

Martin de Porres Foundation

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The Mission of the Martin de Porres Foundation: The goal of the Martin de Porres Foundation is to develop lay leadership among African American/Black Catholics. This is achieved through undergraduate and graduate education as well as training in Ministry and Leadership skills. The Foundation supports these lay leaders in their efforts to advance Catholicism in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

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Xavier University-2015 Summer Program

The Continuing Education and Enrichment (C&E) Summer Program 2015 at Xavier University will begin the week of June 29, 2015. The Programs provide ongoing education and formation for laity and pastoral ministers in Black Catholic communities. The C&E Programs offer a unique opportunity for individuals to grow in their understanding of Black Catholicism and its impact, not only on the wider Church, but also on themselves.

There are four divisions in the C&E Programs:

- CATECHIST FORMATION FOR THE BLACK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
- YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
- LEADERSHIP IN THE FAITH COMMUNITY
- SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

Registration applications were submitted from the following members of parishes funded by the Martin de Porres Foundation:

St. Barbara
Allison Walker

St. Vincent de Paul
Chris R. Bolden-Newsome
Valerie L. Lee

Holy Cross
Darin Williams, DRE
Barbara Purnell
Antionette M. Reaves

St. Ignatius of Loyola
Jennifer Simmons, DRE

St. Malachy
Stacy Williams, DRE

St. Martin de Porres
Janell M. Lavender - MDPF
Angela Taylor, Admin. Holy Cross

St. Raymond of Penafort
Deacon Williams Bradley, Director OBC
Arleen Daniels, DRE
Sharron Gaymon

In Remembrance

The Rev. George B. Moore

The Martin de Porres Foundation was deeply saddened by the passing of The Rev. George B. Moore, Pastor Emeritus of St. Benedict Church where he faithfully and joyfully served for more than 38 years. The parish funeral Mass featured the procession of the African American Catholic service organization, the Knights of Peter Claver and its Ladies Auxiliary. The St. Benedict Council and Court 368 were among those who participated in the procession. This was followed by a 11 a.m. funeral Mass presided by Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia Timothy Senior on Tuesday, Dec. 30. Both funerals drew full houses to remember the pastor who was known to the parish and the surrounding community.

"This church is truly a family where there is Christian love," said Vanessa Doughty, who served as the Grandlady of the St. Benedict's Ladies Auxiliary. "We have a real community here. This community has always been served well by Father Moore." "He was a staunch supporter of African American spirituality," said Cathy Hamilton of The Martin de Porres Foundation. "We could always count on Fr. Moore in his St. Benedict apparel to shepherd his faithful parishioners to every community event in their parish van. His spirit was upbeat, always positive and receptive. He will be greatly missed."

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – Day of Service

Mon Jan 19, 2015, 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

We are in need of volunteers on MLK Day of Service to assist in the outdoor community clean-up of North Philadelphia. We will clean in groups from Broad and Lehigh to 22nd and Lehigh Avenue. We will meet up at the Philadelphia Recovery Community Center for check-in, supplies, and brief presentation prior to the clean-up. Those with physical limitation but wish to volunteer can help with the logistics of the event. Please contact ASAP

1701 W. Lehigh Ave
Unit 6 - Philadelphia, PA 19132

For additional volunteer opportunities go to:

www.facebook.com/martindeporresfoundation

Special Announcement

Office of Black Catholics

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Holy Family University Presents

Life After Ferguson: Where Do We Go From Here?

This year and in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the Holy Family University Diversity Team is hosting a panel-led forum to identify strategies to move beyond the current state of racial tension, violence, and unrest that exists in our city and our nation following the events of Ferguson and New York City.

When? Thursday, January 29th 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Where? ETC Auditorium, Holy Family University Education Technology Center

The goal of this event is to promote healing through meaningful dialogue between members of law enforcement and the community, especially the black community, the panel will respond to questions posed to them by our moderator, **Dr. James Huber**. This event is **free** and **open to the public as well as our campus community**.

Among the panelists will be Fr. Stephen Thorne, Pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish, Philadelphia and former Director of the Philadelphia Archdiocese's Office of Black Catholics.

Please RSVP to Dr. Gloria Kersey-Matusiak at 267-341-3526 or via email at gkmatusiak@holyfamily.edu register for this event.



Celebrate Black History Month February 2015

All are invited to celebrate Black History Month with a celebration of Mass, moving preaching and hospitality to stir the soul and lift the spirit. Over the period of those 4 Sundays, we will have priests such as Father Rayford Emmons, Father Sylvester Peterka, Father Stephen Gitonga, and Father Gerard Marable in the house. In addition, there will be a presentation by the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver. Lastly, there will be a Program of Black Discoveries presented by the children. After the 2nd and 4th Sundays, there will be small breakfast receptions. More is yet to come.

Location: Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church.

Feb 1 at 8:30AM-Father Rayford Emmons: Theme is Forging Families of Faith.

Feb 8 at 8:30AM-Father Sylvester Peterka
Small Breakfast Reception will be held in the Church Social Hall from 9:45AM to 12:00PM.

Feb 15 at 8:30AM-Father Stephen Gitonga

Feb 22 at 8:30AM-Father Gerard Marable
Small Breakfast Reception will be held in the Church Social Hall from 9:45AM to 12:00PM.

Calendar of Events

2015 Martin Luther King (MLK) Prayer Rally

Date: Monday, January 19, 2015, 7:00 p.m. - Choir prelude at 6:45 p.m.

Location: St. Barbara Church

54th and Lebanon Ave. West Philadelphia

Theme: Families United-Saving Our Youth from Violence

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode, Sr. (Former Mayor of Philadelphia)

For additional information contact: Deacon Bill Bradley at 215-587-3541 or wbradley@archphila.org

February 1, 2015 - African American and African Family National Day of Prayer

[http://www.blackcatholicsforlife.org/releases/PDFs/NDPAAAF2015 .pdf](http://www.blackcatholicsforlife.org/releases/PDFs/NDPAAAF2015.pdf)

7th Annual Men's Conference in Philadelphia MAN UP PHILLY

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2015

Location: St. Joseph's University – Hagan Arena
Registration-Early Bird Special: \$40pp before Feb. 7, 2015

Student rate: \$25

Regular Registration: \$50 (includes Lunch).

For additional details: www.ManUpPhilly.com

Save the Date: Sunday, March 8, 2015

Generation Phaith-The Archdiocesan High School Teen Rally -This is the ONE BIG event. Music, Eucharistic Adoration, Food, Workshops, Mass & More!

Location: Archbishop Carroll High School, Radnor, PA
(Stay tuned for more information)

Philly World Youth Day

Date: April 11 & 12, 2015.

Location: St. Raymond of Penafort, Workshops, Praise, and Worship. For more information please contact Bill Bradley at Office for Black Catholics 215-587-3541.

Immaculée Ilibagiza Retreat 2015 (MDPF)

Date: May 22 & 23, 2015

Weekend of Healing and Hope

Location: Association of the Miraculous Medal
475 E. Chelton Avenue, Philadelphia
(Additional information will be forthcoming)

Reimbursements for the above fees will be funded by the Martin de Porres Foundation. Reimbursement forms must be submitted thru the parish (Pastor/DRE).

If you would like to submit an event for inclusion in *The UPDATE*, please email all relevant information to: Janell.lavender@martindeporresfoundation.org or fax: 215-221-6516. **Like US on:** Facebook.com/martindeporresfoundation Website: www.martindeporresfoundation.org