

St. Vincent De Paul Church

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Mission Statement

St. Vincent de Paul is a faith community striving to live Jesus' gospel message of love, peace and justice for all peoples. In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, our inclusive community welcomes, affirms and serves both the poorest of the poor and those who are alienated and most vulnerable among us. Our individual faith journeys join together in the celebration of the Eucharist. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to nurture the gifts of all our members. Our parish family will draw strength and unity from diversity. We will foster an atmosphere of warmth, hospitality and prayerfulness. We pray that our commitment to these efforts will further the mission of being one with our God and one with each other.

The DePaul Catholic School, An Independent Mission School

44 W. Logan Street ♦ Philadelphia, PA 19144 ♦ 215-842-1266 ♦ www.thedepaulcatholicschool.org

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♦ **Sylvester Peterka, C.M.**

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Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

July 31, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	07/31	Joseph Mastronardo	9:00 am
		Fr. Tim Lyons	11:00 am
MON	08/01	NO MASS	
TUE	08/02	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	08/03	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	08/04	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	08/05	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	08/06	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

Today's Readings

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-31
 Psalm: Psalm 90
 Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
 Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
 Psalm: Psalm 33
 Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
 Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN **Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time**
SAT **Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm**

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
 Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

FOR THIS WE PRAY
Parishioners

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, Tom Weir, Anoaah Curtis, Myles McDonald, William Drinker, Judith Di Battista, Ruby Tyer, Donna Jean Cocchia, Leo Johnson, Patricia Judge, Pat Burton, Thomas Baumann, Dick Taylor, Ginny Witte, Edna Poole, Nan Wade, Betsy Moore, Vince Morgan, Gerry Widmann, Kay Harty, Mary Lynn Kraft, Darryl Carroll, Helen Rosales, Natalie Gianetti, Arlene Myers, Betty Barnett, William Horoschak.

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Maryann Hunsicker, Steven David Aslow, Mary Fazzini DeCanelo, Laura Alfonse, Nancy Tooker, C'aron & Wynter Marie Hamilton, Tim McCabe, Harrison Harper, Claude Harper, Jaedon Anthony Horton, Arturo Magana Herrera, Lisa Kineke, John Brennan, Ashley Kiker, The Carey Family, Monique & Joseph Phillips, Dan Wuenschel, Ashley Margetech, Johnny Hilferty, Diane McCabe, Judy Spearmint, Millie Kribel, Kathleen Lawson, Dorothy Heimlich, Connie Bronson, Joseph Simmons, Amy Natkins, Terri Jackson, Mary Sarabocca, Alice Penderghast, Samuel Gonzalez, Mary Elizabeth Unterfofler, Ana Esquilin Santos, Mainsford Family, Rayan Bousso, Richard Lipton, Palmina Rucker, Martha King Cox, Anna Satchell, Steve Damville, Jessica Jara, Joe Hagan, Ned Dugery, Bart Sullivan, Fred Ludwig, Marie Anderson, Vincent Owens

Our Sister Parish of Las Anonas de Santa Cruz, El Salvador. Those who fight in wars, those who are victims of war, and those who seek peace and justice.

PASTORAL CARE

We will bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass regularly because of sickness or infirmity. Please call the Rectory, at 215-438-2925.

Last Week's Collection	3,243.65
Electronic	<u>3,073.00</u>
Total	6,316.65
Tithe	315.83

BAPTISM OF OUR CHILDREN

Call Fr. Sy Peterka, Pastor, at 215-438-2925, ext. 218, for available dates and additional information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is the process through which adults become members of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in exploring whether the Catholic Church is where you want to begin or continue your Christian faith journey, please contact the Rectory at 215-438-2925.

THOSE IN NEED OF THE SACRAMENTS

Please contact Fr. Sy Peterka, at 215-438-2925 ext.218, to make arrangements.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in becoming involved in one or more of our Parish ministries, call the Church office, at 215-438-2925.

PARISH OUTREACH

Non-perishable food donations may be made Monday, Tuesday and Friday between 9am and Noon. To make an appointment for any other time, please call Evelyn Rogers at 215-438-1514.

RESERVATIONS FOR MEETINGS/EVENTS

Please call the Church office, 215-438-2925.

RACIAL HEALING STATEMENT

To foster a community in which people of all races and cultures are treated as equals and fully participate in the life of the church. We hope to achieve this by... Deepening Cross-Racial/Cross-Cultural relationships; Developing each person's gifts for Leadership & Ministry, (Including each group's Art & Culture) and by... Supporting actions for justice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - July 31-August 6, 2016

FR. TIM'S FAREWELL!

We are proud to honor Fr. Tim as he celebrates his 65th birthday and to celebrate his four beautiful years of ministry here. Thank you, Fr. Tim, for the treasure that you are to all of us.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS Forms are available in the back of the church for active St. Vincent parishioners who send their children to Catholic grammar and high schools and need help.

ST. VINCENT'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are offering a "cave themed" Vacation Bible School with scriptures, fun activities, and a field trip from **Wednesday, August 3 through Sunday, August 7 from 11am-4pm** at the church. All children ages 5-12 are welcome. Cost is free with lunch provided. Registration forms in back of church are due July 24. For more information, email dre@saint-vincent-church.org or call 808-343-8306 or 641-226-7200.

BLESSING FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We will bless our college students at all Masses on the weekend of **August 13/14**. Please contact the rectory to let us know which Mass your student will attend. We have a special gift for each student.

WELCOME FR. ANTHONY & FR. JENFA

We are delighted to host two Vincentian priests from Nigeria for a month this summer. Please consider showing them Philadelphia hospitality by inviting them to visit you at home or give them a tour of your part of the city!

LECTORS Please Sign up for Summer

If you are lector, please sign up for times you can serve our worshipping assembly at Masses this July-Aug-Sept! Sign-up sheet is in the Liturgy Prep room in the back of church, to the right of the main entrance. Thank you for making God's Word come alive in our Masses!

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary meets Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the rectory.

SENIORS MINISTRY

We will gather each Wednesday from 11am-2pm in the Senior Center located behind the church.

HOSPITALITY

All are welcome to enjoy hospitality on the Rectory porch between the Sunday Masses. You are also welcome to host; just sign up on the posted list by the side door entrance. Everything is supplied. Hosts serve cookies and other snack items and prepare lemonade. All supplies are kept in the cabinets in the small room, just off of the rectory kitchen. There is no cost to the community for summer hospitality. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jack DiFeo 215 887-7911.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On September 25, we will honor the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul at ONE MASS at 10am followed by a celebration.

POWER UPDATE

Voter Registration: Let's do this!

One of the principles of our Catholic Social Justice Teaching is that everyone has a right and duty to PARTICIPATE in society! In an election year, that means everyone who is eligible to vote exercises that sacred right. POWER does not support specific candidates, but every POWER congregation—including St Vincent's—is aiming to register and "get out the vote" in our own pews and in our neighborhoods. If you can help, we can train you! Sign up on clipboard in the back of church. Thank you!

School Funding report: 300 members of POWER came to Harrisburg on 6/28 to pray and lobby for full, fair and on-time funding for our schools. 35 were St Vincent's parishioners, including the Jarvis, Chavis, Coelho, Trudeau, and Koppisch families! Legislators DID pass a budget by the 6/30 deadline, though the education portion was only half of the base-line PA schools need. Please continue your prayers and "readiness to act" on behalf of our kids.

COFFEE SALE TO SUPPORT OUR SISTER PARISH

Our Sister Parish ministry is still holding a monthly sale of Fair-Trade coffee to support our friends in El Salvador by funding scholarships, advocacy, and education on issues affecting our Salvadoran friends. We take orders and payment 2 weeks before delivery: See Mary Durkin or Joanie Brooks at church or Joanie at jmblapaz@yahoo.com 267-825-6989, Mary at joemarydelia@verizon.net 215-675-9166.

COUPONS TO BENEFIT MY PLACE GERMANTOWN

Jack DiFeo is selling Shop For A Cause coupons for \$5 after the nine o'clock mass. These coupons provide 25% off purchases made at Macy's from August 26-28. All proceeds go to My Place Germantown providing permanent housing and support to formerly homeless disabled men.

WORLD ORPHAN CHOIR

On **August 4 at 6:30pm**, you are invited to hear orphaned children from Liberia, India and Peru of the Matsiko International Children's Choir perform at St. Raymond's, 1350 E. Vernon Road. A free will offering will help to support the care of orphans everywhere.

HITTING IT BIG - A Reflection on Today's Readings

It seems to be commonly accepted nowadays that everyone wants to win the lottery, hit the slots big at the casino, or be a millionaire. This attitude is akin to what the first hearers of the parable of the successful farmer would have thought: Why, of course he'd want to find a way to preserve his good fortune for the future, to secure for himself a life of leisure, eating, drinking, and merriment. It's exactly the kind of life that the right ticket, hand of cards, or quiz show answer might bring us today. Being surrounded by this "common wisdom" makes the words of Qoheleth, the psalmist, Paul, and Jesus all that much harder to hear today. Perhaps good fortune will be ours, perhaps it will not be. But if we make that fortune or the quest for it the heart, the very center, of our lives, then we will live to regret it. We will not achieve the future security we pursue, and we will lose the present moment in the chase.

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish
Registration Form

Thanks for being here! If you would like to become an ACTIVE member of St. Vincent De Paul Parish (full-time or part-time), we invite you to **complete the Parish Registration form below.**

Date _____ Envelope number _____

Name _____
last first

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Home Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Full name and relationship of all resident family members

_____	DOB _____	Relationship _____
_____	DOB _____	Relationship _____
_____	DOB _____	Relationship _____
_____	DOB _____	Relationship _____

Have you received the Sacraments?
Baptism Confirmation First Communion

Are you interested in
Liturgical Ministry Service Ministry
(Can you sing, lector, teach....)

Please place completed form in the Offeratory basket or send to the Parish Office and we will contact you.

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**Bulletin Deadline: Mondays by noon. Email to
secretary@saint-vincent-church.org**

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Electronic Donation Authorization ES6255

Thank you for considering donations to St. Vincent de Paul electronically via your bank account. Please complete this form so that we can set things up for you. If you have questions, call Kitty at 215-438-2925x229

Date_____ Envelope Number_____
Electronic Type: New___ Change___

Name_____
last first

Address_____

City_____ State___ Zip_____

Telephone #_____

Cell #_____

Email_____

Date of 1st Donation_____

Amount of Donation_____

Frequency:

Monthly on the **1st** _____
Monthly on the **15th** _____
Weekly (**every Monday**) _____
Weekly (**every other Monday**)_____

Bank Routing Number_____

Account Number_____

Please debit my checking account per **attached voided check**. (If you wish to debit your savings account, please contact your bank for routing and account number.) **I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my bank account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.**
Authorized signature and Date:

Petitions for July 30 and 31, 2016

1. Loving Father, as we gratefully celebrate the wondrous blessing and inspiration that Father Tim has been for the people and the church of Germantown, we ask your continued blessing on Father Tim's ministry as he transitions to a new role of service to you Oh God and to your people. We pray...
2. Father God, as we enter the election season we implore you to enter the hearts and souls of the candidates that they will seek political office to serve the voters and to protect the earth and all of its people. We pray...
3. Hear us, Oh God, and grant us the grace and strength to respond to Paul's letter and to "Think of what is above and not of what is on earth; so that when Christ, our Life appears, then we too will appear with Him in glory". We pray...
4. God, all loving and all powerful Father, we your children are heartsick and afraid, reeling from gun violence and police over reaction and a growing awareness of inequality. Fill our hearts with your grace and guide us as we work together to cross all divides and establish anew a country in which all residents live with dignity, respect and enjoy equal opportunity for a decent life. We pray...
5. As the World Meeting of Youth with Pope Francis in Krakow concludes, fill the hearts and minds of all the young people there with your grace and the inspiration of Pope Francis. Send them safely home with the determination to speak your Word to your people and move them to a new level of unity as we live out your message of love and concern for others. We pray...
6. Loving and compassionate God, we lift up to you the families of St. Vincent de Paul and all our neighbors who have lost a loved one or are caring for a sick or disable family member. Hear our humble plea that you grace will console their sad hearts and instill confidence that you hold them in the palm of your hand. We pray..

Fr. Tim: A Benediction

For the past four years, and throughout your long history here,
you have become Eucharist for the members of our St. Vincent's community.

You have broken open your own tender heart, week after week,
nourishing us with the stories of your personal struggles,
training us to recognize God in the midst of every human experience.

You have poured out for us the wine of compassion and acceptance.
Filling us with the intoxicating realization that we are *good*:
messy yet beloved; questioning yet faithful; broken yet always whole.

You have cultivated our love for the celebration of the Eucharist
through your gentle, intentional, reverent presiding,
teaching us to locate our hearts and to bring them to the Table with joy.

You have hugged us, laughed with us, listened to us, wept with us;
you have seen us, known us, cherished us.
We do not want to let you go.

And yet if you have taught us anything, it is that *love goes forward*,
and so in faith we entrust you to God's goodness.

May the One who loved you into life,
who forged your big heart and called you into priesthood,
sustain you along each step of the way.

May the God of surprises go before you into your new ministry.
May you discover grace in unexpected places.
May the care you give return to you a hundredfold.

Go forth in our gratitude.
Go forth in our love.
Go forth in peace, now and always.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 30TH AND 31ST, 2016

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Due to low registration numbers, the camp has been cancelled. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

PRAISE GOD: Maria Beatty and her children are all safe, after being in a car accident this week that totaled their car.

MY PLACE GERMANTOWN FUNDRAISER, "SHOP FOR A CAUSE": Save 25% all day, all weekend at any Macy's, August 26th through Sunday, August 28th. Get the \$5 tickets from Jack DiFeo at 9am Sunday or Fr. Sy at 4pm Saturday or 11am Sunday.

WORLD ORPHAN CHOIR: The choir, featuring children from Africa, Asia and South America, will be performing in Philadelphia on Thursday, August 4th, at St. Raymond's, 6:30pm. Please make plans to come and hear this dynamic choir. No tickets. There will be a free will offering.

TUITION SCHOLARSHIP FORMS: St. Vincent families in need of financial help, who send their children to Catholic Schools (Grammar and High School), can pick up a form in the back of the church. You must be an active parishioner.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Evangelization, Monday, July 25th, at 6:30pm.

Liturgy, Monday, August 1st, at 7pm.

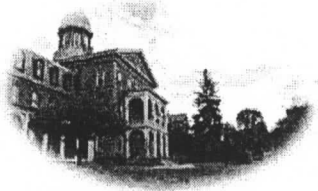
Finance, Thursday, August 4th, at 7pm.

Pastoral, Thursday, August 11th, at 7pm.

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE: Preparations are not complete without the blessing our parish community is ready to bestow. A blessing for all college students will happen at all Masses on the weekend of August 13 and 14. Please contact the rectory to let us know which Mass your college student will attend. The parish will also have a gift for each college student. So your phone call will enable us to be prepared. We hope you will join us.

FEAST OF ST. VINCENT: Sunday, September 25th, ONE MASS, at 10 am.

WORK FOR AN IMMIGRANT: The New Sanctuary Movement is helping a Guatemalan man in the immigration process. He needs work; is open to day work—yard work, painting, light construction, and other possibilities. To find out more, call or email Paul Witte (267-237-6683; pwwitte@hotmail.com).



The School of Theological Studies offers undergraduate coursework in
THEOLOGY and **BLACK HISTORY** as part of our
Ministry to Black Catholics Certificate

Fall 2016 Certificate Courses:

HISTORY OF BLACK CATHOLICS AND SAINTS Tuesdays

and/or

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH: MORALITY AND PRAYER** Mondays

Both courses offered at Saint Charles Borromeo
Seminary, 6:30 PM-9:30 PM.

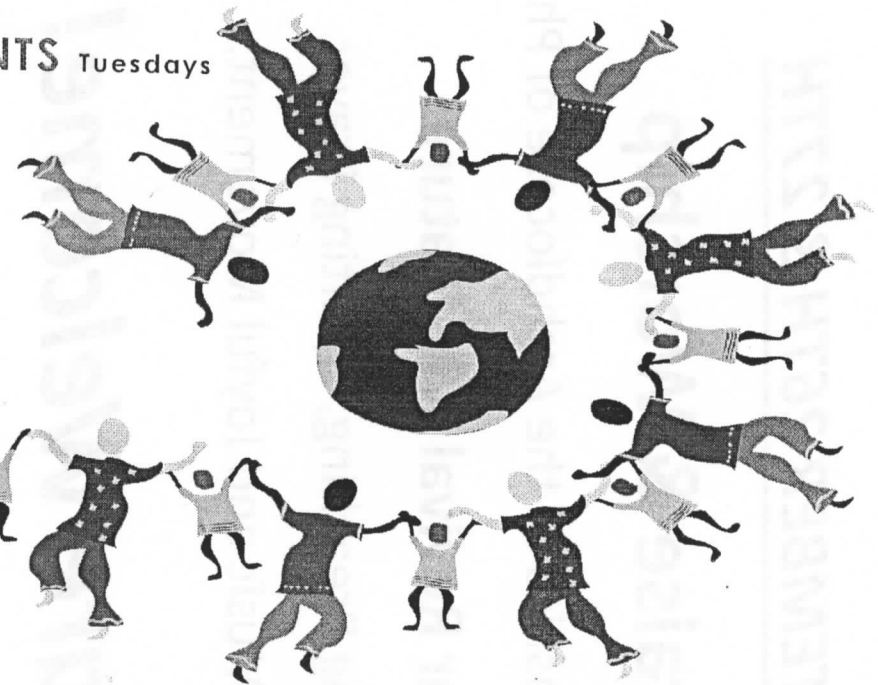
Courses start August 29th

Registration ends August 15th!

Full scholarships are available
through the Martin de Porres Foundation.

Think about this – what do **YOU WANT?**

- ✦ To learn more about the Catholic Faith?
- ✦ To earn an undergraduate certificate?
- ✦ To work towards a Master of Arts in Theology Degree?



THIS PROGRAM IS FOR YOU.

FOR MORE INFO: Web: SCS.EDU

Phone: 610-785-6287

Email: STS@SCS.EDU

Full site link: <http://www.scs.edu/school-theological-studies>

MATSIKO

WORLD ORPHAN CHOIR



There are more than 132 million orphans in the world. Each child needs help to be fed, housed and educated. The International Children's Network does this vital work.

Join us on Thursday, August 4th at 6:30pm
St. Raymond of Penafort Church

1350 East Vernon Road in Northwest Philadelphia
to experience the music, testimony and hope of the
Matsiko International Children's Choir
featuring children from Liberia, India and Peru.

Free-Will Offering to support the care of the orphans.
Craft Items made by the youth are available for purchase.

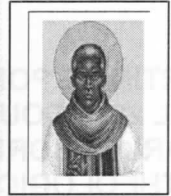
For more information call 215-549-3760
or visit www.saintraymond.net

Martin de Porres Foundation

The UPDATE

July 2016
Newsletter

Edition III, Volume 2



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.

Xavier University New Orleans, LA



Institute for Black Catholic Studies (IBCS)

MEET & GREET – ST. PHILOMENA PARISH, LANSDOWNE, PA



On June 13th, parishioners gathered for a Meet & Greet before traveling to the IBCS for a Continuing Education 2016 Summer Program.

Fifteen parishioners from 10 different parishes were selected to receive scholarships from the Martin de Porres Foundation. Twelve students began classes during the 1st week (June 27-July 1, 2016). Three other students completed the second

week (July 4 – July 8, 2016).

The Continuing Education (C&E) Programs offer a unique opportunity for individuals to grow in their understanding of Black Catholicism and its impact, not only on the wider Church, but also on themselves.

There are four divisions in the C&E Programs:

- CATECHIST FORMATION FOR THE BLACK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
- YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
- LEADERSHIP IN THE FAITH COMMUNITY
- SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

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The Martin de Porres Foundation Scholarship recipients are returning to Philly, with Certificates in hand, from IBCS after nine days of intensive; cultural, spiritual, educational, and enriching skills. They are ready to share what they experienced with their parishes and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

(1st row) Lester Brown-St. Barbara, Carolyn Rice-St. Cyprian, Sheila Sharpe-St. Vincent de Paul, Yvette Palmer-St. Cyprian and Sr. Lynn Marie Ralph, SBS-St. Martin de Porres. (2nd row) Romeo Brisbane-St. Ignatius, Judith Hundley-St. Barbara, Rev. Paul Castellani, Pastor-St. Philomena, Kim Walker-Holy Cross, Alonza Baker-St. Athanasius and Lorraine Rivera-St. Cyprian.

(Students not shown) Laura Blackwell-St. Cyprian, Cynthia Brown-Our Lady of Hope, Kathryn Crump-St. Vincent de Paul and Kathleen Wooten-St. Malachy.

Dwell in Me, Lord - Who Does He Say You Are?

My Jesus, Savior of the World and God Most High, thank you for desiring to dwell in me. Thank you for having made me to receive you, to cradle your presence within me, to bear your life out into a world that needs you desperately.

-from *Who Does He Say You Are?*

www.americancatholic.org

**MARTIN DE PORRES FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
FALL 2016 COURSE REGISTRATION – SAINT
CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY SCHOOL
OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES – REGISTER NOW
BY VISITING THE FOLLOWING PAGE:**

<http://www.scs.edu/school-theological-studies>

All students must register on-line. Information contact: sts@scs.edu or call 610-785-6287.

FALL 2016 COURSE LISTING: UNDERGRADUATE (SEE GRADUATE COURSES ON-LINE).

**STS 202 History of Black Catholics and Saint (Tues)
STS 294 Catechism of the Catholic Church: Morality & Prayer (Mon)**

Registration closes on Monday, August 15th, 2016. Late registrations will be assessed a \$50 fee. The MDPF will not be responsible for late fees.

Contact your Pastor or DRE for 2016 MDPF Scholarship Applications or go to www.martindeporresfoundation.org. Questions regarding scholarship funding email: janel.lavender@martindeporresfoundation.org or call 267-398-2314.

**2016 QUO VADIS VOCATION RETREAT
A GREAT SUCCESS**

By Deacon Wm. Bradley, Director
Office for Black Catholics

Once again, through the generous support of the Martin de Porres Foundation, young African American, African and Haitian high school aged men attended the Quo Vadis vocation retreat in Blackrock, PA. From Thursday June 16th through Sunday June 19th, our 12 young men joined with 55 other great guys from all across the Archdiocese. The Quo Vadis Vocation Retreat, coordinated annually by the Vocations Office of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, was 4 days and 3 nights of great fun, fellowship and food. The returning retreatants got to renew old acquaintances and competitions and the new guys met new friends as they participated in small group activities throughout the 4 days.

This was our third year at Black Rock Christian Retreat Center, located about an hour's drive from Philadelphia, in Lancaster County. As in previous years the activities included sports activities, (Basketball, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee and Tether Ball) swimming, hiking, ropes courses, a water trampoline and a 130 foot water slide. They young men also took part in team building exercises, small group discussions, prayer, daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and a Penance service.

Read More www.martindeporresfoundation.org

www.facebook.com/martindeporresfoundation

www.martindeporresfoundation.org

www.twitter.com/mdpfound

Tell us your parish story or give reflections on program(s) you attended.

janel.lavender@martindeporresfoundation.org

Or call 267-398-2314/267-408-5923

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Catechist Training Nights

August 2, 9, 16, & 23, 2016

Training Night fee: \$10 due by July 29th.

Registration and additional information call 215-587-3541 Office for Black Catholics. Deacon Bill Bradley, Director.

Unbound Ministry

Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 Time: 1 – 3:00 pm

Location: St. Martin of Tours

Lower Church Room

5450 Roosevelt Blvd, Philadelphia

NO Charge to attend. RSVP Required.

Revival – Bishop Ferd Cheri

Dates: Monday/Tuesday/September, 26-27, 2016

Cathedral Basilica

For additional information call 215-587-3541 Office for Black Catholics. Deacon Wm. Bradley, Director.

National Black Catholic Men's Conference

Theme: Blessed is the Man who is Faithful, Fearless & Fruitful

Dates: Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun, October 6-9, 2016

Location: Doubletree Hilton Philadelphia Airport

4509 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19153

Adult Registration: \$150/ Youth: \$50 (age 8-13)/ H.S. & College Students \$75

<http://www.bowmanfrancismistry.com/programs>

For additional info contact Fr. Chester Smith

www.gamba_10333@aol.com or 317-259-0144

Preparing for Congress XII-Day of Reflection

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2016 – 8:30am – 3:00pm

Location: Saint Cyprian Church (lunch included)

63rd & Cobbs Creek Parkway – Phila., PA 19143

To register for the day email: obcphila@gmail.com

2016 Catholic Women's Conference Gathering!

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2016

Location: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa,

Doylestown – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Registration includes breakfast, lunch and hospitality bag.

General Admission: \$50

Groups of 5 or more adults: \$40pp

Religious/Consecrated Women: \$15pp

Young Women's Track (H.S. & College Students) \$20pp

Registration Deadline: Oct. 18th

www.catholicwomensconference.org

Contact your Pastor/DRE about the Martin de Porres Foundation funding.

**NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC
CONGRESS XII**

Thursday, July 6, 2017 to Sunday July 9, 2017

Hyatt Regency Orlando

9801 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

Registration Fee: Adults - \$295/ Youths - \$150

Hotel Registration Fee: Single/Double/Triple,

Quad \$125 + tax

per room – per night.

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*** JULY POWER Updates for St Vincent's Parishioners ***

What is POWER? Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower & Rebuild, founded in 2011, is an interfaith-based community organizing coalition of about 50 congregations—including St Vincent's—who share a commitment to working together to change policies so we can overcome racism and poverty with mutual respect, opportunities and justice for all.

POWER has a sister-org in the suburbs (POWER Metro), one in the Lehigh Valley (POWER Northeast)—as well as about 50 other federations in the PICO National Network around the U.S. As you are reading this, several staff members of POWER have gone to Louisiana to support their sisters and brothers in Baton Rouge in strengthening interfaith responses to and support for their community in a time of great trauma, following the death of Alton Sterling.

Here's POWER's website: www.powerinterfaith.org Your co-chairs for POWER at St Vincent's are Terri Burgin (215-605-7931 tburgin84@gmail.com) and Mary Laver (mlaver14@com-cast.net 610-324-9388). Come to a meeting or contact us to learn more or get involved!!

Voter Registration: Let's do this!

POWER does not support specific candidates, but it does urge everyone who is eligible to exercise their right to VOTE! We have a two-pronged plan: (1) 100% voter turnout from our own parishioners (if you've moved since you last voted, or just turned 18, time to register!) and (2) strong neighborhood registration campaign (deadline: 10/11) and get-out-the-vote effort (election day: 11/8). If you can help, we can train you! Sign up on clipboard in the back of church.

Farewell Party & Raffle for POWER founding director:

Bishop Dwayne Royster, will be honored on Thurs **July 21**, 5:30 to 8:00 pm at Lutheran Theological Seminary (Germantown Ave & Allens Lane). He is leaving POWER to coordinate social justice policy for the PICO National Network. No charge, but freewill offerings will be encouraged, for a Justice Fund in Bishop Royster's name. Gift-baskets will be raffled off, including home improvement tools and Phillies tickets! RSVP to POWER (info@powerphiladelphia.org) or to Mary Laver. Let us know if you need a ride.

Monthly St Vincent's POWER meeting

Mon July 18, 7 to 8:30 PM in the rectory. As people of faith, we are called to be bearers of hope on many fronts now: Violence in Baton Rouge, Minnesota, Dallas and our own neighborhoods. Continued economic desperation. Under-supported schools. Many who don't believe their vote matters. At this meeting, we'll set action-plans and ask for leaders for each project, alongside our sisters & brothers in POWER. If you're looking for a way to "get involved" in these trying times, this could be it!

(over for more news....)

School Funding report

To cap 2 months of "Tabernacle Tuesday" pilgrimages, 300 members of POWER, POWER Northeast (Allentown) & PIIN (Pittsburgh) came to Harrisburg on 6/28 to pray and lobby for full, fair and on-time funding for our schools. **35 were St Vincent's parishioners, including several families! Special thanks to the Jarvis, Chavis, Coelho, Trudeau, and Koppisch families.** Legislators DID pass a budget by the 6/30 deadline, though the education portion was only half of the base-line PA public schools need, and revenue sources are "TBD." So please continue your prayers and "readiness to act" on behalf of our children.

Interfaith Revival during the Democratic National Convention

Mon **July 25** at 6:30 PM at Friends Center (Quakers), 1501 Cherry St.
RSVP to Mary or Terri if you can attend, and if you need a ride or childcare.

What is this? As part of a national tour, Rev. Wm Barber (founder of "Moral Mondays") and Rev James Forbes will bring "The Revival: A Time for a Moral Revolution of Values" to Philadelphia on the first evening of the Democratic National Convention. The purpose: to challenge people of conscience to work for a new social order that puts justice and fairness first! One of the speakers is Sr Simone Campbell, founder of Network (Catholic social justice organization) and the "Nuns on the Bus" program. POWER is encouraging all members of POWER congregations to attend this event and share what they learn.


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Thank you, St Vincent's parishioners, for your continuing prayers and presence as we work together to build a city, a region, a world where all our children can thrive!

NEW AMERICANS IN PENNSYLVANIA



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Immigration Matters #3
New Sanctuary Committee of Saint Vincent
de Paul's Church, Philadelphia

COMMUNITY MEMBERS



Pennsylvania is home to
796,159 immigrants.

6.2% of Pennsylvanians are foreign-born.

9.3% of Pennsylvanians are Latino or Asian.

ENTREPRENEURS

9.1% of all business owners in Pennsylvania are foreign-born.

\$2.2 BILLION in total net business income is generated by immigrant businesses in Pennsylvania.

VOTERS

51.6% of immigrants in Pennsylvania are naturalized U.S. Citizens and are potential voters.

PARENTS

86.9% of children with immigrant parents in Pennsylvania are U.S. Citizens.

88% of children with immigrant parents in Pennsylvania are considered English proficient.

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTORS

- ➔ Latinos and Asians in Pennsylvania have purchasing power of **\$36.3 BILLION**.
- ➔ Undocumented immigrants pay **\$150.4 MILLION** in Pennsylvania state and local taxes.
- ➔ Pennsylvania would lose **\$5.3 BILLION** in economic activity, **\$2.3 BILLION** in gross state product, and approximately **27,718 JOBS** if all undocumented immigrants were removed.

IN-JUSTICE:
How We Lost Promised Relief for Millions of Undocumented Immigrants

Woe to you who make unjust laws... and deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from my people!
Isaiah 10:1-2

The Presidential Initiative

You may remember that, at the end of 2014, President Obama announced an Executive Action granting deferral of deportation to undocumented immigrants who have U.S. citizen children and have been in this country since 2010. He also proposed the expansion of a program that benefits immigrants who were brought by their parents as children, granting them the right to attend colleges or universities. DAPA, or the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans, and DACA, the expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, were designed to benefit **four million people** (in addition to the Dream Act, or original DACA of 2012, that affects **1.2 million** and will not be undone by the ensuing legal action). In the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area, according to the Center for Migration Studies, **67,100** people, our neighbors, were eligible for relief under DAPA/DACA in the year the program was announced.

The Legal Case

Alas! You may also recall that 25 states sued the federal government, arguing that the deferral program exceeded executive powers and caused burdensome expenses to states. You probably know that a U.S. District Court from Texas issued a preliminary injunction to block the program from going into effect in February of 2015. Then, the federal government appealed and lost its case in a Court of Appeals in New Orleans last November, so it went all the way to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, however, is missing one member after the death of Justice Scalia and the Senate's arbitrary refusal to consider the President's nominee, Merrick B. Garland. This story is full of unfair steps and small-minded judicial decisions. But immigrants and their allies like you, the Obama Administration, and many people of good will expected the Supreme Court to rise above the fashionable politics that dictate rejection of immigrants. It could not.

The Supreme Court voted four to four, a deadlock. Its June 23rd announcement says simply: "The judgment is affirmed by an equally divided Court." By "judgment" they mean the Appellate Court's negative decision. Walter Dellinger, Acting Solicitor General under President Bill Clinton, said about this: "Seldom have the hopes of so many been crushed by so few words."

The Effect of In-Justice: Crushed Hopes and New Visions

For two years, hard working immigrant people, many of them part of the anonymous community known as "the working poor," were able to envision a life free of fear of being detained, deported, separated from their families. They imagined their lives in the freedom that we all take for granted. They believed that they had invested enough in a national community that would finally recognize their efforts and embrace them as their own.

The immigrant men and women the President's initiative had in mind have great *equity* in this country. Most are raising children who are citizens. The majority of them have been here at least ten years. They observe the law: reliable studies show the crime rate in immigrant communities is substantially lower than among citizens. Nearly all pay taxes and social security. Some are advanced students. Moreover, they are *workers*. The sectors that employ them rely on them completely, especially in construction, restaurants, cleaning of buildings and public places, landscaping, meatpacking, and agriculture. They work hard for low wages. They often labor in sectors where conditions are harsh and even unsafe. Without a doubt, we all benefit every day of our lives, in one way or another, from the work of undocumented immigrants. But the rhetoric of the extreme right, imbued with a racist ideology, portrays them as takers, not givers; as criminals, not social builders; as burdens for the community, not as sources of life for themselves and for others.

We in the **New Sanctuary Committee of Saint Vincent de Paul's Church** wish to renew with you and before you our continuing desire to work for justice and dignity with and for all immigrant and refugee people. Immigrants show us the way. They do not give up hope. They are strong, they are young, and they have a vision. Thank you for your constant interest and support.

July 2016

A message from Sister Parish Ministry and from our sister community of Las Anonas

This letter from the leaders of our sister community of Las Anonas de Santa Cruz in El Salvador appeared in the recent newsletter of the U.S. El Salvador Sister Cities Network. They express their gratitude for our “unconditional accompaniment” and ask for our continued support, especially now around the issue of sugar cane production that has a horrific impact on their health, their environment, and their animals.

Please also hold in prayer the International Sistering and Solidarity Delegations and Gathering from July 17-25. Delia Landers will take part in a youth delegation and Joanie Brooks will participate in the delegation on climate change and food sovereignty visiting our sister community.

Four other members of the Romero Interfaith Center will travel with us: Kim Daly, Carol Murray, Lance Laver and Nicola White. Please hold all of us, our fellow travelers, and our Salvadoran hosts in your prayers.

All of us will carry your love and prayers with us to Las Anonas. We look forward to reporting back to you on all that we learn while away.

¡Mil Gracias!



Saludos

Dear brothers and sisters,

On behalf of Las Anonas de Santa Cruz community in San Vicente, we send a salute of solidarity to the big family of Sister Cities in United States, especially to our sister committee Philadelphia, hoping that God will bless your efforts towards social development and social justice.

We are infinitely grateful for all these years of unconditional accompaniment from you to our community, as well as to many other sister communities in El Salvador. We feel satisfied for all that has been achieved by our communities and with the international accompaniment during these 30 years.

The 30th Anniversary celebration is a good time to reflect and remember all of the struggles that we have overcome, in spite of the difficulties. Nonetheless, we still face other problems that affect the communities that live in the coastal area of our country, for instance San Vicente and southern La Libertad.

Among these issues it is important to mention the harmful practices used in sugar cane production. Those practices are causing major negative impacts in the environment, the health of people and animals.

For example, burning the sugar cane fields generates harmful amounts of pollution in the air, chemicals used on the crop eliminate the nutrients of the soil and pollute the few water resources that our communities depend on, and the unchecked use of water that is used to water the sugar cane fields is drying our underground aquifers.

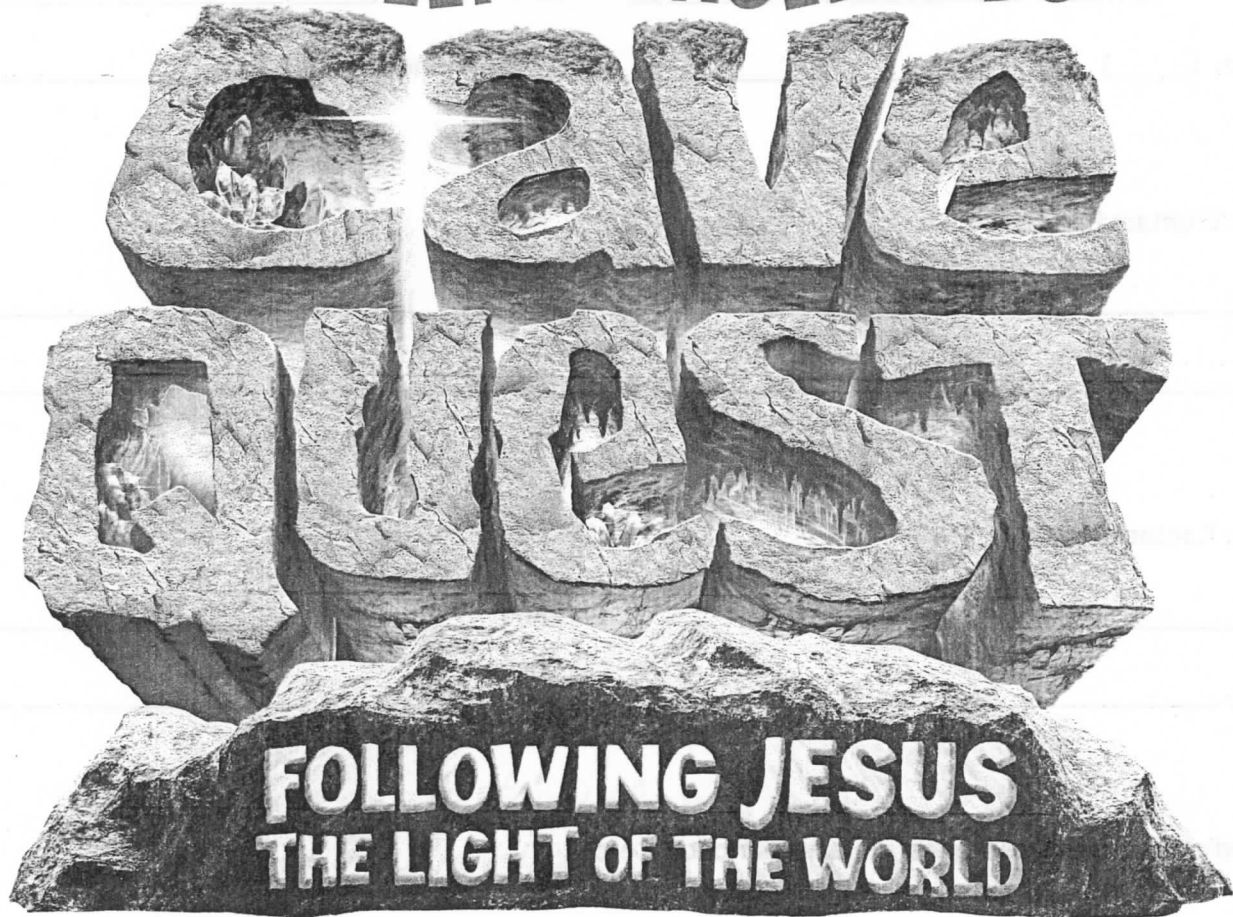
This is a concerning issue for the people who live close to sugar cane fields, since there are many people suffering from illnesses and even death provoked by those practices. It is with this in mind that we energetically invite the international community to renew your commitment in solidarity to accompany the struggles of the people in pursuit of a better quality of life and social justice.

Thank you for helping us to keep the light of hope alive in a world of solidarity and justice.

*Hugs,
The Board of Directors of
Las Anonas, San Vicente*

ST. VINCENT'S

TOTALLY CATHOLIC VBS



What: Cave themed Vacation Bible School with scriptures, fun activities, and a field trip

When: August 3, 2016 (Wednesday) – August 7, 2016 (Sunday) from 11am-4pm

Where: St. Vincent's Church (109 E. Price St. Philadelphia, PA 19144)

Who: Any children between the ages 5-12 are welcome!

Cost: FREE – lunch included

Please return the registration form to St. Vincent's Church by Sunday **July 24, 2016**.

For more information, please email dre@saint-vincent-church.org, or call 808-343-8306 or 641-226-7200.

St. Vincent's Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Child Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

Emergency Contact Person 1:

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Person 2:

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

Known medical conditions, allergies, dietary restrictions, etc. :

I, _____, give permission for my child, _____, to attend the

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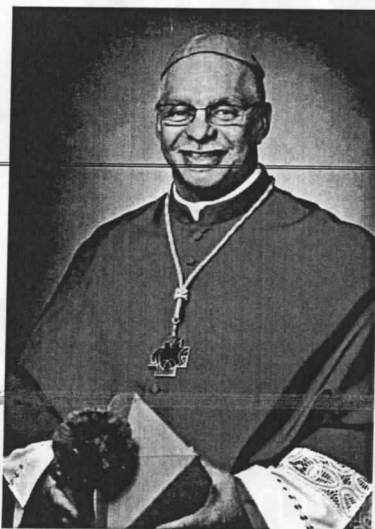
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Bishop Fernand "Ferd" Cheri, III, OFM.

Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of New Orleans

Celebrating the 1st Anniversary of Laudato Si

In the months of June and July, Catholics and people of faith around the world will be celebrating the first anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical, **Laudato Si**, On Care for Our Common Home.

Both the Global Catholic Climate Movement and the US Bishops' Catholic Climate Covenant are urging individuals, families, organizations and parishes to plan events to honor and celebrate this historic document, with the goal of generating at least 1,000 events worldwide.

At St Vincent's, we are planning to celebrate a special **Laudato Si** Liturgy in mid-July. The Mass will call all of us to think deeply and pray strongly for the healing and sustaining grace needed by our Mother, Earth. The Mass will include music, readings and symbols related to Care for Creation. In Addition, all those at Mass will have the opportunity to take the St. Francis Pledge, which reads:

"I pledge to pray, act and advocate to solve the problem of climate change." Taking the St Francis Pledge is the best way for our parish community to take action.

MADAGASCAR

My Dear Friends,

Because of your mercy, compassion and generosity, you have brought **HOPE** to the Church in Africa. I know in this **YEAR OF MERCY** that I will have your support and prayers.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for all you have sacrificed and for your generous spirit that has and continues to bring **HOPE** in Africa.

This year, we have some very exciting ways in which you can help bring God's love, hope and mercy to the poor in Africa.

Please pray for the success of these projects. Thank you in advance for all you do. Please live mercy and give generously, so we can help complete these projects; **GIVING MERCY AND HOPE TO THE POOR IN AFRICA**. If you have any questions about this appeal or would like to consider a bequest, feel free to contact me at (410) 371-0627 or frsy7@hotmail.com.

Please make all checks payable to "**CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION-AFRICA**". Be assured of my prayers and the prayers of hundreds of Vincentians priests, brothers and seminarians in Africa.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Sy



In Madagascar, the Vincentian priests and brothers are hoping to set up a program that helps children with disabilities. Many of these children are orphans, because their families see no hope for them, so they abandon them. This program will develop a forestry program in which the children will be trained and through the growing and selling of trees. This will provide for their basic needs and give hope to these orphans and children with disabilities. Cost \$13,000



CHAD



In Chad, Thank you for all that you have done in building schools and helping build their first church in the Vincentian parish. They have worked hard in building their church, but could use help with furnishing (altar, pews, lectern, etc.) To finish this project, they need only \$7,500.



Please accept my contribution to help,
Thank you!

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Any amount is appreciated!

- \$25
- \$50
- \$100
- \$500
- Other \$ _____
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NIGERIA

In Nigeria, Father Jacob, a Vincentian priest, is starting a ministry called "DePaul hope Social Center". This center helps train widows so that they can provide for themselves and their children. Many of these women are widows because their husbands were killed by the terrorist group Boko Haram. After training, they will be given "micro-loans", so that they can become self-sufficient. Their total need to fund this project is \$21,500. *Please help bring God's MERCY & HOPE to these widows.*



ETHIOPIA

In Ethiopia, a Vincentian priest is building two small homes for widows and their children. Because of the severe draught and extreme poverty there, they need our help. The cost for these two homes is only \$3,500. *Please show mercy and give hope.*



African



Appeal for Hope

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Pope Francis

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LET US PRAY...

O Lord our God, in the name of our Daughters and Sisters of Nigeria we come to you on bended knee in prayer. In the heat of this day, suffering and hardship has visited young ones and we beg you, almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit to bring forth release and mercy on those who have been captured, sold and raped. Reverse O Lord, the spirit of the captors. Restore O Lord, the hope of these young innocent girls and bring Recovery to them and their families. Relieve the injured and Redeem O Lord, this situation and drench it with Your love and mercy. We remember O Lord, how You set the captives free in Egypt and how You carved a way to freedom by splitting the waters of the Red Sea. We remember, O Lord how Your mighty hand brought David out of the lion's den and we ask You, O Lord to do the same for our dear young Sisters and Daughters. We come to You this day, knowing the fullness of Your amazing grace which makes a way out of no way. We thank You O Lord for what You can do and will do in Jesus' name- Amen



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