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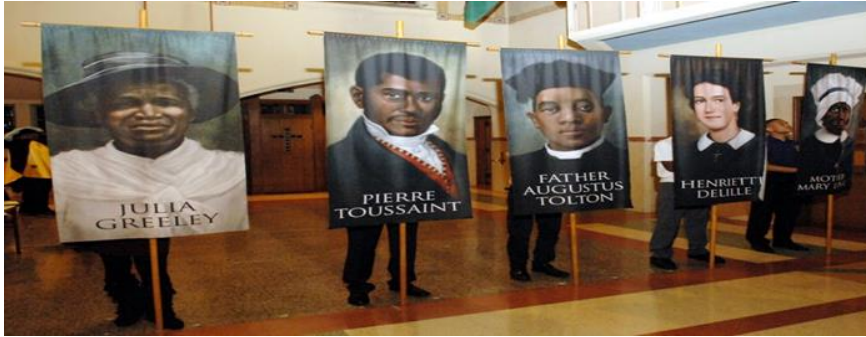
The UPDATE

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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.



November Black Catholic History Month

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On Being Black, Catholic and Philadelphian

Thernell Oakman
Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church



Black Catholic History Month has emerged at a time in Philadelphia history that appears to challenge our sensibilities. Black Catholics have migrated to Philadelphia from the American South, the Caribbean, and Africa to create a kettle of cultures. Many of these cultures bring with them a Black perspective on Catholicism firstly, embodies their rich traditions in Philadelphian traditions. [Read more](#)

Raised Catholic Then Lapsed, She Now Has ‘A Love Affair with God’

By Lou Baldwin • Posted November 7, 2017 • CatholicPhilly.com



Black Catholic History Month opened in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia this year at the Annual St. Martin de Porres Mass celebrated by Archbishop Charles Chaput at St. Athanasius Church on Friday, Nov. 3. As part of the celebration, the St. Martin de Porres Medal was presented to Cynthia Brown of Our Lady of Hope Parish as a “Catholic leader who advances Catholic values and community engagement.” Her accomplishments are many. At Our Lady of Hope, she is the Finance Council chair, served as co-chair of the parish Heritage of Faith Capital Campaign and served twice as chair of the Our Lady of Hope Gospel Revivals. [Read more](#)

Drawn by Love, Sent on Fire

Janice Paige
St. Athanasius Catholic Church



On Saturday, October 21, 2017, One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty (1,250) women attended the 2017 Catholic Women’s Conference at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Women from across the country were present for this national event with the goal to be inspired and to be lit on fire for their faith. We were blessed to have a wonderful full day conference, starting with a welcome greeting from Archbishop Chaput. This was followed by beautiful praise and worship music led by recording artist, Amanda Vernon. [Read more](#)

How Might our Church Better Celebrate the Diversity Within It?

Kerry Weber November 13, 2015 <https://www.americamagazine.org/voices/kerry-weber>

In the midst of the many national conversations about race and freedom now taking place in the public square, it is valuable to note one opportunity for continued conversations about diversity within the Catholic Church. November marks Black Catholic History Month, which was founded by the National Black Catholic Congress in 1990. The month was chosen because it includes both the birthday of St. Augustine (Nov. 13) and feast day of St. Martin de Porres (Nov. 3), and it is dedicated to celebrating [“the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics.”](#)

National Black Catholic History Month serves as a reminder of something we should keep in mind throughout the year: at its best, ours is a diverse and welcoming church, and there is much to be learned from one another, if only we would make the effort. [Read more](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Saints for Today Essay Contest Month of November

Open to High School Students

For more information, Fr. Richard Owens, OFM Cap

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OPEN HOUSE AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SAINT CHARLES

BORROMEO SEMINARY

Sunday, December 10, 2017

1:00 pm—6:00 pm

This year, the annual event features:

- Campus tours
- Christmas concert featuring Seminary Choir and Musicians
- International Christmas crèche display

One-hour tours begin at 1:00 pm with the last tour at 3:00 pm. Light refreshments preceding the 4:00 pm concert.

**THE EVENT IS FREE AND
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

SIGN-UP Go to: <http://eepurl.com/cnlalf>

Martin de Porres Foundation Monthly Newsletter will be delivered to your inbox. Keep up with calendar of events

– **SAVE THE DATES....STAY INFORMED!!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Come and share in a unique Children's Choir experience with the

Archdiocesan Boy and Girl Choir

Date: Jan. 13, 2018, Open Auditions

Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Contact archdiocesangirlandboychoir@gmail.com to schedule an audition.



The Path of Discipleship Orienting Everything in Your Parish to the Formation of Disciples of Jesus Christ

Date: Friday, February 2, 2018

Time: 9:30AM – 2:30PM (Snow Date) Feb.16th)

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

Registration: \$25 (include lunch)
phillyevang.org/events

Sponsored by: Office for the New Evangelization

Speakers:

Jason Simon, Executive Director Evangelical Catholic
Fr. Stephen DeLacy, Director Archdiocesan Vocations
Office

Meghan Cokeley, Director Archdiocesan Office for the
New Evangelization



MAN UP Philly Conference

Date: March 3, 2018 at 7:30 AM

Location: St. Joseph University-Hagan Arena

Early Reg. \$40+\$1.99 sale ends 12-31

Normal Reg. \$50+\$ 2.24 sale ends 2-28

Student Reg. \$25 +\$1.62 sales ends 2-29

Late Reg. \$55 + \$2.37 fee sale ends 3-3

Registration include – Lunch, seminars & main event.
manuphillly.com

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