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Opportunities for Addressing Racism

By Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner
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In recent articles and appearances throughout the world, Pope Francis has, through the wisdom and vision of God and the Holy Spirit, instructed us on his insightful teachings of Mercy. He has provided the people of God with a mandate regarding how we as Christian sisters and brothers should treat others who are different because of color, economic status, religion and social status. He reminds us that "all who are different are indeed children of God". As the Lord grants mercy to the merciful we must show mercy to others. His words and actions are followed by works of mercy that continue impacting the marginalized and alienated poor of our world. Even today, His works of mercy are changing and influencing the lives of Christians and those of other religious persuasions throughout the world in positions of power and influence. Pope Francis is calling people of God to a deeper and more profound lived experience of transformation that intentionally reflects and models Christ in acts of stewardship and personal acts of mercy. Simply stated, "Who is your neighbor? Who is your sister or your brother?" "As Christians, you must open the door of mercy in your heart and give witness to mercy for all God's people regardless of their socio economic status, gender, nationality, ethnicity or race."

The words of Pope Francis are echoed once again by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz as he travels throughout our archdiocese challenging us to live as members of the family of God. He encourages us as one family to seek God's mercy during difficult circumstances such as the violence and injustices experienced in society and in our local communities. Today, we are particularly faced with the spiraling effects of racism in our daily lived realities and we must be vigilant in denouncing and, rededicating ourselves to the work of peace and reconciliation among citizens of different races, ethnic origins, and social, cultural, educational, economic, and religious backgrounds.

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As Catholics, and as members of the Body of Christ, the Church, this is more than a call. It is our vocation, born of baptism as stated in Bishop Braxton's writings on *The Racial Divide in the United States, A Reflection for the World Day of Peace 2015*.

Mercy can be the dismantling instrument necessary to rid our local community, nation and world of the bigotry that separates us as brothers and sisters born of the same Father. The facts speak for themselves, and we must recognize how, we as a nation have benefited from the effects of racism. The economic impact of racism has left a society of people of color still struggling to survive from the institutional and structural chains of racism that still keep them held in bondage. Blacks continue to be victims of oppression. The systems that are created to advance equal opportunity benefit the classes and not the masses. The church's social justice teachings were founded on the principles of dismantling the injustices of our society, but we have fallen short of internalizing these principles and making justice a reality. The course for action to bring about change to the injustices in our society have been fought and sometimes defeated on many religious and political fronts; however, racism continues to play a major role in the lives of people of African descent in our society. The impacts of racial injustices are prevalent on Sunday mornings as Sunday continues to remain one of the most segregated times in the lives of our Christian communities.

Men and women have died as a result of racists attitudes and behaviors but, as Christians, we must not let their struggles be in vain. Our faith tells us to remain steadfast in our belief that God, in the words of the Spiritual, did not bring us this far to leave us.

On November 14, 1979 our African American bishops addressed Racism in a pastoral letter entitled "Brothers and Sisters to Us". In this letter the bishops wrote that racism is a sin. A sin that divides the human family, blots out the image of God among specific members of God's family and violates the fundamental human dignity of those called to be the children of the same Father. Racism is a sin that says that some people are inherently superior and others essentially inferior because of their race. It is the sin that makes racial characteristics the determining factor for denying human rights to all of God's creation. It mocks the words of Jesus in the Great Commandment to "Treat others as you would have them treat you". Indeed, racism is more than a disregard of this commandment of Jesus; it is a denial of the truth and the dignity of each human being revealed by the mystery of the Incarnation.

According to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Catholic Social Teaching document*, "Every human being is created in the image of God and redeemed by Jesus Christ, and therefore is invaluable and worthy of respect as a member of the human family". It goes on to say that "Equality of all persons comes from their essential dignity....While differences in talents are a part of God's plan, social and cultural discrimination in fundamental rights... are not compatible with God's design.

We must realize that there is no middle road insofar as racism is concerned, either we condone it or oppose it. If we elect to remain silent or turn our heads refusing to acknowledge racism, we are no better than those who are committing the morally wrong acts. On October 24, 2013 at Simon Wiesenthal Centre, Pope Francis stressed the need to "fight all forms of racism and intolerance"... and "the need for promoting mutual understanding through training and social commitment". He went on to say "the problem of intolerance should be dealt with as a whole: every time a minority is persecuted and marginalized because of his or her religious beliefs or ethnicity, the good of the whole society is in danger". The role of eradicating racism is not the responsibility of a select few, but it is the moral obligation of all of us because we are Catholic, and life and human dignity does indeed matter.



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Office of Multicultural Ministry

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28th Annual African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet By Mrs. Angela Partee



The 28th Annual African American Catholic Leadership Awards Banquet was held March 7, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency. The event which recognizes leadership achievement was attended by 600 people. Kay Cammack, of St. Augustine, likened the banquet to a family reunion.

“It was a gathering of family and friends. You meet and greet; talk to people you haven’t seen in awhile. People at my table reminisced about past banquets. This was the best banquet. It was very upbeat,” she said.

Valerie Boone-Johnson, of Immaculate Heart of Mary, enjoyed the festive atmosphere. “It is a celebration. We need to celebrate our successes. It is important to see what contributions we’ve made in the community. It’s our legacy”, she said.

Newton McCravy, brother of Rodriq McCravy, thinks the event should continue because it is an opportunity to celebrate church leaders and youth. He noted that the keynote speaker, Father Christopher S. Rhodes, associate pastor of St. Patrick Church, “is the fruit of the labor of many of those in the African American Catholic community.” McCravy also recognized the efforts of the archdiocese. “Archbishop Kurtz has been extremely supportive of the presence of Black Catholics in the Church. We have been blessed to have two consecutive archbishops (the late Archbishop Thomas C. Kelley preceded Archbishop Kurtz) who have championed the cause of Black Catholics. We are a much stronger community because of the efforts of African American Catholic Ministries”, he said.

Deacon Pat Wright, Director of the Diaconate Office, said that “the continuity of lifting people up each year has helped to maintain a sense of hope”. He noted the high level of enthusiasm among the crowd. “I was really impressed by the atmosphere of support from the parishes and of rejoicing,” he said.

In addition to the keynote speaker, other speakers included Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, Mayor Greg Fischer, and Therese Wilson-Favors, professor of catechesis at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Each speaker gave encouraging messages. Mayor Fischer said the “community should be guided by principles of unity, interdependence and interconnectedness”. Wilson-Favors said “God will give people grace to make a difference that is eternal and intentional”.

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Archbishop Kurtz said “family, faith and trust are at the very center of our lives and if we lose that we lose everything”.

One of the recipients, Kim Telesford—Mapp, of St. Martin de Porres, acknowledged the logistics of God’s loving care. “I am who I am, I do what I do because of all the people God put into my life who gave of themselves unselfishly to help me along my journey,” she said.

The Leadership Award recipients were the following adults: Velma Yocum of St. Augustine, Louisville; Carmen Weathers-Washington of Christ the King; Shawna Hazelwood of Holy Rosary, Springfield; Dillard Baker, Jr., Debra F. Bullock, Peggy Maddox and JoAnn Orr of Immaculate Heart of Mary; Ruby Inez Hyde of St. Louis Bertrand; John Evans, Kim Telesford-Mapp, Tianna Barnes-Palmer of St. Martin de Porres; and Debra Williams of St. Monica.

The Rodriq McCravy Award was given to the following youth: Alexis Cammack and Brysen Little of St. Augustine, Louisville; Terrance Isaiah Churchill and Jazzlin Linton of Holy Rosary, Springfield; Brandee King of Immaculate Heart of Mary; and Ashley Henry of St. Martin de Porres.

The Acacia Award recipients were: Rev. Wayne Carroll Paysse, Executive Director of the Black and Indian Missions Office, and Therese Wilson-Favors, Professor of Catechesis for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University and former Director of the Office of African American Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

The 29th Annual African American Catholic Leadership Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Hotel located at 830 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY. The cost will be \$70.00. For more details contact the Office of Multicultural Ministry (502)471-2146. We will gather with more than 600 individuals representing our archdiocese, civic community, Memphis, Baltimore, D.C. Cleveland, Ohio, Norfolk, VA., Tampa, Florida and Indianapolis. The 29th Dinner will kick off the preparation for the 30th Annual African American Catholic Leadership Awards Dinner in March 2017, where we will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of this wonderful event.



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29th Annual
African American Catholic
Leadership Awards Dinner

Saturday, March 5, 2016
Silent Auction ~ 5:00 p.m.
Dinner & Program ~ 6:00 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Louisville
Airport Expo Center
830 Phillips Lane
Louisville, KY 40209

Tickets ~ \$70.00
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Kwanzaa...First Fruits of the Harvest An African American Cultural Family Tradition

By M. Annette Mandley-Turner



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 celebrated the holidays, we remembered Kwanzaa, the African American holiday which celebrates family, community and culture. It is the fastest growing holiday in the world where an estimated 19 million people of

color celebrate in the U.S., Africa, the Caribbean, South America, Canada, India, Great Britain, and other European countries. Kwanzaa is defined as a unique Africentric 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 26th through January 1st; it is 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 include:

- Gathering of the people
- Special reverence to our creator
- Commemoration of the past and our ancestor
- Commitment to our highest ethical and cultural values
- Celebrations of family, community and culture.

Kwanzaa is based on the Nguzo Saba which is the seven guiding principles over a period of seven days with a reflection on a designated principle each day. The seven guiding principles 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 the people from the African Diaspora, red for the communal struggle and green for the hope that comes from the struggle.

The future for the people from the African Diaspora revolves around their children. Children are an essential focus in the celebration and ears of corn are used to represent them in the family and the community. It is customary to present gifts during this celebration to the youth that focus on expanding their intellect. Books would be the appropriate gift. The gifts should stress the value of family, community, academics, faith and cultural items that reaffirm pride in culture and tradition. The unity cup is used to pour libation to our ancestors. It is a tradition to pour libation in remembrance of the ancestors on all special occasions as it provides us an opportunity to reflect on our African past and American present. Water is suggested as it holds the essence of life and should be placed in a communal cup and poured in the direction of the four winds; north, south, east and west. It is then passed among family members and guests who may either sip from the cup or make a sipping gesture as a LIBATION STATEMENT is read.

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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 31st and is considered a very special event because it brings us closer to our African roots. The Karamu (Feast) 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.

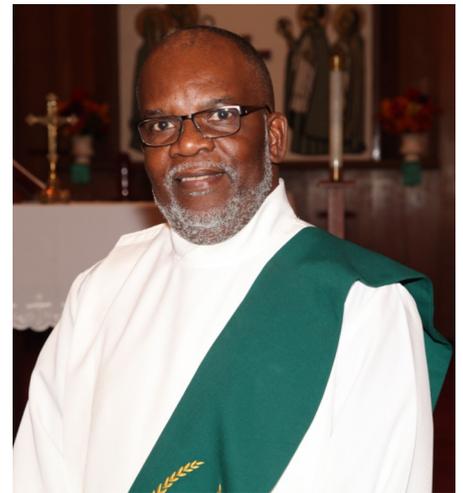
The Archdiocese Louisville’s Office of Multicultural Ministry hosted the 34th community-wide gathering on December 29th, at OMM’s Catholic Enrichment Center located at 3146 West Broadway. In an effort to assist our sisters and brothers who are homeless, we requested that each participant bring a pair of tube socks and a pair of gloves.

Tackling Critical Issues in the Community With New Energy

By Deacon Kenney Bell

Community Outreach Program Coordinator

I’m writing this article after several months in my new position as the new Community Outreach Program Coordinator for the Office of Multicultural Ministry at the Catholic Enrichment Center. I see great opportunity to minister to the entire community both Catholic and Non-Catholic. The Catholic Enrichment Center is uniquely situated at 32nd and Broadway. We are in the heart of the inner city with all of its daily challenges, and any effective outreach will have to include our African American youth. In keeping with the goals in the Archdiocese that focus on diversity and family, our goal is to consistently find ways to engage them in positive and constructive activities. This is an effort that will require support and partnerships from the entire community. We will also need to be creative in our efforts to engage the minds of our young people as well as the otherwise marginalized male population. What are the needs of the community? This is one of many ever present questions. If we approach these needs in a singular fashion we may come up with solutions to multiple issues.



One of the first areas that we wanted to address is the challenging relationship between the community and law enforcement. Our first workshop targeted the male population with something coming later for the females. It included a combined effort from local attorneys, police officers and citizens. The title was “Law Enforcement and You”. Some of the discussions included: your rights and responsibilities when you are stopped by the police; what is required by the law?; and, how far is too far?. These and other topics were addressed. This was the beginning of an ongoing effort to put into action our strategic plan. We also believe that we will simultaneously address the needs of the community in the process.



The Catholic Enrichment Center Advisory Board... The Backbone of the CEC, Frontrunners of Support

*By Ms. Audrey Penman
CEC Director*



The Catholic Enrichment Center is a positive fixture at the corner of 32nd and Broadway, providing a variety of programs and activities for the community around it. Some programs need very little preparation such as turning on the light in the computer lab. Others require months of preparation and planning. The CEC Advisory Committee is that committed group of individuals, giving of their time, talents, and treasures.

The Advisory Committee is a blessed mixture of leaders from our Quad Parish initiative (African American Catholic parishes in West Louisville), community supporters and staff that come together in discernment and decision making. They are the official cheerleaders of the center. Their efforts continue to assist the center in providing the best quality programs and activities possible to our current and future community.

The Advisory Committee takes a hands-on approach in assisting the center with outreach to perspective clients and patrons. Their goals and aspirations for the center are to spread the good news about our one of a kind center, what it has to offer and positive outreach opportunities it has for the community it serves. They want to get the word out and assist us in getting individuals and families in to take full advantage of the programs and activities that we offer a diverse group of people. They see the center as a resource to the West Louisville community. Emily Mosby, our Chair and member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, states that “This is a great resource in the community and we need to let as many people know about us as possible. As a committee member, I want to do my part in spreading the good news and helping where I can with programs and activities”.

The committee is serious about assisting us in carrying out annual programming and fundraisers specific to the center. For example, with our annual Heroes of Hope fundraising event, they assisted with every detail from suggesting recipients, program development, selling tickets, greeting guests and anywhere else their expertise was needed. They sell the center as their program, one that they want to share with fellow parishioners and the community at large. They participate in various capacities in programs such as our Senior Derby Extravaganza, Dare to Care Ministry, Male Ministry and the Back to School Fair. Lafayette Cowden, III, committee member from Christ the King Catholic Church said that “I just want to help out where I can to assist the center in providing and promoting quality programs, especially when dealing with our male ministry efforts”.

We feel blessed to have such a devoted and willing team of people to share their time, talents, treasures and faith based commitment with the center. They lighten the load as we carry out our mission to offer the best of what we have to all that come through our doors.

A Fresh Look at the CEC
By Mrs. Dorice Beauséjour Firmin
Family Life Skills Program Coordinator

I am excited to serve as the new Family Life Skills Program Coordinator for the Office of Multicultural Ministry at the Catholic Enrichment Center. My gratitude to Mrs. Turner for hiring me and to the OMM team for supporting the endeavors associated with Family Life Skills. While I am a new hire, CEC has been a part of my life since it opened. My parents believed that CEC was the best thing that happened for my siblings and me. They made sure that every time the doors were opened, we were there receiving the many education and faith opportunities offered. I am who I am because of my parish life at Saint Martin de Porres and OMM's CEC programs. I am grateful to be given an opportunity to serve the people in West Louisville and to live out my stewardship.



The Family Life Skill Program has developed a variety of events, enrichment opportunities, and family networking groups in an effort to respond to the needs of the people that cannot be served by their parishes/churches. Some examples include:

- Family Reaching Families
- Finance for You
- Single parenting workshops/ Support Groups
- Children Caring for their Parents
- Effective Black Family Skills
- Family Bible Studies
- Teenage Mother/Teenage Father
- TFU (Teen Fatherhood University)
- Second Time Around: Grandparents Raising their Grandchildren
- Community Family Circle
- Family Computer Sessions
- Community Interfaith Round Table
- West Louisville Community Ministry Joint ventures
- Safe Family Fun Nights

These initiatives and services are designed for the diverse family make-up. I am particularly proud that everything we do reflects our Catholic Family centered values and are from an Africentric perspective. Our new initiative, the Spring Break Explore Camp will run from April 4th - 8th from 8: 00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. for only \$30.00 for the entire week. Kids will participate in fun activities while learning at the same time.

The Family Life Skills Program is continuing to build partnerships with Dare to Care's Healthy eating classes where the families will come and learn healthy food preparation. We are also offering free workshops for women in partnership with "Beautiful Women of Equality Inc." (*BWOQ*), which is a Transitional Program for Women. They offer some of the following programs: CPR-Learn to Save a Life; Interviewing: Preparing Myself to Succeed; My Money - My Future; Let's Get Moving; WORD UP↑ - Poetry/Spoken Word, and much more!

We also partnered with Saint Martin de Porres Social Concerns Ministry in hosting a College Fair. Often times when an organization has a college fair, the West End of Louisville is never a place they consider. The young people in this area are overlooked and left out. Transportation continues to be a challenge for many of them. The mission of OMM's CEC is to be a part of the solution and bridge the gap for the families in need. Come check us out... There is much more to come!

Reflections on the 2015 Community-Wide Interfaith Revival “Cast Your Net”

Interfaith Revival – “Looking Back”

By: Mrs. Marilyn Keene

Member of St. Monica Catholic Church, Bardstown, KY

On September 27-29, 2015, the Archdiocese of Louisville’s Office of Multicultural Ministry along with St. Monica, Christ the King, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Martin de Porres, St. Augustine and Holy Rosary Churches hosted a Community-Wide Interfaith Revival that left me exhausted, renewed and inspired.

Rev. John Judie began teaching us to “Cast Our Nets” by reminding us that our love for God is personal. It is because of God’s gift to me – Jesus – that I am able to have a personal relationship with Him. I know He knows my every need and provides for me every day, all day. And even though some days are filled with trials, I know that because “I Love the Lord” each day will end as He intends and I can be content knowing I am where I need to be.

Rev. Dr. Valarie Washington taught us about the “Gift of Another Day”. On the difficult days when I want to complain and not do what I want to do, I have to remind myself that each day is a gift from God. He has a plan for me and all I have to do is get out of my own way, stop resisting, get my hands dirty sometimes, and watch God work.

Rev. Mr. James Turner reminded me that “My God Is Awesome” even when I am in despair and don’t hear God’s answer to my prayers, He is at work. My tears are not shed in vain because He collects each one and remembers the pain in each drop as He uses them to cleanse me and make me feel His presence.

It was awesome seeing so many fellow Christians come together. The Holy Spirit had us jumping and shouting and singing and crying in praise and worship for the Mighty God We Serve!

“What A Blessing - Cast Your Net”

The 2015 Community - Wide Revival

By: Mr. Bob Frazier

Member of Christ the King Catholic Church, Louisville, KY

When I was asked to write an article reflecting on the Community–Wide Revival “Cast Your Net”, my response was immediate; immediate meaning no more than three seconds to say yes and with honor. The main reason for a three second response was because it’s a Blessing to me to have been asked.

When I reflected on this revival, I could remember vividly what Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz said only a couple of weeks before at the 32nd Annual African American Catholic Day of Reflection, “If a person cannot find time to reflect, they are doomed”.

This three-day revival was showcased at the three parishes of St. Monica in Bardstown, Christ the King and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Louisville. During the same time the, Holy See, Pope Francis made His historic three day trip to the United States and visited three major cities, promoting the value of family and our responsibility to “Cast Our Net” for more love and harmony of family.

It all makes sense...three seconds to say yes when asked to write this article, three days of revival, three spiritually filled parishes, three day Pope Francis visit to the USA, three cities visited, and lastly connected to all with the “3’s,”. . . Three Day Resurrection of Our Savior! Thanks for asking me....“What A Blessing”!

The Kentucky Southern Missions
Hispanic Ministry and the Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Helen
By Mrs. Eva Gonzalez, Hispanic Ministry Director

Region XI of our Archdiocese is comprised of several parishes including Christ the Healer (Edmonton), Christ the King (Tompkinsville), Emmanuel (Albany), Good Shepherd (Columbia), St. Helen (Glasgow), Holy Cross (Burkesville), Holy Redeemer (Greensburg), Holy Spirit (Jamestown), and Our Lady of the Caves (Horse Cave). Out of these nine parishes, six have a Hispanic presence.

The Spanish Mass attendance at St. Helen (Glasgow) is between 50 - 70 parishioners and between 5 - 25 at Emmanuel, sometimes reaching 40. Our Lady of the Caves doesn't offer Mass in Spanish at this time, however, one or two Hispanic families attend the English Mass. The majority of the parishioners are from Mexico, but there is a good number from Guatemala, and few from Colombia and Cuba.

Fr. Ricardo Pineda, C.P.M. who is bilingual in English and Spanish and associate pastor at St. Helen, Emmanuel, and Our Lady of the Caves provides marriage preparation in Spanish. During this time he also catechizes parents and grandparents for the preparation of Baptism of a child. Fr. Pineda takes the opportunity to catechize them about the effects of Baptism, the effects of sin, and the effects of the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confession. He hears confessions in Spanish and has also celebrated a quinceañera, which was performed after specific requirements are met. Occasionally, Fr. Pineda has celebrated the Presentation of the Child at the age of three upon request of parents. Blessings are common in the Hispanic culture and Fr. Pineda has blessed Mexican restaurants and cars.

Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima takes place. A few years ago, Fr. Kenneth Soroko, C.P.M., pastor of St. Helen, Emmanuel, and Our Lady of the Caves initiated the program of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima which is taken to the homes of Hispanic families. Parishioners gather at the home to welcome the Virgin. During that time the Rosary is prayed and celebration continues with a meal. The statue remains in the home for a couple of weeks where the family is encouraged to pray the rosary every day. Once it is time for the statue of Our Lady to leave the home, parishioners meet again at the same home to bid her farewell. One of the two nights, Fr. Soroko will bless the home. Another devotion in honor of the "Divino Niño" (Divine Child Jesus) also takes place and a nine month novena is prayed after the Sunday Mass once a month. During Lent, the Stations of the Cross are prayed in Spanish once a week.

In ministering to the Hispanic community, Fr. Pineda shares "It brings me great joy to be able to celebrate the sacraments in Spanish for the Hispanic community at our churches. My main goal during my time in this assignment has been to help deepen their understanding of what is taking place in their souls at these most precious moments - that they receive divine life in Baptism and literally become children of God; that God nourishes this divine life in their souls by giving Himself to them in the Eucharist; that God heals this life when it is wounded by sin and even raises it from the dead when a soul repents of mortal sin in Confession; that in Holy Matrimony God actually creates an indissoluble bond between the souls of the spouses! I hope to lead them to the conviction that nothing is more important than the union with God through the sacraments. People from the community have expressed what a blessing it is to have a priest who can converse with them and preach to them the truths of the faith in their own language."

December 12th is a wonderful day for all of the community. It is the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe! This year, a novena in honor of Our Lady took place at 5:00 p.m. at different houses of the parishioners from December 3 to December 10 except for the last day, December 11 which was held at the Church at 11:30 p.m., followed by a serenade to the Virgin. The traditional "Mañanitas" and other traditional Guadalupe hymns were sung until about 12:30 a.m. At 6:15 p.m., an outside rosary procession with the image of Our Lady was lead by the community to the Church. This year, Archbishop Kurtz celebrated Our Lady of Guadalupe's Mass at 7:00 p.m. at St. Helen. After Mass, a reception took place with the performance of a traditional dance in honor of Our Lady.

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Another parish is Christ the King at Tompkinsville where Fr. Lawrence Gelthaus is the pastor. It has an eight year history providing Hispanic Ministry. An average of 40 parishioners attends the weekly Spanish Mass with an increase on December 12 of about 80. The majority of the people are from Mexico, with a handful from Guatemala and El Salvador. The community has devotion for Saint Toribio Romo, a martyr from Mexico during the Cristero War who is the patron saint of migrants.

The children attend religious education with some taking First Communion classes, a few taking Confirmation classes, and others continuing classes after First Communion. Blessings of homes, statues, rosaries, and Bibles are requested by the community. The Presentation of the Child at the age of three has also taken place. Some members in the community participated in the Why Catholic program. Three members are representatives on the parish council where Hispanics and non-Hispanics work together to make things happen.

This year on December 12th, the Mass celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe took place. Children dressed with typical clothing made of “manta” (a rough-textured cotton fabric), the girls wore “rebozos” (a typical Mexican shawl), people brought roses to Our Lady, and a pot luck took place after Mass. Fr. Gelthaus shared “the Hispanic community is very hospitable and compassionate”.

Even though the parishes of Good Shepherd in Columbia and Holy Spirit in Jamestown do not celebrate Mass in Spanish at this time, every other Sunday during Mass, one of the readings and the Gospel are proclaimed in Spanish, and the Words of Consecration are proclaimed in Spanish.

Fr. David Naylor mentions that Good Shepherd has between 40-50 Mexican parishioners, who make up around 35% of the congregation at Sunday Mass. Holy Spirit has approximately 30 Mexican parishioners who make up about 20% of the congregation at this time.

All of the children and youth are involved in religious education. Some of them offer their service to the Church as altar servers. The youth attend the youth group which makes up about 50% of the class attendance. Blessings for new mothers take place, and blessings for new businesses and homes are common as well. The celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe has taken place in Good Shepherd in years past, but not yet at Holy Spirit.

Fr. Naylor shared, “Welcome, our brothers and sisters from the South! Thank you for your families, your devotion, and above all, your faith!”.

Las Misiones del Sur de Kentucky

El Ministerio Hispano y la Celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe en St. Helen

Por Eva Gonzalez

La region XI de nuestra arquidiócesis esta compuesta de varias parroquias indicadas a continuacion: Christ the Healer (Edmonton), Christ the King (Tompkinsville), Emmanuel (Albany), Good Shepherd (Columbia), St. Helen (Glasgow), Holy Cross (Burkesville), Holy Redeemer (Greensburg), Holy Spirit (Jamestown) y Our Lady of the Caves (Horse Cave). De las nueve parroquias mencionadas, seis cuentan con presencia hispana.

La asistencia a la Misa en español en St. Helen (Glasgow) es entre 50 a 70 feligreses y en la parroquia Emmanuel entre 5 a 25 algunas veces logrando alcanzar hasta 40. Actualmente en la parroquia Our Lady of the Caves no se celebra Misa en español; sin embargo, una o dos familias hispanas asisten a la Misa en inglés. La mayoría de los feligreses son de México, pero hay un buen número de personas de Guatemala y pocos son de Colombia y Cuba.

El padre Ricardo Pineda, C.P.M. que es bilingüe en inglés y español, es pastor asociado en las parroquias de St. Helen, Emmanuel y Our Lady of the Caves. Él da Preparación Matrimonial en español. Además catequiza a los padres de familia y a los padrinos para la Preparación del Bautismo de un niño, durante este tiempo el padre Ricardo toma la oportunidad de catequizarlos acerca de los efectos del Bautismo, del pecado y de los Sacramentos de la Sagrada Comunión y la Confesión. El padre Ricardo escucha confesiones en español y además ha llegado a celebrar a una quinceañera, la cual se celebó una vez que los requerimientos solicitados para ello fueron cumplidos. Ocasionalmente, el padre Ricardo ha celebrado la Presentación del Niño a la edad de tres años por solicitud de los padres. Las bendiciones son comunes en la cultura hispana y el padre Ricardo ha bendecido restaurantes mexicanos y carros.

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Devoción a nuestra Señora de Fátima también se realiza. Hace algunos años, el padre Kenneth Soroko, C.P.M., sacerdote de St. Helen, Emmanuel, y Our Lady of the Caves inició el programa de la Estatua Peregrina de Nuestra Señora de Fátima la cual es llevada a los hogares de familias hispanas. Los feligreses se reúnen en la casa que dará la acogida a la Virgen y le dan la bienvenida. Durante su estancia, se reza el Rosario y posteriormente la celebración continúa con una cena. La estatua permanece en la casa por un par de semanas, se le pide a la familia que rece el Rosario a diario. Una vez que es tiempo de que la estatua de la Virgen deje la casa, los feligreses se reúnen de nueva cuenta en la misma casa para despedirla. En una de estas dos noches, el padre Kenneth bendice la casa. Otra devoción que también se realiza es en honor del Divino Niño la cual es una novena mensual, esta es rezada después de la Misa del domingo una vez al mes. Durante la Cuaresma, se reza el Viacrucis en español una vez a la semana.

Al realizar ministerio a la comunidad hispana, el padre Ricardo comparte “me da gran alegría el poder celebrar los Sacramentos en español para la comunidad hispana en nuestras parroquias. Mi meta principal durante mi tiempo en esta asignación ha sido en ayudar a profundizar su entendimiento de lo que sucede en sus almas en estos momentos tan preciados – que ellos reciben vida divina en el Bautismo y literalmente se vuelven hijos de Dios; que Dios nutre esta vida divina en sus almas al entregarse a sí mismo a ellos en la Eucaristía, que Dios alivia esta vida cuando es herida por el pecado y resucita de la muerte cuando un alma se arrepiente de un pecado mortal en la Confesión; que en el Sagrado Matrimonio se crea un lazo indisoluble entre las almas de los esposos! Espero guiarlos a la convicción que nada es más importante que la unión con Dios a través de los Sacramentos. Personas de la comunidad han expresado que es una bendición tener a un sacerdote que puede conversar con ellos y predicarles las verdades de la fe en su propio idioma”.

El 12 de diciembre es un día maravilloso para toda la comunidad. ¡Es la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe! Este año, una novena en honor de la Virgen se llevará a cabo a las 5:00 p.m. en diferentes casas de feligreses a partir del 3 de diciembre. El último día, el 11 de diciembre será en la Iglesia a las 11:30 p.m. seguido por serenata a la Virgen. Las tradicionales “Mañanitas” y otros himnos tradicionales Guadalupeños se cantarán hasta las 12:30 a.m. Por la tarde, a las 6:15 p.m., una procesión rezando el Rosario con la imagen de la Virgen guiará a la comunidad hacia la Iglesia. Este año, el arzobispo Joseph E. Kurtz celebrará la Misa de la Virgen de Guadalupe a las 7:00 p.m. en la parroquia St. Helen. Después de la Misa, se tendrá una recepción y habrá una danza tradicional en honor a la Virgen.

Otra parroquia es Christ the King en Tompkinsville, el sacerdote es Lawrence Gelthaus. Esta Iglesia tiene ocho años de historia en realizar ministerio hispano. Un promedio de 40 feligreses asiste a la Misa semanal con un incremento de aproximadamente 80 el 12 de diciembre. La mayoría de las personas son de México, algunos de Guatemala y El Salvador. La comunidad tiene devoción por Santo Toribio Romo, santo patrono de los inmigrantes. El es un mártir de México durante la Guerra de los Cristeros.

Los niños asisten a educación religiosa, algunos toman las clases para Primera Comunión, otros para Confirmación y otros continúan con sus clases después de haber tenido la Primera Comunión. La Presentación del Niño a la edad de tres años también es realizada. Algunos miembros de la comunidad participaron en el programa ¿Por qué soy católico? tres miembros son representantes en el Consejo Parroquial en donde hispanos y no hispanos colaboran juntos para que las cosas se lleven a cabo.

Durante esta temporada del año, el 12 de diciembre, la celebración de la Misa de la Virgen de Guadalupe se lleva a cabo. Los niños se visten con indumentaria típica hecha de manta, las niñas usan rebozos y la gente ofrece flores a la Virgen. Después de Misa se realiza un convivio. El padre Lawrence comparte “la comunidad hispana es muy hospitalaria y compasiva”.

Aunque las parroquias de Good Shepherd en Columbia y Holy Spirit en Jamestown actualmente no celebran la Misa en español, un domingo sí y un domingo no en la Misa, una de las lecturas y el Evangelio son proclamados en español como así mismo las Palabras de Consagración.

El padre David Naylor indica que la parroquia Good Shepherd tiene aproximadamente entre 40 a 50 feligreses mexicanos que constituyen aproximadamente el 35% de la congregación de la Misa los domingos. La parroquia Holy Spirit tiene aproximadamente 30 feligreses mexicanos que forman aproximadamente el 20% de la congregación actual.

Todos los niños y adolescentes asisten a educación religiosa. Algunos de ellos ofrecen su servicio a la Iglesia como monaguillos. Los adolescentes asisten al grupo juvenil y forman aproximadamente el 50% de la clase. Bendiciones para madres esperando bebé se realiza, y bendiciones para nuevos negocios y casas son realizadas también. La celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe se ha llevado a cabo en Good Shepherd en años pasados, pero aun no se ha realizado en Holy Spirit.

El padre David comparte “¡Bienvenidos, hermanas y hermanos nuestros del Sur!” “¡Gracias por sus familias, sus devociones y sobre todo, por su fe!”

Heroes of Hope...
Celebrating the Gifts of our Heroes
By Ms. Audrey Penman



At least one definition of hero speaks to a man or woman of distinguished courage or ability, who is admired for his or her deeds and qualities. For the past 5 years, the Catholic Enrichment Center has been celebrating such individuals and organizations in and around our community. The “Heroes of Hope” event was designed to salute and celebrate everyday people who have shown determination and courage in stepping up to assist the center in its outreach efforts.

The Catholic Enrichment Center, provides the opportunity to experience a variety of programs and activities for the community around it. Some programs require more effort and ingenuity than others. For example, our line dancing folks meet twice a week and just require

the placement of a stereo system in a large room. Other programs such as Dare to Care require a process for the distribution of food items, one for our pantry and one for the distribution of produce outside. Still others require everything from ticket sales to event participation. These things are what drives our heroes to do what they can to help make things run as smooth as possible.

This year’s recipients, as in years past, have the same drive. Mrs. Kathryn Gaines, is a regular at the CEC, teaching and volunteering. She is our sewing and quilting instructor two days a week, she works with our Dare to Care Pantry, the outside food distribution, and attends senior programs. Mrs. Gaines believes that she is being blessed, by us, providing opportunities for her to get out of the house! The same can be said about Mrs. Carmella Milledge, who is also a regular. She is always early and eager to do her part. She too is one of our Dare to Care pantry workers. Every week she shows up to inventory and put items up in the pantry. Rain, sleet, heat or snow, she shows up like the mailman to do her part for the outside distribution! Mrs. Milledge also takes part in our senior programs, and admits that she is just not into sewing. She sees the center as a safe, educational place that allows her to share her gifts and be part of something good.

The Bullock’s are a wonderful couple who do their part in supporting the programs of the center. Although Mr. Bullock is on our Advisory Committee, Mrs. Bullock is right there beside him when it comes time for action, assisting with whatever needs to be done to make a program or activity work. They work as a couple to assist the center with whatever the needs are at the time. Whether it be gathering volunteers, materials, or information for a specific program or general promotion of the center, they are a couple united.

We are indeed blessed to have these heroes of hope assist us in our everyday challenges to serve the community around us. We greatly appreciate these and other heroes in the support of the Catholic Enrichment Center!

Did You Know?...

The Asian and Pacific Island Population is Increasing by Leaps and Bounds

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 Khanaya ministry
3 Arab ministry	



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[Rejoicing in the Asian and Pacific Presence \(English\)](#)

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[Rejoicing in the Asian and Pacific Presence \(Tagalog/Filipino\)](#)

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[Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty in Chinese](#)

Reoccurring Events

January 26-29, 2016 - USCCB Asian Pacific Island Sub Committee hosted the 2nd Summit focusing on the National Pastoral Plan in San Diego, California

May 7, 2016 - The Asian and Pacific Island Catholics for Mary 14th Annual Pilgrimage will be held in DC at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This annual event brings together many Asian and Pacific Islander Catholic communities to celebrate their heritage and Marian devotions Check out the flyer from 2015 for a taste of what is to come.

Summer 2016 - The Asian and Pacific Islander Young Adult Retreat/Workshop is held every summer in Tucson, AZ at the Redemptorist Renewal Center. Check out the flyer from last year and come back later for more information about the 2016 program.

June 2016 - Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage Pilgrimage is an annual pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Mass held at the end of June. Last year's Pilgrimage included a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jose F. Advincula from the Archdiocese of Capiz, Philippines

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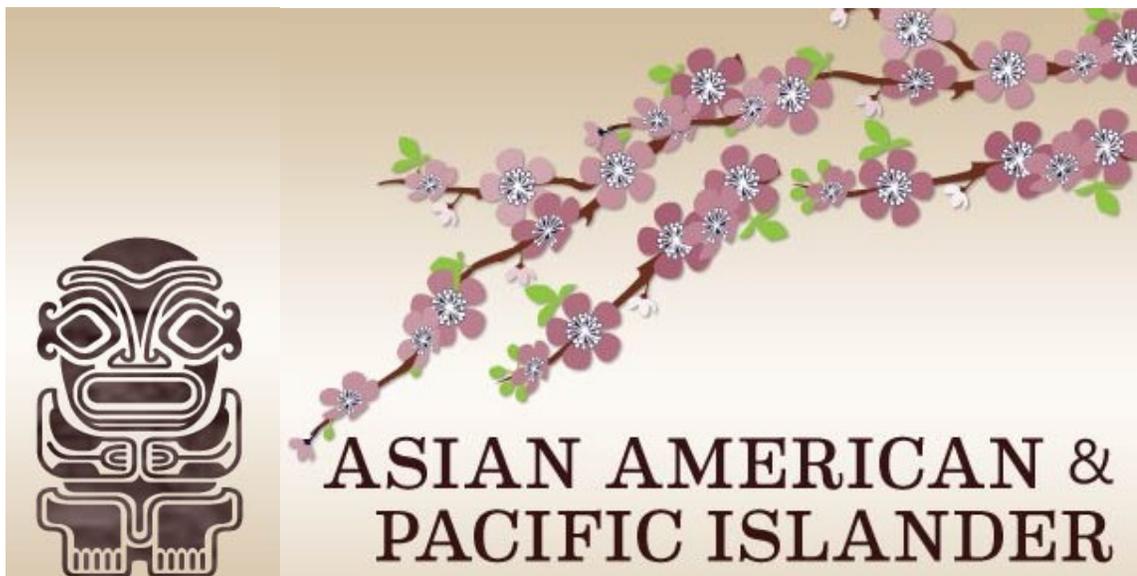
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July 2016 - The 7th Annual National Conference of Burmese-American Catholics. . . will be in Buffalo, NY. Check the event page on their website for more information.

July 2016 - Lao Catholic National Conference will be held in Milwaukee, WI. Check back later for more information

September 2016 - The annual Filipino Saints Fiesta Celebration is held in Baltimore, MD at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.

September 2016 - The Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry will host its first Day of Reflection for Asian Pacific Island People. ...for more information contact OMM at (502) 636-0296, ext. 1225.



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CONGRESS IS COMING

Twelfth National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) to be held July 6-9, 2017



Current social issues impacting all citizens of the United States bring additional validity and importance to this Congress and create strategies to forge positive change.

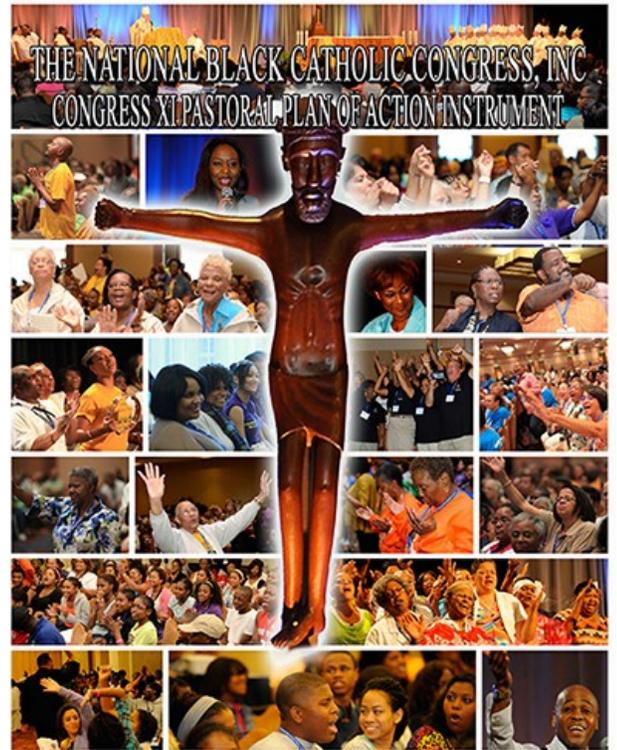
The theme of Congress XII is, *The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me: Act Justly, Love Goodness, and Walk Humbly with Your God* (cf. Luke 4:18 and Micah 6:8). We must reaffirm our position on the inviolate value of the life and dignity of every

human being. In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis wrote, "Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel" (#20). It is critical for the Church to continue to be involved in the life of the Black community, who experience alienation due to the challenging issues of racism, poverty, and hopelessness.

In preparation for Congress XII, we ask diocesan bishops to help us to prepare by convening (or allow the convening) of a Day of Reflection during the first quarter of 2016. We will provide materials for this gathering of Black Catholics and others who serve in the Black Catholic apostolate. Participants will discuss three issues:

- First, how the Church engages in our communities, which includes promoting a culture of life in which we overcome abortion and promote policies which give children a solid foundation for a promising future.
- Second, the mission of the Church to strengthen family structures.
- Third, incorporating youth and young adults in parish life.

Knowing the opportunities and challenges that exist for the Church in our nation and the Black community in particular, we urge you to join us from July 6 – 9, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando on 9801 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819. Additional information about this gathering will be forthcoming. Please do not hesitate to contact Valerie Washington, the NBCC Executive Director, at vwashington@nbcccongress.org or at (410) 547-8496.



*Celebrate and Embrace
the Gift of Diversity!*



My Brother's Keeper

By Deacon Kenney Bell

I began working for the Archdiocese in July 2015, as the Community Outreach Program Coordinator. One of my responsibilities is to strengthen the male ministry and to address the needs of those living on the margins in our city.

We had just returned from our annual Kujenga Viongozi Youth Leadership Retreat. During one of the breakout sessions that included male adults and youth, the discussion turned toward the police and our youth -- the very discussion that many people were having all around the country. Our youth were concerned with the police and their seemingly aggressive behavior towards them. I found myself being on both sides of the table, having been in law enforcement for over twenty years, while also being an African American male. I truly understood both sides of the argument. So the seed was planted that I must do whatever I can to foster better understanding and subsequently better relationships between them.

The first order of business quickly became "Law Enforcement and You" under the umbrella of 'My Brother's Keeper'. We would provide ongoing opportunities to address the needs of our community. On January 9, 2016, we invited Officer Robert Oliver with the Louisville Metro Police Department and Attorney Shaun Wimberly, Sr. to participate in our first workshop. The goal was to educate those in attendance on their rights and responsibilities when encountering law enforcement. Officer Oliver spoke about the importance of mutual respect, even when you feel the stop is unjust. All citizens have the right to ask why they are being stopped. You can ask for the officer's code number and name or ask for a supervisor to respond to the scene if warranted. Always remain calm -- don't run or fight. Keep your hands visible at all times and let the officer know before you reach for anything. Don't give fake ID's or false information of any kind. Remember, at the end of the day the officer wants to go home to his family too.

Attorney Wimberly talked about our constitutional rights and the right to be protected from illegal search and seizure. He says it's usually not a good idea to give up your right by submitting to a search of your vehicle regardless of the circumstances. You should ask the officer if you are being detained or are you free to leave. He explained the Terry Stop and how officers may frisk for weapons if they have reasonable suspicion that someone is armed and dangerous. In short know that the constitution is supposed to protect the rights of all citizens.

There was a lot of information given to the forty-six males of various ages in attendance. The group was extremely interested in the questions and answer opportunity provided at the end of the session. The goal was to equip the attendees with information about what they are required to do by law as well as what their rights are.

This first session was for males only. There were several women who dropped their sons off that wanted to stay for the workshop. Because of that interest, we had another event on Saturday, February 6, 2016, for males and females. Our hope is to have ongoing dialogue on these issues and any other issues that impact our community.

Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out in the field." When they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD asked Cain, Where is your brother Abel? He answered, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" God then said: What have you done? Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground! - Genesis 4:8-10

The Presence of Hispanic Catholics Making a Difference in the Archdiocese

By Eva Gonzalez

In our previous 2009 Archdiocesan Strategic Plan, goal three mentions “to embrace the diversity of culture in responding to God’s love.” Our present 2015 Archdiocesan Strategic Plan under goal three calls for us “to celebrate the new and growing breadth of diversity in our Church.” On this occasion I am writing about the presence of a specific group of Hispanic Catholics who are sharing their gifts and talents in the Church and making a difference in the Archdiocese.

In this article I am focusing on groups of women from four parishes who at this time are leading the Armada Blanca (White Army) movement. Its main goal is “the spiritual care of children with their Consecration to the Father through Mary; with their preparation for First Communion when they have reached the age of reason; and with the formation of Nests of prayer” (www.Armatablanca.org). These groups gather every week and the children learn to pray the rosary and sing songs. The parishes that have this ministry are: Immaculate Conception at La Grange, St. Rita in Louisville, St. Bartholomew in Louisville, and Annunciation in Shelbyville.

Fr. Carlos Conde at St. Bartholomew shares “it is praiseworthy and admirable this ministry where the mothers organize the little ones to educate them in the love and devotion to Mary because always the prayer of children as Pope Francis has reminded us, is so clean and innocent that God and Mary quickly listen to it. Furthermore, the Popes have mentioned that to learn to pray the rosary is to learn to get into the school of the Gospel where Jesus teaches us to be his disciples.”

Mrs. Carmen Valenzuela, a mother and member of Armada Blanca shares “it gives me satisfaction to help in this ministry because it is something good for the community. As a mother of a child who attends Armada Blanca, I observe how my son opens his heart when offering his prayers to our Blessed Mother.”

La Presencia de Hispanos Católicos Maciendo una Diferencia en la Arquidiócesis

Por Eva Gonzalez

En nuestro Plan Estratégico Arquidiocesano 2009 bajo la meta número tres se menciona “acoger a la diversidad de cultura en respuesta del amor de Dios”. Nuestro Plan Estratégico Arquidiocesano 2015 bajo la meta número tres indica “celebrar la nueva y creciente amplitud de diversidad en nuestra Iglesia”. En esta ocasión escribo acerca de la presencia de un grupo específico de hispanos católicos que comparten sus dones y talentos en la Iglesia y hacen la diferencia en la Arquidiócesis.

En este artículo me enfoco en grupos de mujeres de cuatro parroquias que actualmente liderean el movimiento de Armada Blanca. Su objetivo principal es “el cuidado espiritual de niños por medio de la Consagración a Dios Padre en María conformando Nidos de oración y preparándolos para la Primera Comunión al primer uso de razón” (www.armatabianca.org/es/). Estos grupos se reúnen cada semana, los niños aprenden a rezar el rosario y cantan canciones. Las parroquias que tienen este ministerio son: Immaculate Conception en LaGrange, St. Rita en Louisville, St. Bartholomew en Louisville, y Annunciation en Shelbyville.

El padre Carlos Conde de St. Bartholomew comparte el siguiente comentario “es loable y admirable este ministerio donde las mamás organizan a los niños pequeños para educarlos en el amor y la devoción a María Santísima, porque siempre, la oración de los niños, como el papa Francisco nos ha recordado, tan limpia e inocente que Dios y María pronto la escuchan. Además, los Papas han dicho que aprender a rezar el rosario es aprender a meterse en la escuela del Evangelio donde Jesús nos enseña a ser sus discípulos”.

La Sra. Carmen Valenzuela, madre y miembro de Armada Blanca nos comparte “me da satisfacción ayudar en este ministerio porque es algo bueno para la comunidad. Como madre de un niño que asiste a Armada Blanca, observo como mi hijo abre su corazón cuando ofrece sus oraciones a nuestra Santísima Madre”.

How Beneficial to You is the Outreach Program at the Catholic Enrichment Center?

By Ms. Deborah Wright



Over the years we have served many types of people from different ethnic backgrounds and religious backgrounds. Some may say that CEC is a beacon of hope to those living in West Louisville. It is a place where they can come at any time of need or just to get out the house and be around other people.

We recently took a survey at the center where we asked different people how the center has been beneficial to them as Non-Catholics or Catholics. Here are a few of the comments.

Mrs. Katharyn Gaines who is one of our volunteers, has been a supporter of the center for many years, and is now one of our Heroes of Hope recipients states, "Being retired and on a fixed income, I am able to get assistance from the Dare to Care Food Pantry here at the CEC and keep busy doing volunteer work at the center. I am also involved with lots of activities and just being around other folks my age and younger, we share life's ups and downs. The staff is so helpful to all of us". Mrs. Kat is also our Sewing instructor for our Sewing class on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings.

Ms. Sammie has also participated in our activities and events here at the center on a regular basis and she also feels that the center is beneficial to her. "I am glad they started 'Aging Gracefully' again". I am retired and need to do something daily." Aging Gracefully is a program we offer seniors where they get an opportunity to meet others in the community and the different parishes. We meet every Wednesday, and this gives the seniors a chance to get out of the house and socialize, take computer classes, workshops and hear speakers on health issues and anything that they have an interest in.

Ms. Lois Bowden is one of our community supporters, who is also the leader of Girls Scouts Troop #1483 here at the center. She has been assisting us with the phones, Dare to Care and any other areas in need. She states that being a Non-Catholic at the center has also helped to keep her busy, "I have learned different things, and met new people. I love to be out of the house, and if I didn't keep moving I will die. The center has helped to keep me healthy".

Ms. Lorraine, also a Non-Catholic, says "I love it here! I sew, and I do line dancing classes and I bring my mother to Aging Gracefully classes". OMM's outreach programs at CEC continue to meet the needs of our growing retired and senior population.



My Visit to See the Holy Father

By Ms. Gina L. Cano
Member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church



In three different times, I was there. In his pope mobile, I saw Pope John Paul II along the runway of the Davao International Airport. That was 1981.

Then, in 1995 he came back for the World Youth Day. As reported on the news, the event was phenomenal. One of the many reasons was the millions of people in attendance. I was one of them.

The memories of seeing him really close are still vivid, the feelings indescribable. Did I see a halo on his head? I felt a stirring in my heart, tears overflowed. Momentary embarrassment followed for being in tears in public. Everywhere I looked I witnessed an outpouring of emotions of joy, of pleading, "*Ipanalangin mo kami, Santo Papa!*". Pray for us, Holy Father! His death brought me to tears again. Tears of sadness and sorrow. Grieving, as if I knew him personally, as a friend.

Twenty years later, I chased another Pope. It was surreal. Flashed on the widescreens, "Did You Know?": That St. Pope John Paul II founded the World Meeting of Families in 1981; That he was the last Pope to visit Philadelphia in 1979.

The year was 1981. The first time I saw the would be saint who founded this festival I was attending now, here in Philadelphia. The Festival of the World Meeting of Families. My

eyes and my heart could not contain the joy I felt watching Pope Francis in his pope mobile.

During the mass, it seemed like he was directly talking to me although I was surrounded by people who spoke different languages. He spoke of things, I suppose that I already knew. Like dealings with family, that love is stronger than an argument, that a little gesture will do, a hug.

This Festival was held to tell me, everyone, these presumably simple teachings, things taken for granted. The message is universal, relevant. It applies to Filipinos or otherwise, wherever we live. Which brings to my mind my very own not so very happy family, a dysfunctional one. But little gestures, a goodnight, see you tomorrow, will do, Pope Francis insisted. The contribution I can make for the greater good, for world peace, starts with my own family.

I wish that I could tell him I'm doing a good job in this area. We are a "bear" family according to my five year old son, I believe because hugging is a natural everyday thing. "I love you!" is uttered numerous times in a given day. Why is there an apple in your eye, Mom?, he responded when I told him he's the apple of my eye. It happened more than once. I left my cellphone at home and my dear husband let me use his, as he drove me to work. Loving words, kind trusting gestures. Beautiful.

Among the things I teach my child is the use of "*opo*", the filipino word for yes, with a tone of respect. The use of *kuya* or *ate*, of *tita* or *tito* when addressing a family or friend older than him. Calling them by their first names is simply unacceptable.

Growing up here in our adopted hometown of Louisville exposes my child less to our Filipino culture. Some traditions related to our faith are not practiced here.



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With God, however, there's a way. I am so grateful that now we get to celebrate one *Simbang Gabi* out of the nine novena masses before Christmas Day, along with the feast of Santo Nino, for Santo Lorenzo Ruiz, and a regular Filipino Mass at Saint Margaret Mary Church. I am also grateful for the compassion and generosity of our Archbishop Joseph Kurtz through the OMM.

I pray for the vocation of the religious, especially for Brother Cesar Estiller, now in his first year of Theology at St. Meinrad in Indiana. During a recent visit to the seminary, I casually told him, we will have a Filipino priest here in Louisville in you. It's just a matter of time. In His time.

Thank you, Archdiocese of Louisville, for making us feel at home.



Multiculturalism is Necessary for the Church

By Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner

There are some things that are essential in life, society and the church if we are to embrace diversity. If we reflect long enough, it is possible that we are able to generate a list of necessities (needs) and desires (wants). Multiculturalism would fall under all categories. According to many experts in the area of multiculturalism such as Dr. V. Morgan Lee, A. Homes, Dr. J. Mandley and Monsignor Ray East, multiculturalism takes on the meaning which welcomes human beings to reflect who they are unremorsefully while engaging in the celebration of differences. It is recognizing the gift of diversity, preserving it and challenging everyone to share it with others so that we might live as sisters and brothers created by one God, where the earth is our birthplace and reflecting diversity is our birthright.

The task of embracing the essence of multiculturalism is not an easy one. In some instances the feeling of discomfort is attached in early experiences. Perhaps it is due to limited knowledge of the true definition; it might be due to the myth of winning and losing or unwarranted fear. While the Church understands this, it continues to enhance its level of understanding of who benefits from the presence of multiculturalism in our faith community. Multiculturalism is not based on numbers but what we see, hear, and experience.

Multiculturalism has been a part of our world since the beginning of time and yet we find ourselves treating it as something new. It is not a trend nor a fad, it is a reality and it is here to stay. It is my dream that the Church will continue to move forward in this area even during times of discomfort. Based on articles and presentations on the subject, I am inclined to believe that as a Church we will embrace the fullness of multiculturalism, not because we have to base it on the preconceived notion of numbers, but because multiculturalism influences the expressions of worship, teaching, evangelism and leadership.

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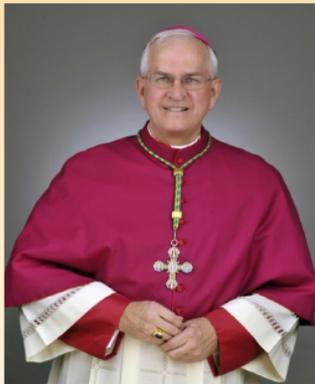
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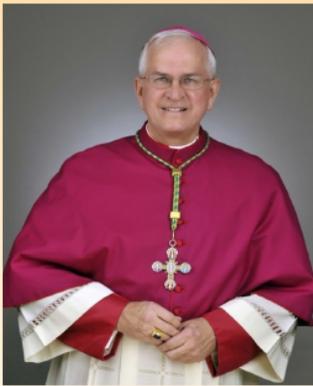
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Understanding Today's Technical World Through the Eyes of Our Senior Citizens

By Mrs. Dorice Beauséjour Firmin



In today's world it seems that every time we look around there is another smart phone, new tablet, or new computer software to upgrade to. This can get overwhelming for our seniors. Trying to keep up with the new technology is sometimes challenging and intimidating all at the same time! A number of our senior citizens are unfamiliar with the world of technology which creates a communications gap in the environments they are a part of. Given the reality that many seniors are disengaged in the workforce due to retirement, the likelihood of enhancing one's knowledge in the technological arena is slim.

In an effort to be a part of the solution and bridging the gap, OMM's Catholic Enrichment Center is gearing up for another session of computer classes. The desire is to provide opportunities for seniors to better understand communicating via the computer. The program is designed to address individual needs regarding technology. While computer language appears to be foreign to many, it is also the hope of the instructor to remove fears related to the instrument itself. Technology is like many new and foreign things when they are not fully understood; they are not easily embraced.

CEC is responding to the participant via two distinctly different classes, the basic class and the advance class. The basic computer classes touch on the parts of the computer and how to use the mouse, how to navigate through the different applications such as Microsoft Word, so that they might be able to write a letter to a friend or just a memo for the grocery store. They can learn about the internet where they can search for various food recipes on Google, or just listen to music on YouTube. Whatever they want to do is at their fingertips and they don't even know it, so we will show them how to access all sorts of things on the computer. I am excited to have an opportunity to serve as the instructor for the computer classes.



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Quinceañera Retreat

February 13, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Mother/Daughter Retreat

February 27, 2016
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African American Catholic Leadership Awards Dinner

March 5, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport
Expo Center

Filipino Mass

March 13, 2016
2:30 a.m.
St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Community-Wide Science Fair

March 19, 2016
10:00 a.m.
Catholic Enrichment Center

African Memorial Service

April 16, 2016
11:30 a.m.
St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Senior Derby Extravaganza

April 19, 2016
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1. Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, California - Diversity Index: 84.5
2. New York-White Plains-Wayne, New York-New Jersey - Diversity Index: 80.1
3. Oakland-Fremont-Hayward, California - Diversity Index: 79
4. Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, Texas - Diversity Index: 78
5. San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, California - Diversity Index: 75
6. Dallas-Plano-Irving, Texas - Diversity Index: 75
7. San Antonio, Texas - Diversity Index: 74
8. Las Vegas-Paradise, Nevada - Diversity Index: 73.4
9. San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City, California - Diversity Index: 72.4
10. Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, Florida - Diversity Index: 71.1

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