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National Congress Ignites a Flame of Justice

By Bethune Jones

Orlando, FL National Black Catholic Congress gathering focused on the words of the prophet of social justice, urging black Catholics to become active, just disciples of Christ.

This summer, more than 2,600 people gathered for the 12th National Black Catholic Congress July 6-9 to experience a range of topics and concerns facing black communities and families. It served as the vehicle for urging delegates to be proactive in living out the Gospel as just disciples of Christ.



Father Patrick Smith, pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Washington, D.C., spoke during the opening homily at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, focusing on the "ridiculous power of the Christ on the cross" and how our own suffering can be offered up to God as a source of healing for others.

Fr. Pat reminded the people that it is essential for the community to talk about its struggles, but stated that it must also talk about the redemptive power of God on the cross. He added "while racism ultimately leads to death ... a spiritual suicide in our souls," the truths of the Gospel sets lives free."

"That is our anger, but also our source of hope," he said. "You and I cannot appreciate the good news unless we first face and acknowledge the bad news."

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National Black Catholic Congress roots can be traced back to 1889 with layman and journalist Daniel Rudd, a native son of Bardstown, KY, convened 100 Black Catholic men to address various questions affecting their race for not just Black Catholic blacks, but blacks across the country, uniting for a course of action while standing behind the Catholic Church and its values.

The group met with President Grover Cleveland during its first congress. In meeting and uniting, Father Smith said the Catholic Church demonstrated and voiced

how "black Catholic lives mattered," just as other groups have done as they convened when a group has suffered, such as the pro-life groups who proclaim unborn lives matter.

"And also, more importantly, (we gather) to extort and challenge ourselves to do our part and accept the responsibility in our role in the Church that God has given us. ... We gather to see how to effectively evangelize because eternal life is way too important."

Ghanaian Cardinal Peter Turkson, prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, offered the opening keynote address that focused directly on the theme of the congress taken from the prophet Micah — "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: Act justly, love goodness and walk humbly with your God."



His first point reaffirmed the united community of disciples of Christ and the need of inclusion of all "children of God."

"When Pope Francis speaks, he doesn't speak to nations, races and tribes; he speaks to humanity invited to be disciples of Jesus. And we respond first and foremost to this" Cardinal Turkson said. "For there is no Gospel for Africans. There is no Gospel for Americans. There is no Gospel for Italians or Europeans. There is one Gospel for all of us created in the image and likeness of God we seek to respond to. ... God's children all belong together. None are set aside, none should live on the periphery and none are excluded. "In this family of God we need to live justly. When we respect the demands of our relationships, we are just."



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4th Archdiocese of Louisville Black Catholic Congress

By Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner

OMM Executive Director



The National Black Catholic Congress was founded in 1889, and gathered several times until the late 1890's. It did not meet again until 1987 in Washington, D.C. and has convened every five years since then. Had it not been for our native son from Bardstown and congress founder, Daniel Rudd, it would not exist today.

Because of the foundation that he laid, African American Ministry in the Office of Multicultural Ministry was successful in gathering more than 400 attendees for the 4th Archdiocesan Black Catholic Congress representing 16 parishes from our local area. And, for the first time in the history of our Archdiocese, our African brothers and sisters were present.

Like the 3,000 who attended the 12th National Black Catholic Congress in Orlando, FL in early July, archdiocesan congress attendees were treated to speakers from the archdiocese and from the international landscape including His Eminence, Peter Kodwo Cardinal Turkson. He provides leadership for the new Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development at the Vatican. We were blessed to have him offer the opening keynote address that focused directly on the theme of the congress taken from the prophet Micah - "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: Act justly, love goodness and walk humbly with your God." His points reaffirmed the united community of disciples of Christ and the need of inclusion of all "children of God and Black Lives Matter".



Mrs. Tianna Barnes - Palmer, a parishioner at Saint Martin de Porres, attended workshops on social justice topics. She said her fellow parishioners and clergy, Deacon James Turner (Pastoral Administrator) and Fr. Conrad Sutter (Sacramental Moderator) try to have conversations about real issues from a Biblical Justice perspective. She appreciated the speakers.



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"It was an astonishing experience. I am a cradle Catholic and I have never attended something so powerful. This whole experience helped me change my life and made my faith as an African American Catholic come alive" stated 25 year old Mary Williams from St. Christopher.

Ms. Subrenia Lain, a parishioner of Saint Augustine found the congress spiritually rewarding. It re-energized me and provided the spark that I needed to refocus my attention on the importance of maintaining an africentric Church in the Black community.

The Africentric music at Mass, provided in part by the Office of Multicultural Ministry's Archdiocesan Gospel Choir, was a highlight for many. Mrs. Carrie Strivers from Bardstown stated that "the Mass celebration was lively and far more celebratory because the music so moved me. It felt like we were really praising the Lord. The experiencing was electrifying."

Congress was a remarkable experience of joy, remembrance and prayer. Kenya Turner parishioner of Saint Martin de Porres stated that we could never turn back the hands of time, reliving what we have experienced, but we can however move forward making the experience a part of the reality we live, going forth with a sense of What We Have Seen and Heard.

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Mother of Africa 'leads us to freedom won by her son'

*By Richard Szczepanowski
Catholic Standard Staff Writer*



A detail of the Our Mother of Africa and Her Divine Son sculpture. Jesus points to the bas relief, a sign of His attentiveness toward the plight of African American suffering.

Catholic Standard Wednesday, November 07, 2012 edition

Situated between the Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel and the Crypt Church on the ground floor of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington is the Our Mother of Africa Chapel. While it is a beautiful chapel worthy of a visit anytime of the year, November is a particularly appropriate time to visit as this month marks Black Catholic History Month.

This year also marks the 15th anniversary of the Mother of Africa Chapel. It was consecrated and blessed by Cardinal James Hickey, then the archbishop of Washington, in 1997 at the closing Mass of the Eighth

National Black Catholic Congress. More than 8,000 people attended that dedication.

A gift to the National Shrine from African-American Catholics under the leadership of the Black Bishops of the United States and the National Black Catholic Congress, the chapel "is an enduring testimony to the abiding faith of the African American peoples and their unwavering devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary," said Msgr. Walter Rossi, rector of the National Shrine.

The chapel features a statue of Our Mother of Africa holding the Christ Child. The larger than life rendering faces a bas relief that illustrates the experiences of African Americans from the time of slavery until the civil rights movement.

The bas relief - which is read from right to left - begins with slave traders kidnapping residents of an African village. It depicts the struggles of slaves and the hardships they endured. There are images of the fight for freedom and the Civil Rights movement. The image concludes with a modern day family stepping out of the image and leading towards Christ. Over all of this history hovers a dove, symbolizing the Holy Spirit and His loving care for His suffering children.

The statue of Mary is depicted walking toward the bas relief and the Christ Child points to it - a symbol of Jesus' and Mary's attentiveness to the plight of African Americans and a call for all to look and learn the history of African Americans. The family stepping out of the bas relief reaches for the hand of Jesus on the nearby crucifix. The crucifix, which hangs over a marble altar, is completed in the tradition of the Entebene tribe of Tanzania. The body of Christ is completed in ebony hardwood and the cross is of cherry wood.

The chapel is supported by seven pillars that represent the seven principals of African American society: Umoja (unity); Kujichagulia (self-determination); Ujima (collective work and responsibility); Ujamaa (family); Nia (purpose); Kuumba (creativity); and Imani (faith). The ceiling of the chapel is constructed of wood to recall the colonial homes in which the slaves were kept and to recall the hulls of the ships which brought the slaves to America.

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Carved in marble in Ge'ez, the ancient Ethiopian liturgical language, are two passages from Isaiah (49:15 and 9:1, 3, 5). One evokes Mary's tenderness for her children, the other is a promise that a redeemer will be born upon whose shoulder dominion rests and who will smash the rod of the taskmaster.

At the entrance to the chapel on the is a stylized depiction of a 17th-century slave ship. Throughout the chapel are etchings of fish and water - symbols of Christ and reminders of the slaves' crossing the ocean from Africa to America.

There are also sculptural busts of the four evangelists, and iron gates depicting the Acacia Tree. The tree, a species native to Africa, has deep roots and can survive through drought and famine. It is a metaphor for Black Catholics whose faith survived during years of enslavement and hardship.

The Knights of Peter Claver, donated \$100,000 toward construction of the Our Mother of Africa Chapel. Contributions also came from other Catholic groups, religious communities, diocese and individuals.

"The Chapel of Our Mother of Africa beckons all who visit this Shrine and this Chapel to look to Our Lady as the source of strength and comfort, especially in the midst of oppression," Msgr. Rossi said. "She will lead us to the freedom won by her Son's death and resurrection."

He added that the chapel is part of National Shrine's "living mosaic of the faith of peoples from throughout the world."



Our Mother of Africa Chapel is located at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:38)



Catholics of color keeping the U.S. Catholic Church alive

By Mary C. Curtis

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As an African-American Catholic, I often feel like the unnamed black man from Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*, present but not really seen.

I was raised steeped in Catholicism—from my name, Mary Cecelia, to my education. I grew up in Maryland in the 1960s and '70s. I attended the now shuttered St. Pius V Catholic School, where I was taught by teachers from the Oblate Sisters of Providence, an order founded in 1829 to educate and care for African-American children. I wore my faith proudly, even when the bonds of it were strained. When my classmates and I got the side-eye from the white Catholic school kids at citywide field day games held in Patterson Park, or when some members of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul at the predominantly white Seton High attributed my high test scores to divine intervention rather than intellect, I remained proud of both my heritage and my faith.



My Catholic education continued at Fordham University, where the Jesuits offered a fine education. It was at Fordham where I met my husband, and though he has strayed from the fold, our son would not have been baptized in any other faith.



The Catholic Church in the United States is being transformed by its black and brown parishioners, whose numbers and voices are rising.

My faith has also played a role in my career, which, for me, is akin to a vocation. I became a journalist because I wanted to illuminate the lives of those so often dismissed as not worthy of notice or respect, despite the full, complicated and generous lives they - my friends, family and neighbors - lived. This is evident in my writing and in the work I do with The OpEd Project. We work

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with individuals and institutions across the United States, from universities to corporations, and encourage under-represented experts and thought leaders (especially women) to influence the important public conversations of our time.

The bonds of my faith have once again been strained, even tested, by the partisan infighting of today's U.S. political scene, which finds very little cooperation and compromise. During the 2016 presidential election, Catholic voters were split between Hillary Clinton and Donald J. Trump. Throughout President Trump's first year in office we have seen the chasm among many U.S. Catholics grow even wider, on issues that range from health care to immigration.

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In my diverse but mostly white parish, we have long since stopped talking politics and justice, sticking instead to the ministries for the homeless, hungry and disabled and spiritual relationships that have kept us close.

The truth is, the Catholic Church in the United States is being transformed by its black and brown parishioners, whose numbers and voices are rising. They and priests from around the world are keeping the church alive. When the National Gathering for Black Catholic Women met in Charlotte a few years ago, I connected with my sister, still holding strong in her Baltimore parish - transformed from white to black and offering services with hymns, praise dance and more emotion than the services of our youth. Yet the parishioners are as devout when it comes to the celebration of the Mass.

After a right-wing gathering turned to tragedy and death in Charlottesville, Va., this summer, some evangelical Christian leaders sought to make excuses for the president's failure to forcefully denounce white supremacists and neo-Nazis. U.S. Catholic leaders, on the other hand, forcefully reacted on the side of those marching and, yes, dying, against hate and for justice. There was some comfort in a church that looks to the future, though not without the stumbles that will hurt and sow doubt. It is a new day in an old faith, with more voices sharing their concerns and their joy - and there is no going back for Catholics of every color if we are to live our faith.

We were never invisible.

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OMM Archdiocesan Gospel Choir: A Gift to the Church

By Ms. Charmein Weathers
Multicultural Special Projects/Communications Coordinator



Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has done marvelous deeds; Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth; break into song; sing praise. (Psalm 98)

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise." There are several places in Scripture throughout the Bible where music is referenced and commands us to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Noise is defined as a sound of any kind. When we make a joyful noise, we are making a bold declaration of God's glory, with strong yet beautiful melodic tones, shouts of praise, hand clapping, tapping of the feet, movement of our body, and other outward expressions of praise. These expressions include singing, playing instruments, and dancing.

What does it mean to make a joyful noise unto the Lord? The Office of Multicultural Ministry's Archdiocesan Gospel Choir has been ministering through music and singing praises to the Lord over 20 years. It has been and continues to be a gift to the local Church, the community and the region. Under the talented and committed direction of Mr. William "Bill" Harris and Mr. James Taylor, the choir comes together several times throughout the year to minister in song. The voices are made up of brothers and sisters from various parishes in the archdiocese. They most recently provided music ministry for the 4th Archdiocesan Black Catholic Congress. This all volunteer choir gives of their time and talents unconditionally, while sharing their gifts at their own churches.



The goal of a music ministry is to accompany, facilitate, and enhance the singing of the people of God. Over the years the faces in the choir have changed but the mission and goals have remained the same. Its purpose is to enrich the service through praise, worship and devotion in song and to worship God in truth and in spirit, providing music that brings others to Christ.

There are several definitions of a gift. It can be an item/thing that is given willingly to someone without the expectation of payment or return. A gift can also be a natural ability or talent. The members of the Office of Multicultural Ministry's Archdiocesan Gospel Choir continue to gift the community with their God given gifts of voice and music and their only hope is that God's people are open to receive. These amazing children of God have a profound passion for the Lord and for music. They believe that God gave them the gift of music and don't hesitate to share it with the world. Their untiring passion to serve is truly a blessing. This choir continues to answer God's call to serve and to minister to and with His people. Thank you for sharing your gifts and for being a gift to the Church!



A Closer Look at Our Diverse African Community

*By Dr. Joseph Twagilimana
African/ Francophone Ministry Consultant*



Although the number of African immigrants in the United States makes up a small percentage of the nation's immigrant population, the number coming from Sub-Saharan Africa has greatly increased, especially in this archdiocese. Geographically, this area lies south of the Sahara. All but seven African countries are not geopolitically a part of Sub-Saharan Africa. This part of Africa is predominantly Catholic and the people are fervent believers. Scattered throughout the city of Louisville, the numbers of the diverse community won't enable them to have a church tailored specifically for them where they can celebrate the mass the same way they did back home, in their customs of their culture.

Yes, Catholicism is universal. Yes, the foundation of Catholicism is the faith in Jesus Christ. Yes, the Gospel, rites, sacraments, and dogmas are the same to all Catholics. The Catholic Church is open to all people and cultures who worship God with all of their mind, soul and body. Dressed in their best clothes, costumes and ties, we sing and dance as a way of telling God "this is your day, we praise you, and we thank you with reverence".

Despite their deep desire to communicate with God, Africans often encounter a language barrier in creating a personal connection during Mass as pastors and other parishioners speak mostly English.

The Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM) appreciates and supports the importance of worshipping God in a language that you understand and in a culture that is yours. The OMM also understands how hard this can be, logistically, because it would likely require each group to have their own space. There is a great amount of diversity of African immigrants, each with their own languages and cultures. There is beauty in this diversity, but it presents a few challenges because there are not enough resources available to thoroughly meet the needs of all members of our diverse African community.



In an attempt to work towards a viable solution to this challenge, the OMM has created a Ministry within each cultural group and is working with these groups to come together and join hands in finding a solution. It is in this spirit that the Catholic African American's and African's came together to celebrate their faith and culture during the 4th Archdiocesan Black Catholic Congress on Saturday, December 9, 2017. Songs were sung and workshops were offered in English and African languages.

This might seem to be a simple step but it was a starting point to the great work that still needs to be done.

Breaking Every Chain
By Ms. Janice Mulligan
African American Catholic Ministries Associate Director



Isaiah 58:6 “This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; Setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke...”

From January-March 2018 the Archdiocese of Louisville will celebrate Days of Human Dignity. These celebrations are meant to counteract the ways that human dignity is being devalued. Just by showing up at the celebrations people send a message about the value of all humans as children of God. One of the featured events is the Celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Monday January 15, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 South Fifth Street, Louisville, KY. The Office of Multicultural Ministry has organized this celebration for 33 years. The 2018 theme, “Break Every Chain” recognizes the present day chains that reduce human dignity. The Dr. King Celebration uses the example of

Dr. King and other leaders as inspiration to break the chains of racism, poverty, discrimination, violence, and prejudices that continue to trouble our world. Through music, word, and prayer the Dr. King celebration reminds us that the dream is still alive. We must continue to work with hope and unity to reach the Promised Land.

Isaiah 58:7 continues to outline God’s wish for us: “...Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked when you see them; and not turning your back on your own.” Other events in the Days of Human Dignity answer this call. These events include the “Celebration of National Migration Week Prayer Service”, Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. and the Walk for Life at 4:30 p.m., Friday, January 19, 2018, both held at the Cathedral of the Assumption. The “Pro-Life Mass” will be held Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Martin of Tours. Presentation Academy will host the “Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Lunch” on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. A “Share the Journey Immigration Workshop” will occur on Saturday March 3, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at Holy Family Parish.



As we participate in these events and act towards others in the way God wishes, the words of Isaiah 58:11 will be fulfilled: “He will renew your strength, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails.”





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33rd Annual
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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
“Break Every Chain”

Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.
Archbishop of Louisville

Archdiocesan Gospel Choir

Monday, January 15, 2018

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For more information call the Office of Multicultural Ministry at (502)636-0296, ext. 1223.

Days of Human Dignity
By Mr. Mark Bouchard
Parish Engagement Coordinator, Catholic Charities of Louisville



Since the spring of 2017, representatives from a number of archdiocesan agencies have worked together on an awareness campaign about issues of human dignity. Called Days of Human Dignity, this effort also serves as a concrete implementation of the call of Pope Francis to "Share the Journey" with the 65 million immigrants and refugees around the world. This campaign will begin in January 2018.

The purpose of Days of Human Dignity is to bring together people of good will to strengthen through prayer, dialogue, and action, our efforts to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate the dignity of all persons. In January, events will be held on Saturday, January 6 (Epiphany) for National Migration Week; Monday, January 15 to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and Friday, January 19 and Sunday, January 21 for our pro-life witness tied to the anniversary of

the Roe versus Wade Supreme Court decision. The February Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl lunch, in which our schools participate, will be included among other observances and events throughout the year.

It is our hope that Catholics throughout the Archdiocese will participate by attending and promoting the archdiocesan events that are planned in January and beyond and by taking the opportunity to learn about issues of human dignity. There are a number of resources available at www.archlou.org/days-of-human-dignity.

Thanks to all who have assisted with this effort: Annette Mandley-Turner and Eva Gonzalez, Office of Multicultural Ministry; Barry Mudd, Office of Worship; Deacon Stephen Bowling and Ed Harpring, Family Ministries Office; Karl Dolson and Laura Zoeller, Office of Youth and Young Adults; Art Turner, Office of Faith Formation; Deacon Denny Nash, Diaconate Office; Terry Crawley, Office of Catholic Schools; Shelley Dewig and Allyson Ferry, Catholic Charities; Cecelia Price and Gary Hermann, Archdiocesan Communications Office; and Father Pat Delahanty.

Upcoming Events:

Celebration of National Migration Week: Saturday, January 6, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 South Fifth Street, Louisville, KY

Prayer service with Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., presider and homilist, followed by a reception featuring foods from around the world.

Celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Monday, January 15, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 South Fifth Street, Louisville, KY

Prayer service with Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., presider

Walk for Life: Friday, January 19, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 South Fifth Street, Louisville, KY

Gather in the Undercroft for the walk of 1.5 miles, which begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends between 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Pro-Life Mass: Sunday, January 21, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

Saint Martin of Tours, 639 South Shelby Street, Louisville, KY

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., presider and homilist

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Lunch: Thursday, February 8, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

Presentation Academy, 861 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with International Exhibit. Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Mark Bouchard at Catholic Charities 502-637-9786.

Hispanic Ministry Making a Difference

***By Mrs. Eva Gonzalez
Director of Hispanic Ministry***

This year opened with the trainings on the V Encuentro that provided a holistic understanding of the process. The areas covered were: how the V Encuentro was convened; a brief overview of the United States Hispanic Catholics Encuentro experience; the spirituality of missionary disciples, and a pastoral theological vision for the V Encuentro process.

This step provided the foundation for leaders in the parishes to coordinate the consultation process, the missionary activity, and the parish encuentros through the lens of the parish community and those in the peripheries. The presence of delegates from the parishes at the Archdiocesan Encuentro was fundamental to developing the key points of the needs of the Hispanic community in our Archdiocese and those to be shared with the region. The presence of youth during a retreat for the V Encuentro process was fundamental. Their contributions made youth an area of priority at the archdiocesan level.



At the same time, while affirming that Hispanic ministry is part of the multicultural Church and that all people contribute to the process of evangelization, the Office of Multicultural Ministry's (OMM), Hispanic Ministry collaborated with Sacred Heart Academy to celebrate a Mass in Spanish. It provided an opportunity for the students to participate by listening to a priest from a different culture while using the Spanish language.

Collaboration with parishes is important in carrying out the ministry. Spanish classes at John Paul II for parish staff, teachers, and laity took place. This initiative shows the efforts to welcome the Hispanic community in the school and in parish life.

OMM's Hispanic Ministry has been visible by being present in parishes in the rural areas of the Archdiocese for trainings on the V Encuentro process like at St. Dominic in Springfield and St. Helen in Glasgow. An Advent retreat was held at St. Helen for the first time. It provided an opportunity for families from the parish and from Christ the King Church in Tompkinsville to reflect on the meaning of the season, share individual and small groups insights, and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Spanish.

Among the parishes that celebrate Mass in Spanish, OMM's Hispanic Ministry reached out to the rural community once again, celebrating the Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Christ the King in Tompkinsville. This celebration created a sense joy and enthusiasm among the parishioners.

Hispanic ministry is making a difference one step at a time!

El Ministerio Hispano Hace la Diferencia
Por Eva Gonzalez, Directora del Ministerio Hispano

Este año comenzó con las capacitaciones del V Encuentro que proporcionaron un entendimiento general del proceso. Las áreas cubiertas fueron: cómo el V Encuentro fue convocado; una breve descripción de la experiencia de Encuentro de los católicos hispanos en los Estados Unidos; la espiritualidad de discípulos misioneros, y una visión pastoral teológica para el proceso del V Encuentro.

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Este paso proporcionó la base para líderes en las parroquias para coordinar el proceso de consulta, la actividad misionera y los encuentros parroquiales vistos a la luz de la comunidad parroquial y de aquellos en las periferias. La presencia de delegados de las parroquias en el encuentro arquidiocesano fue fundamental para desarrollar los puntos clave de las necesidades de la comunidad hispana en nuestra Arquidiócesis y aquellos a ser compartidos con la región. La presencia de adolescentes durante un día de retiro para el proceso del V Encuentro fue fundamental. Sus contribuciones hicieron que el área de adolescentes fuera una prioridad a nivel arquidiocesano.

Al mismo tiempo, al afirmarse que el ministerio hispano es parte de la Iglesia multicultural y que todas las personas contribuyen al proceso de evangelización, la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural (OMM), Ministerio Hispano colaboró con Sacred Heart Academy para celebrar una Misa en español. Esta celebración proporcionó una oportunidad para los estudiantes de participar al escuchar a un sacerdote de una cultura diferente y al mismo tiempo hacer uso del idioma español.

La colaboración con las parroquias es importante en llevar a cabo el ministerio. Clases en español en la parroquia John Paul II para personal parroquial, maestros y feligreses tuvo lugar. Esta iniciativa muestra los esfuerzos de acoger a la comunidad hispana tanto en la escuela como en la vida parroquial.

OMM, Ministerio Hispano ha estado visible al estar presente en parroquias en las áreas rurales de la Arquidiócesis para capacitaciones en el proceso del V Encuentro como en St. Dominic en Springfield y St. Helen en Glasgow. Un Retiro de Adviento se llevó a cabo en St. Helen por primera vez y dio la oportunidad tanto a familias de la parroquia como de la parroquia Christ the King de reflexionar en el significado de la temporada, compartir pensamientos tanto individualmente como en pequeños grupos, y recibir el Sacramento de la Reconciliación en español.

Entre las parroquias que celebran la Misa en español, OMM, Ministerio Hispano llegó al área rural una vez más, celebrando la Misa en honor de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la parroquia Christ the King en Tompkinsville. Esta celebración creó un sentido de alegría y entusiasmo entre los feligreses.

¡Un paso a la vez, el ministerio hispano hace la diferencia!

***Celebrate and Embrace
the Gift of Diversity!***



Why Diversity in Classrooms Matters

By Connie Matthiessen



Consider it preparation for an increasingly multicultural future - and it can be done without giving up quality.

Some of the best places to live and learn in the country have an abundance of key assets: devoted teachers, challenging curricula, and vibrant cultures of achievement. But most lack one *important* quality: racial diversity.

The lack of diversity reflects a disturbing development in the U.S. today: the growing resegregation of American schools in public and private arenas. This trend began in the 1980's and accelerated in the wake of several Supreme Court decisions.

The result is an education system that's increasingly separate and unequal. Large numbers of minority children, black and Latino students in particular, are in high-poverty schools — with alarming results. According to a 2009 report by the Civil Rights Project at UCLA: "The U.S. continues to move backward toward increasing minority segregation in highly unequal schools."

These nonwhite schools are segregated by poverty as well as race, creating an unstable, often dangerous education experience, with high teacher turnover and scant resources.

So what?

Beyond basic fairness, why should parents care about diversity? Should they count themselves lucky if their child's school is blessed with a variety of AP offerings, Blue Ribbon rating and a great music program, or should they be looking for more?

Ironically, while our schools are becoming more segregated, our society is becoming ever more diverse. Some 48 percent of American students today are nonwhite, and that number rises every year. To prepare kids to be global citizens, we need to expose them to more than the quadratic equation and the history of the 13 colonies. It's essential for our kids to learn to get along with and understand people from all walks of life. In fact, diversity in education has been shown to promote tolerance. One recent study found, for example, that college students in diverse settings exhibited less racial and ethnic prejudice than students who interacted mainly with those of similar backgrounds.

Learning empathy, flexibility, and how to work with people from different backgrounds and cultures will prepare kids to navigate an increasingly multicultural future.

GreatSchools

www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/why-diversity-in-classrooms-matters/

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CEC's Path Forward

By Ms. Audrey Penman
Catholic Enrichment Center Director



The Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC) is an extension of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM) that was established to provide a holistic, cultural enrichment and academic development as well as outreach ministry from an intergenerational family perspective. We have provided cultural, educational and social programs and activities for the community with great success. However, more recently, our staff is hearing from the community around new pathways to success, to serving a new generation and mindset, for the same community.

Although our youth enjoy African Drumming and other musical interests, the path has now moved into a more technical direction. We are working to offer classes in Coding and Making Beats and the Music Industry.

Coding is the new computer programming activity for youth. It offers opportunity for youth as young as elementary school to develop computer games, programs and computer generated animation. Basically, the opportunity to work for themselves. Making beats is also a revolutionary way to make music and rhythms with a laptop or tablet that can be sold to artists looking for background music or music to blend into their own.

Our senior population is looking to get educated by the age of technology. Not only are they looking at how to maneuver tablets, nook readers and laptops, but also how to add, subtract and activate phone app's.

We are always looking at Family Life Skills courses such as savings, budgeting, health education and wellness. However, we have to be intentional in adding such courses as Identity Theft and information protection. The technology and Internet activity has another level of need for family safety information. We want to be able to share the most up to date information and services possible for our families and are even streamlining our cooking classes and offering recipes for the family on the go.

The CEC is always looking to enhance or expand our current programs, and add new relevant topics, while collaborating with other local organizations and businesses that share the same commitment we have to our community. It will be with a different mindset and innovative thoughts that will assist us in continuing to reach out to our community. Talking to those in the know will help us help others navigate in this technology driven world. Path forward...we need to be able to help as many people as possible. We need to catch up and keep up!



Heroes of Hope...A Life Giving Experience

By Ms. Charmein Weathers, Multicultural Special Projects/Communications Coordinator



A hero is defined as a person who, in the opinion of others, has special achievements, abilities, or personal qualities and is regarded as a role model or ideal. "All heroes are shadows of Christ" - John Piper

The 7th Annual Heroes of Hope Awards Celebration: Saluting Our Community Leaders took place on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 with much jubilation. This event is hosted by the Catholic Enrichment Center of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry. Five individuals and one agency were honored for their unwavering service and commitment to the community. They exemplify the characteristics of a true hero. Heroes of Hope, also affectionately referred to as HOH, 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 (CEC). It also serves as a means to raise funds in order to continue the work at the CEC, providing life changing tools of empowerment, and youth leadership. All proceeds from this event go toward programs and initiatives at the Catholic Enrichment Center.

The 2017 HOH recipients are:

Deacon Kenneth Bell – Atlanta, GA

Edward Marks – St. Bernard Catholic Church

Emily Mosby – St. Augustine Catholic Church

Kim Telesford-Mapp – St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

Deacon James Turner – St. Augustine & St. Martin de Porres Catholic Churches

Shawnee Christian Healthcare Center

These humble servants of God truly embody the essence of what Colossians 3:23 says, *"Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others"*. We are honored to celebrate these wonderful heroes and are thankful for their tireless commitment to the community.



***TUNE INTO
"CONNECTION POINT"
RADIO SHOW
with
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Saturday
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
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Did You Know?

By Ms. Taseana Matthews
OMM Secretary

African Community

The first African mentioned in the New Testament was in the Gospel of Matthew. It was Simon of Cyrene (Matthew 27:32). Simon was pressed into service to carry the cross of Jesus. This event is highlighted in the fifth station of the cross.

How many Popes were African?

St. Victor I (186 - 197); St. Miltiades (311 - 314) and St. Gelasius (492 - 496)

The first and only Black Catholic University in the United States is Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The first black bishop in the United States was Bishop James Healy, bishop of Portland, Maine in 1875. The first black priest was Fr. Augustus Tolton from Illinois. Born in 1854 in Missouri, he was ordained in 1886.

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/African-Catholic-History-Facts-2011.pdf>

Filipino Community

Lorenzo Ruiz is the First Filipino saint. Originally from Binondo, Manila, he was martyred in Nagasaki, Japan on September 29, 1637.

<http://pilipinas.org/6-facts-about-catholicism-in-the-philippines/>

Mexican/ Hispanic Community

There are approximately 30.4 million people in the United States who self-identify their religion as Catholic and their ethnicity as Hispanic or Latino/a. Some 16.4 million are native-born (54%) and 14.0 million are foreign born (46%).

A total of 4,544 parishes in the United States (26%) specifically serve Hispanic or Latino/Catholic communities. These parishes are more numerous in the South and West as well as in urban areas of the Midwest and Northeast.

One in four Catholic parishes (24%) celebrates Mass at least once a month in Spanish. About 6% of all Masses in the U.S. (weekday and weekend) are celebrated in Spanish.

<http://cara.georgetown.edu/staff/webpages/Hispanic%20Catholic%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

Vietnamese Community

There are an estimated 6 to 10 million Catholics in Vietnam (making up 6.8 percent to 10 percent of the population), making Vietnam home to the second biggest Catholic community in Southeast Asia after the Philippines.

Roman Catholicism is the oldest form of Christianity in Vietnam. It was introduced to Vietnam in the 17th century by the Portuguese. Traditionally there has been some friction between Buddhists and Catholics. Since World War II Catholicism has been a faith more associated with the South than with North. Many of the Catholics in Ho Chi Minh City come from families that fled the north in the 1950s. At present the most densely populated Catholic areas are Bui Chu-Phat Diem in the northern province of Ninh Binh and Ho Nai-Bien Hoa in Dong Nai Province to the South. Over 10 percent of the population in these places are Catholic. Catholics also make up about 10 percent of the nine million people in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).

http://factsanddetails.com/southeast-asia/Vietnam/sub5_9d/entry-3378.html

Missionary Disciples

By Mrs. Eva Gonzalez, Director of Hispanic Ministry

In the Joy of the Gospel #24, Pope Francis mentions that “The Church which “goes forth” is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice.” These are the points that are considered as part of the V Encuentro process where we are invited to live as joyful missionary disciples.

How can we live as missionary disciples? The spirituality of the V Encuentro is based upon the passage of Emmaus. It invites us to have an encuentro by approaching people in their daily lives, meet them where they are and walk with them. To listen to their hopes, worries, needs, dreams, and challenges and be able to respond in a way that evokes hope. To participate at the table of Our Lord will allow us to see with different eyes the present realities in our midst and to challenge ourselves to continue the missionary work that we are called to do.

Often times, support is needed to take the first step. In some of our parishes there are leaders from the A.C.T.S. Retreats (Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service) and Prayer Groups. This is a good platform that can be helpful. As part of their ministry, they can provide support and accompany those that want to take the first step.

Finally, the question to reflect on is: How am I responding to the call to live as a missionary disciple in response to God’s love?

Discípulos Misioneros

Por Eva Gonzalez, Directora del Ministerio Hispano

En la Alegría del Evangelio #24, el papa Francisco menciona que “La Iglesia en salida es la comunidad de discípulos misioneros que primerean, que se involucran, que acompañan, que fructifican y festejan”. Estos son los puntos que son considerados como parte del proceso del V Encuentro en donde somos invitados a vivir como alegres discípulos misioneros.

¿Cómo podemos vivir como discípulos misioneros? La espiritualidad del V Encuentro está basada en el pasaje de Emaús, el cual nos invita a tener un encuentro al acercarnos a las personas en su vivir cotidiano, conocerlos y caminar con ellos. Escuchar sus esperanzas, preocupaciones, necesidades, sueños y retos, y poder responder de una manera que alude la esperanza. Participar de la mesa del Señor nos permitirá ver de una manera diferente las realidades actuales en nuestro entorno y retornos a continuar el trabajo misionero que somos llamados a realizar.

A menudo, el apoyo es necesario para tomar el primer paso. En algunas de nuestras parroquias hay líderes de los Retiros de A.C.T.S. y Grupos de Oración. Esta es una buena plataforma que puede ser de ayuda. Como parte de su ministerio, ellos pueden proporcionar apoyo y acompañamiento a aquellos que quieren dar el primer paso.

Finalmente, la pregunta de reflexión es: ¿Cómo estoy respondiendo al llamado de vivir como discípulo misionero en respuesta al amor de Dios?

DAYS OF HUMAN DIGNITY

Archdiocese of Louisville

January-March 2018



+ Celebration of National Migration Week Prayer Service

Saturday 6 January 2018, 11:30 a.m.

Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 South Fifth Street, Louisville

+ Celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday 15 January 2018, 1:30 p.m.

Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 South Fifth Street, Louisville

+ Walk for Life

Friday 19 January 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 South Fifth Street, Louisville

+ Pro-Life Mass

Sunday 21 January 2018, 3:00 p.m.

Saint Martin of Tours, 639 South Shelby Street, Louisville

+ Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Lunch

Thursday 8 February 2018, 10:30 a.m.

Presentation Academy, 861 South Fourth Street, Louisville

+ Share the Journey Immigration Workshop

Saturday 3 March 2018, 8:30 a.m.

Holy Family Parish, 3926 Poplar Level Road, Louisville

www.archlou.org/days-of-human-dignity

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Citywide Kwanzaa Celebration

December 28, 2017

5:30 p.m.

Catholic Enrichment Center

Hispanic Young Adult Retreat

January 6, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Flaget Center

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

January 15, 2018

1:30 p.m.

Cathedral of the Assumption

Thea Bowman Certificate Program

January 20, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Maloney Center

Quinceanera Retreat

February 3, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Maloney Center

Multicultural Certificate Program

February 10, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Campus

Thea Bowman Certificate Program

February 10, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Maloney Center

Filipino Mass

February 11, 2018

2:30 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary

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1. *David's Drawings* by Cathryn Falwell
2. *How My Parents Learned to Eat*
(Sandpiper Houghton Mifflin books) by Ina R. Friedman
3. *I Love My Hair!* by Natasha Tarpley
4. *Two Mrs. Gibsons* by Toyomi Igus
5. *Colors Come from God...Just Like Me!*
by Carolyn A. Forché
6. *I Love Saturdays y Domingos*
(Americas Award for Children's and Young Adult
Literature. Commended (Awards)) by Alma Flor Ada
7. *Black, White, Just Right!* by Marguerite W. Davol
8. *Baby Dance* (Harper Growing Tree) by Ann Taylor
9. *Pretty Brown Face* by Andrea Davis Pinkney
10. *Jack and Jim* by Kitty Crowther
11. *The Magically Mysterious Adventures of Noelle the Bulldog*
by Gloria Estefan
12. *Stinky the Bulldog* by Jackie Valente

SAVE THE DATE!

Tenth Annual Memorial Service for the Victims of Violence, War & Genocide in Africa

An Interfaith Prayer Service for Peace & Forgiveness



Saturday, April 14, 2018

11:30 a.m.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

6105 S. Third Street

Louisville, KY 40214

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