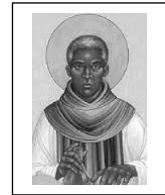


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The UPDATE

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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.

*Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary School of Theological Studies
Ministry to Black Catholics Program
and
Office for Black Catholics*

The Graduating Class of the School of Theological Studies at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, 110 E. Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, Pa. 19016, will award various degrees and certificates in academic programs on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. This ceremony will begin at 10:00 A.M in the Chapel of Saint Martin of Tours. A reception will follow the graduation ceremony.

Also, on Friday, May 20, 2016, 6:30 P.M. a reception will be held in the Eakins Room in honor of *Janell Lavender, Paula Manchester and Connie McCalla* upon receipt of the Master of Arts from Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary School of Theological Studies.

The reception will also honor *Tonya Banks, Yvette Palmer, Carolyn Rice and Lorraine Rivera* in receipt of the MBC Program and Roman Catechetical Diploma.

The MBC Program is co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Secretariat for Evangelization, Office for Black Catholics, and The School for Theological Studies, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, with the generous support of the Martin de Porres Foundation.

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2016 XAVIER UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE FOR BLACK CATHOLIC STUDIES SUMMER PROGRAM

THE CONTINUING EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

The Continuing Education and Enrichment (C&E) Programs provide ongoing education and formation for laywomen and men and pastoral ministers in Black Catholic communities. The areas of study center on the development of the whole person: spiritually, psychologically and emotionally. By offering 1-week courses, the C&E Programs help participants explore new ministry interests; learn new skills; or engage in reflection on life's realities. 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*

Students in the C&E Programs participate in IBCS assemblies, daily Morning Prayer, a variety of Eucharistic liturgies and other liturgical celebrations and the community life events of the Institute. IBCS liturgical celebrations, field trips, gatherings, and seminars are planned over the course of the summer sessions to provide a holistic learning opportunity that complements the academic course work.

The following students (16) will participate in Xavier University Institute for Black Catholic Studies 2016 Summer Program from June 27 – July 1, 2016 - funded by the *Martin de Porres Foundation*:

St. Athanasius

Alonza Baker

St. Barbara

Judith Hundley
Lester Brown

St. Cyprian

Yvette Palmer
Carolyn Rice
Lorraine Rivera
Laura Blackwell

Holy Cross

Kim Walker

St. Ignatius

Romeo Brisbane

St. Malachy

Kathy Wooten

Our Lady of Hope

Cynthia Brown

St. Martin de Porres

Shelia Lee
Kanika Stewart
Sr. Lynn Marie Ralph

St. Philomena

Rev. Paul A. Castellani

St. Vincent de Paul

Sheila Sharpe



Special Presentation Featuring the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary School of Theological Studies MBC Spring class of 2016. By Yvette Palmer

“Honoring our Past, Shaping our Future as a Black Catholic Community” Pope Francis defines “missionary disciples in communion” as our lay vocation. They are those who are converters of Jesus, who share the life of Jesus and spread his joy, life and love to those who have not yet come into his communion.¹



L-R: Carolyn Rice, Yvette Palmer & Lorraine Rivera

Missionary disciples, Tonya Banks, Yvette Palmer, Carolyn Rice and Lorraine Rivera are parishioners of St. Cyprian Catholic Church in Philadelphia who are taking the Practicum (their final class), to complete their Certificate in Pastoral Ministry to Black Catholics (MBC). Ms. Paula Manchester of the School of Theological Studies at St. Charles Seminary, in cooperation with the Office of Black Catholics, teaches the class. The purpose of the MBC program is to perpetuate a strong African American Lay leadership in the Catholic Church... A PowerPoint was presented to Deacon William Bradley, Office for Black Catholics and Janell Lavender, Executive Director of the Martin de Porres Foundation as well as Fr. Walsh from St. Raymond's Church on Tuesday, April 5th with hopes it can be passed on as resource to other parishes. [Read more.](#)

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

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Or call 267-398-2314/267-408-5923

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Quo Vadis Retreat

Date: June 16-18, 2016

For additional information call 215-587-3541 Office for Black Catholics. Deacon Bill Bradley, Director.

Juneteenth – is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.

Date: June 18, 2016

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

For more information call: 215-763-1305 or

Email: s.williams@stmalachy.us

Jubilee for Migration – St. Thomas Aquinas

June 21, 2016

For additional information call 215-587-3541 Office for Black Catholics. Deacon Bill Bradley, Director.

Catechist Training

August, 2016

For additional information call 215-587-3541 Office for Black Catholics. Deacon Bill Bradley, Director.

Revival – Bishop Ferd Cheri

Date: September 26-27, 2016

Cathedral Basilica

For additional information call 215-587-3541 Office for Black Catholics. Deacon Bill Bradley, Director.

National Black Catholic Men's Conference

Theme: Blessed is the Man who is Faithful, Fearless & Fruitful

Date: October 6-9, 2016

Location: Doubletree Hilton Philadelphia Airport
4509 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19153

Adult Registration: \$150/ Youth: \$50 (age 8-13)/ H.S. & College Students \$75

<http://www.bowmanfrancismistry.com/programs>

For additional info contact Fr. Chester Smith at www.gamba_10333@aol.com or 317-259-0144

2016 Catholic Women's Conference Gathering!

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2016

Location: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa,
Doylestown – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Registration includes breakfast, lunch and hospitality bag

www.catholicwomensconference.org

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

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS XII

Thursday, July 6, 2017 to Sunday July 9, 2017

Hyatt Regency Orlando

9801 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

Registration Fee: Adults - \$295/ Youths - \$150

Hotel Registration Fee: Single/Double/Triple, Quad \$125 + tax per room – per night.

www.orlando.regency.hyatt.com

<http://nbccongress.org/events/default.asp#ampstand>