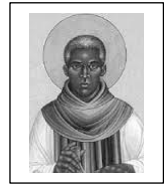


# Martin de Porres Foundation

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.

## The National Black Catholic Congress XII OPEN CALL String Instrumentalists

If you love playing in an orchestra and have a strong desire to share your gift for God's glory, Tonya Dorsey, The NBCC director of music for Congress XII wants you to be a part of the music liturgy.



Congress XII will be held July 6-9, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando, Florida.

Because Tonya will be using a string orchestra during the liturgies, she is looking for musicians that play violin, viola, cello and bass. Although most of the music will be made available beforehand, musicians should be able to sight-read on an intermediate to advanced level. She is especially looking for volunteer musicians that live in the Orlando area; however anyone is welcome to submit their name. Musicians will be chosen to participate based on their ability to read music as well as improvise and their desire to donate their time and talent. College and high school

students are welcome. *Interested? Read More* [www.martindeporresfoundation.org](http://www.martindeporresfoundation.org)

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**PSALM 150** Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy sanctuary? Give praise in the mighty dome of heaven. Give praise for his mighty deeds, praise him for his great majesty. Give praise with blasts upon the *horn*, praise him with *harp and lyre*. Give praise with *tambourines and dance*, praise him with *strings and pipes*. Give praise with *crashing cymbals*, praise him with *sounding cymbals*. Let everything that has breath give praise to the **LORD!** Hallelujah! Source: [www.nbcccongress.org](http://www.nbcccongress.org)

Contact Tonya Dorsey [tdorseyNBCCXII@nbccongress.org](mailto:tdorseyNBCCXII@nbccongress.org)



## REMINDER - REGISTER NOW!!

### St. Charles Borromeo Seminary School of Theological Studies

Education for Laity and Religious

*Congratulations to students who completed the Fall 2015 Semester!!*



The Spring 2016 semester will begin on January 11, 2016 thru May 2, 2016; "**Leadership and Renewal in Black Catholic Communities.**" This course is open to all students with a high school diploma or above.

The deadline to register with the School of Theological Studies ([sts@scs.edu](mailto:sts@scs.edu)) and to submit the Martin de Porres Foundation Scholarship Application and Registration Form is **December 31, 2015**. The Martin de Porres Foundation Scholarship Application and Registration Form may be obtained at [www.martindeporresFoundation.org](http://www.martindeporresFoundation.org) or contact Janell Lavender at 267-398-2314/267-408-5923.

Students will incur a \$50 late fee for registrations received after December 31. The Martin de Porres Foundation will not be responsible for late fees.

Our joy is Jesus Christ, his faithful love is inexhaustible! Therefore, when a Christian becomes sad, it means that he has distanced himself from Jesus. But then we must not leave him alone! We should pray for him, and make him feel the warmth of the community. [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org)

-from [The Joy of Advent](#)

## Mercy Vocational High School Opens Year of Mercy at St. Martin de Porres Church

Mercy Vocational High School kicked off the Year of Mercy with a Mass at St. Martin de Porres Church on Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass was concelebrated by Father Stephen Thorne, Pastor of St. Martin de Porres, and Franciscan Father Richard Owens, alumnus of Mercy Vocational High School. The Mass was significant [...]

Source: CatholicPhilly.com (December 10, 2015)

(Fr. Owens also attended Our Lady of Hope Grade School.)



Mr. Darin Williams, Pianist

## SAVE THE DATE

### The 2016 Men's Spirituality Conference

Save \$10 - Hurry, ends December 31st

### Transforming Men, Transforming Families

Saturday, March 12, 2016

at St. Joseph's University Hagan Arena  
2450 N. 54th St., Philadelphia, PA 19131

Registration: <http://manuphilly.com/>

For Financial support thru Martin de Porres Foundation, contact your Pastor/DRE or call 267-398-2314.

## MARK Your Calendar

### Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer/Praise Service

Date: Monday, January 18, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM (Music Prelude: 6:30 PM)

Location: St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church

Rev. Tom Whittingham, Pastor

1920 Providence Avenue

Chester, Pennsylvania 19013-5695

### Archbishop's Lecture Series

*Living As a Christian in a Culture of Unbelief*

Date: Thursday, February 11, 2016 – 7:00 PM

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Vianney Hall Auditorium

101 E. Wynnewood Rd.

Wynnewood, Pa. 19096

RSVP: on-line: [www.phillyevang.org/lectures/](http://www.phillyevang.org/lectures/) or 215-587-5630

### Archdiocese of Philadelphia

#### Wedding Anniversary Mass

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

#### Principal Celebrant

Date: Saturday, May 7, 2016

Time: 5:15 PM – Vigil Mass

Location: Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul

18<sup>th</sup> Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA

#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[www.phillycatholiclife.org/marriage-and-family/wedding-anniversary-mass](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org/marriage-and-family/wedding-anniversary-mass)

For more information or questions, please contact the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500 or email [famlife@adphila.org](mailto:famlife@adphila.org)

*Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.*

### CONGRESS XII

Date: July 6-9, 2017

Theme: The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me: Act Justly, Love Goodness, and Walk Humbly with Your God. (cf. Luke 4:18 and Micah 6:8) More details to follow soon.

Source: National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) Nov/Dec 2015

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



*May you have a Blessed Christmas  
And  
A Healthy - Joyful New Year!!*

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

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