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## Archdiocese Unfolding Goal Three of the Strategic Pastoral Plan

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



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Executive Director  
Office of Multicultural Ministry

Throughout the Archdiocese we are experiencing demographic shifts in our multicultural communities. The Church's mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and promote the life and dignity of each and every human being which includes cultures. (USCCB 2012 (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)) Some parishes are transitioning from mono-cultural configurations to those we call "shared", which include diverse racial or cultural groups and/or more than one language spoken with a desire to celebrate the Eucharist and embody Christian community. For ministers and pastoral workers to be effective in this diverse environment, appropriate knowledge, attitudes and skills need to be enhanced or developed.

The Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM) works in collaboration with others in the archdiocese to identify, claim, promote and celebrate diversity in our midst. Various techniques and programs are used in order to achieve this goal such as the Moving Toward Oneness Process, the Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers Training, the Archdiocesan Pentecost Celebration, various multicultural celebrations, etc. One of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops priorities is the "Recognition of Cultural Diversity in the Church". In our local church our archdiocesan strategic plan goal 3 invites us to celebrate the new and growing breadth of diversity in our Church.

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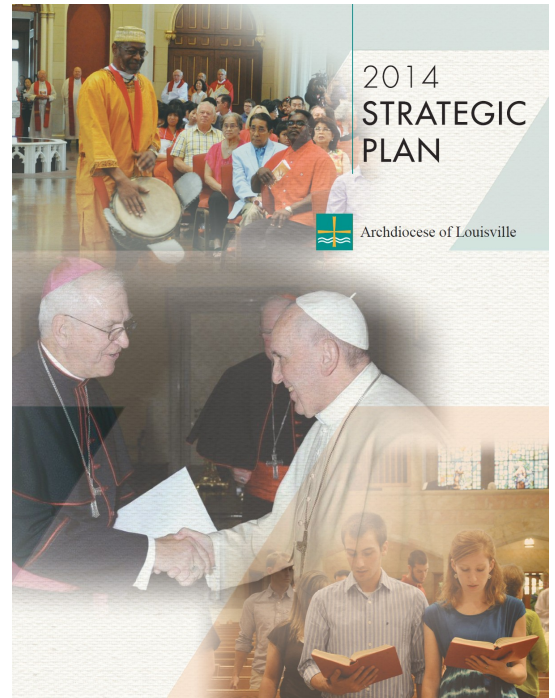
***Celebrating 26 years of  
African American Catholic Ministries  
in the Archdiocese of Louisville!***

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"This goal calls for our local Church to embrace diversity as a gift to be received rather than a problem to be solved and to recognize that diversity exists in many forms – age, economic realities, race and ethnicity, and geography, to name a few. Within our Church, we celebrate this gift as we strive for unity as the Body of Christ. This goal focuses on deepening our understanding of the Church's teaching about the dignity of the person and the call of the Holy Spirit to both diversity and *communio*; outreach to those individuals, described in the Beatitudes, who are systematically excluded in our society; multiple family structures; internal and external outreach for parishes; strengthening intercultural competencies; ethnic and racial strategies for the African American, Asian-Pacific, and Hispanic populations; and young adults."

(2014 Strategic Plan Archdiocese of Louisville)

The 2014 Archdiocese of Louisville Strategic Plan is a plan of priorities for the next five years. This plan is driven by the mission of the Archdiocese, to proclaim and live the good news of Jesus Christ.



## **One Body, Many Parts**

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

**12**As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.**13**For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

**14**Now the body is not a single part, but many.**15**If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body.**16**Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body.**17**If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?**18**But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended.**19**If they were all one part, where would the body be?**20**But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body.**21**The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you."**22**Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary,**23**and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety,**24**whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it,**25**so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another.**26**If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

***National Reflection on Native American Catholics***  
***By Fr. Henry Sands, Assistant Director,***  
***Subcommittee on Native American Affairs, USCCB***  
***Newly Appointed Executive Director of Black and Indian Missions***



The Subcommittee on Native Americans sponsored a Native American Ministry Orientation Workshop for Bishops in Fargo, North Dakota in July 2014. The workshop was attended by fourteen bishops. Seven individuals made presentations to the bishops on topics such as: Native American participation in the Church; Inculturation; Native and Catholic spirituality; Native and Catholic Traditions; and Bringing the Ancient Faith to Today's Native Youth. The workshop was well received by the bishops who attended, and another workshop will be held in San Mateo, California in July, 2016 in conjunction with the National Tekakwitha Conference. Fr. Henry Sands offered a 'Talking Circle' workshop at the National Tekakwitha Conference in Fargo, North Dakota in July, 2014. In the workshop he first asked the participants to individually identify issues of importance to Native American Catholics. They then shared their issues in small groups. Each small group then identified the top three issues for their group, and then shared their top three

issues with all of the workshop attendees. There was a high degree of correlation among all of the small groups with respect to their top three issues.

**News from the Subcommittee on Native American Affairs (SNAA)**

The overall top three issues identified by the workshop participants were: 1. the need for evangelization and mentoring of Native American youth; 2. the importance of inculturation - a desire by Native American Catholics for greater incorporation and preservation of Native American culture and traditions; and 3. the need for the formation of Native American lay leaders. Fr. Sands plans to offer a 'next phase' workshop at the National Tekakwitha Conference which will be held in Alexandria, Louisiana in July, 2015. This workshop will provide participants with a summary of the issues that were identified at the 2014 workshop. They will be asked to reflect individually and then brainstorm in small groups to formulate solutions to these issues and challenges. Fr. Henry Sands, Assistant Director, Subcommittee on Native Americans Affairs. "The individual's act of faith finds its place within a community, within the common "we" of the people who, in faith, are like a single person - "my first-born son", as God would describe all of Israel (cf. Ex 4:22). Here mediation is not an obstacle, but an opening: through our encounter with others, our gaze rises to a truth greater than ourselves." *Encyclical Letter Lumen Fidei of the Supreme Pontiff Francis to the Bishops Priests and Deacons Consecrated Persons and the Lay Faithful on Faith (6/29/13, no. 14) Page 9*

Fr. Sands and Fr. Paysse are currently working on plans for a pastoral visit to the Lower Brule Lakota Indian Reservation and the Crow Creek Sioux Indian Reservation which are both near Pierre, South Dakota. The Sisters of Christian Charity have invited them to make this pastoral visit to the priests, religious sisters, other pastoral workers, and the Native American Catholics who live in the two reservation communities. Among other activities, in September of 2014, Fr. Henry Sands and Fr. Wayne Paysse, Executive Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, and Sr. Kateri Mitchell, SSA, Executive Director National Tekakwitha Conference led a pilgrimage group of eighty people to various holy sites in New York State and Quebec, Canada. During the five day pilgrimage they visited: the National St. Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine in Fonda, New York; the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, New York; the tomb of St. Kateri Tekakwitha at the St. Francis Xavier Mission in Kahnawake, Quebec; Notre Dame du Cap Shrine in Trois Riviere, Quebec; the Basilica of Ste. -Anne-de-Beaupré in Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Quebec; the Cathedral Basilica of Notre Dame de Quebec in Quebec City, Quebec; St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, Quebec; and Notre Dame Basilica in Quebec.

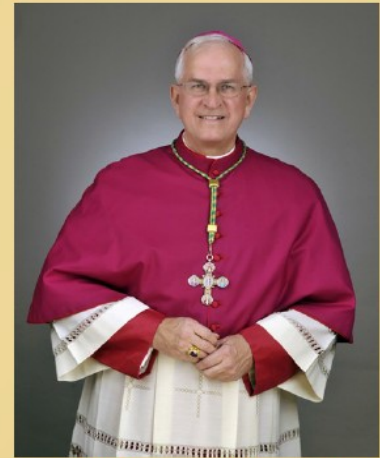
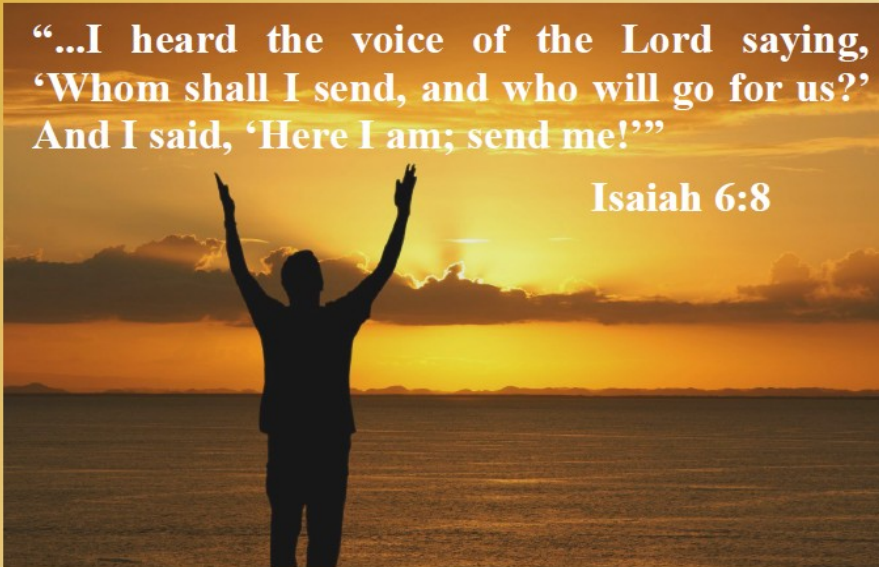


ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE  
Office of Multicultural Ministry  
African American Catholic Ministries

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**African American Catholic Day of Reflection**  
“Here I Am, Send Me”

“...I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’  
And I said, ‘Here I am; send me!’”

Isaiah 6:8



Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, D.D.

Some of the presenters include:

- ~Mr. Sydney Speaks      ~Fr. John Judie
- ~Dr. James Mandley    ~Mr. John Thorne
- ~Mrs. Vanessa Griffin Campbell
- ~Deacon James and Mrs. Christine Weathers
- A representative of the National African  
American Catholic Youth Ministry Network  
(NAACYMN)
- ~Local Presenters  
and many more!

**Saturday, September 12, 2015**

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

Catholic Enrichment Center

3146 W. Broadway

Louisville, KY 40211

Adults: \$30.00    Youth (ages 7-18): \$15.00

After September 4, 2015

Adults: \$40.00    Youth: \$20.00

Each parish is invited to send at least 40 participants!

For further details and to register call 502.471.2146.

This event is an implementation of the National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan and the Archdiocese of Louisville's Strategic Plan. It is made possible through Catholic Services Appeal.



Office of Multicultural Ministry

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Hispanic:** Did you know that Carmelite Sr. Laura of Saint Catherine of Siena became the first Colombian saint on May 12, 2013? She is patron saint of those who suffer racial discrimination among others due to her missionary work with the indigenous people of her country to “become an Indian with the Indians to win them all for Christ” (Homily of John Paul II).

**Asian:** Did you know that in our country 48 dioceses list ministries to particular Asian and Pacific Island communities?

34 Vietnamese ministry	3 Japanese ministry
27 Korean ministry	2 Cambodian ministry
21 Filipino ministry	2 Samoan ministry
11 Chinese ministry	2 Kmhmu ministry
8 Indian ministry	2 Pakistani ministry
7 Indonesian ministry	1 Burmese ministry
7 Hmong ministry	1 Fijian ministry
4 Laotian ministry	1 Syro-Malankara ministry
4 Tongan ministry	1 Kananaya ministry
3 Arab ministry	

Information was found on USCCB’s web page <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/asian-pacific-islander/resources/asian-and-pacific-island-ministry-offices.cfm>

**African:** Did you know that according to the *Liber Pontificalis* there have been three African Popes: St. Victor (ca186-198), Pope St. Miltiades (311-14), and Pope St. Gelasius (492-496)? If you would like to know more go to <http://nbccongress.org/black-catholics/african-popes.asp>

**African-American:** Did you know that the symbol of the National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) is the Acacia Tree? What does it mean? “The Acacia tree is native to Africa, and is mentioned in the Bible in the Books of Exodus and Isaiah. The wood of the tree was used to build the Ark of the Covenant. It is mentioned in Isaiah as a sign of the Messianic restoration in Israel. The Acacia tree has deep roots, and is able to survive drought, dryness and famine. It is a strong tree which provides shelter for wild animals from the soaring heat of the sun and it also provides food and nourishment. Since biblical times, the Acacia Tree has been a symbol of stability and resilience. The tree is still found in many areas of Africa and has been a symbol of the land.”

Information was found on NBCC’s web page <http://nbccongress.org/aboutus/daniel-rudd-acacia-tree-mission.asp#acacia-tree>

**Native American:** Did you know that St. John Paul II in his address to the Native Americans on his *Apostolic Journey to the United States of America and Canada, meeting with the native peoples of the Americas, September 1987* presents the following challenge: “I encourage you, as native people belonging to the different tribes and nations in the East, South, West and North, to preserve and keep alive your cultures, your languages, the values and customs which have served you well in the past and which provide a solid foundation for the future. Your customs that mark the various stages of life, your love for the extended family, your respect for the dignity and worth of every human being, from the unborn to the aged, and your stewardship and care of the earth: these things benefit not only yourselves but the entire human family.”

## News from the Subcommittee on African American Affairs (SCAAA), USCCB

*By Donna Toliver Grimes, Assistant Director,  
Subcommittee on African American Affairs, USCCB*



To provide outreach for the ministry in all arch/ dioceses, the Subcommittee on African American Affairs will spotlight youth and young adults in the New Year. Here are four examples of the projects that are marinating now:

Support marriage in the African American community in various ways, but especially by encouraging sacramental marriage among African American Catholic young adults.

We will:

- Collaborate with the Knights of St. Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary to provide guest speakers and sessions on this topic at the KPC Jr. Knights and Ladies convention in July; and identify writers to generate short articles for the For Your Marriage website
- Organize and conduct a Young Adult Listening Session in May to learn from “the experts” how to effectively evangelize this group. We have secured places for

25 African American Catholic young adults to learn more about the particular needs and concerns of this group and to help us strategize. Through a national nomination process we will select men and women in their 20’s and 30’s, who are active in the faith, possess various skills, come from different backgrounds and reflect geographic diversity

- Continue working on the Civil Rights 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project, underscoring the involvement of young adults then and now. We are posting online reflections and multimedia resources about the Church and Civil Rights, honoring the march from Selma to Montgomery, and much more!
- Intentionally strengthen the connection to certain Catholic youth organizations including the National African American Catholic Youth Ministry Network (NAACYMN), the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) and youth and young adult ministry staff at United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

My ongoing desire is to be a resource for African American Catholics throughout the country, whether they relate to and experience God in large or small numbers, and especially if they do not yet know God.

### **Ministry resources for Black Catholics:**

#### *The Racial Divide in the United States*

Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Belleville (Illinois) shares his thoughts on racism in his [The Racial Divide in the United States: A Reflection for the World Day of Peace 2015](#). The document includes a study guide for the pastoral letter.

#### *African American Catholics and The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony*

The Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church – African American Affairs is collaborating with the Office of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth to promote the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony among African American Catholics. This collaboration strives to enrich marriage, support family life and encourage marriage as a vocation through catechesis, creative communications and other activities.

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### *Black Catholic Ministry Webinars*

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, African American Affairs hosted a webinar for Black Catholic Ministry Directors titled "*Energizing the Black Catholic Community: It's a Year Round Ministry.*" The program included interesting presentations from Sr. Jannette Pruitt and Dr. Ansel Augustine and a lively discussion on outreach and Black Catholic Ministry. A recording is available on the Black Catholic Ministry Webinars page.

### *The African American Catholic Youth Bible*

The African American Catholic Youth Bible helps make scripture relevant in teen's lives. It assists in educating everyone about the gifts and contributions of African Americans throughout the history of our faith. St. Mary's Press...Published in partnership with The National Black Catholic Congress, Inc.

### *Rebuilding the Bridge: African American Affairs' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Initiative*

In the coming year, the U.S. will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of several important civil rights milestones. To commemorate these important events and the contributions of many Catholics to the civil rights movement, Cultural Diversity in the Church and African American Affairs, in collaboration with several other organizations, has launched the Rebuilding the Bridge: African American Affairs' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Initiative.

### *Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself: U.S. Catholic Bishops Speak Against Racism*

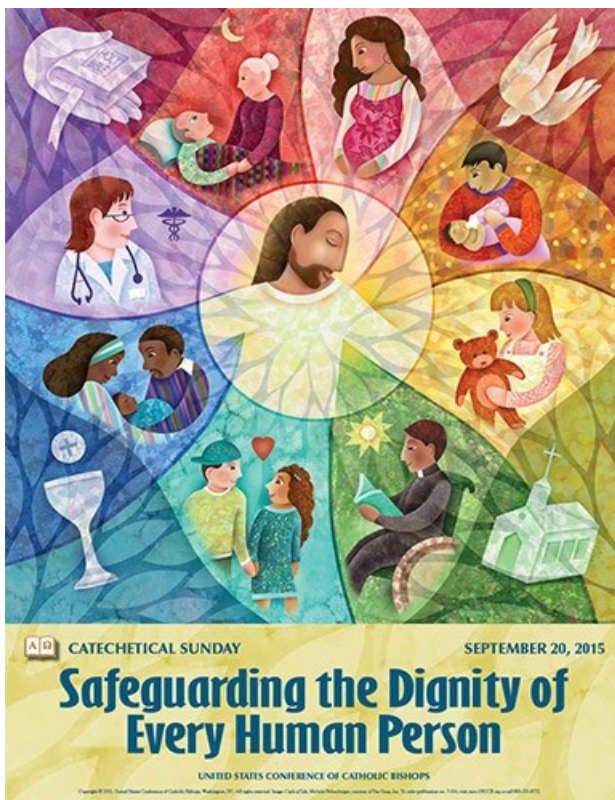
In 2001, several bishops brought together a series of essays on the perspective of the different cultural families and on racism in general. Their insight remains relevant today.

### *What We Have Seen and Heard*

2014 marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bishops' Statement "What We Have Seen and Heard". Find out what the bishops were saying 30 years ago and how it is still relevant today.

## Catechetical Sunday Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person

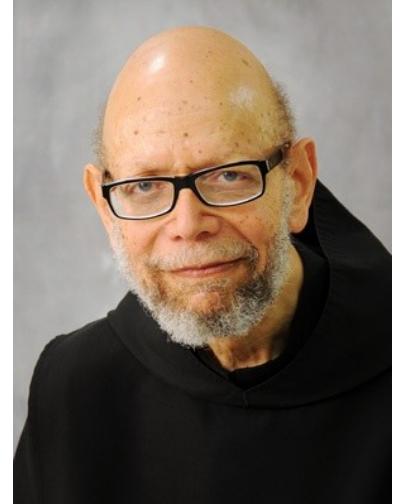
This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2015, and will focus on the theme "Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person." Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)



**Lest We Forget.....**  
**Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB, died on May 18, 2015**

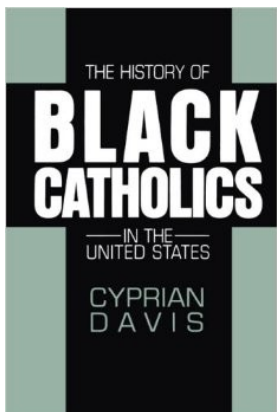
*By Mr. Andrew Lyke*  
*Former Director of the Office for Black Catholics, Archdiocese of Chicago*

Father Cyprian Davis, OSB, monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, IN, died on May 18, 2015, at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. He was 84 and a jubilarian of both profession and ordination. Surviving are a cousin and a niece. Fr. Cyprian was born in Washington, D.C., on September 9, 1930, to Clarence W. and Evelyn (Jackson) Davis, who named him Clarence John. He studied at Saint Meinrad Seminary from 1949 to 1956. Invested as a novice monk on July 31, 1950, he professed his simple vows August 1, 1951, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 3, 1956. Fr. Cyprian received a licentiate in sacred theology from The Catholic University of America in 1957, and a license and the doctorate in historical sciences from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, in 1963 and 1977, respectively. He was professor emeritus of Church history at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, where he had begun teaching in 1963. He also served as an archivist of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, of the Swiss-American Benedictine Congregation, and of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, of which in 1968 he was a founding member. He also belonged to the American Catholic Historical Association and the Society of American Archivists. In addition to dozens of articles, book chapters, and encyclopedia and dictionary entries, Fr. Cyprian wrote six books. But it is his 1990 work for which he will be especially remembered. The History of Black Catholics in the United States is a 350-page study of the American Black Catholic experience from the early Spanish explorations to 1970, and it is regarded as the essential study of the American Black Catholic experience. Among the honors he received for this book were the John Gilmary Shea Award in 1990, and the Brother Joseph Davis Award in 1991. Fr. Cyprian was preparing a revised edition of this work at the time of his death. In addition, Fr. Cyprian contributed to the second draft of Brothers and Sisters to Us, the 1979 pastoral letter on racism published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and he helped write the initial draft of What We Have Seen and Heard, the 1984 pastoral letter on evangelization from the black Catholic bishops. The May 19, 2015 "God's Praise Tell" radio show was devoted to the life and legacy of Fr. Cyprian Davis. To listen to that show as a podcast go to: [www.obc-chicago.org/2015/05/19/remembering-frcyprian-davis-osb/](http://www.obc-chicago.org/2015/05/19/remembering-frcyprian-davis-osb/)



**The History of Black Catholics in the United States Turns 25**

*By Matthew J. Cressler*



My dad bought me my first copy of Cyprian Davis's The History of Black Catholics in the United States (BCUS from hereon out) by mistake. Don't get me wrong, I remember being touched to receive the gift. My dad had clearly listened to me prattle on (and on) about my burgeoning intellectual interests. I just must not have been clear enough in stating them. You see, at the time I liked to insist that I studied African Americans and Catholics, not African American Catholics. (It was a distinction that made perfect sense to my grad-student self and that I took to be very important.) I didn't "do" black Catholic history. I was interested in the ways African Americans and Catholics had been imagined as Other than "America/n." I've since removed this artificial (not to mention problematic) distinction. I am now invested in the study of black Catholic history. And I now love to look back at this gift and recall how neither my dad nor I knew that the book I held in my hands had launched a generation of scholarship.

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This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of BCUS - the Institute for Black Catholic Studies (Xavier University of Louisiana) unveiled the forthcoming 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition in April. Sadly, this month (May 18) marked the passing of Cyprian Davis, the black Benedictine monk who wrote the book that founded black Catholic history as we know it. What better time to pause and reflect on the legacies of the book and its author?

The history of the black Catholic community had never really been told before Davis published what is now his classic work. Josephite priest John T. Gillard had written two pioneering studies - *The Catholic Church and the American Negro* (1930) and *Colored Catholics in the United States* (1941) - but these doubled as apologetics, as defenses of the Church's relationship to African Americans. The few histories there were tended to be more isolated biographical studies of black priests or analyses of "the Negro problem" in relation to the Catholic Church. To paraphrase Davis's preface, black Catholics remained a problem rather than a people.

All that changed with BCUS. The scope of the book is astounding, stretching from the sixth-century North African city of Carthage to the founding of the Black Catholic Clergy Caucus in 1968 (an event Karen Johnson and I discussed a few years back). As is always the case with histories of forgotten people, Davis does well to comb a variety of different sources - reading in and between the lines - to reconstruct the lives of black Catholic communities ranging from African Catholics to baptized slaves of Spanish and English colonists to the first sisters and priests of African descent to black Catholic lay people who became increasingly vocal from the turn of the twentieth century on.

What is more, Davis did not intend his book to be the last say. Though he probably wouldn't have described it this way, I imagine his book as a shot-across-the-bow of U.S. Catholic history. Davis concludes BCUS, "Too long have black Catholics been anonymous. It is now clear they can be identified, that their presence has made an impact, and that their contributions have made Catholicism a unique and stronger religious body." As if to say: "You have ignored us for too long and can no longer in good conscience. Don't tell me it's not possible, don't tell me there aren't sources. It is, there are, and I've just shown you!"

At the same time, the book operates on a different register. What I find fascinating about BCUS now is that, over the past twenty-five years, it has become a primary source. The dedication page ("To Mary / Virgin and Mother") features a Marian prayer selected from an Ethiopian liturgy: "O Mary, immensity of heaven, / foundation of the earth.... / You are greater than the cherubim, / more eminent than the seraphim, / more glorious than the chariots of fire.... / Your lap held the glowing coal. / Your knees supported the lion...."

The first line of the first chapter states matter-of-factly, "All black history begins in Africa" (1). These two moments (and the many others like them scattered throughout the book) give glimpses of what influenced Davis through his years of writing and research. For instance, one hears echoes here and elsewhere of two other pivotal books, both published in 1978: Lawrence Levine's *Black Culture and Black Consciousness* and Albert Raboteau's *Slave Religion*. BCUS is the first comprehensive survey of black Catholic history, yes. But it is also a testament to a new way of conceptualizing what it meant to be black and Catholic in the first place - a conceptualization of Black Catholicism born of the convergence of Black Power and the Second Vatican Council.

This shouldn't be that surprising. Davis made black Catholic history in his own right before BCUS was published in 1990. A growing group of black Catholics (Davis among them) set about transforming black Catholic identity and practice in the late Sixties, influenced by black cultural nationalism as well as the renewed openness to cultural particularity in post-Vatican II Catholicism. Black Catholicism, they argued, should be rooted in the African heritage and Black Church practices shared by all African Americans. The Black Catholic Clergy Caucus was just the first of many organizations committed to achieving this project and Cyprian Davis was one of its founding members (he later served as their archivist).

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Priests and sisters, lay people and brothers, liturgists, theologians, and, yes, even historians worked to change black Catholic self-understanding through institution-building, publications, worship services, education, workshops, as well as street protests. And, by the end of the Seventies, they had largely succeeded. Their success culminated with a 1984 pastoral letter issued by the ten black bishops of the United States calling on black Catholics to be both "authentically black" and "truly Catholic" - a statement Davis helped draft.

I'd like to end with the way the book begins, with one of my favorite quotes. Davis opens his preface with a story of an anonymous "Ethiopian" baptized in Carthage. While we don't know his name, he is nonetheless present (along with others of African-descent) in early Christian sources. This passing reference to a dark-skinned sixth-century convert serves as a reminder to all of us: "reminding us that in the rich background of church history, there are images that we have chosen not to see, figures that have been allowed to blur, characters passing through center stage for a brief moment with no supporting cast. Still, they have been there, and the church has been marked by their blackness....It is the historian's task to make the past speak, to highlight what has been hidden, and to retrieve a mislaid memory (pg. x)."

For this reason alone, *The History of Black Catholics in the United States* should be required reading for everyone interested in African American and Catholic histories. Come to think of it, that goes for all scholars of religion in America. After all, African Americans and Catholics have been foundational for the history of religion in America. Matthew J. Cressler is scholar of African-American religions. He holds a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Northwestern University. He holds a B.A. from St. Bonaventure University and a M.T.S. from Harvard Divinity School. His dissertation is titled "To Be Black and Catholic: African American Catholics in Chicago from the Great Migrations to Black Power," which won the American Catholic Historical Association's 2011 John Tracy Ellis Dissertation Award. This article was originally published on "Religion in American History website: <http://usreligion.blogspot.com>. Permission to republish was granted by the author.

One year ago I successfully defended my dissertation, "Authentically Black and Truly Catholic: African American Catholics in Chicago from Great Migrations to Black Power," at Northwestern University. My research brought me to parishes across the city where I had the privilege of spending time with a number of you, discussing the history of Black Catholic Chicago and listening to what it means to be Black and Catholic. When I made my first research trip, I was newly married. In the five years since, I have become a father of two beautiful girls. My scholarly trajectory and indeed, all of who I am today has been shaped by the time I spent in your presence. This is my humble attempt to express gratitude to all of you in Chicago's Black Catholic community. Your generosity of time and spirit of hospitality never ceased to amaze me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! This July I will be leaving Chicago, my home since 2008, to teach African American religion at the College of Charleston (SC). But I will be continuing work on a book manuscript titled *From Conversion to Revolution: The Rise of Black Catholic Chicago*. I would love to continue to engage you all in conversation throughout that process. If you would like to discuss your experience related to the history of Black Catholic Chicago, particularly from the 1930s through the 1970s, feel free to stay in touch via email ([mjcressler@gmail.com](mailto:mjcressler@gmail.com)) or phone (404-704-4601). Matthew J. Cressler, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Religious Studies College of Charleston

Note: Both of these articles, Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB, dies on May 18, 2015 and *The History of Black Catholics in the United States Turns 25*, were published in the June 2015 Issue of *The Drum: The Beat of Black Catholic Chicago* a publication of the Office for Black Catholics of the Archdiocese of Chicago.



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## “La Familia y su Misión”



**Arzobispo Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.**



**Rev. Rafael Capó, Sch.P.**  
**Director SEPI**  
**Instituto Pastoral del Sureste**  
**Miami, FL**

**Sábado, 19 de Septiembre de 2015**  
**8:00 a.m.**

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

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## **Racism - What Shall I Do?**

*By Deacon James R. Turner*

*Pastoral Administrator, St. Augustine & St. Martin de Porres Parishes*



On June 10, 2015 Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), delivered a statement on race relations to their General Assembly. I want to applaud Archbishop Kurtz for addressing this critical subject with the U.S. Bishops and for addressing the issues and concerns that have been dismantling the very fabric of our being brothers and sisters to one another. In his address to the Bishops he identifies ways that all of us can commit to ending racism. I applaud the Bishops in all the dioceses of South Carolina who recently spoke out about the tragedy of those who lost their lives in the church shooting.

I, like most ministers and citizens in the United States have pondered over and over in my mind the horrific tragedy that occurred in Charleston, South Carolina. I too, like many Americans continue to ask myself what can I do?

Our church congregations are praying for peace, but peace alone will not sustain us from actions and behaviors that are deeply embedded with the evil of racism.

Recently I received a phone call, a voice message from an 84 year old woman who happened to be a white Catholic. I could tell in her voice that she was very emotional and disturbed by what had occurred in Charleston. Her plea to me was heart wrenching. She asked that I, as an African American, not view all white people as bad people as a result of the incident in Charleston. My heart was filled with love and encouragement as I listened to her words of sadness, but words of hope.

It is difficult for most of us who are trying to find answers to this tragedy to find peace and to be able to move forward. This incident coupled with a series of tragedies in our nation has brought us to a crossroad. I think it is possible to move on, but only after we can deal with and confront the evils that prevent us from protecting and respecting all human life.

What is truth? I have come to believe that truth rest in who we are and what we are to become. The gospel of Jesus defines us as brothers and sisters born of the same Father. If we believe this, than we must learn to love and protect one another.

We know that the issue of racism and the issues we face today are deeply rooted in a history of beliefs and behaviors that are taught and *are* not of God. We also know that the price of truth does not come without a cost. It has a price associated with it that costs those who choose to be a bearer of truth, a path that can lead to a cross.

We are being called to seek and find the truth and to make the kingdom of God here on earth a place where all God's children can be treated with dignity and respect. As Christian brothers and sisters in Christ we must see to it that our Catholic Social Teachings reflect our personal commitment and actions in defending and protecting others against racism.

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The tragedy that occurred in Charleston has become an imprint on our minds and hearts and has created restlessness on our conscious to do something. We must work together collectively to voice our disapproval of any behaviors, beliefs and actions that create and foster the evils of racism. We must verbally and in writing communicate to our religious and political leaders our desire for them to confront racism in our society so that we can move forward to dismantle the injustices that separate us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Let’s not just blame signs and symbols as the cause of the injustices resulting from racism and the tragedy that occurred in Charleston and across our nation; rather we should place our focus on changing the hearts and minds of those who violate the fundamental values of protecting life. We must search our own heart and soul and find forgiveness for those who create and demonstrate acts of evil.

There is much work to do by all of us regardless of our political affiliation, religion, ethnicity or race. We all play a role in what occurred in Charleston whether we have taken a stand or we remain silent, we play a role. We must work to dismantle this beast called “racism” and move toward a purpose of oneness that embraces the love of all God’s children. What shall we do.....?

Joshua 24:15

"If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."



For Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz’s, full statement on race relations that was delivered at the USCCB’s annual Spring General Assembly, June 10, 2015, go to <http://www.usccb.org/news/2015/15-088.cfm>

## COMMUNITY-WIDE REVIVAL



**Theme:**  
*"Cast Your Nets"*

Monday, September 28, 2015

Theme: *"Gift of Another Day"*

Christ the King Catholic Church

718 South 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Louisville, KY 40211

Revivalist: Rev. Dr. Valerie J. Washington

Pastor, Hughlett Temple A.M.E. Zion Church

THREE NIGHTS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP, MUSIC,  
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Sunday, September 27, 2015

Theme: *"Going Fishing"*

St. Monica Catholic Church

407 South Third Street, Bardstown, KY 40004

Revivalist: Rev. John T. Judie

Pastor, Christ the King & Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Churches

Note: Bus transportation will be offered at \$5.00 per person and will depart at 4:00 p.m. from the Catholic Enrichment Center, 3146 W. Broadway, Lou., KY.

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Theme: *"My God is Awesome"*

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

1545 Louis Coleman, Jr. Drive, Louisville, KY 40211

Revivalist: Rev. Mr. James R. Turner

Pastoral Administrator, St. Augustine (Louisville) &  
St. Martin de Porres Catholic Churches

Meal...5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Praise & Worship...6:10 p.m. • Service...6:30 p.m.

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## Quinceañera Celebration

By Mrs. Eva Gonzalez  
Director, Hispanic Ministry

My fifteenth birthday! The traditional celebration of the quinceañera which takes place in various countries of Latin America and the Caribbean is an occasion for young ladies to give thanks to God. It is around this time when the young lady is leaving her childhood behind and entering into a new stage in her life with more responsibilities. In 2010, with the development of the Hispanic Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Louisville, the Quinceañera celebration became one of the needs the community expressed was important to include from a tradition and faith perspective. In preparation for such a wonderful celebration, the Office of Multicultural Ministry's Hispanic Ministry offers a Quinceañera Retreat which takes place twice a year. The young ladies are accompanied by their mother or father and sometimes by both of them.

In the document *Fifteen Questions on the Quinceañera*, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) mentions:

The traditional blessing, part of the popular religion of Latinos and common in some countries of Central and South America and the Caribbean, has developed in the United States into an unofficial "liturgical rite" and is regulated in some dioceses with specific guidelines and norms. There had been no approved Blessing for the *Quinceañera* and unapproved "rituals" of a variety of origins were in widespread use a number of U.S. dioceses. In the absence of a confirmed rite, celebrants often spontaneously created prayers and ritual actions. Since only approved and confirmed rites may be used in the Liturgy, an Order for the Blessing on the Fifteenth Birthday was approved by the full body of U.S. Bishops and received the *recognitio* from the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. This is the *Quinceañera* ritual approved for use in the dioceses of the United States of America in 2007.

In our Archdiocese, several young ladies have attended the Quinceañera Retreat and celebrated their Quinceañera with a Mass or a blessing in the Church. If you would like to find more information about this tradition, you can visit the USCCB website at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/sacramentals-blessings/quinceanera/fifteen-questions-on-the-quinceanera.cfm>

## La Celebración de la Quinceañera

Mis quince años! La celebración tradicional de la quinceañera la cual se lleva a cabo en varios países de Latinoamérica y el Caribe es una ocasión de que las jóvenes den gracias a Dios. Es alrededor de este tiempo cuando la joven comienza a dejar su niñez para entrar a una nueva etapa en su vida con más responsabilidades. En el 2010, con el desarrollo del Plan Pastoral Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville, la celebración de la quinceañera fue una de las necesidades que la comunidad expresó que era importante incluir desde una perspectiva tanto de tradición como de fe. En preparación para tan maravillosa celebración, la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural, Ministerio Hispano ofrece un Retiro para Quinceañeras el cual se lleva a cabo dos veces al año y las jóvenes son acompañadas por su mamá o papá y a veces por ambos.

En el documento *Quince Preguntas Sobre la Quinceañera*, la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) indica:

La bendición tradicional, parte de la religiosidad popular de Latinos, la cual es también común en países de Centro América, Suramérica y el Caribe, se ha desarrollado en los EE.UU. como un "ritual litúrgico" y está regulado en algunas diócesis con ciertas guías y normas.

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En años recientes no se encontraba ninguna Bendición para la Quinceañera aprobada. En varias diócesis de los EE.UU. se utilizaban rituales que no habían sido aprobados. Estos rituales vinieron de varios lugares. En la ausencia de un ritual confirmado, los celebrantes a veces creaban espontáneamente oraciones y acciones rituales. Ya que solamente los ritos aprobados y confirmados se pueden usar en la Liturgia, los Obispos de los Estados Unidos aprobaron una bendición para la Quinceañera. La Congregación para el Culto Divino y la Disciplina de los Sacramentos del Vaticano dio el *recognitio* al ritual de la Quinceañera para uso en las diócesis de los Estados Unidos de América en 2007.

En nuestra Arquidiócesis, varias jóvenes han asistido al Retiro de Quinceañeras y celebrado sus quince años con una Misa o bendición en la Iglesia. Si a usted le interesa conocer más información acerca de esta tradición, puede visitar el sitio web de USCCB en <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/sacramentals-blessings/quinceanera/fifteen-questions-on-the-quinceanera.cfm>



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the Gift of Diversity!***



## Development of a National Pastoral Plan for Asian and Pacific Island Catholics in the U.S.A.

### *The Need for a Pastoral Plan*

In order to accomplish the goals and objectives defined in the current USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) strategic planning cycle and aligned with our overall strategic plan of the Journey with Christ: Faith, Worship, and Witness, the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs (SCAPA) has determined the need for a National Pastoral Plan for Asian and Pacific Island Catholics. The Pastoral Plan will be a concrete, useful, and strategic tool for pastoral agents as guidelines to serve API Catholics.



A National Pastoral Plan, initiated by the USCCB in collaboration with the Asians and Pacific Islanders (API) Catholic networks will identify the current conditions and needs of the particular ethnic communities in matters related to how the faith is lived and expressed in their particular context. The plan will encourage evangelization among our faithful brothers and sisters, express a vision of the Catholic faith within each ethnic community, and determine the steps needed by the communities in order to make this faith vision a future reality.

API are now six percent of the overall US population with an increasing number immigrating each year. This makes API communities the fastest growing minority group in the United States bringing together a rich cultural diversity not only to the larger American population but to the Church as well.

While the majority of these new immigrants are not Catholic, (Filipino and Vietnamese immigrants exceed the national average of US Catholics to the population), the sheer number of Asian immigrants will mean a large influx of API Catholics into US dioceses. They will turn to the Church for both spiritual and material sustenance and the American Church must be prepared to minister to these new immigrants. A pastoral plan will outline how this support will be provided.

A 2014 report on the CARA study and the 2015 white paper report from Drs. Tricia Bruce, Stephen Cherry and Gerry Park provide background on the Asian and Pacific Island communities in the USA and their countries of origin respectively.

### *Process in Developing the Plan*

The process began with input from various API communities through an advisory board and a steering committee formed by SCAPA and a consultation tool was developed.

- A team of social scientists led by Dr. Tricia Bruce of Maryville College is working with SCAPA for the research to gather, process, and interpret information.
- Notifications were sent to ordinaries and communities to be consulted. An on line survey was made available in December 2014 and is currently open. The survey is translated into 12 languages including: Burmese, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malayalam and Tongan.

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- In addition to the on-line survey, Dr. Bruce and her team are conducting focus groups and leadership interviews in various parts of the country.
- Collation and interpretation of data will follow and Dr. Bruce will provide a report to SCAPA in August 2015

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Noting the benchmark and timelines, there is much work ahead and resources needed leading to the development of a national pastoral plan and subsequently its implementation. But with the guidance by SCAPA in consultation with the standing committee, input from the advisory board and steering committee, and collaboration from API communities, clergy, religious and laity, the national pastoral plan will address what the Church will do to invite the API to a more active role in parish, diocesan, and national church activities, and what steps the parish, diocesan, and national church structures can take to welcome and facilitate API participation.

**Asian and Pacific Island Resources:**

The following resources are available through the USCCB’s Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs:

- *Asian and Pacific Presence: Harmony in Faith*  
This document was developed by the Committee on Migration of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).
- *Rejoicing in the Asian and Pacific Presence*  
Using highlights from Asian and Pacific Presence: Harmony in Faith, this brochure includes discussion questions that can be used during staff or council meetings, days of reflection, small faith-sharing gatherings, or retreats



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## Mother and Daughter Retreat

*By Eva Gonzalez*

How do mothers strengthen their relationships with their daughters? How do daughters strengthen their relationships with their moms? These are questions that are sometimes asked and each family will have different responses because each family is unique. Nevertheless, what we know is that communication is important and that there are many ways we communicate such as using words, gestures, and actions.

The Mother and Daughter Retreat offers a faith experience for both, mother and daughter, to strengthen their relationship through the activities that take place where they share using words, gestures, and actions. It gives a time for them to listen to teachings of the Church, to work as a team, to learn, and come to a better mutual understanding. This retreat offers the opportunity to see other mothers and daughters who might have similar relationships that are successful and challenging like yours. It is an experience that can be added to your lifelong journey where you look to walk together hand in hand.

The next Mother and Daughter Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2016. For more details contact the Office of Multicultural Ministry.



## El Retiro Madre e Hija

¿Cómo pueden las madres fortalecer su relación con sus hijas? ¿Cómo pueden las hijas fortalecer su relación con sus madres? Estas son preguntas que a veces son cuestionadas y en donde cada familia tendrá diferentes respuestas porque cada familia es única. Sin embargo, lo que sabemos es que la comunicación es importante y que hay varias maneras de comunicarnos, tales como palabras, gestos y acciones.

El Retiro Madre e Hija ofrece una experiencia de fe tanto para la madre como para la hija para fortalecer su relación a través de las actividades que se llevan a cabo en donde comparten por medio del uso de palabras, gestos y acciones. Les brinda un tiempo para que escuchen las enseñanzas de la Iglesia, trabajen en equipo, aprendan y lleguen a un mejor entendimiento mutuo. Este retiro ofrece la oportunidad de ver a otras madres e hijas que quizás puedan tener relaciones similares a las de ustedes las cuales a la vez son exitosas y retadoras. Sin embargo, a pesar de ello, es una experiencia que puede ser agregada a su trayectoria de vida en donde ustedes esperan caminar juntas tomadas de la mano.

El próximo Retiro Madre e Hija está calendarizado para el día sábado, 27 de febrero, 2016. Para más detalles comunicarse a la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural.



**Sowers of Justice  
Network Fall Conference:**  
*"Sowing a Non-Violent City"*

**Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM-10:00 PM-Youth Focus**

**Saturday, September 26, 2015 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

**Christ Church Cathedral**

421 S. Second Street; Louisville, KY

Registration and Sponsorship information on our webpage:

[sowersofjusticenetwork.org](http://sowersofjusticenetwork.org) and our Eventbrite page:

<http://sowinganonviolentcity.eventbrite.com>

Recent events involving guns and the devastating effects of gun violence in our communities only heightens the awareness of the need for nonviolence to counter this alarming state of our culture. We believe that it is of vital importance to show that people of faith in our city can and do support changing the culture of gun violence.

**Join us** for a dynamic conference to address this issue TOGETHER.

**Join us** as we mobilize people — not just with information about the scale and scope of gun violence — but towards action steps of enduring value.

**Join us** as we explore moral and spiritual resources to engage the public on this topic.

Core pieces of the event include powerful testimony speaking to epidemic gun violence by voices from different sectors in our community. Breakout sessions will offer dialogue and direct action.

Sponsors include: Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, One Love Louisville, Metro Louisville Million Mom (Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, Church of the Epiphany, St. William Church, Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky (Division of Peace and Justice), Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, Highland Baptist Church Justice Ministry Group, Fellowship of Reconciliation (Louisville Chapter), Thomas Jefferson Unitarian

## CEC Update - Harvesting the Community Through Outreach

*By Ms. Audrey Penman  
Catholic Enrichment Center Director*



The Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC) is again preparing a fall line up of community, cultural, and enrichment outreach. This year we want to make a greater impact on our Quality of Life Ministry to those living in and around our community. We are also putting energy into future meaningful collaborative efforts to assist us in assisting others.

The CEC will kick off our After School Academic Ministry on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with a

family fun reception, that will include academic games and activities. We not only want to share fun ways to learn along with homework tips, but healthy snack options for after school or anytime. We want to hear from you, our community; let us know what you need from us to help your child do their best to succeed academically! We can also use a few dedicated academic assistants to minister with us. Volunteers are welcomed!

The CEC will kick off its Senior Ministry with a Senior Harvest Celebration, Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Let's take advantage of the beautiful changes that bring about the fall harvest. We are looking to have a great time of fellowship, fun, door prizes and a fall lunch menu .

Our annual Heroes of Hope fundraiser will take place this fall on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. We are looking forward to a wonderful luncheon, while celebrating our community heroes. This is not only a major fundraiser for the center, but an opportunity for our collaborators, volunteers and friends, to take a moment to get to know each other and share ideas, activities and initiatives that assist with the center's commitment to the community.

Finally, Get the Kinks out! Bellarmine University's Physical Therapy Department is back with their free Physical Therapy sessions. The Catholic Enrichment Center in partnership with Bellarmine University's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program will continue to offer free physical therapy visits. Some of the areas of treatment will include patients with: Arthritis or Joint Pain; Muscle Pain or Weakness; Dizziness; Imbalance; Parkinson's Disease; Problems Walking; Orthopedic issues; and Women's Health/ Incontinence (weak abdominals, postpartum issues, etc.). Appointments are required. The sessions are Tuesday and Thursday throughout the semester (August - December), and spots are already filling up! For further details call the Catholic Enrichment Center at 502-776-0262.

For information on these or any other programs that are offered at the Catholic Enrichment Center, please don't hesitate to contact us.



**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Back to School Fair**  
**Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC)**  
*By Ms. Charmein Weathers*  
*Multicultural Special Projects/Communications Coordinator*

The Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry hosted its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Back to School Fair on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at its Catholic Enrichment Center located in west Louisville. The event is a component of its Family Life and Community Outreach and Academic Enrichment programs which minister to families regardless of race, religion, or geographical location. The goal is to assist youth with a successful start to their school year by providing them with school supplies and a backpack. The event and all of the supplies were free to the public. Over 500 backpacks filled with grade specific school supplies were given away to school aged children from many parts of Louisville and Southern Indiana. Members of local community organizations were on hand to provide parents with information and resources including Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS), Wellcare of Kentucky Health Plans, LGE & KU Mini City & Louie the Lightning Bug, American Income Life Insurance (free child safe kits), Louisville Metro Council District 1 (Jessica Green's Office), Louisville Free Public Library Shawnee Branch, and Girl Scouts Troop #1483, who provided hot dogs and chips. The Take 1 Leave 1 Library that was also set-up allows students to take a book of their choice home with them. Normally, the initiative is a book trade off where you can take a book from the bookshelf and bring a book in to replace it. That exchange happens throughout the year at the CEC. Noah McDonnell created the program and is a member of Epiphany Catholic Church.

Anyone interested in making a monetary or supply donation for the 2016 Back to School Fair can contact the Catholic Enrichment Center. It is never too early to start!

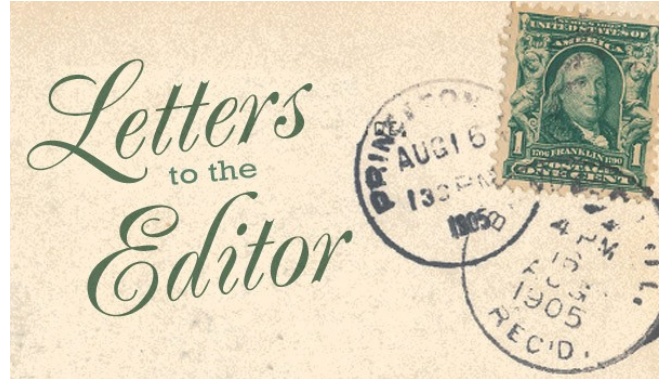


# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I was most impressed by the Filipino celebration. While I did not understand the words sung in the liturgy, the music was beautiful. Fr. Noel has a great spiritual and welcoming presence and having Archbishop Kurtz in attendance was the icing on the cake. I have Filipino ancestors (my mother is Filipino and my father is African American) and yet, I never had an appreciation for my heritage. I thank everyone involved in making this happen. I thank the Multicultural Office for the support they give and their leadership. The presence of Filipinos in the Louisville Archdiocese is increasing.

***Amy Todd - St. Augustine***



Dear Editor,

The Third Archdiocesan Black Catholic Congress was the boost we needed to rekindle the flame with evangelization initiatives. From the moment we entered the sacred space designed by Mr. Howard Roberts of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, I knew that we would feel the presence of Jesus being the center of our joy. The learning experiences enhanced my faith. Words can't express the affirmation I received being a Young Adult, African American, and Catholic. The workshop presented by Mr. Reed, Mr. Frazier and Deacon Turner encouraged me to share my gifts in the church. ...to become an agent of change.

***An on-fire Young Adult***



Dear Editor,

"God is able" has always been words of comfort to me. As I look back over the 74 years of my life as a former parishioner from Springfield, these three words have made life bearable. I was one of the 350 plus people who listened to the words from our Archbishop regarding transitioning. He encouraged us to be a part of a transition process that can be good for some and bad for others. Whatever the outcome, it is uplifting to know that we will finally have some say about our own future. I know God is able and we should never forget that. My prayer is that everyone who is a part of that process will be present as the Archbishop has instructed and voiced their concerns regarding who they want and need to continue growing in their church.

***D. Gray - St. Ignatius***

Dear Editor,

I am a young adult who is pretty active in my church and I felt that I had heard the best of the best but little did I know that I would learn so much from attending the Black Catholic Congress. The music made me stand up and sway, the sacred movement made me reflect on the words in the song and the powerful presenters such as Dr. Powers left a message in my head. Using technology is a serious matter, we need to be careful with social media and we need to return to communicating with people in person. Technology is necessary but it should never replace that personal touch. Thank you OMM for making sure that young adults were included.

***A. Washington - WKU***



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

HOH continues to amaze me. I attended for the third time and found myself saying “one of the best stewardship experiences occurs when we have cross-parishes sharing their resources. I attend the Cathedral and was invited by someone from St. Stephen Baptist Church to attend the event. As I witnessed the names of the recipients being announced by OMM staff, the awareness of who our neighbors are became a reality for me. Can you imagine that a funeral business (A.D. Porter) would receive recognition for their commitment to a summer camp or an African American Catholic Leadership/Scholarship Awards

initiative? And Saint Albert the Great Gap Ministry located in the eastern part of Jefferson County would be recognized for their commitment to Camp Africa, the After School Reading/Math program and the Kujenga Youth Leadership process. Who said that people/organizations will not invest in a community they do not reside in? Isn't it written somewhere that they will know that we are Christians by our love? This event continues to renew my faith in human kind.

**Barnard Sinclair**

Dear Editor,

I attended Building Intercultural Competence for Ministry hosted in another diocese and was surprisingly pleased to see that the Archdiocese of Louisville was ahead of the game. Apparently, OMM has been doing a process entitled Moving Towards Oneness for more than 15 years which means that our community is open to embracing others. I believe that students in our schools, parish leaders, employees and volunteers can benefit from both experiences.

**Shelly Hartledge**

Dear Editor,

Every moment presents learning opportunities. Have you ever given thoughts to putting some of the programs of the diverse communities on your Facebook or webpage? They would bring the words to life but more importantly, it would introduce the faith community to other family members.

**Seymour Schmidt**



Dear Fr. Judie,

Thank you very much for the nice newsletter, which has a lot to learn from it. My special thanks also may go to those team members who enabled this work to appear as it looks and those who participated in one way or another. Thank you again for touching the lives of many people of different ethnic groups.

**Your Son, Furaha**

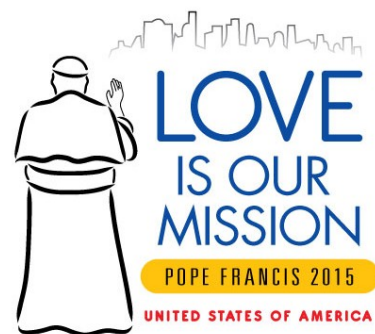
*Note: This note was sent by a seminarian in Tanzania whom Fr. John Judie sent a copy of the Cultural Update Magazine to.*





## 2015 Apostolic Journey of Pope Francis to the United States of America

Pope Francis is the fourth pope to visit the United States. His apostolic journey to the United States is scheduled to take place September 22-27, 2015, visiting Washington, D.C., New York and Philadelphia. Pope Francis' visit will be the tenth time a pope has made an apostolic journey to the United States. The Holy Father will join thousands in Philadelphia September 26-27 for the World Meeting of Families 2015, which will close the six-day Apostolic Journey.



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# MULTICULTURAL KITCHEN

## ARMENIA

### Choereg (Easter Bread)

#### *Ingredients:*

- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup margarine
- 1 cup white sugar
- ½ cup lukewarm water
- 2 teaspoons white sugar
- 2 (¼ ounce) envelopes active dry yeast
- 5 eggs
- 6 cups all-purpose flour, or as needed
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1 ½ tablespoons ground mahlab (An aromatic spice made from the seeds of a species of cherry; Its flavor is similar to a combination of bitter almond and cherry)
- 1 ½ teaspoons salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds (optional)



#### *Preparation:*

1. In a saucepan over medium heat, combine the milk, butter and margarine. Heat until butter and margarine are melted, but do not let it boil. Stir in 1 cup of sugar until dissolved, then set aside to cool to lukewarm.
2. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, dissolve 2 teaspoons of sugar in warm water. Sprinkle the yeast over the surface, and let stand until frothy, about 10 minutes.
3. Crack the eggs into a large bowl, and stir a little to break up the yolks. Slowly pour in the heated milk mixture while whisking constantly, so as to temper the eggs and not cook them.
4. Add the yeast mixture, and stir just until blended.
5. In a large bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, mahlab and salt. Make a well in the centre and pour in the wet mixture. Stir until it forms a sticky dough. Pour onto a floured surface and knead in additional flour as needed to make a more substantial dough. Knead for about 10 minutes. Place in an oiled bowl, and set in a warm place to rise for about 2 hours, or until doubled in size.
6. When the dough has doubled, punch down again, and let rise until doubled. It will only take about half as long this time.
7. Separate the dough into 5 even portions, then separate each of those into thirds. Roll each of those into ropes about 12 inches long. Braid sets of three ropes together, pinching the ends to seal, and tucking them under for a better presentation. Place the loaves onto baking sheets lined with parchment paper. Loaves should be spaced 4 inches apart. Set in a warm place to rise until your finger leaves an impression behind when you poke the loaf gently.
8. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Brush the loaves with beaten egg, and sprinkle with sesame seeds, if desired.
9. Bake for 25 minutes in the preheated oven, or until nicely golden brown all over.



# MULTICULTURAL KITCHEN

## PHILIPPINES

### Pinakbet Ilocano (Stewed or steamed vegetables)

#### *Ingredients:*

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons garlic, minced
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 8 ounces pork, thinly diced
- 7 small tomatoes, cubed
- 4 tablespoons bagoong (fish sauce)
- 1 cup warm water
- 2 medium sized eggplant, sliced
- 1 medium sized ampalaya (bittermelon)
- 5 medium sized okra (ladies fingers)



#### *Preparation:*

1. Heat oil in a saucepan and sauté garlic and onions.
2. Add pork and half a cup of warm water. Stir and cook until meat is soft.
3. Add ginger and tomatoes and cook for 10 minutes.
4. Add the bagoong and remaining half-cup water. Bring to boil.
5. Mix in the ampalaya, eggplant, and okra.
6. Simmer for 15 minutes. Serve immediately over rice.

## RWANDA (Central/East Africa)

### Rwandan Chicken

#### *Ingredients:*

- 1 large chicken cut into serving pieces
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 3 large tomatoes, blanched, peeled and mashed
- 2 stalks of celery, cut into thin rounds
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 hot pimento or chili pepper, pounded to a paste



#### *Preparation:*

1. Fry the chicken in hot oil until golden brown all over.
2. Remove pieces from the hot oil and set aside.
3. Fry onions in the same pot until golden brown.
4. Return the chicken pieces to the pot along with the tomatoes, celery, pepper and salt.
5. Reduce the heat to a simmer and cook until the chicken is tender (about 40 minutes). Serve on a bed of rice.

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September 8, 2015

7:00 p.m.

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September 12, 2015

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

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September 19, 2015

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