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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.*

Young Men and Seminarians Set the World Ablaze!

By Deacon William Bradley, St. Raymond of Pentafort



On June 26th through June 29th, 2017, 116 young men, from across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, joined 48 Seminarians from Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, 12 Priests, 2 Permanent Deacons and 4 lay volunteers, all from local parishes, to find out how to set the World Ablaze! If the radiant smiles, the joy and laughter and the new and renewed friendships were an indication of a fire burning, then Quo Vadis 2017 was a roaring success.

The Quo Vadis Retreat is sponsored annually by the Philadelphia Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood, with the support of the Martin de Porres Foundation and the local Serra Club. Quo Vadis is a Latin phrase meaning “Where are you going?” and has been attributed to what was said by Peter to the risen Jesus when he encountered Him as Peter was leaving Rome.

Where are you Going? The young men, all current 8th-12th grade students, met at Blackrock Retreat Center in Quarryville, Pa, in Lancaster County, for a 4 day and 3-night retreat where the focus was Faith, Fun and Fellowship. The Quo Vadis retreat, this year, represented the most diverse group of young men ever. They were joined by an outstanding, energetic and enthusiastic group of Seminarians, who served as Team Leaders. [Read More](#)

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Enrollment to Highest in Fourteen Years!

By Lou Baldwin • Posted August 28, 2017. CatholicPhilly.com



Terrance Fulton

The Martin de Porres Foundation would like to congratulate St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and the Vocations Office for their increased enrollment this year.

Tuesday, Aug. 22 marked what is easily one of the most important days on the calendar for St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and the Church of Philadelphia as a whole. It was Move-In Day for 43 young men who are formally entering their journey that, hopefully after a period of years of formation and further discernment, will culminate in their ordination to the priesthood. Terrance Fulton is a member of St. Vincent Parish in Germantown but he usually worshiped at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. He is a graduate of Philadelphia’s Central High School.

“What would it be like to be that person on the altar?” he often asked himself, but did not immediately answer the call. Last year he was studying international affairs at De Paul University in Chicago when his vocation hit home just about Christmastime. Because Terrance received his faith through his father, and the rest of the family is not Catholic, they were accepting of his decision...[Read More](#)

Commissioning: Father Augustus Tolton Ambassadors

During a recent visit to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry



commissioned thirteen members of the laity as Ambassadors for the cause of sainthood for Father Augustus Tolton. The cause is being led by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry. Father Tolton is the first recognized African American Priest in the United States. Among those who were commissioned, several Ambassadors are recipients of scholarships funded by the Martin de Porres Foundation: Madeline Tymes received the Certificate in Ministry for African-American Catholic (MAAC), Religious Studies Certificate and the Roman Catechetical Diploma; Floretta Caudle completed the Certificate in Ministry for African-American Catholics (MAAC); Tonya Banks completed the Certificate in Ministry for Black Catholic

(MBC); Beverly Harper and Stephen Mathis are currently enrolled at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry for Black Catholics (MBC) Program. Cynthia Brown completed the 2016 Summer Certificate Program at Xavier University, LA – Institute for Black Catholic Studies.

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**SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS IN THE
TRADITIONAL** Latin Rite for the Exaltation of the
Holy Cross and the 10th anniversary of Pope Benedict
XVI's Summorum Pontificum
Thursday, September 14th at 7 PM
Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul
1723 Race Street, Philadelphia
Celebrant: Most Rev. Joseph N. Perry
Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Chicago
ALL are welcome to attend!



**Pilgrimage to Washington DC
20th Anniversary of the Dedication of Our
Mother of Africa Chapel**

Sunday, September 17, 2017 1:30PM Rosary & 2:00PM
Mass Celebrant: Bishop John Ricard SSJ
The bus will depart the Archdiocese Pastoral Center at
10:00AM Transportation Cost is \$31.00 (Motor coach)
To purchase a ticket for the bus contact the Office for
Black Catholics at 215.587.3541 or via email:
fr.rowens@archphila.org



“Revival” Time

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 25 & 26, 2017
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA
**Choir Prelude starts at 6:30 PM
Revival at 7:00 PM sharp!**

Featuring

Rev. Paul Whittington, Revivalist

Fr. Paul serves as the Pastor of St. Margaret of
Scotland Church in Chicago.

Including

The Archdiocesan Catholic Gospel Choir
The Immanuel Movement Praise Team
All are welcome to attend!



Countdown to Man Up Philly

March 3, 2018

Men on a Mission
9th Annual Men's Spirituality
Conference in Philadelphia!

Click for flyer & registration form

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)
COORDINATORS FALL MEETING**

Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 10:00 AM—Noon

Location: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 North
17th Street, Philadelphia, PA

Topic: *Crafting the Syllabus for the Catechetical
Sessions for Adults and Children*

Presenter: Father Dennis Gill, Director of the Office
for Divine Worship

More info: Email the Office for Divine Worship,
worship@archphila.org

**MANLY DAD BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017,
8-11:30 AM**

For fathers and men who plan to be fathers this break-
fast will discuss manliness and its life changing effects
in children's lives. Cost: \$15

Location: Pastoral Center, 222 N. 17th Street
Speaker: Mark Houck, President – The King's Men

More Info: Call Steve Bozza at 215-587-5661 or
www.phillycatholiclife.org

**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

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