

# 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.*



Alonza Baker, Jr

## GOD IS GOOD!

*“For those that don’t know me, I am from the old school.”  
“And in the old school, you did everything that father and sister told you to do.”*

*“Is that right?”* There was loud applause and clapping of hands in agreement.

*“So, we gonna all sing, ALL sing.” “If you have a bad voice, God deserves to hear it, so he won’t make that mistake, Again.”*

There was loud applause, and clapping of hands in awe, with laughter.

So, with some instruction, His Excellency Fernand J. Cheri, the first Afro American Priest to be appointed Bishop by the Holy Father, led us in song and we sang the following:

So glad to be here, So glad to be here, Jesus brought me this far And I’ve come to praise His name. So glad to be here, So glad to be here, Jesus brought me this far And I’ve come to praise His name.

Didn’t have to do it, Didn’t have to do it, Jesus brought me this far And I’ve come to praise His name. Didn’t have to do it, didn’t have to do it, Jesus brought me this far And I’ve come to praise His name. [Read More.](#)



## AFTER 10 YEARS, GOOD NEWS OF MAN UP PHILLY - IS GOING NATIONAL

By Lou Baldwin • Posted March 6, 2018

Man Up Philly, Philadelphia’s highly successful Catholic Men’s Spirituality Conference, marked its 10th anniversary at the all-day event Saturday, March 3 at Neumann University’s Mirinda Center in Aston.

The conference has lost none of its vitality over the past decade, as shown by the approximately 1,300 men (and sons) who attended. Considering the horrendous weather the previous day, it was a pleasant surprise for organizers and attendees. On **Saturday, March 3, William Shirino (pictured) of St. Barnabas Parish in Philadelphia, was one of about 1,300 men who attended.** (Photo by Sarah Webb). [Read More.](#)

## BLACK HISTORY: CLOSER TO HOME THAN YOU MAY THINK

By Angela F. Taylor



Every year we celebrate Black History Month where we learn about important Black people in our past that made an impact and paved the way for us to be able to do, see, or use something that started with them. We need to know these people and celebrate them for their accomplishments; but we cannot and should not forget the “Black History” of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. We need to show the wisdom, patience, and grace of these people to the youth of our community, because what they have seen and done begs for recognition.

[Read More.](#)

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Msgr. Mitchell Scholarship Fundraiser Gala**

**Date:** Friday, April 27, 2018

**Location:** St. John Neumann Center  
1019 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street (19123)

The Msgr. Mitchell Scholarship Fund will support high school students in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are Catholic and African American, with academic ability and financial need. Tickets go on sale in February. Consider purchasing a ticket to support the African American youth of our parishes.

### **WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER AGENDA**



Saturday, May 12, 2018

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

St. Martin de Porres Parish  
2340 W. Lehigh Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19132  
Rev. Stephen D. Thorne

RSVP: 215-228-8330

Sister Patricia Chappell is well-known, respected and admired for her dynamic messages. She is a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Connecticut unit, and served on the Provincial Leadership Team for her community. She holds a Master's Degree

Degree in Social Work from the Catholic University of America and was the Director of Youth Ministry at Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Parish in Washington, D.C. She serves as the national co-chair on her community's anti-racism team.

### **4<sup>th</sup> National Black Catholic Women's Gathering Sponsored by National Black Sisters' Conference**

Friday July 27, – Sunday, July 29, 2018  
859 Convention Blvd  
New Orleans, LA 70130

**RESERVATION IS OPEN**

1-800-305-6342

Rm. \$139 per night + tax

**For more information contact**

**NBCC Office 202-529-9250**

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **QUO VADIS 2018**

A Camp for High School Young Men

**Date:** June 25 -28, 2018

Do Whatever He Tells You John 2:5

**Location: Black Rock Retreat Center  
Quarryville, PA**

**Registration Fee: \$25-\$300 Sliding Scale**  
(pay what you are able)

Registration Deadline: June 4, 2018  
[heedthecall.org/event/quovadis](http://heedthecall.org/event/quovadis)

Questions? Contact Vocation Office 610-667-5778

### **B.B.V.C. BROTHERS OF BORROMEO VOCATION CAMP**

**Date: FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2018, 9:30 AM – 7 PM**

**DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU ~ JOHN 2:5**

**A DAY OF FUN, FAITH AND FOOD FOR BOYS IN  
GRADES 6, 7, & 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**LOCATION: ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY  
COST: \$25/PERSON- INCLUDES LUNCH, DINNER  
& ACTIVITIES.**

**REGISTER BY JUNE 30, 2018**  
[heedthecall.org/event/BBVC](http://heedthecall.org/event/BBVC)

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