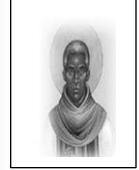


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The Mission of the Martin de Porres Foundation: *The goal of the Martin de Porres Foundation is to develop lay leadership among African American/Black Catholics. This is achieved through undergraduate and graduate education as well as training in Ministry and Leadership skills. The Foundation supports these lay leaders in their efforts to advance Catholicism in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.*

Archdiocesan Office for Black Catholics Welcomes New Coordinator

By Deacon William Bradley, Director-OBC



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Office for Black Catholics, welcomes Ms. Beverly Harper as the newly hired part-time coordinator supporting the Office for Black Catholics. This position, funded by the Martin de Porres Foundation, will coordinate the Ministry to Black Catholics (MBC) program at St Charles Borromeo Seminary, and be responsible for registering, scheduling and tracking MBC students and supporting the marketing of the School of Theological Studies (STS) courses at St Charles Seminary.

Ms. Harper, a graduate of Cheyney State University, brings a wealth of leadership, management and organizational experience and organization to her new position. Also, in her role as coordinator, Ms. Harper will work to enhance the information flow of the Office through database management and better participation in social media. She looks forward to active participation in the events and work that bring the Black Catholic community together and build up the Body of Christ here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Beverly can be reached at bharper@archphila.org or on the OBC office line at 215-587-3541.

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Tenth Anniversary Philadelphia Claver Banquet Award Celebrating 40 Years of Claverism

By Janine Massenburg
Grand Lady Court #342



On November 19, 2016, The Knights of St Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary held *The Claver Awards Banquet*. The event took place at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood. This year Rev. Rayford Emmons was the recipient of the Philadelphia Claver Award.

The origin of this award is as follows: Our patron, Saint Peter Claver, was a Jesuit priest who became the patron Saint of slaves: Columbia, South America; and African slaves. His compassion towards African slaves, unselfish heart for the sick and dying, strong faith in God and humble spirit brought over 300,000 tortured souls to Christ. It is with this strong moral fiber that the body of the Knights of Peter Claver – Knights, Ladies, and Juniors---were formed one hundred years ago, and continues to carry the mantle of Benevolence, Charity, and brotherhood to all those we meet.

Father Emmons is the Parochial Vicar of Holy Cross parish in Mount Airy and is very active with the Office for Black Catholics, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Other awards given at the event were, the Body of Christ Community Service Award, KPC/KPCLA Chaplin's Award, and the Appreciation Award. Recognition/Appreciation Awards were presented to: Lady Alma Ross Court # 187, Lady Dannielle Frierson Court #326, Lady Yvonne Randall Court # 314, Lady Janice Thomas Court #342, Lady Barbara Montano Court #320, and Lady Carolyn Wall Court #346.

Nine people received the Body of Christ Community Service Award. This award is given to individuals within our church or parish community who have sown committee service to God, His Church, and his People. The recipients are nominated as a unit by a council and court. The recipients this year are: Mary Cook, Kathleen Gambrell, Rose Parham, Master Gunnery Sergeant Joseph H. Geeter III, Bernadine Haws, Corless Turner, Eugene L. Rodgers Sr., Anita Roberts, and La Von Robinson.

Six young people received the KPC/KPCLA Chaplin's Award. This award was created in 2008. The young people must be 21 years old or younger. They must be within our church or Parish community. They must have shown committed service to God, His Church, and His People. The recipient is nominated by active members of the KPC/KPCLA. The recipients are as follows: John B. Cherry, Udochi Ekwerike, Scott James Laurencin, Atiya Joanne Lewis, Lazare Atouelou, and Gregory Damas.

REGISTRATION CLOSES 12.30.2016

Spring 2017 Semester

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary - School of Theological Studies (STS)

Certificate in Pastoral Ministry to Black Catholics (MBC) – Master of Arts Degree. Scholarship applications are available through the Martin de Porres Foundation at www.martindeporresfoundation.org or contact your Pastor/DRE.

Questions regarding scholarship funding email: janell.lavender@martindeporresfoundation.org or call 267-398-2314.

Late registrations will be assessed a \$50 fee. The MDPF will not be responsible for late fees.

Courses will begin January 17, 2017

Spring 2017 Courses - For registration information and additional courses - Go to www.scs.edu. Need further assistance: call 610-785-6287.

Mondays 6:30PM – 9:30PM
STS 101 Old Testament

Tuesdays 6:30PM – 9:30PM
STS 401 Church History

Contact your Pastor or DRE for 2017 MDPF Scholarship Applications or go to www.martindeporresfoundation.org

SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017

*The Thirty-fourth Annual Archdiocesan
Gathering in honor of*

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



***A Dream in Black and White
Growing in Understanding as Catholics
Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M.
Cap., Presider***

*Saint Philip Neri Catholic Church
437 Ridge Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444
(just 12 miles from Center City)
Convenient to the Route "L" bus*

*Choir Prelude: 6:30 PM
Prayer Service to follow: 7:00 PM
Light refreshments to follow
ALL ARE WELCOME!*

Invite family, friends to the conversation!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MANUPPHILLY – MARCH 4, 2017

THE AREA'S LARGEST MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE.

To register for this year's Conference visit:

ManUpPhilly.com/registration.

Early Bird Sale End: 12-31-16 Price: \$40 Fee: \$1.99

Normal Reg	3-1-17	\$50	\$2.24
Student Reg	3-4-17	\$25	\$1.62
Late Reg	Not started	\$55	\$2.37

The Bulletin and Beyond

Building a Parish Communications Plan for the 21st Century.

Date: Friday, February 10, 2017 – 9:00 am – 12:30pm

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary – College Auditorium. 100 E. Wynnewood, Rd. Wynnewood, PA

Speaker: Matthew Warner, founder, and CEO of Flocknote. The workshop is designed to be relevant, whether your parish uses – or plans to use – Flocknote & whether you are tech-savvy! \$20 pp Includes morning refreshments. **To register: phillyevang.org/events**

This half-day workshop will cover the essential elements of modern parish communication, including:

- Simple ways to update the way you communicate without breaking your budget
- Crafting your message so it gets noticed & increases engagement

NBCC UPDATE!!

Congress Registration and Hotel Reservations will open at the same time. Links will be provided in early 2017 for online registration. Go to the NBCC Website for information:

<https://www.nbcccongress.org/congress-xii.htm>

National Black Catholic Congress XII

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

Location: 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.

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



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AND
PEACE TO ALL PEOPLE**