

# 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.*

## RETIREMENT!! Deacon William Bradley

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia recently announced the retirement of Deacon William Bradley, Director of the Office for Black Catholics, effective June 30, 2017.

The Martin de Porres Foundation would also like to congratulate Deacon Bill, for his upcoming retirement. We applaud him for his dedicated years of service and achievements. After the many years of working together, we will try to adjust to the idea that he no longer works in the OBC. But, this is not the end of his career of inspiring, spiritually uplifting, and helping to develop leadership and Vocations for the Priesthood and the Diaconate within the African-American/Black Catholic Community.

Again, we send congratulations on a well-deserved retirement. Few have worked as hard as Deacon Bill. We believe, he will continue to enjoy and focus some of his energy into working with our Church and community.

## Father Richard Owens, New Director of the Office for Black Catholics – Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Father Richard Owens was ordained on June 7th, 2014 at St. Augustine Church in Pittsburgh. He is a native of Philadelphia and was born in 1982. Father Owens is the oldest of two siblings. He attended Our Lady of Hope Grade School and Mercy Vocational High School in Philadelphia. Fr. Owens is the son of Mary & Richard Owens.

## St. Raymond of Penafort Men's Ministry Raises Monies with Musical Events: Arlene Edmonds Tribune Correspondent – May 5, 2017



The Men of St. Raymond of Penafort Church in Mount Airy raised money by holding a jazz night. — Photo by Arlene Edmonds

The St. Raymond of Penafort Church in Mount Airy raised monies through its men's ministry for the independent St. Raymond Mission School. This was the first of two sold-out, back-to-back benefits for the church located at 1350 E. Vernon Road. The Men of St. Raymond held a jazz night in the school hall recently. The following afternoon the church hosted "An Evening of Mahalia Jackson" featuring singer Joilet Harris in the sanctuary.

The Rev. Christopher M. Walsh, pastor of St. Raymond's, was pleased with the overwhelming response for the events. Together they raised thousands of dollars for the church ministries. "The parish is most grateful to all those who have worked so generously to raise funds for our hall renovation recently," Walsh said. "Mary Jones and Pat Brockington along with a very large crew of helpers raised more than \$1,400 with their Good Friday fish fry. Joanne Evans, along with her very able team, raised more than \$3,500 through the Mahalia Jackson tribute concert."

The men's ministry raised even more money from the jazz event. Otis Wilson said that they reached their goal of at least \$1,000. He said that the monies will be used for some needed upgrades at the school that serves children in the surrounding community from kindergarten to eighth grade. The school is no longer under the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, so the resources are welcome. [Read more](#)

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## 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  
➤ 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](mailto: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. 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rbarrios@archphila.org)  
Registration is \$25 (Books & materials included)



*Pierre Toussaint was declared Venerable in 1996.*

Born in modern-day Haiti and brought to New York City as a slave, Pierre died a free man, a renowned hairdresser, and one of New York City's most well-known Catholics.

Pierre was internally free long before he was legally free. Refusing to become bitter, he daily chose to cooperate with God's grace, eventually becoming a compelling sign of God's wildly generous love.  
(*Franciscan Media*)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### NBCC UPDATE!!

Congress XII and Hyatt Regency Hotel  
**Registration Deadline – June 14th!!**

<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 Meeting Registration \$375.00**

**Youth Group Discount Registration - \$195.00**

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

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

**Youth Meeting Registration - \$250.00**

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 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$35.00

AT: [WWW.HEEDTHECALL.ORG](http://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>

## WINE National Catholic Women's Conference



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is proud to be the host diocese for the first annual

**WINE: Women in the New Evangelization  
National Catholic Women's  
Conference**

**Saturday, October 21, 2017 – 8:30am-4pm**  
**National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa**  
**Doylestown, PA**

Registration is open! **REGISTER NOW!!**  
Visit the WINE Conference website by clicking the purple button below:

Go to: [wineconference.org](http://wineconference.org)

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