



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.

NOVEMBER – BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

The Daniel Rudd Fund (DRF) for African American Catholic Activities was established by the National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) Board of Trustees on Friday, November 8, 2013 in Baltimore, Maryland. It is a result of donations to the Congress to promote the ministry of African American Catholics. The Fund will financially support organizations who promote the NBCC Pastoral Plan. Applicants must be rooted in ministry with African American Catholics and familiar with the history and mission of the National Black Catholic Congress and the Pastoral Plan. All programs must develop one of the ten priorities of the NBCC Pastoral Plan to include: 1. Holiness of Life, 2. Life and Dignity of the Human Person, 3. Walking with the Saints, 4. Engaged in Parish Life and Evangelization, 5. Faith Informed,



6. Schools too Valuable to Sell, 7. Reaching Out to the Next Generation, 8. Vocations-Every Catholics Priority, 9. Getting Married and Staying Married, and 10. The Social Apostolate.

About Mr. Daniel Rudd

Daniel Rudd, founder of the National Black Catholic Congress, was born August 7, 1854 to Robert and Elizabeth Rudd. Daniel was one of 12 children. His father was a slave on the Rudd estate near Bardstown, Kentucky and his mother was a slave of the Hayden family in Bardstown. Both parents were Catholic.

... Daniel Rudd called together the very first National Black Catholic Congress. This meeting was held at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Washington, D.C. Distinguished men of African descent came from all over the United States to participate in this historic event. President Grover Cleveland invited them to the White House for a meeting. Father Augustus Tolton, the first recognized Black priest ordained for the United States of America, participated and celebrated High Mass. In fact, Father Tolton, whose cause for canonization as a saint of the Catholic Church is currently being pursued, participated in the first three Congress gatherings.

Daniel Rudd orchestrated five Black Congresses in his time. One was held in 1894 at St. Peter Claver Church Hall, in Baltimore, Maryland, and an opening dinner was held at historic St. Francis Xavier Church on the east side of the city. Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB, noted historian, states that Daniel Rudd is one of the most important figures of the nineteenth and twentieth century since he published the newspaper and promoted the Congresses. www.nccongress.org

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

By Mrs. Gloria Felder

On Saturday, October 24, St. Martin de Porres Parish hosted a Celebration of Life and Cancer Awareness Luncheon. We were so blessed and honored to have in our presence women that are survivors and in treatment, their supporters and women of our parish

Our guest speaker was Mrs. Delores Felder, a two year survivor. Mrs. Felder so graciously shared with us her faith, the **Power of Prayer**. How **GOD** has blessed her and empowered her to share her story, to encourage others. How vital it is to have family and friends to walk that path with you, to fight for your life with you, encourage you, pray with you, and for you.

Be God's hands, arms and reach out when someone says 'I HAVE CANCER..GOD SPEAKES THROUGHT US, CHALLENGES US TO REACH OUT IN FAITH, WHEN YOU DON't KNOW WHAT TO SAY, OR DO, JUST DO, JUST BE..LORD WE'RE AVAILABLE TO YOU.

School of Theological Studies St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Spring Semester 2016

Registration Deadline: December 31, 2015

Leadership and Renewal in Black Catholic Communities

*Third-Party scholarships are available through the
Martin de Porres Foundation.*

Open to all students with a high school diploma or above.

Starts: Monday, January 11, 2016

Ends: Monday, May 2, 2016

Register for Classes

www.scs.edu > School of Theological Studies
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See Pastor/DRE for Martin de Porres Application/Registration Forms
@ www.martindeporresfoundation.org or call 267-398-2314.

PASTORING IN BLACK PARISHES CONFERENCE (Nov.9-12-2015)



Rev. Efren Esmilla,
Pastor-Our Lady of
Hope

Last week, I had the pleasure of attending the second annual "Pastoring In Black Parishes" Conference which was held in Crystal City, Virginia. It was a privilege to be among many leaders of distinct cultures from parishes around the country. We came to develop the pastoral skills necessary to serve

the Black community through times of diversity, struggle, and triumph. This was the first time that lay leaders were allowed to participate. Attending with me was Cynthia Brown, Chair of the Finance Committee, and Bernice

Oakman, Chair of the Fundraising Committee.

Each day, the conference opened with a prayer from Facilitator Deacon Ira Chase, an Associate for the Pastoral Center for the Josephite Fathers and Brothers. He is also a member of the Knights of Peter Claver Council #364. I am also a Claver. The Welcome Address was delivered by Celebrant, the Very Reverend Michael Thompson, SSJ, the Superior General, of the Josephites. Presentation #1 was delivered by the magnificent Monsignor Ray East who captivated everyone by his oration of "The History of Black Catholics in America."

The next day included presentations from Dr. C. Vanessa White, "African American Culture and Tradition: The Impact on the African-American Spirituality"; Reverend Gregory Chisholm, SJ, "Liturgy and Inculturation," and Reverend Stephen Sohe, SSJ, "Developing Core Leaders Among the Laity, What Works, and What Doesn't." Here I had the opportunity to remember and sing "Hindi Kita Malilimutan," a Filipino childhood song which was used many years ago to bridge the gap between cultural diversity and misunderstanding.

On the third day, we benefitted from our Philadelphia connections. Presentations from our own Reverend Anthony Bozeman, SSJ, "Preaches in the Black Catholic Community" and Reverend Rayford Emmons, "Financing," were both personal, but also broad based. Both Rev. Bozeman and Rev. Emmons shared with all attendees that they had been at Our Lady of Hope in the past and had good experiences. Rev. Bozeman's famous words were Preach..Teach...Preach..Teach..to fellow religious while Father Emmons became "Professor Emmons" teaching the ultimate class on home economics, finance, and fundraising. Rounding out the assembly were Deacon Barksdale, Therese Favors, and Reverend Kenneth Keke.

Father Freddy Washington was the moderator of the conference and spoke of the importance of pastors connecting with their parishioners. "When you preach, you have to preach with the bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other. Somehow you have to bring together what the scripture is saying and what is the present day reality," said Father Washington, CSSp. He shared with us that pastors have to teach the people how to give. A \$2 tip is not viewed as acceptable to a waiter or waitress, however a \$2 contribution in the Sunday collection plate is tolerated.

I am loved, just as I am. This then is the treasure that Jesus wants to reveal, our deepest identity, that of the beloved. Being loved by God liberates us from our need to win, so that we can become artisans of peace in our world.-from [The Gospel of John, The Gospel of Relationship](#)

MARK Your Calendar

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Date: Monday, January 18, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: St. Katharine Drexel Evangelization Center-Rev. Tom Whittingham, Pastor
226 Norris Street
Chester, Pennsylvania 19013

March for Life

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2016

(additional information will follow)

REVIVAL – Our Lady of Hope What Are You Going to Do?

You Have to do Something!!

Rev. Anthony Bozeman, Revivalist New Orleans, Louisiana

Date: Fri/Sat. - February 19 & 20, 2016

Location: 5200 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19141

Free Will Offering!

St. Ignatius of Loyola Christmas Program

Inspirational Choir "Welcome to the World"

Guest choirs, soloist & praise dancing

Date: Sunday, December 13, 2015

Time: 3:00 PM – Prelude at 2:30 PM

Location: 43rd & Wallace Streets

Contact your Pastor/DRE about Martin de Porres Foundation funding.

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Tell us your parish story or give reflections on program(s) you attended.

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