Raphael Parish, Louisville

*Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* Cross: Miss Norma L. Merrick, St. Bartholomew Parish, Louisville

*Benemerenti* Medal: Dr. Salem M. George, Sr., St. Augustine Parish, Lebanon

*Benemerenti* Medal: Dr. William J. Godfrey, St. James Parish, Elizabethtown

*Benemerenti* Medal: Mr. Richard A. Lechleiter, Holy Spirit Parish, Louisville

*Benemerenti* Medal: The Honorable Romano L. Mazzoli, Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Louisville

*Benemerenti* Medal: Dr. Brian B. Reynolds, Holy Trinity Parish, Louisville

*Benemerenti* Medal: Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner, St. Martin de Porres Parish & St. Augustine Parish, Louisville

*Benemerenti* Medal: Mrs. Clara Zoeller, St. Lawrence Parish, Louisville

The Papal Honors Ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 24, 2013, 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Assumption. Let us join together and congratulate these faithful servants on receiving these wonderful honors and thank them for their many years of service and ministry to our local and national church. We are truly blessed to have them in our archdiocesan family!



*Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* Cross



*Benemerenti* Medal

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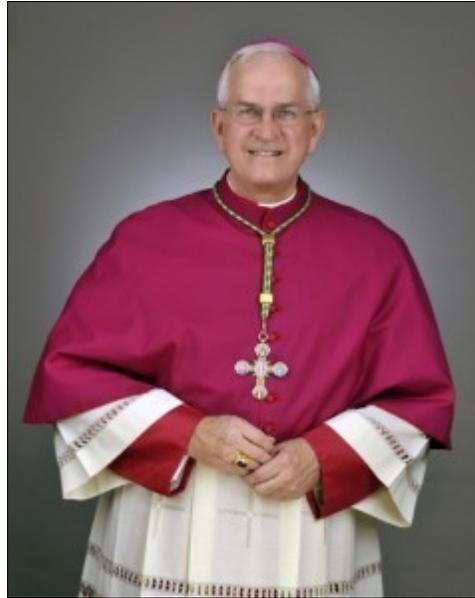
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*The Office of Multicultural Ministry  
and all of the  
Diverse Ministries  
Extends Congratulations  
to  
Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.  
on your  
Six Year Anniversary  
as our spiritual shepherd of the  
Archdiocese of Louisville!  
Thank You  
for sharing your many gifts!*

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers-not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. 1Peter 5:2-4

## **The 1<sup>st</sup> Hispanic Encuentro of the Archdiocese of Louisville** *By Eva Gonzalez, Director of Hispanic Ministry*

The Catholic Hispanic community is one among many communities in the United States whose presence as a member of the Body of Christ is a blessing to the Church that is open to share its gifts and talents. The journey of Hispanic Ministry in the country started in 1945 and since then it has developed through the years. Since this ministry began, three National Hispanic Encuentros (gatherings) have taken place. At each one, the voices of the people were heard providing a holistic scope of the needs of the community where responses to those needs were given, according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Actually, the third Encuentro led to the development of the National Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry. Its general objective is “To live and promote by means of a Pastoral de Conjunto, a Model of Church that is: communitarian, evangelizing, and missionary, incarnate in the reality of the Hispanic people and open to the diversity of cultures, a promoter and example of justice that develops leadership through integral education that is leaven for the Kingdom of God in society” (USCCB).

In following the path given at the national level of welcoming, reaching out, affirming and promoting, celebrating and expressing the faith of the Hispanic community, the Office of Multicultural Ministry, Hispanic Ministry for the Archdiocese of Louisville will hold the first Hispanic Encuentro on October 12, 2013. Faith engaged leads the way of this event through prayer, along with general and breakout sessions for the whole family on the areas of Formation, Catholic Education, Vocations, and Spirituality. The sessions will be led by various speakers and the day will close with the celebration of the Mass presided by our Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.

It is our hope that this first Encuentro in our Archdiocese will mark the beginning of a journey that reflects the faith, spirituality, and active participation of the diverse Hispanic Catholic presence in our community rooted in the Gospel and in a desire in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

### **El Primer Encuentro Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville**

La comunidad católica hispana es una entre varias comunidades en los Estados Unidos cuya presencia como miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo es una bendición para la Iglesia y que está abierta a compartir sus dones y talentos. El peregrinar del ministerio hispano en el país comenzó en 1945 y desde entonces ha experimentado un crecimiento que se ha desarrollado a través de los años. Durante este tiempo tres Encuentros Hispanos Nacionales se han llevado a cabo. En cada uno de ellos, la voz del pueblo ha sido escuchada proporcionando un alcance integral de las necesidades de la comunidad a las cuales se ha dado respuesta, de acuerdo a la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB).

De hecho, el tercer Encuentro dio pauta al desarrollo del Plan Pastoral Nacional para el Ministerio Hispano cuyo objetivo general es “Vivir y promover mediante una pastoral de conjunto un Model de Iglesia que sea: comunitaria, evangelizadora y misionera, encarnada en la realidad del pueblo hispano y abierta a la diversidad de culturas, promotora y ejemplo de justicia que desarrolle liderazgo por medio de la educación integral que sea fermento del Reino de Dios en la sociedad” (USCCB).

Siguiendo el camino dado a nivel nacional en recibir y acoger, fomentar un acercamiento, afirmar y promover, celebrar y expresar la fe de la comunidad hispana, la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural, Ministerio Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville llevará a cabo el primer Encuentro Hispano el día 12 de octubre de 2013. Comprometidos en la fe marcará el camino de este evento a través de la oración, sesiones generales y talleres para toda la familia en las áreas de Formación, Educación Católica, Vocaciones y Espiritualidad. Estas sesiones serán guiadas por varios ponentes y se dará cierre al evento con la celebración de la Misa precedida por nuestro arzobispo Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.

Es nuestra esperanza que este primer Encuentro en nuestra Arquidiócesis marque el comienzo de un peregrinar que refleje la fe, espiritualidad y participación activa de la diversa presencia hispana católica en nuestra comunidad enraizada en el Evangelio y con el deseo en compartir las Buenas Nuevas de Jesucristo.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Heroes of Hope:  
A Celebration of the Everyday Hero**  
*By Kim Telesford-Mapp, Catholic Enrichment Center Coordinator*

The Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC) of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry will soon celebrate the gifts of our Everyday Heroes who give of their time and resources to elevate, empower and enrich the lives of those we serve daily at the CEC. "Heroes of Hope" is a fundraising event that while providing an opportunity to highlight the contributions of our supporters, will also help raise much needed funds to continue the work that is essential to providing life changing tools of empowerment, diversity and leadership.

You will not want to miss this year's event as it promises to once again be a celebration filled with great entertainment, food, and expressions of gratitude. An international cuisine will be offered with food from Jamaica, East India, Mexico, Italy and Vietnam. A silent auction will be held before the formal festivities commence.



2012 Heroes of Hope Award Recipients

Previous recipients of the Heroes of Hope Award include: Liz Everman (Wednesday's Child); University of Louisville's Office of Community Engagement; Mary & Anthony French (French & Associates, LLC); Belarmine University's Physical Therapy Program; WHAS Crusade for Children; Loueva Moss (Christ the King Catholic Church); Charles Johnson (West Louisville Community Ministries Board); Paige Dennison & the Angel Tree Program (Church of the Holy Spirit); and George Merrifield (St. Jude Foundation).

Please join us in honoring our Everyday Heroes who are truly living up to the vision set forth for the Catholic Enrichment Center of providing holistic cultural enrichment, formation and academic development. Details on the date and time of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Heroes of Hope will be announced.



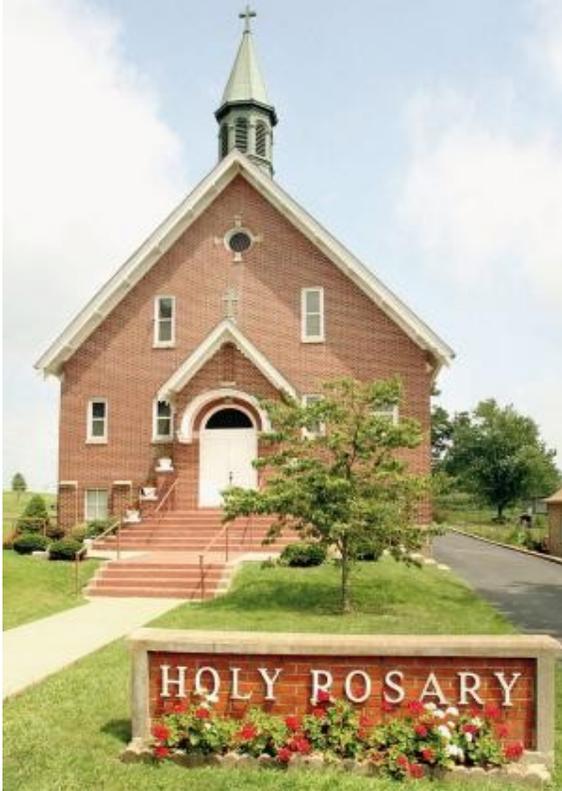
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"CONNECTION POINT"  
RADIO SHOW  
with  
M. Annette Mandley-Turner***

***Saturdays  
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## Holy Rosary Catholic Church: A Beacon of Hope Driven By Faith

*By Audrey Penman, Special Projects & Outreach Coordinator &  
Deacon Ernest "Gus" Cooper, Holy Rosary Catholic Church Pastoral Administrator*



Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
Springfield, KY

Every summer from age 6 - 13, I would make the trip to Springfield, Kentucky to stay with my grandmother, aunts and cousins. My parents were determined to give this little city girl a taste of the "country" life. The summer visit usually ended with my parents coming up for the Homecoming picnic at Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

Holy Rosary has come a long way since those summer visits. Established around 1930, Holy Rosary was led by the devotion of a Dominican priest and sisters. With only three classrooms, at least two generations worshipped and received a Catholic education before the school was closed in 1966. Today, Holy Rosary continues as a thriving African American parish, with its first African American pastoral administrator, Deacon Ernest "Gus" Cooper. For over 15 years, Deacon Ernest "Gus" Cooper has led, served and evangelized parishioners to continue the work that the Dominicans started.

Holy Rosary has a thriving religious education program that works to educate and prompt parishioners to be active in their faith. Deacon Cooper stated that the Dominicans set good examples of faith engagement with their adherence to going to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. "We have expanded on our Christian development with mentoring and evangelization programs that speak to our commitment to Ca-

tholicism." Holy Rosary also engages the community at large with their annual revival held prior to the Easter season.

The parish rallied around a proposal that brought about a new building to house the parish office and a living space for overnight guests of the church. Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB will be visiting as their guest for "St. Meinrad Day" in October. The parish also proclaimed accessible evangelization by having an elevator installed in the church.

Deacon Cooper shared with me that not all outreach activities and parish projects work out. A vision for a new parish hall fell just short of its goal. Deacon asked that parishioners give donations toward a specific financial amount, and if the goal was not met, he said that he would give their donations back to them and look for a time in the future to pursue the project. He remained true to his word when the parish fell a bit short of its goal and returned each and every donation.

Deacon Cooper continues to share his time, talent and treasures of leadership and motivation. The development of their strategic plan is helping to guide Deacon Cooper and the parish toward a vibrant Christian future. Holy Rosary Catholic Church continues to be a beacon of hope driven by faith!

## Have You Ever Thought About Serving God and His People?

*By Deacon J. Patrick Wright, Diaconate Office Director*



Have you ever thought about serving God and His people? Could God be calling you to become a Permanent Deacon? Your first answer may be NO. Another thought that might come to mind is “I’m not worthy.” I hear that quite a bit. And those that say that are correct. None of us are worthy. God doesn’t call Deacons, or Priests, or anyone else for that matter because they are worthy but because God has a mission for them. It is only God’s gracious love and grace that allows us to respond.

The call to become a Deacon can come in many ways. Either your Pastor or a Deacon you know may suggest that you would make a good Deacon; a family member or fellow parishioner might ask if you’ve ever considered becoming a Deacon. You may hear the call deep within you that starts as a whisper and grows louder as you listen more attentively to God’s invitation. God could be inviting YOU to serve His people. God calls Deacons from the rich and the poor, the strong and the weak, those who are outgoing and those who are intro-

verts. God’s call includes every culture, nationality, and ethnic group.

So you may ask, how does a Deacon serve? Deacons serve in many different ways and situations. One of the most visible ways a Deacon serves is assisting at Mass. Some of the other ministries Deacons are involved in are visits to hospitals, nursing homes, or shut-ins, marriage preparation, Sacramental preparation, prison ministry, soup kitchens, working with persons who are homeless, and youth or Senior Citizen ministry. The Deacon also serves in the workplace and at home with his family just by the way he lives his life. All that the Deacon does is with the help of God’s grace. God guides those that He calls.

Is God calling YOU to be a Permanent Deacon? If you are a Catholic male between the ages of 28 and 59 and think God may be calling you, please come to one of the Diaconate Information Sessions in the coming months. The next one is scheduled for Sunday October 20, 2013 at St. Margaret Mary Parish from 2:00-4:00 P.M. Also, you may call my office anytime for more information. Deacon Pat Wright, 502-636-0296 ext 1235. Email – [pwright@archlou.org](mailto:pwright@archlou.org).

God bless, Deacon Pat



Photo by Marnie McAllister



## Male Ministry: An Opportunity to Serve the People of God

*By Christopher Burt, Family Special Projects Coordinator*

Male Ministry within the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry is a ministry that utilizes the resources and relevant information of the Archdiocese of Louisville to build men up and strengthen their presence in their church community.

*Our mission* is simple: to glorify God by spreading the "Good News" and become a resource for men in the archdiocese. We believe in the statement, "As go the men, so go the families and so goes the church." God has



2013 Men's Wing Cook-off

called the men in our families and communities to be the spiritual leaders in their homes and churches, and we want to equip these men through evangelization so that their homes and churches will be stronger.

The Male Ministry and its initiatives also creates opportunities for men within the Archdiocese of Louisville to serve and be served. Programs such as the Men's Education Forum, Fatherhood Conference, Wing King Cook-Off, Male Fashion Exposition, Men's Retreat and the inaugural Beef and Brotherhood Bash are vehicles designed to not only minister to men, but to help carry out the Archdiocesan Strategic Plan.

Many of the activities and programs within the Male Ministry are available to males of all ages and are either free or are offered for a nominal fee. These



activities would not be possible if it weren't for the generous assistance of the Catholic Service Appeal (CSA). Their assistance makes an impossible possible in these tough economic times and allows the Office of Multicultural Ministry to minister to males. We encourage all males to become involved in this ministry for it's not just a destination, but the beginning of a life-long journey.



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# ENCUENTRO HISPANO

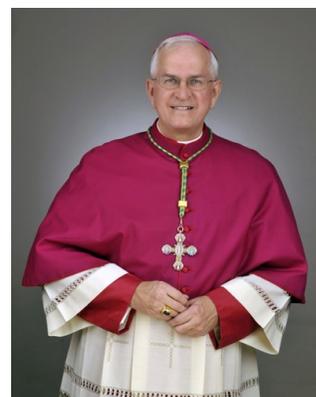
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Rev. Emilio Sotomayor, Sch.P.  
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y muchos más.

Sábado, 12 de Octubre de 2013

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. Pius X Catholic Church  
3521 Goldsmith Lane  
Louisville, KY 40220

Costo:

\$20.00 Adultos (A partir de los 21 años de edad)

\$5.00 Adolescentes, jóvenes y niños

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Para más información llame al 502.471.2146. Este evento es implementación del Plan Pastoral Hispano y el Plan Estratégico de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville



## **Archdiocesan Multicultural Gospel Choir: A Choir Committed**

*By W. Kay Frazier, African American Catholic Ministries Associate Director*

Enough cannot be said about the overwhelming attributes this Archdiocese has received from the Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM) Archdiocesan Gospel Choir. This choir, which has members from several of our local parishes, including a few rural parishes, was established in December 2005 to meet the growing needs of OMM to have a choir in place to sing their praises at the many celebrations and other events that occur on a regular basis throughout the year.

Over the years, the choir has had many people with gifted voices and talents from the diverse Catholic communities, and continues to have them today. The phenomenal thing about this committed group is, when we ask, they come. Very often, requests come in from near and far, for us to visit other churches. That can only be attributed to the positive energy that the choir exudes.

We have truly seen the conversion of commitment and dedication of giving back by using their God given talents and voices along with their time while expecting nothing in return except for the joy and delight that they receive when they praise His Holy name. We are truly blessed, with a choir committed.

## **Christmas "Simbang Gabi" Tradition Lives On!**

*By Evelyn Baluyot, Co-Chair Filipino Council*

For Catholics, Advent is a liturgical season of four weeks in anticipation of Christmas Day, the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. For Filipino Catholics, Simbang Gabi (means night worship, pronounced as "seem-bahng gab-bee") is a typical way of preparing for the great feast of Christmas. Filipinos attend the nine-day devotional masses leading up to the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.

Simbang Gabi stems back to the Spanish regime in the Philippines. The faithful wake early in the morning to join in celebration of the dawn Mass. After the Mass, the churchgoers enjoy sharing rice delicacies cooked by the vendors outside on the church grounds. Simbang Gabi is also seen as a time for people to request blessings. Many believe that if one attends every morning Mass, what they have prayed for will be granted. It lifts their spirits every Christmas knowing that they will continually be blessed. It is also a special time that strengthens family ties and their faith in God.

The Filipinos have steadfastly remained and observed the Simbang Gabi Christmas tradition around the world. Here in Kentucky, the Lexington Filipino community has been celebrating the tradition of "Simbang Gabi" long before the Louisville Filipino community started. It is a one day Christmas Mass celebration to bring the spiritual and cultural Filipino traditions together. Having our children experience this Mass exposes them to the customs that we grew up with back home. It is like our home away from home. Even though we are not in the Philippines, we still get to experience the same customs we grew up with here in America.

This year, the Simbang Gabi Christmas Mass will take place on Friday, December 20, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 7813 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY.

**“The New Evangelization”**  
**Supported by The National Black Catholic Congress**

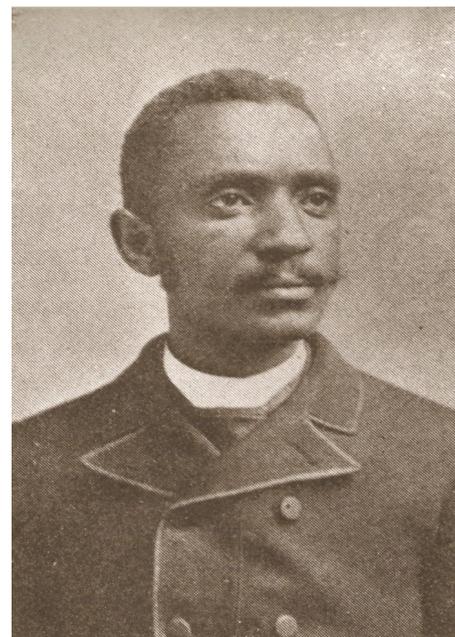
*By Jacqueline E. Wilson,  
former Director of the Archdiocese of Washington’s Office of Black Catholics  
and  
M. Annette Mandley-Turner*

The “New Evangelization” calls us to take a fresh and exciting approach to evangelization. It is our mission to proclaim The Gospel as partners in evangelization. We are also called to be living witnesses in our daily lives. Black Catholics are called for this great work with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our Black Bishops (1984) sounded the call in their Pastoral Letter on Evangelization: “...we, descendants of Africans brought to these shores are now called to share our faith and to demonstrate our witness to our risen Lord...”(p. 2).

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, under the pioneer leadership of Daniel Rudd, five congresses were held. The sixth one (1987) convened in Washington, D.C., with the theme: “Here I am, Send Me!” and produced a National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan.

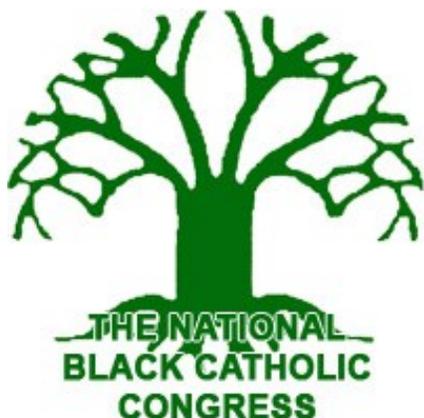
In July 2012, the 11<sup>th</sup> Black Catholic Congress was held. The Theme was: “Faith Engaged: Empower, Equip, Evangelize.” A Pastoral Plan of Action emerged from deliberations of local Black Catholics and from the results of the 2011 National Survey of Black Catholics. This Plan is to be implemented according to local priorities through 2017.

On December 1, 2012, the Archdiocese of Louisville hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Black Catholic Congress in the history of the church with more than 400 participants attending. The theme was “Faith Engaged”. The 85 archdiocesan representatives that attended the National Black Catholic Congress shared their gifts and talents as presenters to make the local congress a memorable experience. The participants were energized by what they had seen and heard and returned home to reignite the flame of Evangelization.



Daniel Rudd  
Founder of the National  
Black Catholic Congress

On September 28, 2013 at 8:30 a.m., African American Catholics from across the Archdiocese of Louisville will gather at the Catholic Enrichment Center in Louisville, KY for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual African American Catholic Day of Reflection to continue enhancing their faith as they implement the National Black Catholic Congress Pastoral Plan in partnership with the Archdiocesan Strategic Plan. This year’s theme is “The New Evangelization: Continuing Our Faith Journey”.



## Serving Our Multicultural Catholic Communities

*By Charmein Weathers &*

*Fr. Anthony L. Chandler, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Pastor*

The mandate of the Committee of Cultural Diversity in the Church, and its corresponding Secretariat, is to be present on behalf of the Bishops' Conference to the many cultures, ethnicities and races that today constitute the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. The goal is to encourage the inclusion and fuller participation of all God's People in the life and ministry of the Church by building up their Catholic identity in a spirit of unity in diversity. Catholic parishes are moving from mono-cultural patterns to ones we call "shared", that is, to parishes in which more than one language, racial or cultural group seek to celebrate the Eucharist and embody Christian community. For ministers and pastoral workers to be effective in this diverse environment, the right knowledge, attitudes and skills need to be developed (USCCB, Cultural Diversity in the Church).

There are several parishes in our archdiocese that are blessed with the gift of having multicultural communities. This gift of diversity requires all of us to be more welcoming, inclusive, respectful, and open to celebrating the gifts that each cultural group brings. Immaculate Conception is one of those multicultural faith communities. Fr. Anthony Chandler shares a reflection on serving and celebrating his multicultural community as its Pastor.

Immaculate Conception Church has only been around for 60 years, but years before that it was a mission of the parish in Pewee Valley, Kentucky. As the railroad came through Oldham County, Irish Catholic immigrants were brought in to clear the land and to build the tracks. Their spiritual needs needed to be met. Some years later, several waves of immigrants have come to our Archdiocese looking for a better life and for spiritual fulfillment.

In a multicultural parish, there are various ways of doing the same activity. Isn't that why we have so many different prayer groups, societies and associations? Our Church is one! It's true. But each of us lives in and is tied to a particular culture. A key to living happily in a multicultural parish is to expect people to think, speak and act differently. Live in the expectation of "difference" and let go of the assumption of "sameness". This is a call for a mutual respect. The respect for who is already in the parish, even the buildings! The faith, worship, and education all of these cultural groups are not to be changed, but enhanced and engaged so that all might grow together.

In the parish we are trying to find opportunities for sharing cultural differences that will lead to learning about why people do what they do. The Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration, with its beautiful Mass, costumes, music and food, is a wonderful way of sharing something so near and dear to all cultures. Perhaps in this case we highlight the differences for the sake of learning and a greater understanding. We will soon begin the training of Hispanic catechists. The call to teach and spread the faith is always before us. The more freedom that church members have to share their different expressions of living the faith, the more united and understanding the parish can be. It begins by learning from one another. Learning to tolerate the differences among various cultural groups in a parish may eventually lead to understanding and celebrating those same differences. And acceptance can lead to the realization that my own way of being is not better than another's, it's just different. Over time, acceptance can lead to love.

By embracing, lifting up, and celebrating the best of the varied cultures of a parish a new culture emerges, the culture of love, where all are welcome and everyone can find a home.

Rev. Anthony L. Chandler, Pastor  
Immaculate Conception Church



**A Reflection on the National Black Catholic Congress**  
*By Rev. Kenneth Taylor, Pastor-Archdiocese of Indianapolis and  
President of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus*



In the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Acts of the Apostles we see the early Church calling a Council because they faced a crisis.

In 1889, Daniel Rudd called a Congress to address the issues faced by the Black Catholic community. Inspired by the Holy Spirit they addressed such issues as education, evangelization, spirituality and the way Black Americans were being treated.

In July of 2012, the 11<sup>th</sup> National Black Catholic Congress was held in Indianapolis. The gathered delegates opened themselves up to the Holy Spirit in order to address the issues that the Black Catholic community faces today. The result of the 2012 Congress was the release of a Pastoral Plan of Action.

The Plan fits in well with the New Evangelization because it has us looking at the past, the present and the future. It reminds us that the source of our life is God and that there have been saints among us who have already made this spiritual journey. The Plan faces today's problems of education, marriage, parish involvement and addressing today's social issues. The Plan also helps us keep an eye on where we are going by working with our youth, working for vocations and continuing to evangelize.



## BCTS

### BLACK CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM

#### Public Lecture

Presenter: Dr. Diana Hayes

Emerita Professor of  
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Georgetown University

“Standing in the Shoes My Mother Made:  
The Making of a Catholic Womanist Theologian”

Thursday, October 3, 2013  
7:00 PM

Bellarmino University  
Frazier Hall  
2001 Newburg Road, Louisville, KY

#### Listening Session

Saturday, October 5, 2013

5:00 PM

Catholic Enrichment Center  
3146 West Broadway  
Louisville, KY

Hosted by  
the Archdiocese of Louisville's  
Office of Multicultural Ministry

## The Virgin of Charity of Cobre Evangelizes Us Today

*By Ismara Lopez, Member St. Rita Catholic Church*

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*Charmein Weathers*



The celebration of the Virgin of Charity of Cobre, which takes place on September 8<sup>th</sup>, is a great moment of personal evangelism. It reminds Cubans not only of our faith, but also of our culture, particularly for her appearance to humble people like the three fishermen. One of the ways in which the Virgin Mary is commemorated is by the novena. These are prayers made daily for nine days before the celebration. Through these prayers, our faith and communion with God is fortified. Another tradition is to read the story of the apparition of the Virgin Mary. This story tells us of how she appeared to the three fishermen in the sea during a storm. In the middle of the bad weather they did not lose their faith and constantly prayed to the Virgin Mother of God. They saw something shining in the distance over the sea. As they approached they found the image of the Virgin of Charity of Cobre and were astonished. They became convinced that this great miracle saved them. At that time they began to give thanks to God and to the Virgin Mary. Hearing or reading this story reminds us that the Virgin Mary always intercedes for us before God. It also reminds us that one should never lose faith and that is why our faith in the Virgin of Charity of Cobre continues evangelizing us still today.

On Sunday, September 8, 2013 at St. Rita Catholic Church in Louisville, KY, over 700 worshippers came together to celebrate Our Lady of Charity of Cobre, the patroness of Cuba. Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. was the celebrant of Mass. During the celebration, Archbishop Kurtz offered a blessing of a statue of Our Lady of Cobre and called expecting mothers forward to offer a blessing of the child in the womb. The Women's ACTS Retreat (ACTS stands for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service and is a three-day/three-night Catholic lay retreat that is designed to facilitate the attainment of a new or deeper relationship with the Lord) concluded their three-day spiritual experience with the celebration Mass.

## La Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre nos Evangeliza Hoy

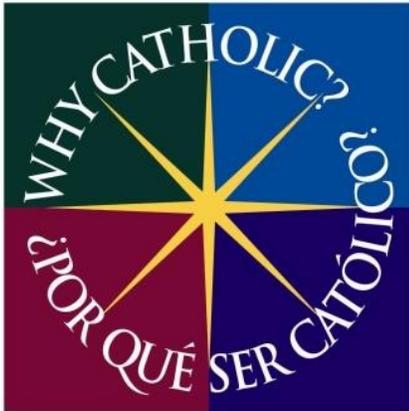
*Por Ismara Lopez y Charmein Weathers*

La celebración de la Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre, que se lleva a cabo el ocho de septiembre es un gran momento de evangelización personal. Nos recuerda a los cubanos no solo nuestra fe, sino también nuestra cultura, particularmente por su aparición a gente humilde como eran los 3 pescadores. Una de las formas en las que conmemoramos a la Virgen es por medio de la novena. La novena son rezos que se hacen diariamente por nueve días antes de la celebración. A través de estas oraciones nuestra fe y comunión con Dios se fortalecen. Otra tradición es leer la historia de la aparición de la Virgen. Esta historia consiste en el relato de como la Virgen se le aparece a tres pescadores en el mar durante una tormenta. En medio de ese mal tiempo ellos no perdieron su fe y rezaban constantemente a la Virgen Madre de Dios. Es ahí donde ven algo que brillaba a lo lejos sobre el mar. Al acercarse encuentran la imagen de la Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre, con gran asombro se convencen de que este gran milagro los salvó. En ese momento comenzaron a darle gracias a Dios y a la Virgen. El escuchar o leer esta historia nos recuerda que la Virgen siempre intercede por nosotros ante Dios. También nos recuerda que nunca se debe perder la fe. Es por esto que nuestra fe en la Virgen continua evangelizándonos cada día más.

El domingo, 8 de septiembre, 2013 en la Iglesia católica de Santa Rita en Louisville, KY, más de 700 feligreses se reunieron a celebrar a la Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre, patrona de Cuba. El arzobispo Joseph Kurtz realizó la bendición de la estatua de la Virgen y llamó a las mujeres embarazadas pasar al frente para ofrecerles la bendición de la criatura en el vientre materno. El retiro femenino de ACTS (las siglas significan Adoración, Comunidad, Teología y Servicio y es un retiro laical católico de 3 días y 3 noches diseñado para facilitar el logro de una nueva o profunda relación con Dios) concluyó su experiencia espiritual de 3 días con la celebración de la Misa.

## Why Catholic?...Igniting Our Seniors

By Loueva Moss, Member of Christ the King Catholic Church



The Why Catholic? process has and continues to offer opportunities for senior adult cradle Catholics, and converts to reflect on different aspects of our faith traditions, as well as time to share and learn from each other. In a small group setting everyone is made to feel comfortable, and encouraged to verbalize their thoughts and questions.

Most of us in our two small groups have not on a regular basis explored why we as Catholics do what we do, and how our actions dictate how we live out our faith journeys. Do we, or do we not stay focused on our life-long journey of Kingdom building?

Father John Judie, Pastor of Christ the King and Immaculate Heart of Mary graciously writes supplemental material on each weekly topic, which inspires each of us to search deep within our spirit and cultures for open discussions. After each session participants are eager and willing to accept assignments for the next session.

The Why Catholic? process has also encouraged each of us to read the Bible, reflect on the written word, and how these biblical passages impact and inspire our daily lives. From this perspective the most vibrant discussions take place.

Resource material from the Office of Multicultural Ministry, and Dr. Judy Bullock's column in the Record "Liturgy Matters" have also provided Africentric Catholic history, clarification of discussion questions, and learning opportunities. Responses from participants range from:

"This is what I need!"

"I enjoy listening and learning how different Catholics view their faith journey."

"Now I have a better understanding of how and why I am called to share the Good News with everyone."

Participants are ignited and anxiously asking "when do we start again?" Small groups will start meeting the week of October 13, 2013 for six weekly sessions. The locations and times are as follows:

Catholic Enrichment Center  
3146 W. Broadway, Louisville, KY 40211  
Thursday, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Christ the King Catholic Church  
718 S. 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Louisville, KY 40211  
Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come join us!!

WHY CATHOLIC?  
JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

## St. Monica Catholic Church: Responding to the New Evangelization Call

*By Audrey Penman*



St. Monica Catholic Church  
Lebanon, KY

In 1871, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth opened St. Monica School for the children of Black Catholics. Longing for a more active participation in the spiritual and social opportunities of their faith, the Black Catholic community was assigned Father Michael Lally in 1942. St. Monica became a mission parish the following year.

At the parish's silver jubilee in 1968, the church was renovated. The Sisters of Notre Dame began teaching in the parish school in 1972. The parish experienced a revitalization

when it participated in RENEW 2000.

Let us fast forward to 2013 when St. Monica is about the business of continuing the call for outreach and evangelization in the community. She has weathered the storms of racism, social injustice and other non-Christian challenges to serve its parishioners and community as a mission parish should.

In keeping with its mission, the parish family has taken up causes and collaborated with organizations to focus on what is good and right for its community, both near and far. For example, once a month each parishioner is asked to donate \$1 to be forwarded to St. Peters Seminary in Africa, a Fr. John Judie Ministries, Inc. initiative. Parishioners are also engaged in a monthly collection of non-perishable items to donate to the local St. Vincent de Paul Mission Store. St. Monica shares their space with various community organizations for much needed classes and meetings. Nelson County Community Action provides parenting classes; meetings for programs such as Al-Anon and Alateen are also held on the centrally located campus. Church members were also present at the fun filled Buttermilk Days Festival taking advantage of fundraising and outreach opportunities for the church to the community.

St. Monica is a multicultural parish that faithfully worships God and proclaims the Gospel, during services and through participation in movements throughout the community in order to evangelize and bring justice to the larger community.

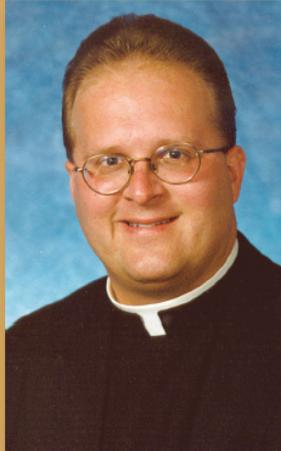




# EVANGELIZATION CONFERENCE 2013

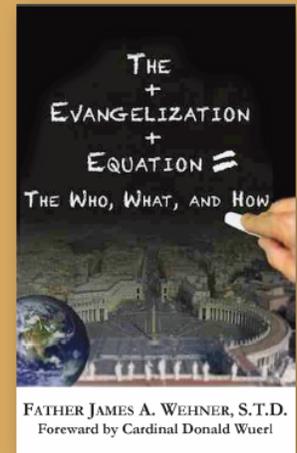
**Saturday, October 19, 2013 ✠ The Cathedral of Christ the King**

Featuring Father James Wehner, author of "The Evangelization Equation"



*With breakout workshops on:*

- + **Parishes On Fire: Creating a Culture of Evangelization**
- + **Introduction to "Catholics Returning Home"**
- + **New Media, the New Evangelization & Young Catholics**  
*with Matt Swaim, author of "Prayer in the Digital Age"*
- + **Conversational Evangelization**  
*with Steve Dawson & Adam Janke of St. Paul Street Evangelization*
- + **Prison/Jail Evangelization**
- + **Practical Hospitality & Seasonal Outreach**
- + **Evangelization in the Hispanic Community**



## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am — Mass Bishop Ronald Gainer
- 9:00 am — Registration & Refreshments
- 9:30 am — Fr. James Wehner
- 10:50 am — Breakout Session #1
- 11:40 am — Lunch
- 12:30 pm — Breakout Session #2
- 1:20 pm — Fr. James Wehner
- 2:30 pm — Adjourn

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**Deacons,**  
**Deacon Spouses**  
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**Friday, October 18 - 1:30 - 4 pm**  
**The Catholic Center**  
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## REGISTRATION FOR THE 2013 EVANGELIZATION CONFERENCE · SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

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 at \_\_\_\_\_ Church/Diocese in \_\_\_\_\_

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Register on-line at [www.cdlex.org/evangelization](http://www.cdlex.org/evangelization) or send registration & fee (payable to "Diocese of Lexington" by **FRIDAY, OCT. 11** to:  
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## *CEC: Bridging the Gap with Inspire Youth Leaders and Scholars Club*

*By Kim Telesford-Mapp*

The Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC) is bridging the gap with our young people through youth focused programming offered throughout the year. During the summer we offer Camp Africa Inspire, an academic and cultural enrichment camp. During the academic year we offer programs such as Academic Tutoring; ACT/SAT Prep; and Karate. Now, we are proud to offer a new program, The Inspire Youth Leaders and Scholars Club.

The Inspire Youth Leaders and Scholars Club (IYLSC) is a free, spiritually inspired program that is open to 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders of any race, sex, gender, ethnicity, religious faith, and socio-economic background. IYLSC is a youth educational/cultural program that strives to motivate, inspire, teach and nurture aspiring community youth leaders and academic scholars.

IYLSC is the brainchild of Ms. Christy Swan, the Black History/Writing instructor from this summer's Camp Africa program. Ms. Swan is excited about the opportunity to work with our students and she looks forward to having a productive and successful year of helping to nurture, teach, coach, guide and mentor our children as they become community youth leaders, academic scholars and social change advocates. As an educator, Ms. Swan's mission is to coach, mentor and provide at risk youth with a safe, nurturing, fun and positive caring, sharing, and learning environment that provides advanced, social and academic leadership development skills training. It is her belief that forming programs such as Peer Conflict Resolutions Groups along with academic enrichment assistance and interventional strategies will impress upon her students, the need for leadership roles. In the areas of Critical Literacy, Multimedia Literacy, Language Arts/Writing, Social Studies, Historical Perspectives, Social Economics, Social Justice & Self Advocacy, Ms. Swan believes that strengthening developmental skills through the use of technology that corresponds with Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) and Kentucky State's Core Content Curriculum Standards will greatly benefit the students and complement their learning adventures.

Ms. Swan's sincerest hope and belief is that these youth will carry the torch of compassionate advocacy, commitment, dedication and self-determination by taking a "vested ownership" approach to self and others. Her philosophical style of teaching includes an anti-oppressive educational model that challenges youth to mine their natural abilities and talents while reflectively considering their own academic and social-behavioral needs. It is her unyielding belief that every student can achieve and experience academic success with the appropriate guidance and tools. With that approach Ms. Swan believes that by laying such groundwork the IYLSC will lead our youth to success in this 21<sup>st</sup> century society.

Parents, guardians, and the community at large are invited and always welcomed to visit or actively participate in our weekly Friday sessions at the CEC from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. This year we will focus on the following curriculum areas:

- Critical Literacy Curriculum Content
- Multimedia Literacy Content/ Multicultural Chapter Novels (Creative Writing)
- Historical Perspective/ Social Studies/ Social Justice/Economics & Self- Advocacy
- Peer Conflict Resolution Discussion Group & Social Leadership Development Skills
- Academic Scholarship Mentoring / Service Learning Volunteering
- Fun Educational/Cultural Field trips & Group Activities
- Participation in a Global Youth Movement Membership - "Free the Children" (FreetheChildren.com) and We Care - We Day

**Words From The Past Have Relevance For Us Today**  
**THE PAPAL VISIT; Address to the Pope by a Black Bishop, and John Paul's Reply**  
Published September 13, 1987 in the NY Times  
Retrieved by M. Annette Mandley-Turner

Following are the texts of an address delivered today by Bishop Joseph L. Howze of Biloxi, Miss., and of Pope John Paul II's response. In delivering his address, the Pope did not use biblical or other citations, but these were provided in the printed text. Likewise, the printed text of Bishop Howze's address includes references to "What We Have Seen and Heard," a pastoral letter written by black Catholic bishops.

**BISHOP HOWZE**

Most Holy Father, Bishop of Rome and Vicar of Jesus Christ,

The representatives of black Catholics in the United States of America are highly honored to have the privilege of this audience with you during your second pastoral visit to the United States. In the name of all black Catholics in the United States of America, we heartily welcome you.

There are approximately 1,295,000 black Catholics in the United States of America. The black Catholic population is about 5 percent of the total black population, 30 million, and approximately 2 1/2 percent of the total Catholic population, 52 million, of the United States. Historically, black Americans have not been affiliated with the Catholic Church as have other ethnic and national groups. Consequently, in the minds of some people, being black and Catholic is not a spontaneous concept.

But when we speak of the Catholic Church, we are speaking of that Church which Jesus Christ established to bring salvation to all peoples. The Catholic Church comprises peoples of all races, nations, colors and many languages and customs. "To be Catholic is to be universal. To be universal is not to be uniform. [What We Have Seen and Heard]."

We hear the expression today "being black and Catholic." This expression is not to denote separatism, but rather to identify those gifts and talents which integrate the faith and culture of black Americans into the common heritage of the Church, which is shared by all. The Witness of Blacks

The gifts of black people within the Church are our contributions to building the whole Church. The witness of blacks, sharing our gifts within the Catholic Church, is a confirmation of the expression: "Authentically black and truly Catholic."

Black Catholics desire to find salvation in Jesus Christ and His Church by offering our giftedness to the Church through our traditional art forms, spirituality and rich customs. Black Catholics want to express our faith, reflecting our unique identity and experiences. Yet, at the same time, we want our expression of faith to become ever more a part of the Christian Catholic tradition, already rich in diversity and redemptive in Jesus Christ, the center of unity.

A full participation of black Catholics in the life of the Church was most recently expressed in the pastoral plan developed during the National Black Catholic Congress at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., on May 21-24, 1987.

Part of the pastoral plan dealt with leadership and pastoral ministry, and how best to evangelize in the black community. The pastoral plan proposes that the Church recognize shared responsibility for the development and empowerment of black Catholic leadership. This plan is presented to you through Archbishop Pio Laghi, your pro nuncio to the United States. Opportunities for Evangelization

In the pastoral letter of the black Catholic bishops, "What We Have Seen and Heard," we acknowledged that racism is a major hindrance to full development of black leadership within the Church, but we also said that even though the stain of racism is a scandal for many, "for us it must be the opportunity to work for the Church's renewal as part of our task of evangelization.

Many opportunities for evangelization exist within the black community. For some of these, the black community can and must take the initiative. For others, we need the cooperation and encouragement of the entire American Church. The black Catholic community must encourage young men and women to follow Christ in the priesthood and in the consecrated religious life. But the matter of vocations is so crucial to the cause of evangelization in the black community that we need the collaboration of the entire Church.

Black Catholics love the Church and want to become a more significant part of its mission to evangelize and sanctify the world. We wish to share our gifts with others who do not know Jesus and the Church as we do.

Most Holy Father, we beseech your words of wisdom, spiritual counsel, and encouragement in your address to us.

We turn to Mary, the mother of God, asking her intercession that, on our journey of faith, she may obtain for us the grace of eternal salvation.

## THE POPE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

1. "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation" [Mark 16:15]. With these words, our Lord Jesus Christ directed the Church to speak His own message of life to the whole human family. The apostles first responded to the Savior's call and traveled throughout the known world, sharing with everyone who would listen what they had seen and heard [cf. 1 John 1:3], speaking about God's Kingdom and about reconciliation in Christ.

Today, almost 2,000 years later, the Church still seeks to respond generously to Christ's command. The world we must serve today is much bigger, and the people who long to hear the word of life are numerous indeed. While the words of the Lord remain true, "The harvest is good but laborers are scarce" [Matthew 9:37], still we rejoice that the Holy Spirit has enriched the Church with many hands for the harvest. There are worthy laborers in every corner of the earth, people of every culture, who are eager to live the Gospel and to proclaim it by word and example.

I am especially happy to meet with you who make up the black Catholic leadership in the United States. Your great concern, both as blacks and as Catholics, is and must always be that all your black brothers and sisters throughout America may hear and embrace the saving and uplifting Gospel of Jesus Christ. I willingly join my voice to those of the bishops of your country who are encouraging you to give priority to the great task of evangelization, to be missionaries of Christ's love and truth within your own black community. To all the members of the black community throughout the United States, I send my greetings of respect and esteem.  
Fellow Ministers of Christ

2. My dear brother bishops, who share with me the burdens and joys of the episcopacy: I am pleased that the universality of the Gospel and the cultural diversity of your nation are increasingly mirrored in the composition of the American hierarchy. While your apostolic ministry draws you to serve all the faithful of your respective dioceses and in collegial unity the whole Body of Christ, it is fitting for many reasons that your own black brothers and sisters should have a special right to your pastoral love and service.

United with the successor of Peter in the College of Bishops, you are a sign of the unity and universality of the Church and of her mission. As bishops, we are entrusted with the task of preserving in its integrity the Good News of salvation and of presenting it as effectively as possible to our people, so that they may all discover in Jesus Christ "the way, and the truth, and the life" [John 14:6].

Our brothers in the priesthood, ministering in the person of Christ and in union with us, transmit the teaching of the faith and celebrate the sacred mysteries of salvation. How fruitful it is for the mission of the Church in America when so many priests from different racial and ethnic groups proclaim together Christ's liberating Gospel, and thus bear witness to the fact that it rightfully belongs to everyone.

The Church in the United States is distinguished by its large number of deacons, among whom are several hundred from the black Catholic community. As heralds of the Gospel and servant ministers of Christ, dear brothers, you complete the threefold ministry of the sacrament of orders. In the Church you are called to the service of the word, of the Eucharist and of charity. Your generous response is a clear indication of the growing maturity of the black Catholic community, a maturity emphasized by the black bishops of your country in their pastoral letter, "What We Have Seen and Heard."

Even in those days by the grace of God now long past, when your people struggled under the terrible burden of slavery, brave spirits within the community embraced the evangelical counsels and dedicated themselves to the religious life. Thus, they bore eloquent witness to the power of the Holy Spirit accomplishing the work of spiritual freedom even in the moment of physical oppression. Black religious today offer a comparable witness to the Church and society, proclaiming God's Kingdom to a world shackled by consumerism, mindless pleasure-seeking and irresponsible individualism, shackles of the spirit which are even more destructive than the chains of physical slavery.

I am close to the whole black community in the great mission and responsibility of encouraging more and more young Americans of their race to respond to the Lord's invitation to religious life and the priesthood. I urge you to be faithful to prayer and to do all you can to insure that those who are called will find the support and the assistance which they need in order to pursue these vocations and to persevere in them. A Message for the Laity

3. The Church's work of evangelization finds entry into the human community in a special way through the lives of lay people. As my predecessor Paul VI pointed out, the laity's "own field of evangelizing activity is the vast and complicated world of politics, society and economics, but also the world of culture, of the sciences and the arts, of international life, of the mass media" [ *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 70 ]. By fulfilling worthily the broad range of their temporal involvement, lay men and women bear witness in a unique way to the universal call to holiness. The witness of their faithful lives speaks an uplifting message to the world.

I express my deep love and esteem for the black Catholic community in the United States. Its vitality is a sign of hope for society. Composed as you are of many lifelong Catholics, and many who have more recently embraced the faith, together with a growing immigrant community, you reflect the Church's ability to bring together a diversity of people united in faith, hope and love, sharing a communion with Christ in the Holy Spirit.

I urge you to keep alive and active your rich cultural gifts. Always profess proudly before the whole Church and the whole world your love for God's word; it is a special blessing which you must forever treasure as a part of your heritage. Help us all to remember that authentic freedom comes from accepting the truth and from living one's life in accordance with it and the full truth is found only in Christ Jesus. Continue to inspire us by your desire to forgive as Jesus forgave and by your desire to be reconciled with all the people of this nation, even those who would unjustly deny you the full exercise of your human rights. The Spirit of Family Life

4. I am sure that you share with me a special concern for that most basic human community, the family. Your faithful Christian families are a source of comfort in the face of the extraordinary pressures affecting society. Today you must rediscover the spirit of family life which refuses to be destroyed in the face of even the most oppressive forces. Surely, that spirit can be found in exploring your spiritual and cultural heritage. The inspiration you draw from the great men and women of your past will then allow your young people to see the value of a strong family life. Know that the Pope stands united with the black community as it rises to embrace its full dignity and lofty destiny.

The family is the first setting of evangelization, the place where the Good News of Christ is first received, and then, in simple yet profound ways, handed on from generation to generation. At the same time, families in our time vitally depend upon the Church to defend their rights and to teach the obligations and responsibilities which lead to the fullness of joy and life.

Thus, I urge all of you, especially the clergy and religious, to work for the promotion of family values within the local community. And I remind those responsible for making and administering laws and public policies that social problems are never solved, but only worsened, by positions which weaken or destroy the family.  
Praise for Black Community

5. Even in this wealthy nation, committed by its Founding Fathers to the dignity and equality of all persons, the black community suffers a disproportionate share of economic deprivation. Far too many of your young people receive less than an equal opportunity for a quality education and for gainful employment. The Church must continue to join her efforts with the efforts of others who are working to correct all imbalances and disorders of a social nature. Indeed, the Church can never remain silent in the face of injustice, wherever it is clearly present.

In the most difficult hours of your struggle for civil rights amid discrimination and oppression, God Himself guided your steps along the way of peace. Before the witness of history the response of nonviolence stands, in the memory of this nation, as a monument of honor to the black community of the United States.

Today, as we recall those who, with Christian vision, opted for nonviolence as the only truly effective approach for insuring and safeguarding human dignity, we cannot but think of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and of the providential role he played in contributing to the rightful human betterment of black Americans and therefore, to the improvement of American society itself.

My dear brothers and sisters of the black community: It is the hour to give thanks to God for His liberating action in your history and in your lives. This liberating action is a sign and expression of Christ's paschal mystery, which in every age is effective in helping God's people to pass from bondage into their glorious vocation of full Christian freedom.

And as you offer your prayer of thanksgiving, you must not fail to concern yourselves with the plight of your brothers and sisters in other places throughout the world. Black Americans must offer their own special solidarity of Christian love to all people who bear the heavy burden of oppression, whatever its physical or moral nature.  
Schools and Evangelization

6. The Catholic Church has made a profound contribution to the lives of many members of the black community in this land through the gift of education received in Catholic schools. Because of the splendid commitment of dioceses and parishes, many of you here today have joined us at the table of unity and faith as a result of the evangelization carried out in these institutions.

Catholic schools have a special place in the work of spreading the Gospel of Christ. They are a great gift from God. Keep your Catholic schools strong and active. Their uncompromising Catholic identity and Catholic witness at every level must continue to enrich the black communities of this nation.

7. In addition to the schools, other means of evangelization should also be given priority. Among these, the means of social communication deserve special attention. The mass media are also a great gift of God's providence and should be fully utilized in the service of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. They can be of immense service to the millions of black people who long to hear the Good News of salvation proclaimed in ways that speak to their own heritage and traditions.

While remaining faithful to her doctrine and discipline, the Church esteems and honors all cultures; she respects them in all her evangelizing efforts among the various peoples. At the first Pentecost, those present heard the apostles speaking in their own languages [Acts 2:4]. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we try in every age to bring the Gospel convincingly and understandably to people of all races, languages and cultures.

It is important to realize that there is no black Church, no white Church, and no American Church; but there is and must be, in the one Church of Jesus Christ, a home for blacks, whites, Americans, every culture and race. What I said on another occasion, I willingly repeat: "The Church is Catholic . . . because she is able to present in every human context the revealed truth, preserved by her intact in its divine content, in such a way as to bring it into contact with the lofty thoughts and most expectations of every individual and every people" [Slavorum Apostoli, 18].

Dear brothers and sisters: your black cultural heritage enriches the Church and makes her witness of universality more complete. In a real way, the Church needs you just as you need the Church, for you are part of the Church and the Church is part of you. As you continue to place this heritage at the service of the whole Church for the spread of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit Himself will continue through you His work of evangelization.

With a joyful and a hopeful heart, I entrust you and the whole black community to the loving care of Mary, mother of our Savior. May she, who both listened to the word and believed in it, guide your lives and those of future generations of black Catholics within the one people of God, the one mystical body of Christ. Through her intercession may grace be to all of you "who love our Lord Jesus Christ with unflinching love" [Ephesians 6:23].

*Archdiocese of Louisville  
Office of Multicultural Ministry*

*27<sup>th</sup> Annual  
African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet  
Saturday, March 1, 2014  
6:00 PM  
Seelbach Hilton Hotel  
500 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Louisville, KY*

**Dare to Care:**  
**“When You Do It For The Least of My Brothers, You Do It For Me”**  
*By Christopher Burt*

The story of the two fish and five loaves is reminiscent of how the Lord cares. He cares about you and about me. He loves us and cares for us when we want him to and even when we don't think that we need him to. The Lord wants us to care about others too. That is what the Dare to Care Ministry is all about. It is about caring enough for others to meet people's needs through the blessings of the Holy Spirit.

Dare to Care is a ministry of people who are not afraid to step out on faith and be used by God in many different ways. This group of five to eight faithful and loyal volunteers utilizes their spiritual gift of compassion at minimum three days a week, to ensure that anyone that comes through the doors of the Catholic Enrichment Center in need of food won't be by the time they leave. Families utilize the Dare to Care Food Pantry on a frequent and infrequent basis depending upon their needs.

Each of us has spiritual gifts that God has given us to use in serving and helping others. The Dare to Care Food Pantry is another example of God's gifts in action for his glory and the blessings of others.



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**\*You May Only Pick Up Once A Month\***



# Asian and Pacific Island Catholic Americans Summit “Mapping Out Their Presence in the Church”

*By M. Annette Mandley-Turner*



## **The Rationale for the Planning Summit**

This was the inaugural annual Planning Summit designed like the other diverse groups to develop a National Pastoral Plan for the Asian and Pacific Island (API) Catholic Americans and for individuals charged with ministering with this population. It is critical to make note that this summit marked the first time that a group with so many diverse members planned to address how we as the church might respond to the Asian and Pacific Islanders needs.

## **The Expected Outcomes of the Planning Summit**

As with any group focusing on addressing needs, the mission is to develop a pastoral plan of action. A process was designed to establish the needs of the people, prioritize those needs, and develop specific goals, strategies, and action steps. It was the dream of the leadership that at the end of the Planning Summit a draft compilation of the following would be emailed to all participants:

- Our Foundations (our Vision, Mission, and Values as a work-group)
- Our Environment (SWOT Analysis detailing our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threads)
- Our Reflections of the Past and Future
- Our Issues (identified through our SWOT Analysis and Reflections)
- Our Goals (based on our top prioritized Issues)
- Our Strategies (to achieve each Goal)
- Our Actions (to achieve each Strategy, including action owners, timelines, and measurable outcomes)

A formal report will be developed based on the results from our Planning Summit and will be communicated back to the participants and other key stakeholders.

## **How did the team best prepare for the Summit?**

The team members were selected because of their background, experience, and knowledge of our API Catholics. The elected resources will pursue:

1. Strengths of API Catholics as gifts of the US Church
2. Weaknesses or challenges that API Catholics are still facing within the US Church
3. Opportunities open to the Church and/or API Catholics in the US
4. Threads the Church and/or API Catholics face in the US
5. Key highlights of positive and negative events that happened to the Church and/or API Catholics in the US
6. Major hopes and dreams for the future of the Church and/or API Catholics in the US
7. Any other demographic or pertinent data on the Church and/or API Catholics in the US that will contribute to the understanding of our population, environment, and subsequent issues as well as hopes for the better



## **Con't.**

The documents listed below were asked to be read prior to the Summit in order to better understand the work that has been done and the work that needs to be done.

- *Asian Pacific Presence – Harmony in Faith*
- *Excerpts from Vatican II documents*
- *Stewardship: A Call to be Servant-Leaders with Asian Pacific Islander Catholics*
- *USCCB Strategic Pastoral Plan*



Other documents that might provide a fuller picture and will be useful in the work were recommended to be read if schedules permits. The list of these documents is as follows:

- *African American Strategic Pastoral Plan*
- *Asian Pacific Island Demographic Survey*
- *National Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry*

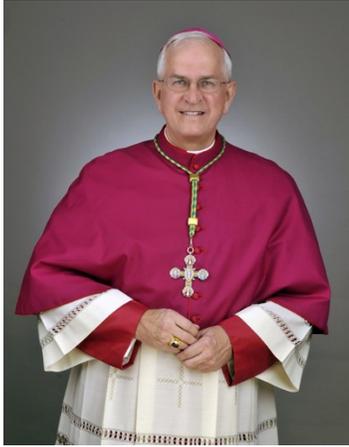
## **Who assumed the major roles at the Summit?**

- Most Rev. Randolph R. Calvo, Bishop of Reno, NV and Chairman of SCAPA (Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs). Bishop Calvo serves as the champion and pastoral leader.
- Most Rev. Oscar Arzacon Solis and Most Rev. Dominic M. Luong, current members of SCAPA. They are our advocates to the Church and experienced guides throughout the process.
- Mar Munoz-Visoso, Executive Director, Cultural Diversity in the Church. She serves as our advisor on pastoral plans, particularly one from the Hispanic/Latino experience.
- Sister Anna Nguyen, Assistant Director for SCAPA, Carolyn Ng and Rev. Linh Hoang, OFM, Consultants for SCAPA, and Sister Anna's support team, Yolanda Taylor-Burwell, Education and Projects Coordinator, Kathryn Egan, Administrative Secretary. This team serves as our primary lead ensuring the success of this initiative throughout the entire planning and execution process.
- Sophia Saeed served as the facilitator, leading and guiding the planning process during the Planning Summit. She brings 13+ years of best-in-class strategic planning, facilitation, and consulting experience from both major consulting firms and Catholic organizations as well as her great passion for the Faith and the Church.
- Leadership Team: Peter Choe, Eva Diez, Fr. Simon Kim, Christina Lee, Corinne Monogue, Daniel Mulhall, Fr. Binh Nguyen, Fred Semendy, and M. Annette Mandley-Turner. These are leaders from within the community who offer their additional time and expertise to support Bishop Calvo and Sister Anna in ensuring successful planning and execution phases. They participated in the Planning Summit and will help lead the plan's actions throughout the year.



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AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

*31<sup>st</sup> Annual  
African American Catholic  
Day of Reflection  
“The New Evangelization:  
Continuing Our Conversion Journey”*



Most Rev. Joseph E. Kurtz D.D.

Saturday, December 7, 2013  
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
Catholic Enrichment Center  
3146 West Broadway  
Louisville, KY

Adults: \$30.00 Youth: \$20.00  
Childcare services for children  
ages 2-7: \$5.00 per child  
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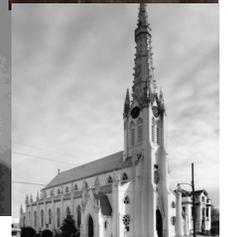
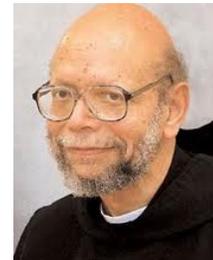


Keynote Speaker:  
Fr. Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R.

***The African American Catholic  
History Celebration will be  
incorporated into the day!***

*29<sup>th</sup> Annual  
African American Catholic  
History Celebration  
“The New Evangelization:  
Continuing Our Conversion Journey”*

St. Martin de Porres  
Catholic Church  
1310 West Broadway  
Louisville, KY



## CEC Women Drummers...Building Interfaith Relationships

*By Yetunde Adeyinka*

For about three years the CEC (Catholic Enrichment Center) Women of Drum have not only provided entertainment, but have also put on cultural and spiritual conferences. Those who have been a part of our audience are gradually drawn into the rhythms of the beat. When we play, we play as one and the crowd becomes one with us. The beat of the drum brings you to a oneness in culture and spirituality. Our main drum of choice is the djembe. Its name translates to "everyone gather together in peace" and defines the drum's purpose.



interfaith message.

The Women of Drum have played in a number of events and programs. Our largest audience at the Cathedral of the Assumption, for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration provides us with the opportunity to share the gift of the drum with the largest variety of cultures and faiths. Although the celebration is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry, it is an ecumenical service. We are blessed with faithful believers from a variety of cultures such as Asian, Hispanic, African, Belizean and others that come to share the celebration of one who supported an

We were blessed to perform at Bates Memorial Baptist Church by being invited to share the first performance of the liturgical dancers during an anniversary program. The program went on without challenge, and the drum and dance portion was showered with extended applause and an invitation from the pulpit for a return visit.

The Women of Drum have also expanded interfaith relationships by performing programs in and around the county. We helped celebrate the grand opening of the Shawnee Christian Health Center. We have provided engaging performances at annual Kwanzaa Celebrations and helped the Rocking Red Hatters, a group of intelligent, faith filled seasoned women 60 years of age and over, celebrate an organizational milestone. We have even been part of celebrations and outreach by area Native American tribes sponsored by the Rainbow Spiritual Education Center.



The Women of Drum began with several African American women seeking to learn about the African drum and how to make a somewhat joyful noise. It has become an inspiring journey that has guided us through a variety of positive opportunities for evangelization and building lasting interfaith relationships.

## Appreciative Inquiry & the New Evangelization

By Charmein Weathers

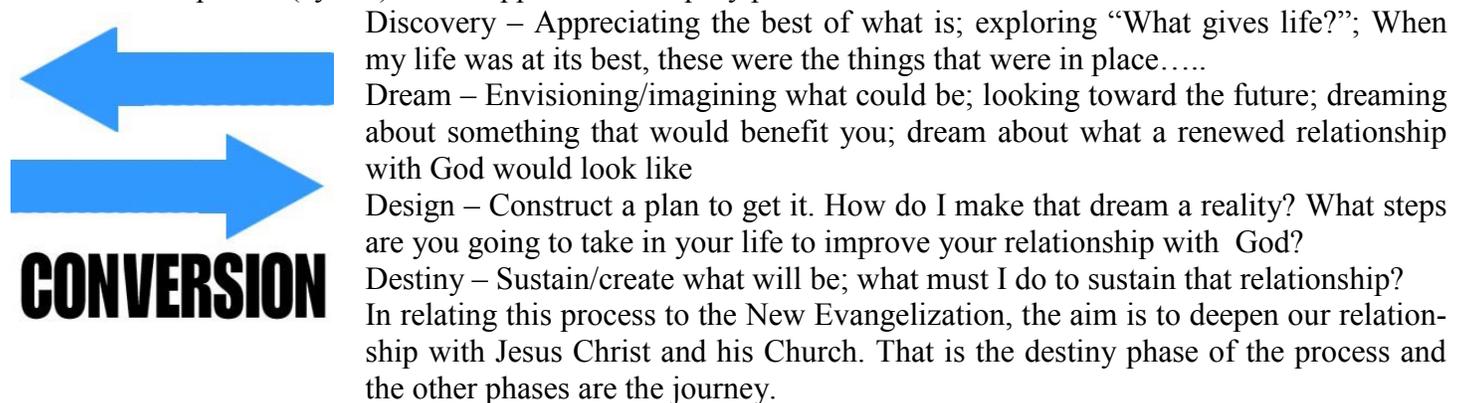
There are certain things in life that are inevitable: aging; growth; death; taxes; a shifting economy; and CHANGE! Yes change is an inevitable part of life. It happens whether we're ready or not, whether we want it to or not. What makes change so challenging at times is how each of us approaches it. As we continue on this journey of the *New Evangelization*, we must be open to embracing change. The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. It calls all Catholics to be evangelized and then go forth to evangelize. It also invites each Catholic to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church (USCCB). This means that we are all called to make some changes in our lives. We have to be intentional about moving out of the space that we have lived in for so long. This space may have been very comfortable, easy and familiar. Often times people don't embrace change because of fear. With the New Evangelization, there should be nothing to fear. All that it is calling each of us to do is celebrate and share how good God is! It is also calling us to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. For some people, it is easier to focus on what is negative in their lives. They complain about many things: their job, vehicle, relationships, and what they don't have. In order to grow, you can't stay fixed on what was or the negative. The first step in making positive changes in our lives is to decide exactly what it is that we want and need to change and to recognize the gifts that God has blessed us with.



Appreciative Inquiry (AI) is a strategy for facilitating positive change. It approaches that change as a journey and not an event. It helps you to explore when things have worked well, when things were at their best, and identifies the causes of success. The AI strategy and process can provide the tools that you need to not only celebrate the past and all that it offered, but to look at what is in front of us now and what lies ahead. Relating the process to the New Evangelization should lead you to a path of conversion. A conversion is a change in which one adopts a new belief. This conversion is about changing our relationship with Jesus Christ.

AI is about growth and sustainability and celebrating the fact that we all bring gifts to the table. It works on the assumption that whatever you want more of, already exists. It is a process based upon positive thinking/ appreciating the best of what is. It explores dreaming about "what could be" and "what will be". What will be is the future envisioned through an analysis of the past. It can be used for relationship building and spiritual renewal. The word "appreciative" derives its meaning from the idea that when something appreciates, it gains value. The word "inquiry" implies a process by which understanding comes from asking questions.

There are four phases (cycles) to the Appreciative Inquiry process:



Jesus said, “*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you.*” *Matt. 6:33*

USCCB - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

*"Today may there be peace within.  
May you trust that you are exactly  
where you are meant to be.*

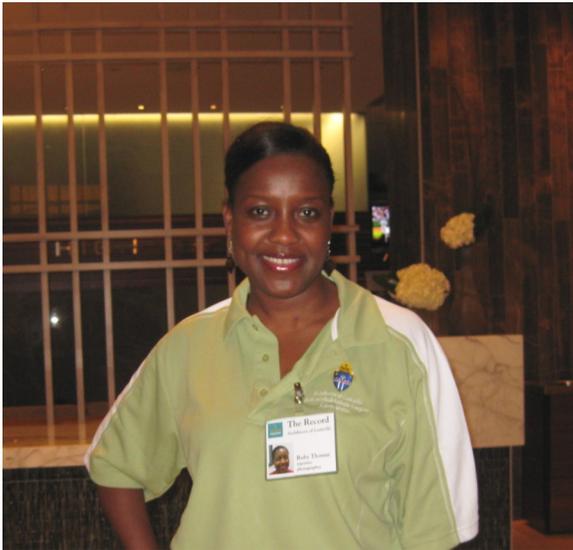
*May you not forget the infinite  
possibilities that are born of faith in  
yourself and others. May you use the  
gifts that you have received and  
pass on the love that has been  
given to you. May you be content  
with yourself just the way you are.*

*Let this knowledge settle into  
your bones, and allow your soul  
the freedom to sing, dance,  
praise and love. It is there  
for each and every one of us."*



## Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month

By Ruby Thomas



National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the millions of Hispanics who have enriched the United States of America with their culture. The period stretching from September 15 to October 15 is set aside to recognize their rich heritage, presence and contributions to this nation. This celebration dates back to 1968 when only one week was set aside. In 1989, the US government agreed that the observation of National Hispanic Heritage should be a month long celebration. September 15 through the 21 is a significant period in the Hispanic community, because it marks the celebration of the independence day of the Central American countries as well as Chile (South America). This is the reason September 15 was chosen as the start of National Hispanic Heritage month.

Over fifty million Hispanics now live in the United States making them the largest minority group. Hispanics have long been known for their deeply rooted Christian faith and have always been a significant presence in the Catholic Church. The Archdiocese Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry is embracing many opportunities, from parish life to diocesan life, where they give witness to the presence of Hispanics in the community. Mrs. Eva Gonzalez, Director of Hispanic Ministry, is working diligently to implement the Archdiocesan Hispanic Pastoral Plan and the National Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry in order to meet the needs of this ever-growing community. One such effort is the first archdiocesan Hispanic evangelization gathering, the 1<sup>st</sup> Hispanic Encuentro, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Ministry. The conference will take place during the last few days of National Hispanic Heritage Month on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Louisville, KY. It will be a daylong event where parishioners will have the opportunity to grow in their faith.

The theme of this year's National Hispanic Heritage Month celebration is "Hispanics: Serving and Leading Our Nation with Pride and Honor," and rightly so when you consider their contributions to some vital areas. According to the census bureau, over a million Hispanics have served in the US armed forces. The month long celebration will be an opportunity to highlight the services of those that have gone above and beyond the call of duty. The celebration will include cultural and educational events at the local and national level.



## Celebrando el Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana

*Por Ruby Thomas*

El Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana celebra a los millones de hispanos que han enriquecido con su cultura a los Estados Unidos de América. El periodo que comienza a partir del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre está destinado a reconocer la rica herencia, presencia y contribuciones a esta nación. Esta celebración se remonta al año 1968 en donde solo se destinaba una semana. En 1989, el gobierno de los Estados Unidos acordó que la celebración Nacional de la Herencia Hispana debería ser un mes. Del 15 al 21 de septiembre es un periodo significativo en la comunidad hispana, ya que marca la celebración del Día de Independencia de los países de Centroamérica así como también Chile (Sudamérica). Esta es la razón por la cual el 15 de septiembre fue escogido como el comienzo del Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana.



National Hispanic Heritage Month. Sept. 15-Oct 15

Más de cincuenta millones de personas hispanas viven en los Estados Unidos, convirtiéndose en el grupo minoritario más grande. Los hispanos han sido conocidos por su muy arraigada fe cristiana y siempre han sido una presencia significativa en la Iglesia católica. La Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville adopta muchas oportunidades que van desde la vida parroquial hasta la vida diocesana en donde dan testimonio de la presencia hispana en la comunidad. La Sra. Eva Gonzalez, Directora del Ministerio Hispano trabaja minuciosamente para implementar el Plan Pastoral Hispano de la Arquidiócesis y el Plan Pastoral Nacional para el Ministerio Hispano para satisfacer las necesidades de esta comunidad creciente. Uno de los esfuerzos es el primer Encuentro Hispano arquidiocesano de evangelización patrocinado por la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural. El encuentro tendrá lugar durante los últimos días del Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana el día sábado, 12 de octubre, 2013 en la parroquia St. Pius X en Louisville, KY. Será un evento extenso en donde los feligreses tendrán la oportunidad de crecer en su fe.

El tema de la celebración del Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana este año es “Hispanos: Sirviendo y Liderando Nuestra Nación con Orgullo y Honor”, y con razón si tenemos en cuenta sus contribuciones a algunas áreas vitales. De acuerdo al censo, más de un millón de hispanos han servido en las fuerzas armadas. El mes de celebración será una oportunidad de resaltar los servicios de aquellos que han ido más allá de su llamado al deber. La celebración incluirá además eventos culturales y educativos a nivel local y nacional.

**CELEBRATE**  
Hispanic Heritage Month



## Camp Africa Inspire...One of the Best Kept Secrets

*By Audrey Penman*



For over ten years Camp Africa has been one of the best kept secrets of summer camps in the city of Louisville, KY. It is a seven-week program for youth grades K through 8 that offers enrichment opportunities in the areas of math, reading and writing, as well as cultural education and field trip opportunities.

Camp Africa is staffed by professionals, volunteers and others, eager to share their academic gifts and talents with the children who attend. The camp provides an opportunity for youth to not only review academics from the previous school year, but to experience a variety of cultural activities such as African drumming, karate, drama/arts, health and wellness,

and foreign language. While other youth are running around in a gym or sitting in front of a computer all day, Camp Africa participants not only have the opportunity to run and play during a scheduled physical education break, they also learn to journal about their experience, introduce it in a foreign language, turn it into a play, charge a fee to see the play, and calculate their profit!



Each summer brings new and expanded classes because of the dedicated people that we engage to work the camp. Our campers were introduced to various disciplines of science through the Churchill Downs Outreach program and produced entries for the summer camp science fairs with science guru Mrs. Marigold Williams. Older campers were introduced to college

prep classes and to a great deal of scholarship information. Although the camp ran seven weeks, math and black history teacher Ms. Christy Swan was motivated to continue a math tutoring session on into the beginning of the school year!

Camp Africa is like a diamond in the rough, and continues to be a priceless education gem to this community. It has also become an evangelization tool because of all the families, Catholic and others, that understand the importance of a good foundation and ongoing learning opportunities that help develop good and faithful citizens for the future.



## Senior Cultural Institute: Engaging in Their Faith, Sharing Their Walk With Jesus By Kim Telesford-Mapp

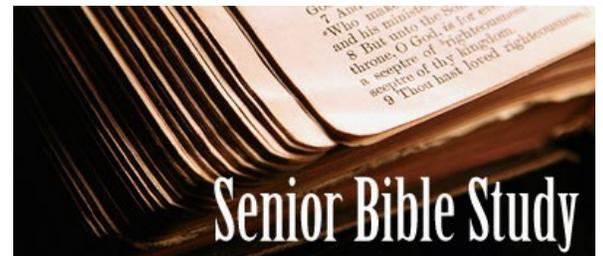
The vision of the Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC) ministering to the needs of our seniors is well on its way to fruition as we work to fully implement all aspects of its Senior Cultural Institute this year. The Institute will include programs specifically focused on addressing the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our seniors. These activities are designed to keep our senior participants active and balanced, which in turn will promote continued mental, physical and spiritual well-being.



Not long ago, in a moment of spiritual reflection, TaiChi class instructor, “Baba” Serikali reminded us that we are called by Jesus to honor and keep our physical “temple” operating in good form. Baba emphasizes that we should maintain the temple of the Holy Spirit in several ways, including daily prayer, occasional fasting, eating wholesome foods, exercising, meditating and performing good deeds.

To help facilitate this philosophy, the CEC's weekly lineup will include:

- Sewing & quilting classes promoting mental and physical acuity
- TaiChi classes, which assists seniors with strength and balance conditioning
- “Seniorobics” to promote physical and mental endurance
- Nutrition classes to inform and instruct seniors on how to prepare balanced meals
- Wellness workshops for health maintenance and preventative care
- Computer classes for those who want to embrace the 21<sup>st</sup> century information age
- The “Why Catholic?” series to discuss the finer points of understanding Catholicism, its influences and potential
- Lunch and Learns – a education series offered quarterly
- “Aging Gracefully in the Spirit” classes
- Bible study
- Plans for Discovery and Enlightenment Field trips are also in the works



“Seniors Engaging in Faith While Sharing a Walk with Jesus” includes members who give their time by volunteering at the CEC. This volunteer service is not specific to a particular faith, age group, race or any other dividing particulars and is designed to bring an overall "well being" to the lives touched by the Catholic Enrichment Center. The current interfaith group of seniors that serve as CEC volunteers consists of those in complementary capacities for the various programs and activities that we offer by providing wisdom and direction to help expand on and enhance the mission and outreach of the center and the Office of Multicultural Ministry.

## Social Media and Hispanic Ministry

By Eva Gonzalez



Two months ago, the Office of Multicultural Ministry, Hispanic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Louisville launched Twitter, Facebook, and a section of the digital archdiocesan newspaper *The Record* in Spanish. In our day, the use of social media is a helpful resource in our archdiocesan efforts to do outreach, welcome, and inform the diverse Hispanic community about the events that take place in response to the needs of the people addressed in the His-

panic Pastoral Plan and the Archdiocesan Strategic Plan.

The office offers events such as, the Quinceañera Retreat, a traditional celebration of a young woman on her fifteenth birthday in gratitude to God; Marriage Preparation Retreat in Spanish twice a year, an important need for the community; Mass celebrations in honor of Our Lady of Charity of Cobre, patroness of Cuba and The Virgin of Guadalupe, patroness of Mexico and empress of the Americas; Formation through the Leadership Formation Program and the Catechist Formation Program that lays out the foundation for those pursuing to deepen their faith and become servant-leaders at a parish and on a local Church level; Days of Reflection focusing on specific themes of interest to the community; the Archdiocesan Hispanic Encuentro, an event that captures key elements on evangelization, formation, and spirituality with a communal perspective; Liturgical Ministry Formation in collaboration with the Office of Worship; an Advent Retreat where English and Spanish speaking communities experience unity through faith; and Spanish classes for parish and archdiocesan staff and those interested in welcoming the Spanish speaking community.

As equally important, the office provides leadership and engages in conversations on archdiocesan, parish, and regional levels in order to work in collaboration in meeting the needs of the diverse Hispanic community in response to God's love.

The Office of Multicultural Ministry, Hispanic Ministry, invites you to follow us and become informed of all the events around our Archdiocese on:

Twitter: @Archlou\_es

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ArchLouEspanol](http://www.facebook.com/ArchLouEspanol)

The Record (Spanish section): [www.therecordnewspaper.org](http://www.therecordnewspaper.org)

## Los Medios de Comunicación y el Ministerio Hispano

Por Eva Gonzalez

Hace dos meses, la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural, Ministerio Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville lanzó twitter, facebook y una sección del periódico digital arquidiocesano *The Record* en español. En la actualidad, el uso de medios de comunicación son un recurso útil para realizar nuestros esfuerzos arquidiocesanos hacia un alcance a las personas, dar la bienvenida e informar a la diversa comunidad hispana acerca de los eventos que se llevan a cabo en respuesta a las necesidades de las personas establecidas en el Plan Pastoral Hispano y el Plan Estratégico de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville.

La oficina ofrece eventos tales como, el Retiro para Quinceañeras, una celebración tradicional de una jovencita en sus quince años en agradecimiento a Dios; el Retiro Prematrimonial en español realizado dos veces por año es una necesidad importante para la comunidad; celebración de Misas en honor de Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre, patrona de Cuba y la Virgen de Guadalupe, patrona de México y emperatriz de las Américas;

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Formación a través del Programa de Formación de líderes y el Programa de Formación para Catequistas establecen las bases para aquellas personas que desean profundizar su fe y ser siervos-lideres a nivel de la Iglesia doméstica y/o parroquial; Días de Reflexión que se enfocan en temas específicos de interés para la comunidad; el Encuentro Hispano Arquidiocesano, evento que capta a través de una perspectiva comunitaria elementos claves

en evangelización, formación y espiritualidad; Formación de Ministros para la Liturgia realizado en colaboración con la Oficina de Culto; el Retiro de Adviento en donde las comunidades que hablan inglés y español experimentan unidad a través de la fe; y clases en español para empleados tanto de la Arquidiócesis como de las parroquias y aquellos interesados en dar la bienvenida a la comunidad de habla hispana.

De igual importancia, la oficina provee liderazgo y participa en conversaciones a nivel arquidiocesano, parroquial y regional para así trabajar en colaboración en satisfacer las necesidades de la diversa comunidad hispana en respuesta al amor de Dios.

La Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural, Ministerio Hispano, los invita a seguirnos y a estar informados de todos los eventos alrededor de nuestra Arquidiócesis en:

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## **It Takes A Village Program**

*By Christopher Burt*

The purpose of the “It Takes a Village” program is to develop young males into upstanding men through mentoring, fellowshiping, and life coaching. Young Men between the ages of 13 and 25 are paired with seven seasoned, adult mentors who meet weekly at the Catholic Enrichment Center and are part of the Family Focus and Male Ministry initiatives of Archdiocese of Louisville’s Office of Multicultural Ministry. One of the goals of the “It Takes a Village” program is to have the young men experience a positive environment with a positive role model who will encourage them to make better choices in life.

The goals wouldn’t be possible if it weren’t for a dedicated group of men who truly care about the existence, success and plight of the young men who enter the program. A mentor’s functions include:

- Teaching a mentee about a specific issue or issues that may have a negative impact on their life
- Coaching the mentee on a particular skill that may have a positive impact on their life
- Assisting in the mentee’s growth by exposing them to opportunities such as community resources and networks
- Challenging the mentee to move out of his comfort zone
- Creating a learning environment that encourages, not intimidates
- Focusing on the mentee’s total development

Through the mentors involvement with these mentored youth, there has been a rise in their overall school attendance; better relationships with their parents; and a better attitude toward their outlook on life.

## Catholic Enrichment Center Program Line-up

*By Kim Telesford-Mapp*

The Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC) is bursting at the seams with programs this fall. We have an exciting line up of familiar programs and a few new additions.

We are thrilled to offer exceptional "Out of School" programming for our children that includes:

- Cub Scouts Pack #49 (Call for schedule information)
- Girl Scouts Troop #1483 (Meetings every second and fourth Saturday of the month)
- After School Tutoring and Homework Help (Monday-Thursday, 4-6pm, September 9, 2013-May 22, 2014 Fee \$10/month)
- ACT/SAT Prep classes (Every Saturday, 10am-12noon, September 14-October 19, 2013 Fee \$25.00)
- Karate (Monday and Wednesday, 6-7:30pm Fee \$35.00/month)
- City-Wide Spelling Bee in partnership with Nativity Academy (Saturday, November 16, 2013, 10am-2pm Fee \$5.00)
- Community Science Fair (Saturday, February 8, 2014, 10:00am-2:00pm Fee \$10.00)

### ADULT CLASSES:

- Zumba (Monday and Tuesday 6-7pm, Thursday 6:30-7:30pm, and Saturday 10-11am Fee \$15 for a 5 class pass)
- Line Dancing Ministry (Wednesday 6-8pm, and Saturday 11am-1pm FREE!)
- Physical Therapy (Provided by Bellarmine University School of Physical Therapy, Call for an appointment FREE!)
- Basic Computer classes (Wednesday, Meets once/week for six weeks, October 2-November 6, 2013 10-11:30am and an evening class from 6-7:30pm)
- Sewing/quilting classes (Mondays 5:30 -7:30pm or Fridays 10am-12noon)
- Family Life Skills Programming to include:
  - Parenting Speaker Series
  - Tasty Tuesday Cooking Class
  - Finance for You
  - It Takes a Village (Male mentoring program)
  - Computer classes
  - Healthy Journey for Two Prenatal Workshops
  - Domestic violence and abuse counseling
  - Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group
  - Legal Aid Clinic FREE (Small fee for court ordered parenting classes)

### Upcoming Events for 2013/2014

African American Catholic Day of Reflection & History Celebration  
OMM (Office of Multicultural Ministry) Beef & Brotherhood Bash  
Heroes of Hope  
Neighborhood Nights  
Kwanzaa Celebration

Please refer to the OMM 2013-2014 Calendar of Events for a complete listing of our programs.



## The Computer Program: Off to a Great Start

*By Christopher Burt*

During this past summer, ten individuals from various parishes and communities took part in the Catholic Enrichment Center's (CEC) Computer Literacy Program. As part of the Archdiocesan Strategic Plan, individuals have taken advantage of the Office of Multicultural Ministry's commitment to developing the educational gifts of the family.

The program consists of classes over a six-week period, once a week from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Topics range from simple operations of a computer, software utilization to troubleshooting. Class instructors, Mr. Tony Spalding and Professor Pat Carver feel that the classes "will help participants develop and in some cases refine their computer skills, and gain an understanding of commonly used applications to enhance their personal and professional productivity".

"Our program is projecting phenomenal growth with these classes based on participation and interest," said Audrey Penman, Outreach Coordinator for the Catholic Enrichment Center. The program curriculum was designed to ensure that all participants learn by doing. After each class, participants are encouraged and allowed to utilize the computer lab to practice their skills before the next class.

We have seen great results and have received positive feedback from the participants who have taken the courses at the CEC. Many of them have commented on how helpful the courses were to them in bridging the gap with family members or acquiring a new job-related skill.

Through this initiative and many others, the Office of Multicultural Ministry is building on its solid reputation of delivering high quality programs that can and will make a difference in the community. "Since the beginning of our Life Skills Program, we have expanded our literacy programming and continue to enhance the curriculum to suit the needs of our community," added M. Annette Mandley-Turner, Executive Director of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry.





# International Kitchen

## Lechón

Phillipines

The lechon is the most invited party guest in the Philippines. The entire pig is spit-roasted over coals, with the crisp, golden-brown skin served with liver sauce, the most coveted part. In Cebu, the stomach of the pig is stuffed with star anise, pepper, spring onions, laurel leaves and lemongrass resulting in an extremely tasty lechon, which needs no sauce. This dish is also popular in Cuba, Puerto Rico and several other countries.



### Ingredients:

1 whole pig (about 20 kilos)  
salt  
black pepper  
soy sauce



For the stuffing:

5 to 10 bundles lemon grass (tanglad)  
20 pieces bananas (saba variety), peeled then halved or  
20 pieces taro (gabi), peeled

### Cooking Instructions:

1. Clean and prepare the pig by removing innards, washing and scraping innards, washing and scraping the body of bristles. Rinse and allow to drain a bit before stuffing.
2. Rub with salt and pepper inside and out.
3. Rub soy sauce on the skin of the pig. This will make it nicely red when roasted.
4. Stuff the belly of the lechon with lemon grass along with *saba* and *gabi*. Sew to close.
5. Skewer the pig and split roast over live charcoal or traditionally, in some parts of Cebu, under live fire. Roast until crisp.
6. Lechon is not served with a sauce. If a dipping sauce is requested, vinegar with scallions and pepper may be served along with it.

## Shrimp Creole

United States

Shrimp Creole is a dish of Louisiana Creole origin (French, African and Spanish Heritage), consisting of cooked shrimp in a mixture of whole or diced tomatoes, the Holy trinity of onion, celery and bell pepper, spiced with Tabasco sauce or another hot pepper sauce and/or cayenne-based seasoning, and served over steamed or boiled white rice.



### Ingredients:

1 ½ cups Chopped onion  
1 cup Celery, finely chopped  
2 med. Green peppers, finely chopped  
2 cloves Garlic, minced  
¼ cup Butter or margarine



15 ounces Tomato Sauce  
1 cup Water  
2 teaspoons Snipped parsley  
1 teaspoon Salt  
1/8 teaspoon Cayenne pepper  
2 large Bay leaves, crushed  
14-16 ounces Fresh shrimp, deveined  
3 cups Cooked rice (steam dried)

### Cooking Instructions:

1. Devein and wash shrimp. Put aside in separate dish.
2. Cook and stir together onion, celery, green pepper and garlic in butter or margarine until onion and celery are tender. On very low heat, stir in tomato sauce, water and the rest of the seasonings. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes on low heat. Add more water, if needed.
3. Stir in shrimp. Boil then cover and simmer for 25 minutes (until shrimp is pink and tender). Serve over a bed of rice.

## Pain Patate

Haiti

Though the name literally means "sweet potato bread," this Haitian treat is more like a baked pudding. The secret is to use white sweet potatoes (also called boniatos) and not orange ones or yams. Otherwise, the dish will look rather unappetizing, though it will still taste good.



### Ingredients:

- 4 tablespoons Softened butter
- 2 pounds Sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into quarters
- 1 Ripe banana, cut into 1 inch chunks
- 2 Eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup Sugar
- ½ cup Dark corn syrup



- ¼ cup Seedless raisins
- ½ cup Evaporated Milk
- ½ cup Coconut Milk
- ½ tsp. Vanilla extract
- ¼ tsp. Nutmeg, ground
- ¼ tsp. Cinnamon, ground

### Cooking Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350
2. Grease a 8 X 11 X 2 inch cake pan
3. Boil sweet potatoes in lightly salted water until soft
4. Drain thoroughly
5. Puree potatoes with bananas
6. Beat in the butter and the eggs
7. Add the rest of the ingredients and blend well
8. Pour the batter into the prepared pan
9. Bake in the middle of the oven for ½ hour, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean and the top is golden brown.
10. Serve either warm or cold.

## Pho

Vietnam

Pho is a Vietnamese noodle soup consisting of broth, linguine-shaped rice noodles, a few herbs, and meat. It is a popular street food in Vietnam and the specialty of a number of restaurant chains around the world.



### Ingredients:

- 4 ounces dry Chinese egg noodles
- 6 cups chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh ginger root



- 1 tablespoon minced lemon grass
- 5 green onions, chopped
- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 1 cup bean sprouts
- 1 cup chopped bok choy

### Cooking Instructions:

1. Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil over high heat. Add noodles and return water to a boil. Boil until soft, about 8 minutes. Drain and reserve noodles.
2. Bring chicken stock, fish sauce, garlic, ginger, lemon grass, and green onions to a boil in a large pot. Reduce to a simmer; cook for 10 minutes. Stir in the chicken, bean sprouts, and bok choy. Cook pho until heated through, about 5 minutes.
3. Divide the cooked noodles between two large bowls. Pour pho over noodles; serve immediately.

# Enjoy!!!

## Family Focus Program Initiatives *By Christopher Burt*

The initiatives of the Family Focus Program are to develop and implement life skills within the family unit and home. The Family Focus Program takes a holistic approach to transitional planning and life skills application with the family's future growth as its main focus. Some families are in need of programs that assist in the development of life skills needed to help deal with the demands and challenges of everyday life. To better assist our families, each one entering the program is assessed and then enrolled in classes that cater to their particular needs such as Parenting, Effective Communication, Nutrition, Finances and Educational/Vocational. All classes are taught by a talented and multi-disciplined group of professionals within the Archdiocese of Louisville and the community at large.



Many ask the question, "Why teach life skills?". The answers are not surprising to those involved in the process. They range from prevention of the break-up of families to the propelling of an individual forward to experience some of the world's great possibilities. The term "life skills" is open to wide interpretation. But it should be noted that skills are abilities and families should have the opportunity to fine tune those skills in an environment that is encouraging and nurturing. Our philosophy is simple, "learn by doing, for practice makes perfect".

To be effective, the Family Focus Program was designed to achieve clear learning objectives for each class. Life skills learning is facilitated by the use of participatory learning methods and is based on a social learning process which includes: hearing an explanation of the skill in question; observation of the skill (modeling); practice of the skill in selected situations in a supportive learning environment; and feedback about the individual performance of skills. Families and individuals practice the skills by



role playing in scenarios that are typical of the situation.

The development of the Family Focus Program has been a dynamic and evolving process. Since its inception, over 300 families have been served and have achieved great successes in their own right. These successes include economic stability, full-time employment and even the pursuit of a college education. They not only substantiate the need for programs like Family Focus, but most importantly they strengthen the bonds of the family.



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### **Feast of Saint Lorenzo Celebration**

September 29, 2013  
5:30 p.m.  
Cathedral of the Assumption



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

November 21, 2013  
11:00 a.m.  
Catholic Enrichment Center

### **Our Lady of Kibeho Celebration**

December 1, 2013  
2:00 p.m.  
St. Thomas More Church

### **Kwanzaa Celebration**

December 28, 2013  
11:00 a.m.  
Catholic Enrichment Center

### **Black Catholic Theological Symposium Listening Session**

October 5, 2013  
5:00 p.m.  
Catholic Enrichment Center

### **City-Wide Spelling Bee**

November 16, 2013  
10:00 a.m.  
Catholic Enrichment Center

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