# St. Vincent De Paul Church

### **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.

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### Parish Staff

- ◆Sylvester Peterka, C.M.
  Pastor, Ext. #218
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- Parochial Vicar, Ext #220
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- ♦Darin P. Williams

Ministers of Music

◆ JoAnn O'Connor Bookkeeper, Ext. #229 ◆ Evelyn Rogers Parish Social Ministry

215-438-1514

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Directors of Religious Education

◆Dan Kraning & Katie Crump

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215-849-0179 267-566-8402

facetofacegermantown.org

♦ My Place Germantown

Jeffrey Williamson Executive Director js@myplacegermantown.org

215-763-6387

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

	MASS	<b>INTENTIONS FOR</b>	THIS WEEK
SUN	08/21	Miraculous Medal	9:00 am
MON		Joseph Mastronardo	11:00 am
MON	08/22	NO MASS	<b>-</b> 00
TUE	08/23	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	08/24	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
		Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	08/26	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI			
SAT	08/27	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN Twenty First Sunday Ordinary Time SAT Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm

### FOR THIS WE PRAY Parishioners

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, Tom Weir, Anoah 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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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	2,527.00
Electronic	3,058.00
Total	5,585.00
Tithe	279.25

### Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21 Psalm: Psalm 117

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

### Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Psalm: Psalm 68

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt

23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt

23:23-26

Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn

1:45-51

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt

25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt

25:14-30

### 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 & Min-istry, (Including each group's Art & Culture) and by... Supporting actions for justice.

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

All children ages 4-13 are welcome to attend when we resume on **September 11** with our leaders, Grace and Corbin.

### 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 Fall! 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.

### PREPARE TO CELEBRATE FEAST OF ST VINCENT

On September 25, we will honor the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul at ONE MASS at 10am followed by a celebration. In the weeks leading up this day, all are invited to reflect on the five virtues of St. Vincent: Simplicity, Humility, Gentleness, Mortification, Zeal - how they have been present in our community, how they have impacted our lives, how we might envision their prominence in our future.

Liturgy Council is looking for 5-15 people who would like to share a brief reflection on ONE of the five virtues of Vincent with our community. You may want to share how you have seen a specific virtue in another community member or how you see the need for one of the virtues and call upon us to live this virtue in the name of Vincent. Please consider helping all of us to make these virtues real and vibrant. If you are willing to share a brief reflection (100 words), please see or contact Valerie Lee Jeter 215-327-1035 liturgy@saint-vincent-church.org Joanie Brooks 267-825-6989 jmblapaz@yahoo.com Thank you for responding to this call.

### **CALLING ALL ARTISTS!**

To honor the feast day of our dear St. Vincent, an art exhibit of creative work by you, the parishioners of St. Vincent's, Germantown, will be displayed throughout the church the weekend of September 24/25. The exhibit is entitled *Our Creative Community: The Art of St. Vincent's, Germantown*.

You are invited to submit up to two original works of art. Please have them either matted or framed and ready for display. You may bring them to your regular weekend mass and leave them in the rectory dining room. Please tape an information tag onto the back of your entries. Tags may be found on the mantle of the dining room. Three dimensional work is welcome; however, display space is limited, so please take this into consideration. If your works are for sale, a price sheet will accompany the exhibit.

All entries must be in **by September 18th**, which is the Sunday before the exhibit. We are looking forward to celebrating the inspiration and creativity of you, our community, as seen in your artistic expressions. Artists of all ages are welcome. If you have questions, you may see anyone on the committee: Julie Kring, Mary Anne Campellone, Diane Zeig or Lynne Horoschak.

### POWER UPDATE

(Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower & Rebuild) www.powerinterfaith.org

### Non-Partisan Voter Registration: Let's do this!

It's important for us as Catholics to encourage everyone to participate in elections, especially those who may feel their voices don't matter. We are all made in God's image! St Vincent's and many other POWER congregations are committed to doing non-partisan voter engagement this election season: Registration (by Oct 11) and "Get Out the Vote" (election day: Nov 8). Volunteers needed; sign up on the clipboard in church:

\*Mon Sept 5 (Labor Day): 12 to 4 PM. Germantown teamcanvassing (meet at rectory)

\*Every Sat from Sept 3 to Nov 5: 12 to 4 PM Neighborhood canvassing (meet at rectory,)

\*Every Sat & Sun after each Mass from Sept 3 to Nov 6: Voter info table in church

**POWER meeting** at St Vincent's: **Mon Aug 22 at 7 PM in the rectory.** All welcome!

### FOOD PANTRY

Please note: The Food Pantry will be closed from August 19 to after Labor Day.

### **DINING FOR DEPAUL CATHOLIC**

Dine at Iron Hill Brewery on Germantown Avenue on **Wednesday**, **August 24** and 20% will go to DePaul Catholic School. Print out a coupon at depaulphila.org. Staff will be there from 4-9pm. We will also be collecting school supplies soon.

### 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	Envelop	Envelope number	
Name			
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Address			
City	State	Zip	
Date of Birth	Home P	hone	
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Full name and re	elationship of all	resident family members	
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()Baptism ()Co Are you interest ()Liturgical Mir (Can you sing, l Please place co or send to the P	ector, teach)  mpleted form in Parish Office and	st Communion	
Rulletin Dead	line: Mondays by	noon Email to	

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		
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Frequency:				
Monthly on the 1st  Monthly on the 15th  Weekly (every Monday)  Weekly (every other Monday)				
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Account Number				
Please debit my checking account per <u>attached</u> <u>voided check</u> . (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:				

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 20TH AND 21ST, 2016

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

**FEAST OF BLESSED FREDERIC OZANAM**: On the weekend of September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast day of Blessed Frederick Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. The Society assists the poor in 140 countries, including the United States.

<u>PRAYER RALLY FOR PEACE</u>: On the *Feast day of Martin De Porres*, September 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be a prayer rally, at 3pm. More information to follow.

<u>TUITION SCHOLARSHIP FORMS</u>: 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 MEETING:**

**Evangelization,** Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30pm.

<u>AMORIS LAETITIA</u>: We will soon have open discussions on Pope Francis' exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" and Archbishop Chaput's pastoral application. You can view them by googling "Amoris Laetitia" and "Amoris Laetitia and Archbishop Chaput".

**<u>DEPAUL CATHOLIC</u>**: The Back to School Supply Drive for DePaul Catholic will be coming soon.

<u>DINING FOR DEPAUL</u>: Dine at Iron Hill Brewery on Germantown Ave, Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, and 20% of proceeds will go to DePaul Catholic School. Go to *depaulphila.org* to print out a coupon to bring with you, and for more information. DePaul staff will be present from 4 pm - 9 pm. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!

**REVIVAL**: Catch the Spirit with dynamic Bishop Ferdi Cheri, at the Basilica, on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30pm promptly. Sign up for buses in the back.

### The DePaul Catholic School

Coupons may not be distributed on Iron Hill premises.

On-site solicitation will result in termination of your event.

Redeem only at Iron Hill Brewery in Chestnut Hill, PA

Offer Valid 8/24/16 ONLY

GIVE © 20...means dine with us on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, and we'll donate 20% of your food bill (excluding alcoholic beverages, gratuity and taxes) to The DePaul Catholic School. Thank you for your support.

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<u>CLOW</u>: Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume Sunday, September 11th! All children ages 4-13 are welcome to attend. Grace and Corbin look forward walking with your children in faith for another year. As always, if you have any questions about CLOW or Sacramental Prep, please feel free to contact us at *dre@saint-vincent-church.org*. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

**NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**: October 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Some application forms are in the back. Some scholarship money for this event is available. For more information, call (317) 259-0144 or go to www.bowmanfrancisministry.com. There are also flyers in the back of the church.

<u>CHURCH & RECTORY CLEANER</u>: We are looking for someone to clean the church, bathroom, and first floor of the rectory. It is about 10 hours a week. Call the rectory, (215) 438-2925, if you are interested.

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DePaul Catholic School will begin this school year on September 6th with nearly 450 students in grades PreK-8th grade – our LARGEST student body since St. Vincent, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Madeline Sophie merged in 1986!

This year we hope to provide supplies to sustain our classrooms throughout the school year. Please drop off supplies in box in church vestibule by September 25th. Thank you for partnering with us!

- Dry erase markers, assorted colors
- Dry erase board erasers
- Sharpie markers, assorted colors
- Pens
- #2 Pencils
- Erasers (for the pencil end)
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Single pencil sharpeners
- Color copy paper
- 3 ring hole punch
- Staplers and staples
- Tape dispensers and tape
- Clipboards
- Index cards

- Pocket folders, assorted colors or a box of red
- Calculators: basic and scientific
- Disinfecting wipes
- Tissues
- Bandaids
- Hand sanitizer
- Board games, various ages (for indoor recess)
- Gift cards to Michaels, Target and Amazon in small quantities to be given to teachers for additional classroom supplies
- Gym supplies: Rubber balls, assorted sizes, basketballs, hula hoops, ring toss, bean bags, nylon pinnies

For regular updates and happenings at DePaul, please visit our website <a href="https://www.depaulphila.org">www.depaulphila.org</a> follow us on Facebook or email Kelly Bielby to receive our enewsletters at kbielby@thedepaulcatholicschool.org



# 2016 National Black Catholic Men's Conference

### 2016 Scheduled Events

### Thursday, October 6, 2016

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

5:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

9:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m.

### Friday, October 7, 2016

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

7:00 a.m.

7:00 a.m.

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

11:15 a.m. - 12 noon

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### Saturday, October 8, 2016

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

7:00 a.m.

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - noon

10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. - 12 noon

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

4:45 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

9:30 p.m.

### Sunday, October 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Registration

Depart Hotel for St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

Men Rally & Gospel Celebration

Light Refreshments at St. Martin de Porres

Return to Doubletree Hotel

Registration

Breakfast (on your own)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Morning Mass

Keynote

Health Fair

Break

Workshops

Break

Workshops

Lunch (on your own)

Workshops

Break

Workshops

Black Rappin' Session

Dinner (on your own)

Reconciliation

"Spiritual Café"

**Eucharistic Adoration** 

### Registration

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Breakfast (on your own)

Morning Mass

Keynote

Health Fair

Workshops

Break

Lunch (provided)

Harambee Town Hall (Adult).

"Code Red" (Youth)

Depart for St. Cyprian Catholic Church

Mass

Reception

Return to Doubletree Hotel

Healing & Commissioning Service

### HOTEL ACCOMMODITIONS

Doubletree by Hilton Philadelphia Airport 4509 Island Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19153

Reservations: (215) 365-4150 ext. 33 or 1-800-HILTONS (445-8667) (ask for National Black Catholic Men's Conference 2016 Rate)

Room Rate: \$139.00 plus taxes (King & Double) \$10.00 for each additional adult over two adults per room.

Make your reservations early. Cut off date for conference rate is 9/23/2016

Reservations received after the cut-off date is subject to space and rate availability.

Complimentary Airport Shuttle from Philadelphia International Airport

Complimentary Parking for all conference participants

# WHY A BLACK CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE?

We are committed Black men, principally Catholic, who recognize our need for God's help!

We gather in Christ's presence in an atmosphere of trust, equality and anonymity to share personal feelings and experiences. We unconditionally accept one another and prayerfully support one another.

We feel encouraged by the Holy Spirit to share with one another.....
Men to Men!

I have come so that you may have life, and have it abundantly:

(John 10:10)

### REGISTER AT:

www.bowmanfrancisministry.com

Adults: \$150.00 High School & College Students \$75.00 Youth Ages 8-13: \$50.00

Mail Registration payment to: Bowman Francis Ministry Project Rev. Chester P. Smith, SVD 815 East 58th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

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October 6-9, 2016 Philadelphia, PA

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### Prepare to Celebrate St. Vincent de Paul and 200 years of Vincentians in the United States

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As a way to prepare for this feast, Liturgy Council is looking for 5-15 people who would like to share a brief reflection on ONE of the five virtues of Vincent with our community. You may want to share how you have seen a specific virtue in another community member. You may see the need for one of the virtues and call upon us to live this virtue in the name of Vincent. Please consider helping all of us to make real and vibrant these virtues held most dear to our beloved Vincent.

If you are willing to share a brief reflection (100 words), please see or contact Valerie Lee Jeter (215-327-1035 or liturgy@saint-vincent-church.org) or Joanie Brooks (267-825-6989 or <a href="mailto:imblapaz@yahoo.com">imblapaz@yahoo.com</a>). The virtues are listed below and on the back of this page, and much more is available online. Thank you, in advance, for responding to this call.

### The Five Vincentian Virtues



### **Simplicity**

This is the virtue St. Vincent loved most. "It is my gospel," he says. Listen to how St. Vincent describes simplicity: "Jesus, the Lord, expects us to have the simplicity of a dove. This means giving a straightforward opinion about things in the way we honestly see them, without needless reservations. It also means doing things without any double-dealing or manipulation, our intention being focused solely on God. Each of us, then, should take care to behave always in this spirit of simplicity, remembering that God likes to deal with the simple, and that he conceals the secrets of heaven from the wise and prudent of this world and reveals them to little ones.

But while Christ recommends the simplicity of a dove he tells us to have the prudence of a serpent as well. What he means is that we should speak and behave with discretion. We ought, therefore, to keep quiet about matters which should not be made known, especially if they are unsuitable or unlawful ... In actual practice this virtue is about choosing the right way to do things." (CR 11, 4-5.

### Humility

Jesus said "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart." Humility is basic to gospel spirituality. The kingdom of God belongs to the poor in spirit. God resists the proud; he raises up the humble. We must stand before God humbly in our daily prayer, and have the attitude of a servant.

### Meekness

Jesus says that the meek shall be happy. St. Vincent believed this word of the Lord and won the hearts of the poor because his meekness developed as warmth, approachability, openness, deep respect for the person of others. Although he tells us that he was irritable by nature, he asked God to change his heart: "Grant me a kindly and benign spirit..." (see Abelly, U. 111, 177-178.)

### Mortification

Jesus calls us to follow him even unto death. He asks us to die to sin daily. St. Vincent knew these gospel imperatives very well. We must be faithful to our duties of serving the poor, and prefer them when they conflict with other more pleasurable things.

### Zeal

Vincent loved, with a burning love. "Let us beg God to enkindle in our hearts a desire to serve him..." (SV XI, 75.) We must labor long as servants of the poor— while remembering that although the Lord asks us to cooperate in his work, it still remains *His* work. So we must strive to live a balanced life, so that we might have the energy that nourishes zeal.

http://vinformation.famvin.org/vincentian-spirituality/virtues-and-charism/



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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!

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To learn more about the Catholic Faith?

\* To earn an undergraduate certificate?

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FOR MORE INFO: Web: SCS.EDU

Phone: 610-785-6287

Email: STS@SCS.EDU

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

### 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.

# Fr. A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem. Ordination to the Priesthood



On July 9, 2016 at the Daylesford Abbey, we celebrated the ordination, with great joy to the priesthood of Rev. A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem.

His first Mass and blessings as a priest were experienced on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Parishes of the Black Apostolate were in attendance, among others to support, witness, and give praises to his ministry.

Many of us have prayed for increased vocations in our communities. By the glory of God, the Lord has blessed us with another African-American priest in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

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Also, may God continue to bless Fr. Jordan as Promoter of the Cause for the Canonization of Father Augustus Tolton.

### About Fr. Augustus Tolton

Fr. Tolton was the first American diocesan priest of African descent. Born the son of slaves in Missouri, he studied for the priesthood in Rome, as no American seminary would accept him because of his race. Ordained in 1886 for the Diocese of Alton, Illinois, he served his first three years as a priest in the city of Quincy, of the same diocese. He later came to Chicago to start a parish for black Catholics, serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago until his passing. At the time of his death, he was only 43 years old. <a href="http://www.archchicago.org/news">http://www.archchicago.org/news</a> releases/news 2015/news 151102.html



# World Youth Day 2016 - Philadelphia to Krakow, Poland

With an unlimited amount of pride, we are excited for three (3) students who were selected by the Office for Black Catholics, with the approval of their pastors, to join other students from around the world in celebration of World Youth Day 2016. It is through the grace of God that they have been given the opportunity to experience the culture, history, and the people of Krakow, Poland. (L-R) Fr. Chris Walsh & Dennell Lewis - St. Raymond; Clifford Bryant - St. Athanasius; & Devon Pigford - St. Barbara. Funding provided by the Martin de Porres Foundation.

We pray for traveling mercies for priests, other religious and students who are separated from home, family, and friends. May they develop new contacts and relationships.

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019 PANAMA!**

### Congratulations - Lester E. Brown

Lester E. Brown – St. Barbara Parish, recently received his acceptance letter from Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana. He will begin orientation for the Fall semester on August 12, 2016. Lester was one of our students who received a MDP Foundation Scholarship for the 2016 Continuing Education Summer Program at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies. We wish Lester all the love and blessings for a successful, spiritual, and knowledgeable education at Xavier University, NOLA.

### SAVE THE DATE

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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 <a href="www.martindeporresfoundation.org">www.martindeporresfoundation.org</a> Questions regarding scholarship funding email: <a href="mailto:janell.lavender@martinde-porresfoundation.org">janell.lavender@martinde-porresfoundation.org</a> or call 267-398-2314.

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### 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 215-5873541 Office for Black Catholics. Deacon Bill Bradley, Director.

**Unbound Ministry** 

<u>Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 Time: 1 – 3:00 pm</u>
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

<u>Dates: Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun, October 6-9, 2016</u>
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.bowmanfrancisministry.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 <u>Date: Saturday, October 15, 2016 – 8:30am – 3:00pm</u> Location: Saint Cyprian Church (lunch included) 63<sup>rd</sup> & Cobbs Creek Parkway – Phila., PA 19143 To register for the day email: obcphila@gmail.com

2016 Catholic Women's Conference Gathering! <u>Date: Saturday, October 29, 2016</u>

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.

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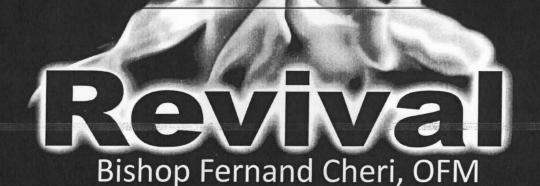
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NBCC XII Theme "The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me: act justly, love goodness, and walk humbly with your God."

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Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of New Orleans

### 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 MER-CY* 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 "CON-GREGATION OF THE MISSION-AFRI-CA". 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.





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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

"Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's Life. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love."

Pope Francis



### 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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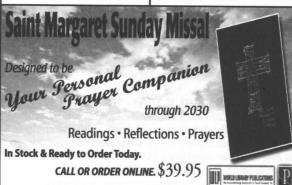
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