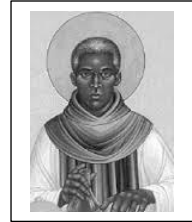


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The UPDATE

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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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African American Catholics Awaiting Philly Papal Visit.

By Arlene Edmonds - Tribune

Pope Francis is coming to Philadelphia for September’s World Meeting of Families. The city’s African American Catholic community will be hosting a series of family-oriented events leading up to and during this historic event. So, the planning phase is already underway for a citywide revival, Faithful Family forums, and much more.



“I am particularly excited about the revival that we’re having,” said Cynthia Brown, a member of the finance committee at Our Lady of Hope Church in Logan. She is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the faith-based service organization the Knights of Peter Claver that meets at the St. Athanasius Church in West Oak Lane. She was also one of the coordinators of a citywide revival held at her home church that drew a full house and the presence of Archbishop Charles Chaput.

“The revival is going to be a collaborative effort around Sept. 22,” Brown said. “It is going to be held at the Gesu Church in North Philadelphia. It’s ideal, because it can hold up to 960 persons. It’s a Jesuit church, and Pope Francis is a Jesuit. Many from around the city will be coming together to make this happen so that we will pack the house.”

The Faithful Family Forum committee is already coming together, according to the Rev. Rayford Emmons. He said these will be held this spring in advent of the September World Meeting of Families. The May event will be held at the Holy Cross Church’s three worship sites, including the main church located on 140 E. Mount Airy Ave.

“We will be having Bishop George Murray, the first African-American bishop here in Philadelphia for this series of events,” Emmons said. “Bishop Murray is a Jesuit, like Pope Francis. He is an African American associated with Philadelphia. He will do the liturgy and welcome the African American Catholics to Holy Cross.”

There will also be a Forging Faithful Families event at St. Therese, Upsal and Ardleigh Streets, that will focus on healing families. This event will likely take place in April. Emmons said so many African-American families are in crisis, and this cannot be ignored.

How Did YOU Celebrate Black History Month!

Our Lady of Hope Roman Catholic Church

kicked off its Black History Month Sunday programs with a lecture by the Rev. Rayford Emmons. He is currently the parochial vicar of the Holy Cross Catholic Community that consists of three Mount Airy parishes — Holy Cross, St. Therese of the Child Jesus and St. Madeline Sophie. He is also the first African American priest ordained in the Philadelphia Archdiocese.

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church honored the elders of the parish family. A Presentation on the Life of **Father Augustus Tolton**; First African American Catholic Priest. Brother Gerard Jordan was the Guest Speaker.

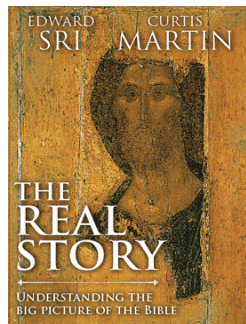
St. Ignatius - The following appeared in St. Ignatius Parish Bulletin by Fr. Kelly: During the Second World War there was a need for trained motorcar drivers to run the subway and bus system. Through the efforts of the NAACP, PTC (we call it SEPTA today) was persuaded to hire Non-white males to be motorman. This caused a four day strike by the union who opposed the idea. The community held out and continued to support the decision made by the PTC. Without violence or danger to any one the strike ended and those who were only able to do cleaning on the cars now ran them! A movement had begun. In our midst are people who suffered segregation and hatred but still maintained their dignity and eventually won. What they won was freedom for all!

...I also tell you this because it has a lot to do with our life of faith. Standing firm for what is right only works if we are guided by prayer and right judgment. To make a difference we have to be in Christ and with Christ.

“This can help all families so we are anticipating that it will be a multicultural event. Though we are focusing on African-American families, all families — Catholic and non-Catholic — will be welcome,” Emmons said...Read More at www.martindeporresfoundation.org.

Dynamic Catholic Book Program

As a Christmas gift in December 2014, The Martin de Porres Foundation distributed books to parishes funded by the Foundation. The book: ***The Real Story: Understanding the Big Picture of The Bible*** was published by Dynamic Catholic Publication. Several of the parishes shared how they reached out to parishioners, family members and visitors.



St. Raymond of Penafort.

- Sections of the book were included in the Church Bulletin and Facebook to jog peoples' memory and encourage reading.

- Fr. Chris Walsh and Deacon Bradley integrated some of the readings into their homilies.
- The book is a Evangelization tool to share with new members.

St. Katharine Drexel, Chester, PA:

- Fr. Scott Brockson received many positive comments from parishioners.
- Members commented that the book gave them a good overview of the Bible.

St. Martin de Porres:

- In particular the book has helped candidates in RCIA.
- Parishioners and visitors were grateful to receive book as a gift.

Calendar of Events

Evening of Reflection on the Feast of St. Katharine Drexel

Retreat Director: Rev. Stephen D. Thorne
 Theme: **The Total Gift of Self**
 Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2015
 Location: Malvern Retreat House
 315 S. Warren Avenue, Malvern, PA 19355
 Time: 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Registration
 6:00 p.m. Dinner; 7:00 p.m. Conference;
 7:50 p.m. Quiet Time; 8:15 p.m. Celebration of Mass
 Cost: \$35.

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)

Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers – Explore valuable tools for ministry in a multicultural setting

Date(s): March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2015
 Location: St. Martin of Tours Parish
 5450 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, PA.
 Time: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 To register: call 215-667-2822; Cost: \$25
 (Fee covers cost of registration & materials)

Cultural Heritage Mass; One Faith, Many Cultures & One Family

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2015
 Location: Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul
 18th St. & Benjamin Franklin Parkway,
 Philadelphia, PA. - Procession – 1:30 p.m. and
 Mass – 2:00 p.m.

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

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MAY 22-23, 2015
 Shrine of the Miraculous Medal
 500 East Chelton Avenue
 Philadelphia, PA 19144

Registration Contact: Cathy McLaughlin
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On-site Contact: Cathy Hamilton
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 215-527-2506

Friday, May 22

- 4:00 - 5:00pm - Doors Open / Fellowship / Registration / Book Store
- 5:00 - 6:30pm - Retreat Begins / Session 1
- 6:30 - 7:30pm - Break
- 7:30 - 9:00pm - Session 2
- 9:00pm - Conclusion of Day 1

Saturday, May 23

- 8:30 - 9:00am - Gathering / Registration
- 9:00 - 11:00am - Session 3
- 11:00 - 11:30am - Break
- 11:30 - 12:30pm - Session 4
- 12:30 - 12:45pm - Break
- 12:45 - 1:30pm - Session 5

For more information or to register, please visit:
www.Immaculee.com