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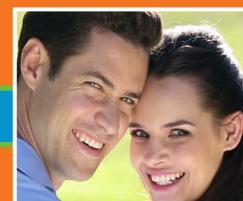
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Our New Archbishop is Embracing a New Narrative from I to We for the Archdiocese of Louisville

By M. Annette Mandley Turner
Executive Director

Archbishop Shelton Fabre, D.D.

In the first 115 days of Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre's D.D. leader shift, all will agree that a new narrative is being written that includes a more collaborative approach to responding to growth opportunities in our faith community. During his first homily, we heard the words; We are in this together. "The Archdiocese of Louisville is not a building on Poplar Level Road, but "it's people; it's you and me and all of us together," he stated. Those words have been well received across the archdiocese. In addition, Archbishop encouraged shared responsibility and accountability for the future outcomes in the archdiocese.

He has welcomed opportunities to meet the people he serves via the Regional Liturgies, and the people eagerly gathered to witness what is not only a historical moment but a moment to establish the path forward in the spoken words. In addition, they also came to celebrate with their new spiritual leader. Many who attended the regional gatherings were pleased with the experiences. Those in Region I celebrated in grand style with an Africentric perspective in every aspect of the Mass, including Liturgical Dancers. The worshipers were instinctive from the beginning to the end. From the onset of the celebration, when Archbishop Shelton uttered the words, "We are going to have church tonight," he captured the people's hearts in the palm of his hands.

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Archbishop has reflected a personal approach to meeting the diverse communities; on May 14, 2022, he attended his first gathering with the diverse Asian and Pacific Island (API) community at OMM's Annual Day of Reflection, and participants who gathered there left feeling that they mattered to him. He conveyed that APIs are essential to the church, and we must identify ways to share their cultural gifts with the entire church. Several participants expressed gratitude for his willingness to spend the morning with them and break bread with them as cultural dishes were shared.

Individuals appreciate his mindset that no group is too small for his presence. He has met with schools, celebrating Mass with the students at Presentation Academy and visiting classes at Nativity Academy at St. Boniface. His Motto is "Comfort My People," which is visible in how he provides pastoral care. He is very attentive when listening and sincere in responding. Archbishop Shelton's regard for pastoral care is evident in his desire to meet with candidates for conversation before receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

While it has been less than three months, his impact on our archdiocese is noticeable. Being in ministry with our new Archbishop is a pleasure and honor. ■

MOVING TOWARD ONENESS – HELP IN UNDERSTANDING WHITE PRIVILEGE

By Julie Driscoll, SCN



people do not have to battle racism every minute of every day we are often totally unconscious of all the ongoing ways that racism affects African Americans. The color of our skin gives us a free ticket in many circumstances that a majority of white U.S. residents have never had to consider.

In 1988, The Office of African American Catholic Ministries and the Peace and Justice Commission initiated Moving Toward Oneness as a tool to dismantle racism. Since I was serving on the staff of the Peace and Justice Center at that time, I was fortunate to join a group of Catholics in simply sharing our experiences. This group was diverse because there were representatives from parishes in three parts of Louisville – the east end, south end and west end. As we shared our life experiences, I learned how unconscious I had been about the everyday struggles of my African American friends. Some examples still stand out to me, more than 30 years later. Experiences relayed by my friends hurt me and called me to be more conscious of what happens

regularly in our society. From those conversations I learned that I do indeed have white privilege.

I am taking this program again and have become more aware of the structural racism that has given white people undeserved privilege in vital areas like education, housing, health care, employment, policing and the criminal justice system to name a few. Because of the recent racial protests in Louisville, I have joined many others in reading books about African American history and participating in study groups which have led me to a daily examination of racism within myself that I hadn't previously acknowledged. However, because our society is so divided along color lines, the opportunity for rich sharing with African American friends continues to influence my awareness more than the books and study I've attempted. My hope is that we white Catholics can become strong allies with our African American friends and I believe participation in this program will strengthen that resolve. ■

Sincere Catholics understand why the Catholic Bishops have called racism a sin. Racism works by directing violence and blame toward people of color and consolidating power, privilege and dominance for white people. Catholics wish to be in solidarity with our African American sisters and brother in overcoming this heavy societal burden. Many white people are initially offended by the term white privilege and often argue that they aren't wealthy and never were, so how could they be privileged. Because we white

Office of Multicultural Ministry Executive Director Receives Trinity Peace Medal

by Archdiocese of
Louisville Record Staff



(Photo Special to The Record)

Annette Mandley-Turner, Executive Director of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry, received the 2022 Trinity Peace Medal during the high school's graduation ceremony May 22.

The school is recognizing Mandley-Turner because she “has spent her career trying to raise up under served communities and help them become self-sufficient,” according to a news release from Trinity. “She has dedicated her life to responding to Jesus’ teaching that ‘whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me.’ She is a shining example of the type of service we hope all our graduates aspire to.”

Mandley-Turner has been executive director for 30 years, during which time she has focused on making sure the archdiocese’s diverse Catholic communities receive complete and holistic development, according to the release. She advanced the archdiocesan priorities of education and leadership within the African American community by creating one of the first leadership awards banquets for African American Catholics. ■

New Director Kenneth Williams Returns to His Roots



The Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC) welcomes its new director, Mr. Kenneth Williams. Mr. Williams is a native of Louisville. His first home was at 36th and Broadway and he started first grade at Holy Cross, which is currently the CEC. His family, which included his father Gene, his mother Joyce, and his sister Kelly, relocated to the Buechel area. There he attended St. Bartholomew School, as well as made his First Communion and Confirmation. Fr. Raymond

Hughes, one of his favorite pastors, instilled virtues of compassion and accountability. As an altar server, Mr. Williams recalls Fr. Hughes’ emphasis on his alb being clean and ironed!

Mr. Williams attended and graduated from St. X. During his four years he enjoyed track and wrestling and even achieved a four-year perfect attendance record! His academic preparation laid the groundwork for future accomplishment: a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Spalding University and a Master of Science degree from the University of Louisville in Criminal Justice.

Mr. Williams has a passion for serving his community and country. He is a decorated veteran of the United States Air Force. He served in Operation Desert Storm as a combat medic and received an honorable discharge. His non-profit experience has included being Director of the St. George Community Center, part of the Episcopal Church, in the Parkland Area as well as Program Director of the Boys and Girls Club of America. Mr. Williams has also ventured into the for-profit world through his management of a cleaning business.

Mr. Williams’ pride and joy is his son Cameron, whose journey in the Catholic faith includes the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Cameron followed in his father’s footsteps to attend and graduate from St. X. Cameron, twenty-six and a graduate of Vanderbilt University, currently resides in New York City as a technology consultant. Jaxson, Mr. Williams’ nephew, continues his family’s Catholic legacy with his Baptism at St. Bartholomew several years ago.

As its new Director, Mr. Williams will build upon the work and success of the CEC’s twenty-two-year history of “Making Things Happen.” He looks forward to furthering relationships with the staff, volunteers, agencies, and partners who will ensure the CEC’s role remains significant as “a community gathering place” with a mission to “benefit the entire community,” especially the West End. ■



All Are Welcome

By Wendy Sims, Principal
St. Margaret Mary School

St. Margaret Mary School is the only remaining parish in Jefferson County through its school through the stewardship model. At the heart of our belief system is that all are welcome in our parish and school. Each unique individual is valued for what gifts and perspectives they bring to the community. It is by working together and learning from each other that we grow in faith, wisdom, and compassion.

Our school is unique in that it is fully funded through the stewardship commitment of the parishioners. That sharing of time, talent, and treasure allows us to celebrate the unique gifts and talents of every child who enters our doors. Children are nurtured as they grow into well-rounded, moral, responsible, and self-motivated adults. Students are provided with a solid core curriculum, a wide range of special area classes and after school enrichment programs, while being supported by a faith community that promotes community service and involvement. We have twice been named a National Blue-Ribbon School of Excellence and work hard to maintain those standards of excellence every year.

Diversity is welcomed, celebrated, and valued at St. Margaret Mary. Our students come from a variety of different socio-economic, racial, ethnic, family, and even faith backgrounds. Our students come from 20 different zip codes. The school and parish are committed to being inclusive and welcoming of more diversity into our community. In fact, a Welcoming and Inclusion Committee was formed just this year to promote education and awareness within the community and to be intentional in building bridges with our wider community.

Our school celebrates diversity throughout the school year through music, drama, art, literature, the study of cultures and American History, and our 6th Grade Festival of Nations. We believe that a quality Catholic education should be available to all who desire it. We welcome new and diverse members to our school and parish family. It is your turn to discover what we have to offer at SMM! Come grow with us! ■

Catholic Enrichment Center

22 Years and Still Going Strong By Jamier Ferguson

The Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC) plays an integral part in responding to the needs of Louisvillian in Metro areas, especially West and Southwest Louisville. Their service mission is visible and appreciated, states Ms. Holland, a parent of middle school-age students in the Cultural Art Institute and Academic Program. After 22 years of existence, CEC remains committed to being a bridge for those in need and providing opportunities. CEC is viewed as a beacon of hope to so many people in the community. Many adults engaged in the activities grew up as youth attending the programs.

We are now parents, and we bring our children to participate in activities that will assist in their development. We learned how to use technology, and today our children are being exposed to coding and how to use it. We learn basic mathematical concepts; our children are being exposed to and taught various techniques to acquire the answers. They not only understand how you derived the solution but why and how. They understand how to make it a part of everyday life, from its usage in cooking cookies to budgeting for preparing a meal. Math finally makes sense to them. STEM was not a part of our academic curriculum 15 years ago, and today it is interwoven in every aspect of the educational program.

A number of parents during the time when my parents were teens were often dropped off at CEC because we felt safe in that environment. It was our second home, and as we developed into young adults, it was natural that we would find ourselves returning to the place that provided a strong foundation for our development. CEC was a part of our family systems, and our parents came here for knowledge focusing on Health, Budgeting, meal planning, networking, and the current trend in raising Grandchildren. CEC's team approach to responding to the need of people hasn't changed. When the doors opened, the team was a team of individuals from Nurse practitioners, Physical Therapist, pediatricians, nutritionists, choreographers, coaches, counselors, ministers, teachers, to grandparents collaborating to provide holistic resources.

Today, the focus remains on collaborative teams in its approach. We are blessed with so many partnerships, and because of them, we are developing a new narrative that will include more intergenerational approaches. We plan to expand our cultural institute to include music, voice, and instruments. We are enhancing our STEMS program to offer a Robotic Camp for Middle School students this summer, thanks to Presentation Academy.



Procession to Launch

Eucharistic Revival

June 19th, 2022



Recipients Benefiting from **THE MIRACLES OF GOD**

By Deacon James R. Turner
Saint Martin de Porres Parish
African American Catholic Leadership Dinner Sponsor Co-chair

When I reflect on the Archdiocese of Louisville 2022 African American Catholic Leadership Awards Dinner, I immediately think of the small banquet room at Masterson's restaurant on Third Street, an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper folded in half containing our program and about fifty guest attending the function. The recipients were African American youth with hopes

and dreams of furthering their education and adults who were recognized for their contribution of service to our church and community. This event was the beginning of a miracle that none of us anticipated flourishing to produce the 35th Annual African American Catholic Leadership Awards Dinner.

The purpose of the dinner was to foster a catalyst that would grow and flourish a zeal in our youth to seek out a Catholic Education that would propel them into careers that would thrive and grow our church and community. The recipients over the years have all been miracles from God because each of them has been a recipient of God's blessings. Their reception of this gift of appreciation through scholarships has presented an emotion of gratitude that has encouraged other youth to follow. The Leadership Scholarship Program has opened doors and given an educational opportunity that most of our youth recipients would not have been able to afford. I like to refer to them as "Miracle Recipients of God."

The awards dinner brings excitement like no other. One minute you are laughing like crazy at the remarks made by our youth, and seconds later, you are wiping away tears brought about by words of gratitude and appreciation. They are tears that reach the hearts of those sitting in the audience that made the sacrifice for these youth to get to this stage in their life. The comments about their faith journey and those who helped them are challenging at the core of our hearts and our faithfulness to God.

Attendees of these award dinner celebrations have also been blessed with encouragement by Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Priest, Monsignors, Deacons, Religious Men and Women and lay brothers and sisters. In addition, we have been encouraged and enlighten by our youth who have come back to share their career success stories and how they benefited from this "Miracle of God," a scholarship to further their education and plant them in their careers.

We are about to embark on another Leadership Scholarship Awards Dinner on July 30, 2022, at the Crown Plaza Hotel, where we will again see the miracle of God and experience the joy that it brings. I invite you to participate in this miracle experience and attend this year's dinner. I promise you; that you won't regret a single moment of being present. ■

Archdiocese of Louisville Office of Multicultural Ministry

35th Annual

African American

Catholic Leadership & Scholarship

Awards

DINNER 2022



GUEST SPEAKER

Archbishop
Shelton Joseph Fabre, D.D.

Saturday, July 30th, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 830 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY 40209

There will be an Epic Silent Auction. \$75 Donation

Sponsored by African American Catholic Ministries

To purchase tickets, call (502) 636-0296 ext. 1245
or email omm@archlou.org for more information.



Heroes of Hope Awards

Jewel of the West End



By Rhashell Hunter, Ph.D. The Catholic Enrichment Center

I am humbled to receive the Heroes of Hope Award for community service. I grew up in a clergy family, so service is what we learned to do. We did not grow up insular – focusing on only our family or our church, our service was to the community, to the city, and to any piece of the world that we could impact.

I am grateful to God for the privilege of a life of church and community service. I would not be where I am today without my parents, The Rev. Dr. Charles Hunter and Mrs. Annie Mary Alexander Hunter. I am also grateful for my siblings, Judge Rhonda Hunter, judge of the 303rd District Court in Texas, documentary film maker Byron Hunter and biology professor Rosalyn Hunter.

At the awards dinner, there were two tables of people who are responsible for much of my success. If it weren't for them, I could not have done half the things that I've done. They squeezed into seats around one table, so they could be together, because that is who they are. I share the Heroes of Hope Award with these saints in ministry.

My father was a Presbyterian pastor, and I am a Presbyterian pastor. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has ordained women for many decades. When you are called to ministry by God, it is a call that is hard to run away from. God seems to find you and wait for you to say, "Okay, God, Here I am. Send me!"

My ministry has focused on preaching, pastoral care, antiracism, supporting congregations, developing leaders of color and women, and administration, having served on the Senior Leadership Cabinet of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, and at one point, as the Co-Executive Director of the agency in the national church offices in Louisville.

I have always valued ecumenical and intercultural ministries, so this award from the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry means more to me than you will know. I am grateful to Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner, Ms. Janice Mulligan, and the good work of the Catholic Enrichment Center. Have you all seen the numbers? Pre-pandemic, there were large numbers of people that came in and out of the CEC. The CEC has helped so many people. And, maybe because of its location or its modest structure, it seems to be hidden. Many people don't even know it is there, but the people that are helped know it is there. It is a jewel of the West End!

I was in Leadership Louisville with Ms. Mulligan, and when I met Mrs. Mandley-Turner, I did what was natural for me, partnered with them and the CEC, and we engaged in ministry together. We held our staff gathering at the CEC, which included diverse staff from many cultures and backgrounds, and we awarded the CEC a grant for a new ministry project. I am grateful for our ecumenical partnership, and my hope is that there will be more ecumenical and intercultural partnerships across faith traditions. I hope this award inspires that. ■

**"Hatred paralyzes life: *love releases it.*
Hatred confuses life: *love harmonizes it.*
Hatred darkens life: *love illuminates it.*"**

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. -

Asian Pacific Island People

A GIFT TO THE CHURCH

By Kim Ngo

A gathering of Catholic leaders from Asian and Pacific Island communities across the country was convened by, Most Reverend Oscar Solis, Bishop of Salt Lake City, in August 2018. The task of the gathering was to produce a plan for dissemination and implementation. The one that resulted from that gathering was *Encountering Christ in Harmony: A Pastoral Response to Our Asian and Pacific Island Brothers and Sisters (ECH: API)*. It was created by the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Islands Affairs of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and approved by the bishops at their June 2018 General Meeting, and this document serves as a guide to promote the Church's pastoral outreach to our Asian and Pacific Island (API) brothers and sisters.

The document celebrates the diversity of API heritages in four major areas:

- Identity
- Generations
- Leadership
- Culture of Encounter/Dialogue

Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, D.D. Bishop of Salt Lake City said that the document has tremendous significance. First, it highlights the spiritual and cultural gifts of the API Catholics that enrich the Church. Second, the document offers a pastoral response to their needs that paves the way for their full integration into the life of the Church and for their pastoral engagement as partners in the Church's mission of evangelization. Third, the bishops hoped it would assist dioceses, pastoral leaders, and other Catholic groups in the country's pastoral care of API faith communities.

"Asian and Pacific Island Catholics are made up of ethnically, racially, culturally, nationally diverse groups of people that share a single faith, one that is universal in confession and particular in expression."

Asian and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. are Catholic. Filipinos comprise the largest segment of the community, followed by Vietnamese, Chinese, and Koreans. By design, the document does not address members of the Eastern Catholic churches except for the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Catholics with roots in India. They (APIs) are among the fastest-growing minority groups impacting American society and the Catholic Church.

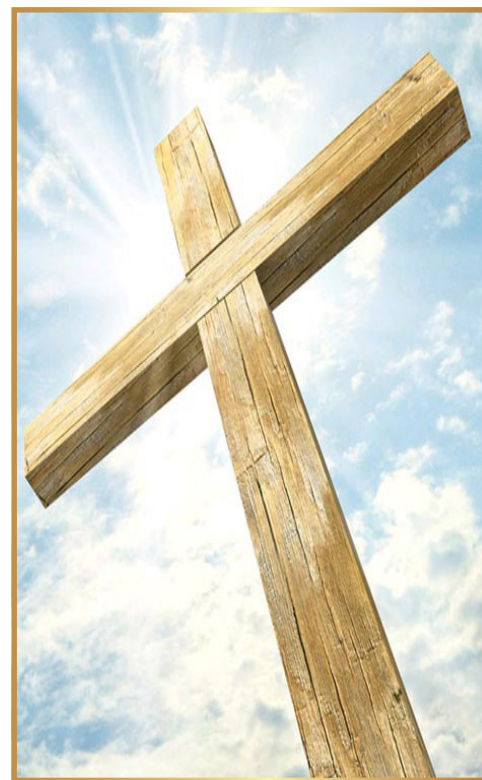
One out of every five APIs is Catholic. The diversity in language, customs, traditions, and values enriches and, at the same time, challenges the Church in the pastoral care of API communities.

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"Build Community Wherever You Go"

*St. Angela Merici,
foundress of the
Ursuline Sisters*



DANIEL RUDD AFRICENTRIC FORMATION INSTITUTE



By Ms. Janice Mulligan, Associate Director African American Catholic Ministries

Depending on the course, participants can expect to learn about: becoming a more effective leader in the African American Community; African presence in the Old and New Testaments as well as the early Church; the psychological and social development of Black Youth; Marian devotions; enhancing worship space with an Africentric lens; African American Catholic presence and contribution in the U.S.; renewing a commitment to prayer or social justice; as well as a host of other offerings. Experiences such as the African American Catholic History Celebration, African American Catholic Day of Reflection, and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Celebration provide opportunities for engagement and learning as well. The workshops stay current. High quality presenters are recruited locally and nationally to share their expertise.

DRAFI compiles all the courses and offerings of the Office of Multicultural Ministry under a series of Content Areas that are presented from an Africentric perspective. Individual courses are organized under a Content Area, identified by specific numbers.

Content Areas are: Africentric Experiences (000s); Catholic Beliefs and Practices (100s); Theology/Christology (200s); Culture/Diversity (300s); Family Life/Theology of the Body (400s); Church and Viongozi Lay Ecclesial Ministry (500s); Liturgy, Sacraments, and Worship (600s); Scripture (700s); Social Justice and Morality (800s); and Spirituality and Prayer (900s).

Those who desire to broaden their knowledge about the Black Church and Black Catholicism, who minister or work with African American populations or who seek ways to enhance cultural experiences in their own communities can benefit from DRAFI. The courses provide a solid foundation of information in a compact time frame, convenient for those with busy schedules.

DRAFI, through the Office of Multicultural Ministry, answers the challenge issued by Pope John Paul II to African and those of African descent “to enrich the Roman Catholic Church with their gifts of ‘Blackness’”.

Contact jmulligan@archlou.org if you want specific information about July 2022 - June 2023 courses. ■

The Daniel Rudd Africentric Formation Institute (DRAFI) seeks to celebrate, embrace, and affirm the growing breadth of diversity in our Church through education, formation, and sacramental programs, which focus on an Africentric perspective. Knowledgeable presenters share the history, practices, and faith that nurture, sustain, and promote the richness of Black Catholic faith. Each course or offering earns credit for beginning (Thea Bowman Certificate) and ongoing formation. Courses may also lead to specializations such as a Certificate in Viongozi Lay Ecclesial Ministry or Certificate in Multicultural Ministry. A Seminar and Final Project may be required for certain certifications.

We Are In This Together

Archdiocese of Louisville 1808 - 2022



Reflection on Encountering Christ: Asian and Pacific Island People

By M. Annette Mandley-Turner, Executive Director



The Archdiocese of Louisville has responded to the needs of the API community for more than 30 years under the leadership of the Office of Multicultural Ministries in collaboration with our schools, parishes, and ministries, especially in our vocation efforts. OMM is a channel for communication, collaboration, and leadership development while responding to the strengths, challenges, and pastoral needs of Asian Catholics. We celebrate the gifts our Asian brothers and sisters bring to the Church.

Currently, we have a clergy serving our Archdiocese from Vietnam, India, the Philippines, and three Vietnamese seminarians. We have religions from Vietnam and India doing as well. The following parishes provide Pastoral Care to our diverse API communities: St. John Vianney (Vietnamese); St. Aloysius (Korean); Holy Family (Syro-Malabar Indian); St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. James (Elizabethtown), Martin of Tours, and Cathedral of the Assumption (Filipino).

Our Catholic Community in Louisville is blessed by your presence and stewardship of our Asian and Pacific Island people. They represent five diverse cultural groups; Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean and Syro-Malabar Indian (from India).

APIs are no different from other diverse racial groups in our parishes; they find themselves caught between their family's particular ethnic culture to which they desire to remain loyal and the larger mainstream U.S. culture.

API communities continue to view the parish as a trustworthy foundation, allowing catechists to have unique opportunities to support them. The mindset of many ministering with API is that there are various ways in which catechetical leaders can help API Catholics based on Pastoral Response, including:

- Collaborate with indigenous speakers to learn and teach prayers in API languages.
- Promote intergenerational dialogue among families. For example, identify a core family value, and describe how that value is passed on from one generation to the next.
- Enhance resources for marriage preparation programs. With the increase of interethnic, ecumenical, and interreligious marriages in the United States, there is a need for more help in native languages that address these concerns. According to API Pastoral Response, catechetical events and forums can provide dialogue on sensitive topics on interracial and interfaith marriages.
- Intentionally plan ecumenical, interreligious, and intercultural gatherings. Also, consider building relationships with neighbors by sponsoring ecumenical, interreligious, and interethnic events (e.g., potluck gatherings, major holiday celebrations, art shows, etc.) during religious, cultural, or ethnic traditions could be shared, honored, and celebrated.
- As we build bridges of understanding of and support for Asian and Pacific Islanders in our parish communities, we become better servants of Christ

and bearers of his love for all to see.

- We recognize that the Asian and Pacific Island (API) population in the United States is one of the fastest-growing minority populations. Therefore, our Office of Multicultural Ministry makes every effort to include your voices and cultural gifts in Archdiocesan celebrations, conferences, workshops, and retreats, on various advisory boards.

Our Archdiocesan 2014 and 2020 Strategic Plan Goal 3 addresses celebrating the new and growing breadth of diversity in our Church. This goal calls our local Church to embrace diversity as a gift to be received rather than a problem to be solved and to recognize that diversity exists in many forms: age, economic realities, race, ethnicity, and geography, to name a few. Within our Church, we celebrate this gift as we strive for unity as the Body of Christ. As a result of these goals, OMM and Personnel & Planning offices collaborate on identifying the pastoral needs of our API diverse communities and develop responses to address the needs.

There is an awareness that the diversity that API communities possess is diverse in terms of cultural identity, faith expressions like popular devotions, veneration of saints, as well as generational representation, among others. Our Formation, Worship, and Multicultural Ministry Offices welcome opportunities to bridge the gap between cultural identity and faith expressions from an intergenerational perspective. We host, support, and promote more than ten gatherings such as Simbang Gabi, Archdiocesan Pentecost Mass, Korean Thanksgiving, Vietnamese Moon Festival, Syro-Malabar Indian Rite Mass, and API Days of Reflections, Retreats, Filipino Anniversary Mass, and Saint Lorenzo Mass. ■

The Catholic bishops of the United States offer the Encountering Christ in Harmony: A Pastoral Response to assist diocesan and parish leaders and all the faithful in welcoming and integrating the API communities as they strive to live a faith-filled life in the Catholic Church. Local parishes doing this work are St. John Vianney (Vietnamese); St. Aloysius (Korean); Holy Family (Syr-Malabar Indian); St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. James (Elizabethtown), Martin of Tours, and Cathedral of the Assumption (Filipino).

As the local Church, we welcome the Pastoral Response; it assists our Archdiocese in addressing significant concerns and provides suggestions for working towards an outcome. In addition, it provides a new trajectory as we respond to their diverse API needs. ■

PRAYERS WITH FEET



By Mrs. Julie Wood,
Welcoming and Diversity Ministry,
St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

When we hear of injustice and say “that is not fair” but continue to do nothing, we live with deceit. Jesus has called us to step up and into action, to have Prayers with Feet. *“Be doers of the word, and not just hearers only, deceiving yourself” - James 1:22*

When we hear of 3 Catholic Parishes in the West End of Louisville struggling while sharing one Priest and say “that is not fair” but do nothing, we live with deceit. When we hear that there are no Catholic schools in the West End of Louisville and say “that is not fair” but do nothing, we live with deceit. To be “doers of the word” we cannot do nothing and take a silent seat, we need to step up and into action through Prayers with Feet. Prayers with Feet can be many things like sending an email, making a phone call, showing up for support, writing a letter, joining a group working towards change, research, education, awareness, etc....

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...” - Hebrews 10:24

As parishioners of St. Margaret Mary, we are putting feet on our prayers with intentionality and commitment. We are highlighting the contributions of minorities in our own parish, educating ourselves about different cultures during feast days such as Our Lady of Kibeho (Rwanda) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico), and holding virtual book and documentary studies about racism and inequities. We are committed to providing diversity training for our staff and finding ways to affirm and improve diversity within our parish and school. We have also implemented a Give Back initiative to financially help different areas of our community and this month we are providing teacher appreciation for the teachers at Nativity Academy. As a parish we are participating in the Moving Towards Oneness Program, offered by the Office of Multicultural Ministries, to build authentic relationships across the divides of our community (east, west, and south ends). Our new Welcoming and Diversity Ministry keeps our prayer feet moving through education, awareness, and action, to create a culture of diversity, equity and inclusion which welcomes and respects people of all backgrounds.

“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” - John 13:35

We invite everyone to walk in love towards justice and equity through prayers with feet! ■

Live by Faith. Grow in Grace. Walk in Love.



HOW MIGHT WE DO MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY IN MEADE COUNTY

As a part time youth coordinator with a full-time passion for ministry, I try to think of new and creative ways to touch the lives of the young people of our parish. We have a vibrant ministry at Saint John, and I am privileged and blessed to discuss faith, Jesus, the sacraments, service, and even some of life's tough questions with kids from 6th – 12th grades. Each week during the school year, we spend time together in community, prayer, and service. We learn a LOT about what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Over the summer, I try to envision what the following school year might “look like,” what the “theme” of the year might be. In years past, we’ve talked about S.T.E.P.S. to discipleship, another year simple service, and this past year the universal church.

The last few years have been difficult for everyone, especially our young people. The young church has been inundated with challenging subject matter, a firehose of information that is tough to navigate. So, last year’s theme of the Diverse Church seemed like a crystal-clear choice, almost divine. As a youth minister it’s important to let young Catholics know that we are part of something big! Bigger than Meade County and Saint John Church. We are part of a universal church, the Church handed on by Christ himself. Our participation in the life of the Church includes the knowledge that, although we are called to spread faith and love in our own communities, we should also be aware that we are members of the Body of Christ which includes Christians all around the world, and the Saints in Heaven.

So, decorating our youth space by hanging flags from the ceiling representing the countries of the world and posting Bible verses about God’s plan for creation reminds us that we are a vital but small part of the bigger picture. Displaying facts about how vast, old, diverse, and helpful we are as Catholics broadens the way we think about “church” and helps us think

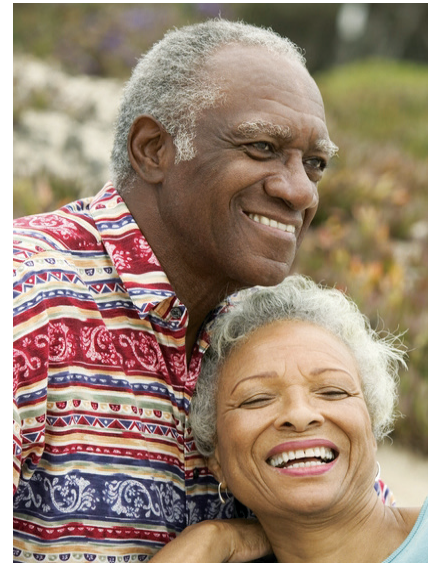
By Jennifer Shelton, Youth Ministry Coordinator, St. John the Apostle, Brandenburg, KY

a little less about buildings and a bit more about persons. Lastly, by adding pictures of the Saints from all walks of life, all ages, and all nationalities we are reminded of the beauty of our faith and its diversity. Placing ourselves in an inclusive space is one way to promote the truth, beauty, and goodness of the Catholic Church. John writes in Revelation 7:9 that he sees a multitude of people from every nation, race, people, and language standing before God’s throne as He gathers His people. How beautiful that imagery and how wonderful it is that we get a glimpse of that beauty here on Earth, if only we look around us. ■



Family Focus Program

A collaborative effort . . .



The Family Focus Program is an outreach series of free seminars, designed to assist families in enhancing their quality of life.

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Why Family Focus?

The Office of Multicultural Ministry is concerned with the life challenges faced by families today. Together, we are working to effectively expand on present programs and formulate future ones to help enhance the quality of life in family units. Our staff will be assisted by professionals, experienced volunteers and civic organizations from the community such as: Archdiocese of Louisville Family & Marriage Counseling; Arts Council of Louisville; Bank on Louisville; Bellarmine University; Center for Women & Families; Community Action Partnership (CAP); Dare To Care; Family & Children First; Foster Grandparent Program (FGP); KIPDA/Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program; Metro Department of Health & Wellness; 2 Not 1 Fatherhood and Families; Norton Healthcare; N.W. Area Health Education Center; Park DuValle Community Health Center; Retired Senior and Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Metro United Way.

The Family Focus Life Skills curriculum is a holistic approach to transitional planning and life skills application. The curriculum, developed by Archdiocese of Louisville Office of Multicultural Ministry, is designed to address the many challenges families face today.



The core curriculum, taught over a multi-week period at the Catholic Enrichment Center, includes:

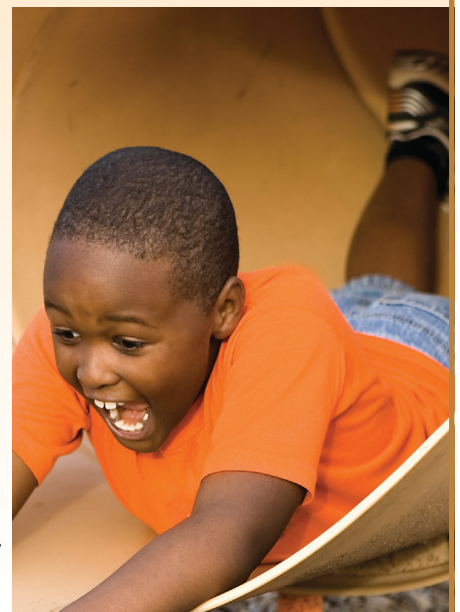
- Communications
- Effective Parenting Skills
- Finances
- Time Management
- Nutrition
- Counseling
- Health and Wellness

Each core curriculum is conducted in such a way that once completed, the family will be empowered, engaged, and equipped to address life's challenges. Thus, resulting in a more positive outlook on their future and that of their family. Our families will develop true relationships using real people skills.

Program Resources

Individuals, agencies, companies and organizations that we collaborate with:

- Archdiocese of Louisville Family & Marriage Counseling
- Arts Council of Louisville
- Bank On Louisville
- Bellarmine University
- Center for Women & Families
- Community Action Partnership (CAP)
- Dare To Care
- Family & Children First
- Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)
- General Electric
- KIPDA/Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program
- Metro Department of Health & Wellness
- Metro United Way
- 2 Not 1 Fatherhood and Families
- Norton Healthcare
- N.W. Area Health Education Center
- Park DuValle Community Health Center
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
- Smoketown Originals
- West Louisville Community Ministries
- University of Louisville... and many more.



Parenting Can Be Difficult

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...and can require ongoing support. The Family Focus Program is a collaborative effort brought about to assist families and individuals with basic life skills. Families completing the Family Focus curriculum are invited to attend group meetings and participate in other activities at the Catholic Enrichment Center.

For more specific information on the Family Focus curriculum, call 502-776-0262.



WHY WE NEED YOU




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These efforts come at a price. We must often rely on generous donations from members of the community at large that understand the need for programs like this one.

Please feel free to contact CEC for information about investing in the future of families who are working together to enhance the quality of life.



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TO BE A PART OF THE



COLLABORATIVE EFFORT.

Testimonials



"Because of the tools I learned in the Effective Parenting Sessions offered by OMM, I am more patient with my child."

Single father of toddler



"Our family is doing much better with our spending and saving. Also, because we participated, we are making healthier choices about mom's illness."

Parents of 3 school-age children



"I am changing my bad eating and spending habits and my children are benefiting from it."

Single mother of children



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Archdiocese of Louisville
Office of Multicultural Ministry
African American Catholic Ministries

37th Annual African American Catholic Day of Reflection

*******SAVE THE DATE*******

Saturday, October 29, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Registration: 8:00 a.m.

Catholic Enrichment Center

3146 W. Broadway

Louisville, KY 40211

Adults: \$30.00

Youth (Grades 1-12): \$15.00

After October 19, 2022

Adults: \$40.00 Youth: \$20.00

Each parish is invited to send at least 40 participants including a youth delegation, young adult delegation, pastor/deacon, parish leadership team members, and anyone else excited to celebrate the gifts of the African American Catholic Community! For further details and to register call 502.471.2146. This event is an implementation of the National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan and the Archdiocese of Louisville's Strategic Plan. It is made possible through Catholic Services Appeal.



37rd Annual African American Catholic Day of Reflection Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parish: _____ Check one: Youth _____ Adult _____

Email: _____

Amount Paid: _____ Paid by: Check _____ Cash _____ Money Order _____

Fill out the registration form and send it to
OMM * 1200 S. Shelby Street, Louisville, KY 40203 * Fax 502/636-2379



What is Juneteenth and Why We Should Want to Celebrate It



Commentary

By K. C. James

Submitted by CeCe Spruilly

JUSTICE
PEACE
and
LOVE
for all.

Juneteenth—the annual observance celebrating the end of slavery in the United States in 1865—is a holiday that many Americans haven’t heard of until recently.

Juneteenth has been celebrated since 1866, mostly by Black Americans; yet it’s a day that’s worthy of celebration by every American, as it represents a critical turning point in American history, not just Black history. It is the day that we as a people finally began to live up to one of the greatest principles we professed: a nation devoted to liberty for all.

Juneteenth—June 19, 1865—was the day Union soldiers enforced President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation and freed all remaining slaves in Texas. It was two months after the South’s official surrender in the Civil War and two and a half years after the proclamation went into effect.

Also called Freedom Day and Emancipation Day, Juneteenth evolved from a Texas celebration (where it’s an official state holiday) to a celebration of the end of slavery throughout the United States.

Juneteenth also presents a teachable moment for our young people. It’s an opportunity to tell our youth the larger story of the history of slavery in America—not to shame or to divide, but to put it in its proper context as a considerable and formative part of American history that it truly was. Slavery was a part of who we were back then and ridding ourselves of it and working by having more complete discussions with our young people about such a critical part of our history and by teaching it factually but also within the context of American idealism, we can begin to wrest this issue from those who constantly try to use race as a wedge to divide Americans. Every nation has scars from its past, but we can use Juneteenth as a way to acknowledge our past faults and help heal current divisions toward equality for all is an integral part of who we have become.

Juneteenth is an opportunity to recognize the struggles we have gone through as a people, the heights we have achieved, and the realization that we continue to be a work in progress, always striving together toward that beautiful vision of a nation that our Founders knew we could one day become. ■





Divine Mercy Syromalabar Annual Feast

Sunday July 31st, 2022

Mass at 3:00 PM

Holy Family Church

2914 South 3rd Street, Louisville, KY 40208

Homilist: Archbishop Shelton Fabre

Indian Dinner and Cultural Program @ 5:00 PM

All are Welcome!

Moving Toward Oneness

Combating the Racism Process

DESCRIPTION OF THE HOW DO WE GO ABOUT OFFERING THIS PROCESS? HERE ARE THE STEPS:

1. Confirm contact person three months prior.
2. Pre-planning meeting with contact person from each site with OMM staff person four months prior.

PROCESS

It is only by eliminating the barriers created by the sin of racism that as people we can begin to create the loving and just community to which we are called by Christ.

With this command in our hearts, it is essential that we, as members of the community of greater Louisville, begin to address the quality of our relationship to God and to one another by understanding persons different than ourselves.

In 1988, the Office of African American Catholic Ministries in collaboration with others, initiated "Moving Towards Oneness," as a tool to dismantle racism.

WHO ARE THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROCESS?

It is our desire to involve at least two racially diverse faith communities. The process is most effective when there is a fairly even number of participants from various cultures.

WHAT ARE THE ASPECTS OF THIS PROCESS?

The process involves simple sharing which includes:

1. Sharing our cultural background & stories.
2. Sharing our attributes about others and the barriers we would like to dismantle.
3. Efforts to change our level of awareness of the experience of others.
4. Sharing concrete ways to make changes.

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2. Pre-planning meeting with contact person from each site with OMM staff person four months prior.
3. Contact person confirms the participants three months prior to the process and provides information at the 2nd pre-planning meeting two months prior to the event.
4. Registration forms are forwarded to OMM two months prior.
5. OMM staff will send welcome letter and general information four weeks prior.

As a result of the sharing which occurs during Moving Toward Oneness, we are hopeful that a process of collaboration between faith communities can begin in several ways. There can be many expressions of working and playing together and thereby growing in our knowledge and respect of one another.

In summary, Moving Towards Oneness provides the opportunity for people to enter a planned process that can enable us to break down prejudice by simply forming bonds of care and friendship with our brothers and sisters of different cultural and religious backgrounds. If you are interested, please call the Office of Multicultural Ministry's African American Catholic Ministries at 502-636-0296, ext. 1245.

Session I	Welcome / Introduction of Team, "Getting Our Feet Wet"
Session II	Self- Identity
Session II	Attitudes Towards Others
Session IV	Looking at Me, Part
Session V	Looking at Me, Part II
Session VI	The Gifts We Share ■

"But let justice roll
on like a river,
righteousness like a
never-failing stream!"

~Amos 5:24~

CAMP AFRICA

Archdiocese of Louisville
Office of Multicultural Ministry
Catholic Enrichment Center

Summer Academic & Cultural Enrichment Program

Who: Students promoted to the 1st - 8th grade

When: June 20 - July 22, 2022 (5 weeks)

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

Where: Catholic Enrichment Center

3146 West Broadway

Louisville, KY 40211

Cost: \$500.00 per child for the five-week experience
(equal to \$20.00/day)



- Academic enrichment opportunities in the areas of math, science, reading, writing skills, and more!
- Cultural arts experiences from an afri-centric perspective
- Breakfast, lunch, and a snack

Contact the Catholic Enrichment Center at (502)776-0262 for payment details or to register for the camp. Applications are currently being accepted and space is limited. This program is an implementation of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Strategic Plan and made possible through Catholic Services Appeal.

If my mind can **CONCEIVE IT**
and my heart can **BELIEVE IT** then
I CAN ACHIEVE IT.

- Muhammad Ali -

Editorials

*Submitted by Members of
The Archdiocese of Louisville*

Dear Editor,

Thank you for providing an opportunity to enhance our faith via INMAACC Process. I am so grateful to learn more about my Catholic Faith. Initially, I attended the program to support my friend, but as luck would have it, I gained so much insight about my culture and my faith. Thank you. - *LaVern Smith*

Dear Editor, I want to congratulate OMM's CEC on their 22nd anniversary. They deserve all the kudos because they have made a difference in the lives of so many in West Louisville. Where would we be without that program? Thank you staff for always giving the best service, safe place to meet and always a place where we can call home.

Editor,

I want to express my gratitude for all that OMM does for the API community. We are so bless to have the office and the wonderful staff. You made our day of Reflection a memorable experience. Thank you for inviting the new Archbishop to attend. I came and stayed with us through our process. He is so down to earth and so genuine. Although, he has only been with us a few months, I like so many others feel that his presence is profound and sends the message that we really are in this together. - *J. B.*

Editor,

I participated in the first Moving Towards Oneness process last year and it left me with a fire burning within for justice. The Process changed my life and those around me. My siblings have been impacted by the transition that I have gone through. I want to leave tis world a better place for my children and the generations to come. I want our Catholic Church to do the right thing and share their gifts and resources so that all might have life a little bit easier. I want to help our Catholic Brothers and Sisters in West Louisville have an opportunity for quality education by having a school in their community. More importantly, I want to reflect Christ Peace. Thanks a million to OMM, Deacon Turner and Annette for hours you put in to making Moving Towards Oneness a reality. he work that you.

Dear Editor

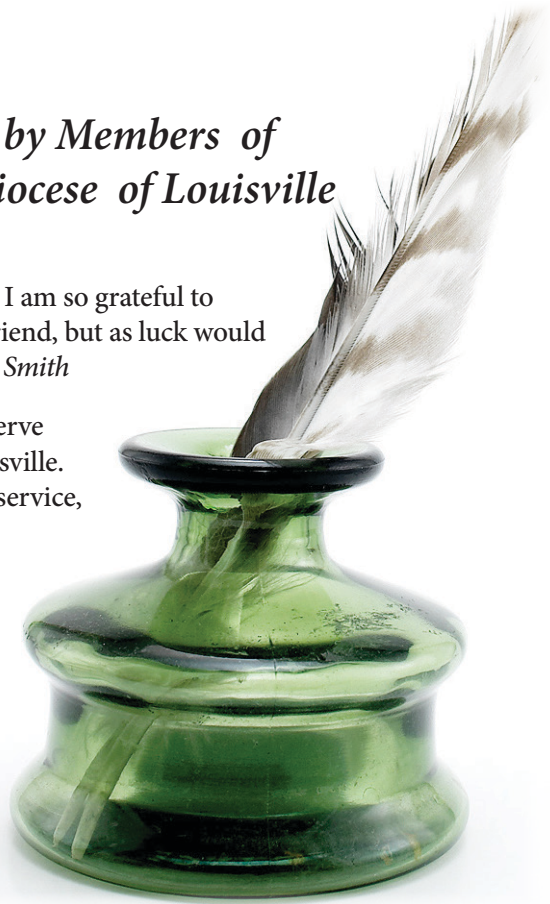
I am a visiting pastor from an Archdiocese on the East Coast and have been ordained for more than 30 years. I have visited many cities and states as a National presenter in my lifetime. I have attended more conferences than I care to mentioned. I participated countless zooms and conferences calls due to the pandemic. In all of my experiences, I have never witness the commitment to continuous development of African Americans and other diverse ethnic communities as I have in the Archdiocese of Louisville through the effort of the Office of Multicultural Ministry. This office is Phenomenal. - *Fr. Robert*

Dear Editor,

The diverse API communities are grateful for all of the hard work the planning team from OMM them did to make our day a reflection a memorable experience. - *Sue*

Dear Editor,

As a member of the Cathedral, I want to express my appreciation for the work OMM is doing through the Moving Towards Oneness Process to irradiate Racism. This process and Open Wide Our Hearts program can make a difference I. The lives of Catholics. - *Mary Catherine*



Archdiocesan Syromalabar Indians

By Fr. Baby Shepherd, CMI



The Indian presence in Louisville originates from the very beginning of the migration of Indians in United States. Dr. P. J. Joseph is the pioneer and he arrived here in 1961. The American Catholic Priests took care of the spiritual needs of our people; even when the dream of our people as the established ecclesial community in United States realized in the form of an eparchy and Mar Jacob Angadiath became our Bishop in July 01,2001; we waited till 2005 to have a Malayalam Mass in Louisville due to the shortage of priests. I still remember the Holy Mass of 2005 when we celebrated the Syro Malabar Mass for the first time in the land of Abraham Lincoln! With the help of Fr. Andrews Athappilly CMI, we had many other occasions to praise God in our own liturgical language. Of course those celebrations were in our home gatherings and a clear expression of our fraternal sharing.

As the number of Malayalee families increased in 2006, because of numerous job opportunities offered by the Norton Healthcare in Louisville, the Mission began to enjoy the attention and care of the Syro-Malabar Authorities from Chicago. Fr. Roy Kaduppil and Fr. George Madathiparambil became the prominent priests from Chicago who started celebrating Holy Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption on the second Saturday of each month.

In 2008, Fr. Joy Choorapanthiyil started to help the community to celebrate Holy Mass regularly, taught music, and organized prayer meetings. In 2009, Fr. Joel Koikkara OFMConv., who came to Louisville for a six month experience, to explore the possibilities of starting a Young Adult Ministry of Conventual Franciscans, helped the community in their spiritual animation. When Fr. Joel returned to India, Fr. John Pozhathuparambil OFMConv., the present Mission Animator continued the service with the permission of Mar Jacob Angadiath and in 2011 he was officially made in charge of the Syro-Malabar Community of Louisville by the Bishop. In 2012 Fr. Leo Payyappilly joined the community and with the presence of these two Franciscan priests, the community became more alive with celebration of important events and faith formation. ■

White privilege doesn't mean your life hasn't been hard; it means that your skin color isn't one of the things making it harder.

