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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.

KAIROIS RETREAT: WEST CATHOLIC PREP H.S.– “GOD’S TIME”

By Michael Field, Director
Campus Ministry-West Catholic Prep H.S.

Kairos is an ancient Greek word meaning the right or opportune moment. The ancient Greeks had two words for time: Greek: Chronos and Kairos. Chronos refers to chronological or sequential time, Kairos signifies a period or season, a moment of indeterminate time in which an event of significance happens. What is happening when referring to Kairos depends on who is using the word. Ask 34 teenagers from West Catholic Prep, plus the twelve teens and adults on the leadership team what Kairos means and they will tell you “God’s time.”

Kairos is a retreat program held for juniors and seniors, where the participants take time away from their lives to reflect on self, God, and others. The participants separate themselves from Chronos time and enter into a process by which they do not tell time. This allows the work of the retreat to really take full effect and enter a different time, a significant time, a time to let go and let God!

The gratitude for the support from St. Martin de Porres Foundation cannot be expressed greatly enough. The teenagers that came away from the retreat know the Love that God has for them and are not about to express it. Some of the participants have asked to pray continually, together, as a retreat community. [Read more](#)

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FR. STEPHEN THORNE, LEADING BY EXAMPLE – NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION AWARD

by IMS Staff • March 1st, 2017 - Posted By: Mark Hostutler Posted date: January 13, 2017

Sister Rita, Principal at St. Rose of Lima Catholic School, and Rev. Stephen Thorne, Pastor at St. Martin de Porres Church, Neumann University Chaplain, and adjunct faculty member in the Division of Education and Human Services. Fr. Thorne has also volunteered his time and expertise to assist Gesu School, an independent Catholic School in Philadelphia. They both will be honored with the 2017 “Lead, Learn, Proclaim” award from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) for dedication and commitment to Catholic education. The NCEA chose Sr. Rita and Fr.

Fr. Stephen Thorne

Thorne for this prestigious award from more than 150,000 administrators, diocesan leaders, and organizations across the nation. Congratulations!!

BIGGEST-YET MEN’S CONFERENCE SHOWS FAITH

ALIVE AND GROWING by Lou Baldwin • Posted March 8, 2017 CatholicPhilly.com



Speaker Damon Owens spends a tender moment with his son... (Sarah Webb)

At a time when it often seems the Church is in decline, at least in the western world, it is good to come across signs that we may be seeing the beginning of a revival, for example the upward tick in seminary enrollment. Is it a fluke? Perhaps not. Take Philadelphia’s annual lay-conducted ManUp Philly Conference, held this year on March 4 at St. Joseph’s University’s Hagan Arena, as it has been for the past several years. [Read more](#)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NBCC UPDATE!!

**Congress XII and Hyatt Regency Hotel
Registration is still ongoing!**

<https://www.nbcccongress.org/>

**National Black Catholic Congress XII
Thursday, July 6, 2017 to Sunday July 9, 2017**

Location: Hyatt Regency Orlando

9801 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

Adult Early Meeting Registration: \$350.00

Adult Meeting Registration \$375.00

Youth Group Discount Registration - \$195.00

(Ages 14-17 groups of 15 or more youths)

Early Youth Meeting Registration - \$225.00

(Ages 14-17, individual registration, or groups of 14 or less)

Youth Meeting Registration - \$250.00

Early Registration Cut-Off (new) Date was April 21, 2017

Hotel Room Fees:

NBCC Room Rate: Single/Double/Triple, & Quad \$138.50 per room, per day. Includes taxes & fees

VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD PRESENTS: QUO VADIS SUMMER 2017-HIGH SCHOOL AGED MEN

June 26-29, 2017

Black Rock Retreat Center, Quarryville, PA

Register on and after April 2nd: \$35.00

AT: WWW.HEEDTHECALL.ORG

EVENT: TRADITION, A CELEBRATION OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Monday, June 19, 2017 - 8am-5:30pm

Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel, Philadelphia

Registration deadline is May 26. \$65 pp

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=74cab9>

CONGRESS - DAY OF PREPARATION

Saturday, May 20, 2017 (new date)

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Archdiocese Pastoral Center

222 N. 17th Street

Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Special notice to those registered to attend NBCC
XII 2017. If you are unable to attend meeting,
contact Deacon Bill at 215-587-3541 or
Beverly Harper bharper@archphila.org**

PD/C/ARE SPRING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

May 18, 2017-9:30AM – 1:30PM

The role of prayer in the lives of children: Good news for the Saint Makers! – Presenter: Mariette Danilo, Ph.D., Director of Education, St. John Vianney Center.

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Eakins Room.

Members: \$25

Non-members: \$30

Registration: Send check made payable to PD/C/A/RE

Association to:

Sr. Margaret Jude Sullivan

St. Bridget Parish

3667 Midvale Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19129

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



SAVE THE DATE



**The National Black Catholic Congress
Congress XII Mass Choir**

Need Section Leaders for all voice parts

Rehearsals on Mondays from 5:30 – 7:00 PM

➤ **May 8, 15, & 22**

➤ **June 5, & 19**

If you are a choir member who's registered for NBCC and you are interested, email your name, contact information, voice part, along with any questions to:

Angela Taylor at acantor13@gmail.com

**Rehearsals will be held at
St. Martin de Porres Church
2340 W. Lehigh Avenue (19132)**

**Congress XII
Orlando, Florida
July 6 – July 9, 2017**

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for Cultural Ministries-ONE CHURCH Many Cultures

*Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers (BICM)
Training*

The Catholic Church in the U.S. is rapidly growing in diversity. This dynamic and thoughtful training explores valuable tools for ministry in an intercultural setting.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Auditorium
222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Wednesday, 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

June 14 Module 1 Issues of Diversity

June 21 Module 2 Understanding Culture

June 28 Module 3 Intercultural Communication

July 5 Module 4 Obstacles to Intercultural Relations

July 12 Module 5 Ecclesial Integration vs. Assimilation

**Space is limited. Please register by June 1st
215-667-2820 or rbarrios@archphila.org
Registration is \$25 (Books & materials included)**

Malvern Retreat House Invites You to Attend: A RETREAT FOR DIRECTORS & COORDINATORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tues., May 30 to Wed., May 31

Theme: Encountering the Divine Physician, Jesus Christ.

**Please mail registration form with a check for \$125 or
call 610-644-0400:**

Malvern Retreat House

McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center

315 S. Warren A., Malvern, PA 19355

www.malvernretreat.com