

# 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.*

**Christ is the  
Reason  
For the Season!!  
Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year!**



*Come and Let Us Adore Him*

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## MBC Certificate Program Spring 2018

By Beverly Harper, Coordinator  
MBC Program/ OBC  
St. Athanasius Catholic Church



**Update!!!** The MBC Program is proud to announce that the next graduating class will consist of 11 students from over five parishes. They will complete their course work and final exams to receive their certificates on May 18, 2018. They will leave behind 10 remaining students to continue with their studies to complete the program and receive their MBC certificates.

The MBC Program is being re-evaluated, to ensure that the courses are still relevant, and the goals and expectations will be clear for the next group of students coming into the program. **No new students will be accepted** for the Spring 2018 semester, however the program will continue with its current returning students.

**Congratulations!** Join me in congratulating our colleague, **Ms. Van Robinson**, who will serve as the Vice Principal of Saint Barnabas Catholic School in Southwest Philadelphia. Also, we are very proud of **Ms. Alana Lee**, who was appointed Vice Principal of Gesu Catholic School in North Philadelphia in September. Both women have participated in our Gatherings and will be fine advocates for the students and parents of their schools.



*Rev. Stephen D. Thorne,  
Pastor, SMDP Catholic  
Church*

The Martin de Porres Foundation is financially supporting the 1<sup>st</sup> three years of the Neumann University program, which prepares African American teachers to serve as principals in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, stay courageous and stay WOKE! SDT

## Black Catholic Pastoral Plan is ‘alive’ because it ‘Comes from the People’

By Shannon Levitt  
Dec 9, 2017  
Business Manager/Assistant Editor



In August, following the unprecedented Convocation of Catholic Leaders event in Orlando, Florida, another Catholic gathering occurred. The National Black Catholic Congress had a meeting and every diocese in the nation was asked to send a delegate. The Martin de Porres Foundation sponsored the Board of Directors as they traveled to the NBCC 2017. Together people from across the country started to prepare a document that has been recently released: The Pastoral Action Plan. (Credit: National Black Catholic Congress.) [Read More](#)

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Annual Archdiocese of Philadelphia Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Interfaith Prayer Service**

*"Building the Beloved Community"*

**Date:** Monday, January 15, 2018  
**Time:** 6:00 PM Prelude & Reflections  
Light refreshments to follow

**Location: St. John Chrysostom  
Catholic Church**

617 S. Providence Road  
Wallingford, PA 19086  
Rev. Edward J. Hallinan, Pastor

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap  
*Presider & Homilist*

St. John Chrysostom Choir  
Immanuel Movement Prayer Team  
*Music Ministry*

***Featuring the Philadelphia Catholic Gospel  
Choir • sponsored by the  
Martin de Porres Foundation.***

### **One-Day Conference UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST**

**Date:** Saturday, February 24, 2018  
**Time:** 9:00 AM to 4:45 PM  
**Location:** SS Simon and Jude Parish Meehan  
Center, 8 Cavanaugh Court,  
West Chester, PA  
Rev. Michael J. Gerlach

Unbound is a ministry of healing and deliverance that helps you find freedom in areas of your life where you feel bound. Come and discover the freedom that Jesus Christ has in store for you.

**Speakers:**

Neal, Janet and Matt Lozano, Heart of the Father Ministries

**Sponsored by: Office for the New Evangelization  
REGISTRATION**

General Admission: \$50 • Priests/Religious/College Students:  
\$20

Includes morning refreshments & lunch

Learn more & register: [phillyevang@archphila.org](mailto:phillyevang@archphila.org)

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Annual Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

Come and share in a unique  
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](mailto: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.16<sup>th</sup>)

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

**Registration: \$25 (include lunch)  
[phillyevang.org/events](http://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.  
[manuphilly.com](http://manuphilly.com)

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*Do not give up, the beginning is  
always the hardest (2018)*