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## Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe...

### A Symbol of Hope

By Mrs. Eva Gonzalez - Director Hispanic Ministry



December 12<sup>th</sup> is an important feast day; we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe "Empress of the Americas" who is a symbol of hope for the Hispanic culture. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, USCCB, in its publication *Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers* states:

"Our Lady of Guadalupe is significant to Hispanic culture because it sends a message that the world of the indigenous people of the Americas is not over.

This message is conveyed by the words of Our Lady and by her appearance as a young Native American woman. It sends a message that they are also children of the true God and that they will be taken care of. Further, Our Lady of Guadalupe chose Juan Diego, a Native American, to request that a temple be built on her behalf on the hill of Tepeyac so that the indigenous people could be heard, be consoled, and made to feel at home in the Church. With this symbol and shrine came the first massive evangelization movement of the Americas and a message of liberation, harmony, and hope that is still important to Hispanic Catholics today."

If you have not attended this celebration before, we invite you to think about it next year and have a wonderful experience of faith!

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



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At a glance you can see the celebrations around the Archdiocese which included mañanitas, novenas, processions, the praying of the Rosary, vigils, and Masses.

Annunciation  
Shelbyville  
Mañanitas: 5:00am – 7:00am  
Mass: 7:00pm



Holy Name  
Louisville  
December 11<sup>th</sup> Mass at 11:00pm  
Mañanitas: midnight after Mass

Immaculate Conception  
LaGrange  
Rosary: 4:30am  
Mañanitas: 5:00am  
Mass: 6:00pm

Emmanuel  
Albany  
Mass: 5:00pm followed by  
exposition of the Most Blessed  
Sacrament, Rosary, & Benediction

St. Bartholomew  
Louisville  
Mañanitas: 5:00am  
Mass: 7:00pm

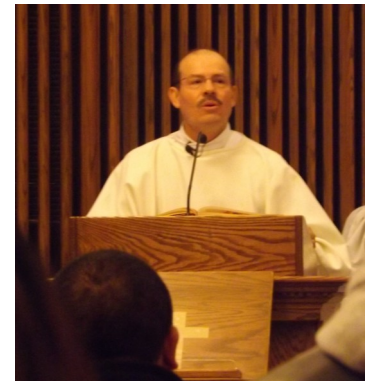
St. Edward  
Louisville  
Mañanitas: 5:30am  
Mass: 6:30pm

Our Lady of Mercy  
Hodgenville  
Mass: 7:00pm

St. James  
Elizabethtown  
December 11<sup>th</sup> Mañanitas with  
mariachi 10:00pm-1:00am  
December 12<sup>th</sup> Mass at 7:00pm



St. Helen  
Glasgow  
Novena: December 3<sup>rd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>  
Vigil: December 11<sup>th</sup> 11:30pm-  
12:30am serenade, vigil night continue  
until 4:00pm  
December 12<sup>th</sup> Procession: 4:30pm  
Mass: 5:00pm



St. Rita  
Louisville  
Novena: December 3<sup>rd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>  
San Juan Diego Mass at 7:00pm on  
December 9<sup>th</sup>  
Confessions: December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00pm  
Mass: Midnight, 5:00am, 7:00pm



***Heroes of Hope : Saluting Community Leaders***  
***By Charmein Weathers***  
***Multicultural Special Projects/Communications Coordinator***



A hero/heroine is defined as a man/woman of distinguished courage or ability, admired for his/her brave deeds and noble qualities; a person who, in the opinion of others, has heroic qualities or has performed a heroic act and is regarded as a model or ideal. In classical mythology, an immortal being; demigod.

The organizations and agencies that were honored during this celebration don't wear capes to imply that they possess some sort of super power as "superheroes" do, but do however display the characteristics that make them super. The Office of Multicultural Ministry and its Catholic Enrichment Center hosted its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Heroes of Hope: Saluting Community Leaders Awards Luncheon on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at the Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC). This unique celebration was created to provide a platform that honors individuals, agencies and businesses in our community for their contributions to and support of youth development, family empowerment, the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of

Multicultural Ministry, and its Catholic Enrichment Center. It also serves as a means to invest in the community and to raise funds in order to continue the work at the CEC, providing life changing tools of empowerment, and youth leadership. All of the proceeds from the event go toward programs and initiatives at the Catholic Enrichment Center. This year's recipients brought to life civic, family, and religious stewardship, utilizing their gifts and talents to make a difference. They are: A.D. Porter & Sons Funeral Home - Civic Stewardship; Family & Children's Place - Family Focus Stewardship; and St. Albert the Great Catholic Church-GAP (Graduated Albert Parents) Club Ministry - Religious Stewardship. Each award recipient has been a generous supporter of the Catholic Enrichment Center over the years, which has benefitted tremendously from their charitable giving of financial and professional resources and talent.

We salute each recipient and the untiring commitment and passion that each one exhibits in their arenas and we thank them for their generosity which allows them to share their gifts with the Catholic Enrichment Center and the community at large. They are heroes providing life changing tools of empowerment and leadership for the next generation.



2014-2015 Heroes of Hope Award Recipients

## **Third Archdiocesan Black Catholic Congress**

### **“Jesus is the Center of My Joy”**

*By Mrs. Edna Jones*



On one of the sunniest days of the month, December 13, 2014, over 350 participants gathered for the Third Archdiocesan Black Catholic Congress hosted at the Flaget Center by the Office of Multicultural Ministry. The focus of the day was Africentric Evangelization: Jesus is the Center of My Joy. Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner, Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Ministry and the coordinator for United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's (USCCB) Region V National Black Catholic Congress and National Association of Black Catholic Administrators, welcomed the intergenerational audiences from more than twelve parishes representing four (arch)dioceses.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., the president of USCCB provided words of wisdom in the opening liturgy. His words captivated the attendees as he invited them to prepare for the upcoming transitions. He encouraged and challenged them to become a part of the process for selecting the new priest for their parishes. He stated that their input was critical to the priest personnel committee who is charged with assigning clergy in the archdiocese. The message offered many challenges for the attendees and they would ponder the implication of the transitions throughout the day.

Archbishop Kurtz also spoke on the accessibility of Catholic Education for all youth regardless of where they lived. Information was shared on the new funds available for families who fall under the 200% poverty guidelines. He stated that no youth should go without a Catholic Education because of finances. Money is being made available on two levels to assist them to achieve their Catholic Education dream. Archbishop concluded by reminding everyone about Our Lady of Kibeho and how she came to young school children of Rwanda, Africa to warn them of the tragedy that would take place on their soil, if they did not find a peaceful solution.

We were blessed to have a plethora of skilled and talented presenters such as Rev. Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R., D.Min., Director of Xavier University's Black Catholic Studies and superlative preacher; Dr. Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, a noted liturgist and expert on Black Spirituality; Dr. Tyrone Powers, author and one of the most profound and knowledgeable presenters in the area of Reality Youth Ministry; Deacon Royce Winters, Director African American Catholic Ministries, Archdiocese of Cincinnati; Bakhita Dance Ministry, Diocese of Columbus (OH); and Rev. Dr. Valerie Washington, pastor of Hughlett Temple A.M.E. Zion Church and expert on ministry and Spiritual Formation, to name a few. They were joined by twenty plus other well informed local presenters that provided a wealth of information on various topics related to family, leadership and evangelization.

The feedback was unanimously positive with comments such as “we were fed today”. It is such a blessing for us to gather here and to learn about ourselves. A number of young adults commented on the need for having workshops like this for the whole church so that our brothers and sisters would better understand who we are and what our needs are. Mrs. Palmer, a young adult of St. Martin de Porres, stated that “this type of learning experience would be great for anyone working in our community or with us. We must find a way to make sure that they are learning with us, if they intend to minister to us.

As with any experience, the day came to an end, but it was not without a spiritual send off. The Archdiocesan Gospel choir brought the participants to their feet with songs such as ‘My God is Awesome’. Reverend John Judie's inspirational words engaged everyone to return to their parishes and put what they have seen and heard into action. If you want to be a part of the next experience, mark September 12, 2015 on your calendar for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Archdiocesan African American Catholic Day of Reflection at the Office of Multicultural Ministry's Catholic Enrichment Center from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.







## Kwanzaa

*By Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner  
OMM Executive Director*



The Christmas season holds a special place in our hearts as we give thanks for the glorious birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. During this time, we celebrate our Lord's birthday with reverence, song and blessed gatherings. Christmas is a time when we bring glee to the hearts of our children as we present them with candy canes, brightly covered gifts and a holiday feast. It is indeed the most glorious holiday of the year, looked upon by all as the time of merry making and peace throughout the world.

As we celebrate the upcoming holidays, let us remember Kwanzaa, the African American holiday which celebrates family, community and culture. It is the fastest growing holiday in the world where an estimated 18 million

people of color celebrate in the U.S., Africa, the Caribbean, South America, Canada, India, Britain, and other European countries. The holiday was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor and chair of the Department of Black Studies at California State University in Long Beach. Dr. Karenga defined Kwanzaa as a unique African American celebration with a focus on traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement. It is a time of reaffirming African American people, our ancestors and culture.

Kwanzaa comes from the Swahili phrase "matunda ya kwanza" which means "first fruits of the harvest" and is based on ancient African harvest celebrations. Kwanzaa is celebrated for seven days beginning December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>; a time which represents the end of the old year and the beginning of a new year. In African culture this period is called "the time when the edges of the year meet", when celebration, focus and self-assessment occurs. Kwanzaa shares five aspects with the ancient African harvest celebrations which includes (1) gathering of the people; (2) special reverence to our creator; (3) commemoration of the past and our ancestors; (4) commitment to our highest ethical and cultural values; (5) celebrations of family, community and culture.

Kwanzaa is based on the Nguzo Saba which are the seven guiding principles with each day of Kwanzaa reflecting each of the principles. Kwanzaa is celebrated for seven days to pay homage to these seven principles which in Swahili are: Umoja, Kujichagulia, Ujima, Ujamaa, Nia, Kuumba, and Imani. There are seven symbols that represent Kwanzaa; Mazao (crops), Mkeka (straw mat), Kinara (candle holder), Mishumaa saba (seven candles), Muhindi (ears of corn), Zawadi (gifts), and Kikombe Cha Umoja (unity cup). The candle holder has seven candles, one black, three red and three green. The colors are black for Black people, red for our struggle and green for the hope that comes from the struggle. Each ear of corn represents the children in the family and the community. Gifts should be books that stress the value of education and cultural items that reaffirm pride in culture and tradition. The unity cup is used to pour libation to our ancestors, then drunk from by all members to reinforce unity with the family and community. All seven symbols are put on a Mkeka and placed on a table in a central location in the home.

Kwanzaa Karamu (feast) is held on December 31<sup>st</sup> and is considered a very special event because it brings us closer to our African roots. The Karamu is a cooperative effort where communities of families join together to celebrate our cultural heritage. Karamu highly encourages cultural expressions and is often the place of high artistic energy. This special evening is a time of feasting as well as acknowledging the importance of history, culture, and family.

The Office of Multicultural Ministry will host the Archdiocesan Community-wide Kwanzaa Celebration for Metro Louisville on Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Catholic Enrichment Center, 3146 West Broadway, Louisville, KY.



*Archdiocese of Louisville  
Office of Multicultural Ministry*

# KWANZAA



**A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture!**

**Tuesday, December 30, 2014**

**5:30 pm**

**Catholic Enrichment Center**

**3146 West Broadway, Louisville, KY 40211**

**This is a Community-wide family event!  
Join us for Music, African Drumming,  
Prayer, Food & much more!**

For more information call the Office of Multicultural Ministry at 502-471-2146 or the Catholic Enrichment Center at 502-776-0262. This is an implementation of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Strategic Plan and made possible through Catholic Services Appeal.



**Tết**  
**Hội xuân (Spring Festival)**  
**Vietnamese New Year 2015**  
*By Trần Vũ*

Tết or Vietnamese New Year, is the most important celebration of our Vietnamese culture. The word is a shortened form of Tết Nguyên Đán, which is Sino-Vietnamese for "Feast of the First Morning of the First Day". Tết celebrates the arrival of spring based on the Vietnamese variation of the Chinese lunisolar calendar, which usually has the date falling between the months of January or February.

Tết is celebrated on the same day as the Chinese New Year, though exceptions arise due to the one-hour time difference between Hanoi and Beijing resulting in the alternate calculation of the new moon. It takes place from the first day of the first month of the Vietnamese calendar (around late January or early February) until at least the third day.

Many Vietnamese prepare for Tết by cooking special holiday foods. These foods include bánh chưng, bánh dày, dried young bamboo soup (canh măng), giò and sticky rice. Our homes are cleaned to rid ourselves of all bad fortunes from the previous year. Homes are painted, new clothes and shoes are purchased, all debts paid off and we resolve differences between our family and friends to rid ourselves of all bad feelings.

There are a lot of customs practiced during Tết, such as visiting a person's house on the first day of the New Year (xông nhà), wishing New Year's greetings, giving lucky money to children and elderly people, and ancestral worshipping. Children raised in traditional Vietnamese homes are taught that your ancestors are important, if not more important, than the living members of the family. Their presence and the blessings they give are essential to the wellbeing of the living hence the reason for rituals and prayers honoring them.

Tết is also an occasion for pilgrims and family reunions. Vietnamese visit their relatives and temples, forgetting about the troubles of the past year and hoping for a better upcoming year. We are very deliberate and careful as to what they do on New Year's Day. Our belief is that the events on New Year's Day determine one's luck for the rest of the year. They consider:

Tuesday, February 17.....	Tết Eve.....	Vietnamese New Year's Eve
Wednesday, February 18....	Tết Eve.....	Vietnamese New Year's Eve
Thursday, February 19.....	Tết Nguyen Dan.....	Vietnamese New Year
Friday, February 20.....	Tết Holiday.....	Vietnamese New Year
Saturday, February 21.....	Tết Holiday.....	Vietnamese New Year

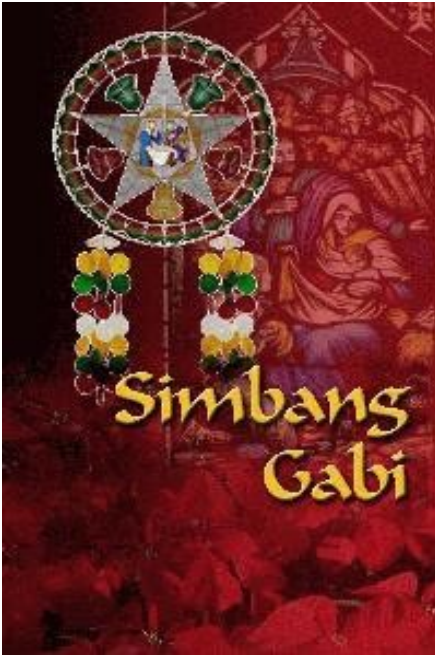
The Vietnamese community in the Archdiocese will gather at St. John Vianney Catholic Church for their 11:00 a.m. Mass to celebrate.





## History of “Simbang Gabi” (Advent Novena of Masses)

*By Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner  
OMM Executive Director*



During 1660, in the early years of Christianity in the Philippines, the “Simbang Gabi” or the “Misa de Gallo” became a Filipino religious tradition. During Advent, in preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, the missionary friars held nine days of Masses to usher in the event of Christ’s birth. These Masses were celebrated in the early morning hours, typically at about 4:00 a.m. when the roosters crow to announce the coming of a new day.

There was a practical reason behind the missionary fathers design to hold early Mass. The Filipinos are a farming people, and they typically greeted the dawn of a new day in the fields while working the land. The missionary fathers decided that they could implant in the hearts and minds of the people the substance of the Catholic religion, preserve the Catholic faith and continue the propagation of the gospel by integrating a distinctly Filipino custom with the needs of Catholic worship.

The word “gallo” comes from the Spanish word meaning rooster. At the first sound of dawn, at the crowing of the rooster, the entire family would get up and walk (or ride their carabao sleds) to their nearest parish church, sometimes up to 10 kilometers away. By 5:00 a.m. the Mass was over and the men were off to the fields.

It was thus that Simbang Gabi (“Simba” means Mass, and “Gabi” means night or evening) or Misa de Gallo became a Filipino tradition. It was a religious practice that was handed down from parent to child, observed by Filipinos from one generation to the next.

The agricultural roots of “Misa de Gallo” or “Simbang Gabi” have been forgotten by some. However, the fascinations of going to church at dawn, in order to start a new day with worship, is as strong as ever among Filipinos. For the children, it announces that Christmas is just around the corner. For most, the practice has acquired its own smell and flavor, and spiritual significance distinct from any other time of the year.

Vatican Council II, Article 37 of the Sacred Liturgy states: “Even in the Liturgy, the church does not wish to impose a rigid uniformity in matters which do not involve the faith or the good of the whole community. Rather she respects and fosters the qualities and talent of various races and nations. People’s way of life which is not indissolubly bound with superstition and error she studies with sympathy, and if possible, preserves intact. She sometimes even admits such things into the liturgy itself, provided they harmonize with its true and authentic spirit.”

In keeping with the spirit of the document of Sacred Liturgy (Art. 37), the Holy See has granted special permission to the Philippine Church to celebrate the Simbang Gabi for nine consecutive days before Christmas. The Holy See is cognizant of the particulars of the Simbang Gabi celebration. The church knows that to add to the festivities, a local band goes around town playing Christmas songs and inviting people to worship. After the Mass, the band continues to play and a variety of delicacies are displayed in the churchyard for everyone’s pleasure. On the sidewalk, lighted lanterns called “Parols” (Filipino version of the star of David) add to the joyous atmosphere that pervades the air.

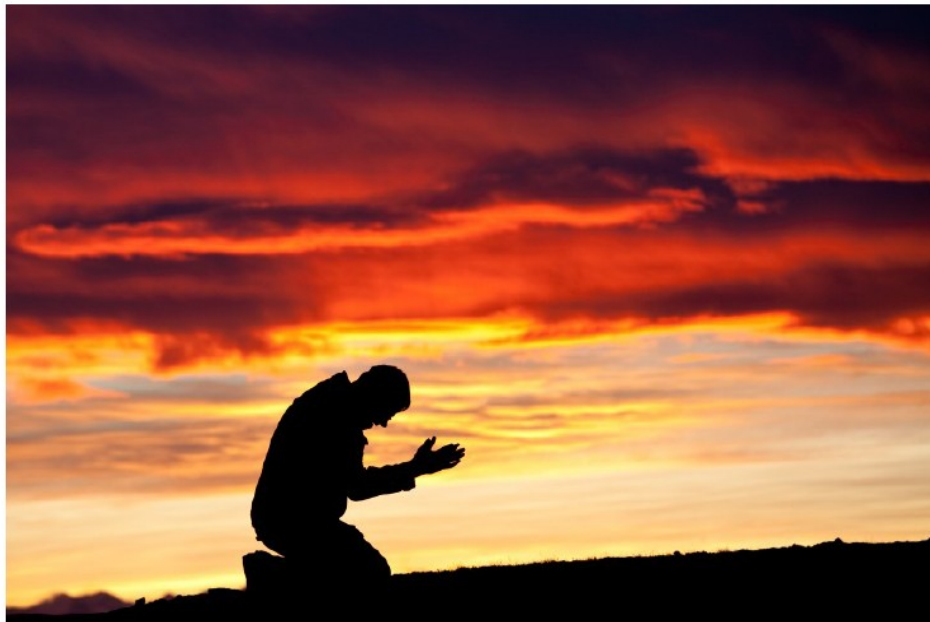
The Filipino immigrants brought this tradition with them when they came to the United States. Since it is not practical to hold a celebration at dawn, and the cold December weather will not allow it, local parishes hold the celebration at night. While the form of the celebration is changed, the substance remains.

In our Archdiocese, the Office of Multicultural Ministry gathered with Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz and members of the Filipino community to celebrate Simbang Gabi on December 19, 2014 at St. Margaret Mary Church, Louisville, KY.

Archdiocese of Louisville  
Office of Multicultural Ministry  
African American Ministries & Male Ministries

# **MALE RETREAT**

**Theme: "Come, Follow Me!"**



**Saturday, January 10, 2015**

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Maloney Center**

**1200 South Shelby Street**

**Louisville, KY 40203**

**Registration will be covered by a generous donation.**

**All participants must register by Tuesday, December 30, 2014.**

**There will be no on-site registration. For more information or to register, call the Office of Multicultural Ministry at (502)636-0296.**

**This is an implementation of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Strategic Plan and made possible by a generous donation and Catholic Services Appeal.**





## Multicultural Ministry: Opportunities for Cross-Cultural and Intercultural Experiences

*By Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner*

Multicultural Ministry is perceived by many in our society as a service for minorities, racially diverse populations or the newly arrived. The reality is Multicultural Ministry goes beyond skin color and a different spoken language to embrace all people across the boundaries of their various cultures including geography, socio-economic status, age, etc.

It involves a deeper engagement and mutual impact between lived realities of individuals including faith communities of different cultures. Multicultural Ministry leads new ways for our faith community of being sisters and brothers. It invites and encourages individuals to think outside of their box when defining who their neighbor is.

The Multicultural phenomenon is not new nor is it a trend; it is becoming what is necessary for all people to co-exist as sisters and brothers born of one God, where earth is their birth place, and freedom to express their diversity is their birth rite in their journey together. Multicultural Ministry is an essential part of the life of the whole church, enriching every aspect of it including the membership.

Some advocates of Multicultural Ministry believe that it is a vision of the church becoming a community of faith where all equally belong. It is a desire for different spirituality; a new way of being where trust, forgiveness, open hospitality, sharing of cultural gifts, exchange of resources and affirmation of interdependence are embraced and are core values in any action plan. It is a work in progress where those engaged are reshaped every time they enter into a dialogue.

## “Pastoring In Black Parishes” Conference

The Josephite Pastoral Center hosted leaders of African-American parishes during the three-day annual conference held at St. Joseph Seminary in Washington, D.C., Nov. 11-13, 2014.

With 35 parish leaders in attendance, the "Pastoring in Black Parishes" Conference provided historical information and insights about the unique needs of serving in African-American parishes. During this "Clergy Enrichment Conference," presentations and workshops were aimed at helping the participants to "develop pastoral skills necessary to effectively serve in the African-American community" and to serve Black Catholics everywhere.

Father Freddy Washington, CSSp., pastor of St. Mark Church in Harlem, New York, and Father Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R., a member of the Redemptorist mission team, were presenters. Father William Norvel, superior general of the Josephites and Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ, also addressed the conference.

According to Cheryl Holley, director of the Josephite Pastoral Center and coordinator of the conference, plans are already under way for next year's "Pastoring in Black Parishes" conference.

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday November 10, 2015 through Thursday, November 12, 2015.



## The Theme on Family and the Provincial Encuentro in Louisville

By Mrs. Eva Gonzalez

Family, the domestic church, is the cell of society where building communion among its members is experienced. However, due to our human condition there are times when families are faced with challenges that affect their lives and those around them. This fact has concerned the Church which has worked diligently on this matter.

Saint John Paul II in his Apostolic Letter *Familiaris Consortio* #17 reminds us that “the family has the mission to become more and more what it is, that is to say, a community of life and love, in an effort that will find fulfillment, as will everything created and redeemed, in the Kingdom of God.”

Following his steps, Pope Francis issued a letter *To Families* on February, 2014 where he so beautifully expresses “In your journey as a family, you share so many beautiful moments: meals, rest, housework, leisure, prayer, trips and pilgrimages, and times of mutual support... Nevertheless, if there is no love then there is no joy, and authentic love comes to us from Jesus. He offers us his word, which illuminates our path; he gives us the Bread of life which sustains us on our journey”.

This same year, Pope Francis called for the III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops titled “The pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization” which is divided in three parts: Communicating the Gospel of the Family in Today’s World; The Pastoral Program for the Family in Light of New Challenges; and An Openness to Life and Parental Responsibility in Upbringing. The content provided a clear scope for conversations at the synod and where a follow up will continue on the XIV Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Family “The vocation and mission of the family in the Church and in the contemporary world” in October 2015. In between these two major gatherings, the World Meeting on Families will take place in September 2015 in Philadelphia with the participation of Pope Francis.

Having in mind the vision of our Pope and the priorities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, USCCB, 2013-2016 which considers as one of its priorities: “Strengthening Marriage and Family Life,” in April 2014, the Office of Multicultural Ministry, Hispanic Ministry held a Day of Reflection titled “Called to Be an Evangelizing Family” where a presentation on “Family and Evangelization: Affirming the Hispanic Presence” planted the seed on this important theme. Afterwards, a follow up took place at the second Hispanic Encuentro in the Archdiocese “Continuing the Journey to Be an Evangelizing Family” as a response to the Day of Reflection where a presentation on “The Domestic Church: Center of Evangelization” highlighted the Joy of the Gospel in the context of family.

What comes next? At the national level, addressed in a Letter to Bishops of the Southeast which includes regions V and XIV, it is mentioned that considering the priorities of the USCCB and the implications of the Synods, the South East Pastoral Institute, SEPI will convene Provincial Encuentros in the year 2015 with the participation of Hispanic leadership in the dioceses. The following points are included:

- To assist in a discernment and planning process for Hispanic family life ministry in the Southeast
- To obtain a renewed sense of mission and a clear vision on Hispanic family life ministry in the region
- To provide the dioceses with pastoral resources and strategies to help in the evangelization of Hispanic families
- To strengthen the Southeast network’s capacity to serve and empower Hispanic families facing their different challenges

The Archdiocese of Louisville’s Office of Multicultural Ministry, Hispanic Ministry with great enthusiasm will host on May 23, 2015 one of the Provincial Encuentros which will welcome leaders from the dioceses of Covington, Knoxville, Lexington, Memphis, Nashville, and Owensboro. It is with great joy and hope that we look forward to this day and to continue our journey with the Hispanic community in the context of family life.



## El Tema de la Familia y el Encuentro Provincial en Louisville

Por Eva Gonzalez

La familia, la Iglesia doméstica, es la célula de la sociedad en donde la construcción de comunión entre sus miembros se vive. Sin embargo, debido a nuestra condición humana hay tiempos en que las familias se enfrentan a desafíos que afectan sus vidas y la de aquellos a su alrededor. Este hecho ha preocupado a la Iglesia la cual ha trabajado diligentemente en este asunto.

San Juan Pablo II en su carta apostólica *Familiaris Consortio* #17 nos recuerda que “la familia tiene la misión de ser cada vez más lo que es, es decir, comunidad de vida y amor, en una tensión que, al igual que para toda realidad creada y redimida, hallará su cumplimiento en el Reino de Dios”.

Siguiendo sus pasos, el papa Francisco emitió una carta *A Las Familias* en Febrero de 2014 en donde él expresa de una manera muy bella “En su camino familiar, ustedes comparten tantos momentos inolvidables: las comidas, el descanso, las tareas de la casa, la diversión, la oración, las excursiones y peregrinaciones, la solidaridad con los necesitados... Sin embargo, si falta el amor, falta la alegría, y el amor auténtico nos lo da Jesús: Él nos ofrece su Palabra, que ilumina nuestro camino; nos da el Pan de vida, que nos sostiene en las fatigas de cada día”.

Este mismo año, el papa Francisco convocó la III Asamblea General Extraordinaria del Sínodo de Obispos titulada “Los Desafíos Pastorales sobre la Familia en el Contexto de la Evangelización” la cual está dividida en tres partes: Comunicar el Evangelio de la familia de hoy; la pastoral de la familia frente a los nuevos desafíos; y la apertura a la vida y la responsabilidad educativa. El contenido proporcionó un ámbito claro para conversaciones en el sínodo y en donde se dará seguimiento en la XIV Asamblea Ordinaria del Sínodo de Obispos sobre la Familia titulada “La Vocación y la Misión de la Familia en la Iglesia y en el Mundo Contemporáneo” en octubre, 2015. En medio de estos dos grandes eventos, el Encuentro Mundial sobre las Familias se llevará a cabo en septiembre, 2015 en Philadelphia con la participación del papa Francisco.

Teniendo en cuenta la visión de nuestro Papa y las prioridades de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, USCCB, 2013-2016 la cual considera como una de sus prioridades: “Fortaleciendo el Matrimonio y la Vida Familiar”, en abril, 2014, la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural, Ministerio Hispano llevó a cabo un Día de Reflexión titulado “Llamados a Ser una Familia Evangelizadora” en donde una presentación sobre “Familia y Evangelización: Afirmando la Presencia Hispana” plantó las semillas sobre este importante tema. Posteriormente, se dio seguimiento en el segundo Encuentro Hispano de la Arquidiócesis “Continuando la Jornada a Ser una Familia Evangelizadora” como respuesta al día de reflexión en donde una exposición sobre “La Iglesia Doméstica: Centro de Evangelización” resaltó la Alegría del Evangelio en el contexto familiar.

¿Qué sigue? A nivel nacional, dirigido en una Carta a los Obispos del Sureste el cual contempla las regiones V y XIV, se menciona que considerando las prioridades de la USCCB y las implicaciones de los Sínodos, el Instituto Pastoral del Sureste, SEPI, convocará Encuentros Provinciales en el año 2015 con la participación de líderes hispanos de las diócesis en donde se contemplan los siguientes puntos:

- Asistir en un proceso de discernimiento y planeación para el ministerio de la vida familiar hispana en el sureste
- Obtener un sentido renovado de misión y una visión clara del ministerio de vida familiar hispana en la región
- Proveer a las diócesis con recursos pastorales y estrategias que ayuden en la evangelización de las familias hispanas
- Fortalecer la capacidad de la red del sureste para servir y empoderar a las familias hispanas que enfrentan diferentes desafíos

La Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural, Ministerio Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville con gran entusiasmo será anfitrión de uno de los Encuentros Provinciales el 23 de mayo, 2015 en donde recibirá a líderes de las diócesis de Covington, Knoxville, Lexington, Memphis, Nashville y Owensboro. Es con gran alegría y esperanza que esperamos con interés esta fecha y continuar nuestra jornada con la comunidad hispana en el contexto de la vida familiar.

## **The Physical Therapy Health Clinic at the Catholic Enrichment Center: A Match Made in Heaven**

*By Catherine E. (“Kate”) Crandell, PT, DPT, MDiv  
Assistant Professor & Director of the Michael E. Hobbs Service-Learning Clinic  
Bellarmino University*

The partnership between the Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC) and the Bellarmine University Doctor of Physical Therapy Program began in 2009 when two students conducted their community partner capstone project by investigating access to and utilization of physical therapy services in West Louisville. Their research revealed that West Louisville is a medically underserved community for physical therapy services. The next step was to collect information to determine if the residents of West Louisville would utilize physical therapy services if such services were more accessible. After an overwhelming positive response, the Physical Therapy Health Clinic at the Catholic Enrichment Center began serving the residents of West Louisville in February, 2010. Together, the partnership between the CEC and the Bellarmine University Doctor of Physical Therapy Program has served hundreds of patients/clients.

The Bellarmine University Doctor of Physical Therapy Program has a four semester series of service-learning courses that includes pro bono (free) patient/client physical therapy services. Within this service-learning model, students work in pairs to provide faculty-supervised physical therapy examination and treatment services to client volunteers at a service-learning clinic like the one at the CEC. Our client volunteers are a vital part of the service-learning clinic experience! As students and faculty engage with the community through provision of physical therapy services to client volunteers, we learn together. It has been suggested that “learning-service clinic” is a more appropriate name.

What is physical therapy? The vision statement for the physical therapy profession is: “Transforming society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience.” Physical therapists are movement system specialists who identify and correct movement related faults and painful conditions. Physical therapy can help with: wellness check-ups; arthritis or joint pain; muscle pain or weakness; dizziness; balance or walking problems and women’s health.

The Physical Therapy Health Clinic at the CEC operates by appointment only. Clinic hours are: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm during the fall and the spring semesters. If you are interested in participating as a client volunteer, please call the CEC at 502-776-0262 or the Bellarmine University Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at 502-272-8353. We look forward to hearing from you!

# ***Celebrate and Embrace Diversity!***





Archdiocese of Louisville  
Office of Multicultural Ministry

# City-Wide Spelling Bee



**Saturday, January 10, 2015  
10:00 a.m.**

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**Grades 1-8**

**Registration Deadline: January 2, 2015**

**Registration Fee: \$5 per person**

Word lists and guidelines will be available upon request.

**Catholic Enrichment Center**

3146 West Broadway  
Louisville, KY 40211



**For more information, to request a word list, rules, and regulations & to register, please call (502) 776-0262.  
This event is made possible through Catholic Services Appeal.**

## **A Glance In History - A Man For All People**

*By Deacon James R. Turner*

*Pastoral Administrator,*

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

An African American Baptist minister was one of the main leaders of the civil rights movement in the United States during the 1950's and 1960's. He had a magnificent speaking ability, which enabled him to effectively express the demands of oppressed people especially for social justice. His eloquent pleas won support with the Nobel Peace Prize for leading nonviolent civil rights demonstrations.

The core of his message was nonviolence. In spite of this belief, King often became the target of violence. White racists threw rocks at him in Chicago, IL and bombed his home in Montgomery, Alabama. And finally, violence ended King's life at the age of 39 when an assassin shot and killed him. Some historians view King's death as the end of the civil rights era that began in the mid 1950's. Under his leadership, the civil rights movement won wide support among whites, and laws that had barred integration in the Southern States were abolished. King became only the second American whose birthday is observed as a national holiday. The first was George Washington, the nation's first president.

**EARLY LIFE:** King was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. He was the second oldest child of Alberta Williams King and Martin Luther King. He had an older sister, Christine and a younger brother A.D. Young Martin was usually called M.L. His father was pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. One of young Martin's grandfathers A.D. Williams also had been pastor of Ebenezer.

In high school, Martin did so well that he skipped both the 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. At the age of 15, he entered Morehouse College in Atlanta. King then went onto graduate school. In Boston, he met Coretta Scott a music student of Marion, Alabama. They were married in 1953. In 1954 King became the pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

**THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT:** King's civil rights activities began with a protest of Montgomery's segregated bus system in 1955. That year, a black passenger named Rosa Parks was arrested for disobeying a city law requiring that blacks give up their seats on busses when white people wanted to sit in their seats or in the same row. Black leaders in Montgomery urged blacks to boycott (refuse to use) the city's busses. The leaders formed an organization to run the boycott, and asked King to serve as president. Terrorists bombed King's home, but King continued to insist on nonviolent protests. In 1956, the United States Supreme Court ordered Montgomery to provide equal integrated seating on public busses. The boycott's success won King national fame and identified him as a symbol of Southern black's new efforts to fight racial injustice.

With other black ministers, King founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in 1957 to expand the nonviolent struggle against racism and discrimination. At the same time, widespread segregation existed through the South in public schools, and in transportation, recreation, and such public facilities as hotels and restaurants. Many states also used various methods to deprive blacks of their voting rights. In 1960, King moved from Montgomery to Atlanta to devote more effort to SCLC's work. He became co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church with his father.

On August 28, 1963, Dr. King spoke at the civil rights march in Washington, D.C. He delivered a powerful message in the "I Have a Dream" speech. The movement won a major victory in 1964, when Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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Dr. King would go on to lead many nonviolent protest demonstrations. He attacked racism, segregation, unfair housing, unfair employment, unfair voter registration, and the war in Vietnam. He was the champion of the poor. His last project was to unite the poor of all races in a struggle for economic opportunity. This project was called the Poor People's Campaign.

If I could quote a line from a prayer written by Archbishop Oscar Romero "It helps, now and then, to take a step back and take a long view". For each of us that view will be so different, but at the end of the day I think we can all say that we are blessed. I do believe that we are still on the course that Martin initially created and that we have some difficult times ahead of us. The people of our Nation, particularly those who have been given the responsibility to protect life, are in severe need of our prayer. There is a thirst for justice and healing crying out in hopes that someone will right the wrong that is plaguing us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

There have been too many incidents too numerous to name that have dismantled the very fabric of the respect for human life. As brothers and sisters we have an obligation and a responsibility to be a beacon of hope for those who cry out to us. The young man whose last words were "I can't breathe" is something that none of us should ever forget. Those who were responsible for saving his life didn't listen to his plea for help, so you and I must become his saving grace.

A toy gun took the life of a child playing in a park. Most parks in our cities have children playing with toys, even toy guns. Kids just know these things as toys. This child only asked to play in the park. He didn't know that his presence playing there would result in him losing his life. So while we make plans to celebrate and laugh and enjoy this Christmas just be mindful that in our midst, just a stone's throw away, brothers and sisters are seeking to find their beacon of hope that will bring peace and justice to a war torn nation of injustices.

May the Lord unite our voices with the prophets of old so we may be testifiers to the Light. Please join Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz with members of our Catholic community on January 19, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Wide Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at the Cathedral of Assumption, Louisville, KY. The guest speaker for this service of prayer and praise is Rev. Robert Marva, OFM Cap, Pastor of St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima, Diocese of Cleveland (OH).

For additional information, please contact M. Annette Mandley-Turner (502) 636-0296, ext.1245.

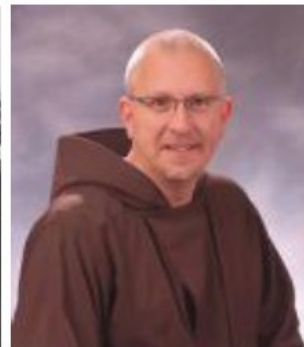




# Save *the* Date

Monday, January 19, 2015

*A Service of Prayer & Praise*



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Cathedral of the Assumption

433 South Fifth Street

Louisville, KY 40202

*“I have a dream.”*

*Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## **Dare to Care Food Drive Kids Café Meal Program**

*By Mrs. Dorice Firmin*

*Special Projects Community Outreach Coordinator*

Over the years the Catholic Enrichment Center has offered a number of programs and activities that have met the needs of the community from children as young as pre-school age to seniors who have retired and wanted to enhance their free time. We continue to offer a variety of activities and programs daily.

One thing that we have noticed while facilitating some of our programs for youth is that whenever we are serving a snack or meal, we experience a greater turn out. During several Vacation Bible School sessions and Camp Africa Day Camp program classes, it's always the same children that come out whenever there is food being provided. This tells us one thing, that they are not getting enough to eat. Either their parents are at work when they get off of the bus or they don't have access to an evening meal and their last one of the day may have been lunch time, which some of the time is provided as early as 10:00 a.m. at school. If a child hasn't eaten a balanced meal since that time they are probably hungry by the time they get home from school.

To address this problem, we started offering a "Kiddies Kitchen" where the children could come prepare and eat snacks while learning about nutrition and healthy eating in the process. It was still not enough, so we did some research on organizations in the community who could assist us with the concern of feeding the children in the community. The Catholic Enrichment Center has partnered with Dare to Care Kids Café to provide meals for children who come home from school hungry.

Dare to Care's Community Kitchen prepares and delivers the meals to Kids Cafe sites around the city. Since launching the kitchen in Summer 2013, Dare to Care has been able to triple the number of meals served through this program.

This program has been a great resource for us. It's also for parents who have had a busy week and can't figure out what to cook or have nothing to cook for their children. They can bring them to the Catholic Enrichment Center and bring their home work with them so that we can assist them with their assignments. We also offer activities and games for the children. For more information about the Kid's Café and the After School Tutoring Program, contact the CEC at (502)776-0262. Information on the Kid's Café can also be found at [http://daretocare.org/about\\_us/programs/kids\\_cafe](http://daretocare.org/about_us/programs/kids_cafe)



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M. Annette Mandley-Turner  
Saturdays  
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
AM 1350 WLOU***







## USCCB

### **USCCB Launches Daily Readings in Spanish Online December 15, 2014**

WASHINGTON-The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has made the daily readings for Mass in Spanish available online.

"Being able to provide the daily readings in Spanish online has been a long journey. We are happy to see this work turned into a reality," said Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Communications. "This is part of our continued efforts to answer the pastoral needs of Hispanics and Spanish speaking Catholics and to provide them resources and information in ways that encourage them to grow in their faith."

The daily readings in Spanish are drawn from the Lectionary published in Mexico and approved for use in the United States by the U.S. bishops.

The daily readings in English are among the most popular resources on the USCCB website with a monthly average of 3.3 million unique page views. Nearly 49,000 people receive the daily readings in English by email, a feature that soon will be available for the Spanish-language readings.

The daily readings in Spanish can be found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) by selecting: "Bible," "Today's Readings," and "En Español."

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### **USCCB lanza lecturas diarias de la Misa en español en línea Diciembre 15, 2014**

WASHINGTON-La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) ha puesto a disponibilidad del público las lecturas diarias de la Misa en español en su sitio en línea.

"Poder proveer las lecturas diarias en español en la internet ha sido una larga jornada. Estamos felices de ver este trabajo realizado", dijo el Obispo John C. Wester de Salt Lake City, presidente del Comité sobre Comunicaciones de USCCB. "Esto es parte de nuestros esfuerzos continuos de responder a las necesidades pastorales de los hispanos y de los católicos de habla hispana y proveerles recursos e información de maneras que les exhorten a acrecentar su fe".

Las lecturas diarias en español provienen del Leccionario publicado en México y está aprobado por los obispos estadounidenses para su uso en los Estados Unidos.

Las lecturas diarias en inglés están entre los recursos más populares del sitio web de USCCB con un promedio mensual de 3.3 millones de visitantes en línea. Cerca de 49,000 personas reciben las lecturas diarias en inglés por correo electrónico, una opción que pronto también estará disponible para las lecturas en español.

Las lecturas diarias en español pueden encontrarse en [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) elegir: "Bible," "Today's Readings," y "En Español."

## **Something to Think About: Reaching Out to the Hispanic Community**

*By Mrs. Eva Gonzalez*

The Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry, Hispanic Ministry works diligently to meet the needs of the diverse Hispanic community in our Archdiocese while considering the important aspects indicated in the National Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry, our Archdiocesan Strategic Plan and Hispanic Plan, and various documents at the national level.

In the past years, we have experienced a growth in the diverse Hispanic community which is increasing the attendance in parishes where only Mass in English is offered at this moment. This is a reality from a demographic and service perspective which can be explained from a twofold experience where the Church embraces the community and meets their needs; and where the people share their gifts and talents with the Church.

Therefore, a ministerial effort to reach out to the Hispanic community done in collaboration with Archdiocesan agencies and parishes is important. Wilkie Au and Noreen Cannon in their book titled *Urgings of the Heart: A Spirituality of Integration* states:

"If ministry is principally God's work, important questions need to be asked by Christians who together form a community of ministers. What is God about in the world these days, and how can we cooperate with God's hopes and plans? How do we as Christians join together to advance the purposes of God and abet the movements of grace at work in the world today?"

With this in mind, let's continue together our journey affirming the presence of the diverse Hispanic community present in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

## **Algo en qué Pensar: Realizando Alcance hacia la Comunidad Hispana**

*Por Eva Gonzalez*

La Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural, Ministerio Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville trabaja diligentemente para satisfacer las necesidades de la diversa comunidad hispana en nuestra Arquidiócesis, al mismo tiempo que considera aspectos importantes indicados en el Plan Pastoral Nacional para el Ministerio Hispano, nuestro Plan Estratégico Arquidiocesano y Plan Hispano de la Arquidiócesis, y varios documentos a nivel nacional.

En los últimos años, hemos experimentado un crecimiento en la diversa comunidad hispana la cual está incrementando su asistencia en parroquias donde solo Misa en inglés es ofrecida en este momento. Esta es una realidad desde una perspectiva demográfica como de servicio, la cual puede ser explicada desde una doble experiencia en donde la Iglesia acoge a la comunidad y satisface sus necesidades; y en donde la gente comparte sus dones y talentos con la Iglesia.

Por ello, un esfuerzo ministerial de alcance hacia la comunidad hispana realizado en colaboración con agencias arquidiocesanas y parroquias es importante. Wilkie Au y Noreen Cannon en su libro titulado *Urgings of the Heart, A Spirituality of Integration* indican:

"Si el ministerio es principalmente el trabajo de Dios, preguntas importantes necesitan ser cuestionadas por cristianos que juntos forman una comunidad de ministros. ¿Qué es lo que Dios está haciendo en el mundo en estos días y cómo podemos cooperar con las esperanzas y planes de Dios? ¿Cómo nosotros como cristianos podemos unirnos para avanzar en los propósitos de Dios e inducir los movimientos de la gracia trabajando en el mundo hoy en día?"

Teniendo esto en consideración, continuemos juntos nuestra jornada afirmando la presencia de la diversa comunidad hispana presente en la Arquidiócesis de Louisville.



## \$2500 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE MINORITIES

St. Catharine College in Central Kentucky has a \$2500 scholarship available for qualifying students who are minorities and aspire to lead the next generation of students in the classroom. St. Catharine's field-based education program provides students with hands-on teaching experiences in area schools from their very first semester.

For information regarding scholarship availability or to learn more about the program, contact Dr. Christine Gibson, chair of the education department, at (859) 336-5082 or [christinegibson@scckky.edu](mailto:christinegibson@scckky.edu).







## BECA DE \$2500 PARA MAESTRO DE MINORÍAS

St. Catharine College en Kentucky Central tiene una beca de \$ 2500 disponible para los estudiantes que califiquen que son minorías y aspiran a liderar la próxima generación de estudiantes en el aula. El programa de educación de St. Catharine les ofrece a los estudiantes práctica en la enseñanza de las experiencias en las escuelas del área de su primer semestre.

Para obtener información acerca de la disponibilidad de becas o para aprender más sobre el programa, comuníquese con la Dr. Christine Gibson, presidente del departamento de educación, en (859) 336-5082 o [christinegibson@sccky.edu](mailto:christinegibson@sccky.edu)

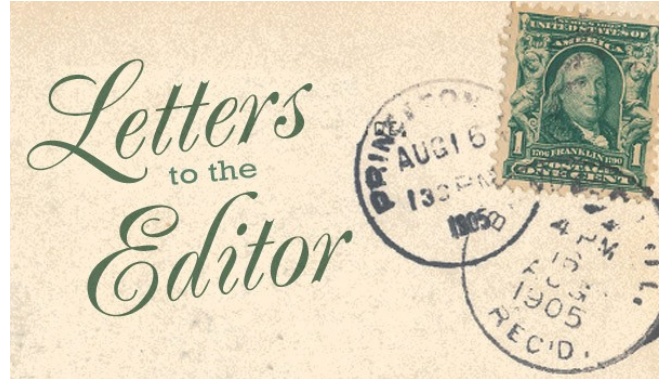


# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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.



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**

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 invite by someone from St. Stephen Baptist Church to attend last month’s 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***



*Letters*  
to the EDITOR





Justice Delayed, Justice Denied

## *National Association of Black Catholic Administrators*

### **National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA)** **Statement on Injustice** **December 13, 2014**

The National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA) join our voice with other faith-filled people who are concerned about the recent tragic events that have plagued the Black community. As a result of these recent events, it seems that all we do is protest against the violent acts against our young black people without taking any other actions. We are flooded with comments about civil rights violations, racism, legalized murder and so many other negative remarks about Blacks in our society. This is not the norm of our nation that we should accept. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stated that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere".

Black life does matter. Our ancestors fought hard for our civil rights. Now we are fighting another injustice, a more cultural injustice. It is thanks to our ancestors for having the courage to stand in the midst of injustice, to be steadfast in their conviction to make this country a better place for us. It is because of their unwavering spirit, their sacrifices, that we too unite and rally together to bring an end to the violence that has eroded in the Black community.

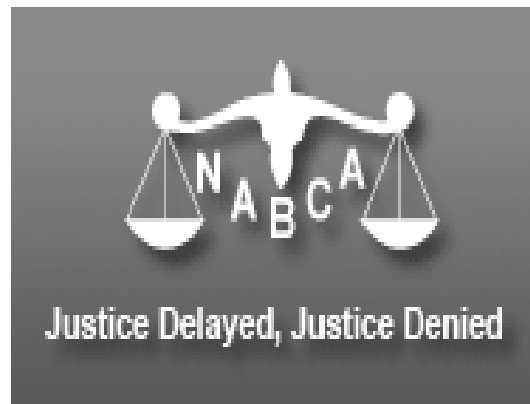
This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement and a reminder of other significant Civil Rights achievements. Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, Archbishop of Louisville and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, released a statement on this important occasion to address racism and the value of continuing to press forward. We are reminded of the accomplishments of many individuals in the fight for equality. We are all made in the image of God and we should respect the life and dignity of every human person. We are all responsible for the well-being of one another. Yes, recent events are very discouraging and they go against Catholic Social Teaching. But we should not be discouraged, for there is hope. God is with us.

It has been 30 years since the pastoral letter from the Black Bishops of the United States, "What We Have Seen and Heard" and we are in need of their spiritual guidance just as much now if not more. Our community is in turmoil. Our family bond is being tested. As our bishops put it, "Community means social concern and social justice". With one voice we need to go beyond the walls of our homes, our offices, our schools, our parishes. We need to answer the call of our bishops from their pastoral letter and take the lead in the Church's work within the Black community. As a community we can be "instruments of peace".

As Catholic Christians we are a people of unity and reconciliation. We are a people who believe in solidarity. Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest in the Diocese of Milwaukee and Associate Professor of Moral Theology at Marquette University wrote, "Solidarity moves us to have a concern for those who are different from us and to see them as fully sharing in our humanity". What does this mean? We need to stand with our brothers and sisters who are victims of violence, of injustice.

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We need to do more than just go out into the streets with our raised hands and signs. We need to approach our local officials by going to city hall and State Legislatures. We need to dialogue with our officials about the policies of the local enforcement departments. We need to hold them accountable. We need to be at the voting booths on Election Day for all local, state and national elections. Exercise your right to vote and be a voice for your community. When we make a difference at the local and state levels we will see that effect ripple to the national level. It will unite all of us to stop the injustices that infect our nation. There is an urgent need for change and with a united voice let us go out and make a difference. Let us stand in solidarity with our young adults who are leading the movement today.



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**Multicultural Women's Day of Reflection**  
**"Sisters in the Spirit"**  
**Saturday, October 4, 2014**  
**Flaget Center**  
**Keynote Speaker: Sr. Eva Marie Lumas, SSS, D.Min**  
**Closing Praise Service Reflection: Rev. Monica M. Thomas**





# OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

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

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

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

**Male Retreat**  
January 10, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

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

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

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

### FEBRUARY

**Hispanic Catechist Class**  
February 14, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

**Thea Bowman Institute**  
February 14, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

**Hispanic Leadership Formation**  
February 14, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

**Quinceañera**  
February 14, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

### MARCH

**Spanish I**  
March 5, 12, 19, 26  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

**Hispanic Leadership Formation**  
March 14, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Maloney Center

**Community-Wide Science Fair**  
March 21, 2015  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
CEC/Thea Bowman Hall

**African American Catholic  
Leadership Awards Banquet**  
March 7, 2015  
5:00 Silent Auction  
6:00 Dinner/Program  
Hyatt Regency Louisville

**Hispanic Catechist Class**  
March 14, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
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**Thea Bowman Institute**  
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**Loving Ourselves Program**  
March 14, 2015  
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**Filipino Mass**  
March 22, 2015  
2:30 p.m.  
St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

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### Citywide Kwanza Celebration

December 30, 2014  
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Catholic Enrichment Center

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

January 19, 2015  
1:30 p.m.  
Cathedral of the Assumption

### Quinceañera

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St. Michael

### African Memorial Service

April 11, 2015  
11:30 a.m.  
St. Thomas More

### Senior Derby Extravaganza

April 21, 2015  
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## TID-BITS OF WISDOM

Submitted by Z. B. Heckstall

1. The best way to get even is to forget.
2. Feed your faith and your doubts will be diminished.
3. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
4. Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up.
5. Words are windows to the heart.
6. To forgive is to set the prisoner free and then discover that the prisoner was you.



## SAVE THE DATE!

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