



BLACK CATHOLICS IN THE ROCKIES

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BLESSINGS THIS NEW YEAR

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As we begin the New Year of 2009, may we all, Live for Today, Learn From Yesterday, Hope For Tomorrow, Live Simply, Care Deeply, Speak Kindly, Love Generously, Let Faith Guide Us.

This historic year, let us work together for success and let us find peace in the midst of controversy. Let us heal wounds as we battle for justice. In the midst of change and transition, we are creating foundations for positive changes we want to happen. Let's stand for a nation united and build communities where hope can thrive. This can only be achieved with commitment and communication.

The Federal Holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., can be a day to volunteer at nonprofits across the country to help spread Dr. King's message of brotherhood. Along with this St. Ignatius Loyola Church will be sponsoring *Blood of the Martyrs* blood drive in honor of Christian martyrs and Dr. Martin Luther King Day. This is an opportunity to honor their memory by giving the "gift of life". The Bonfils Blood Center will be in Brady Hall on January 19, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Please contact Margaret Wright, 303-639-1240, if you have questions or to schedule an appointment.

Mary L. Leisring, Director
Office of Black Catholic Ministry

Director's Note



Mary L. Leisring

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Black Catholic Retreat
March 20-22, 2009

Director:
Sister Mary Roger
Thibodeaux, SBS

Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat
House
P. O. Box 185
Sedalia, CO 80135
303-688-4198

Cost: \$170.00 for Friday
Evening until Sunday Noon

Arrangements have been
made so you can participate
in a payment plan. Send
monies to Theresa at the
Retreat House.

www.sacredheartretreat.org

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LOCAL NEWS

January 14-17, 2009

Southwest Liturgical Conference
Theme: Pinnacle, Pulpit & Pew –
The Eucharist celebrated, the
Word proclaimed, the Mission,
lived...

These keynote speakers and
more!!!
Most Rev. Joseph N. Perry,
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago,
Rev. J-Glenn Murray, S.J.

Cost:
\$130.00 Registration (complete
conference and banquet)
\$45.00 Single Day (Wed. Thurs.
Fr. and Sat.)
\$55.00 Additional Banquet Ticket

Location:
Sheraton Hotel
1550 Court Street, Denver, CO
80202, 1-800-325-3535
Registration:
Register on line for the Study
Week @ www.swlc.org

For more Information contact:
Liturgy Office@archden.org
Call 303-715-3156



February 27-28, 2009

Living the Catholic Faith
Conference
“Live with Conviction – For the
Love of Christ Compels Us”
(2 Corinthians 5:14)

Mrs. Therese Wilson-Favors will
present two workshops – one on
Friday and one on Saturday
Cost \$55.00 for 1 day; \$75.00 for 2
days. After February 6, the cost
will be \$65.00 for 1 day and
\$85.00 for 2 days. Group rate 10
persons plus - \$55.00 for 1 day,
\$68.00 for 2 days.
www.archden.org/lcfc2009
303-715-3260

NATIONAL NEWS

The National Black
Catholic Congress

Symposium on
Development and
Fundraising

May 28-30, 2009
Indianapolis, Indiana

“Fundraising Is Ministry”

University Place
Conference Center & Hotel
IUPUI
www.universityplace.iupui.edu

REGISTER EARLY!
Space is limited.

\$195.00 per person must be
received by April 26, 2009.

Hotel Reservations:
Room Rate: \$139.00 plus
tax for single, double,
triple, or quad occupancy.

1-800-627-2700 (select
option #1) or (317) 231-
5160. Reservations can also
be made online:

www.universityplace.iupui.edu/redirect/synxix.aspx
When registering online, be
sure to include group
number, 0905NATION to
receive our group rate.

Make check payable to:
The National Black
Catholic Congress
Mail to NBCC Office:
National Black Catholic
Congress
Attn: Fundraising
Conference
320 Cathedral Street
Baltimore, MD 21201-4421

KWANZAA

Each year we celebrate Kwanzaa from December 26 to January 1, I would like to challenge each one of us to choose one of the principles and allow it to influence our lives for 2009.

Kwanzaa is a unique African American celebration with focus on the traditional values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement. Kwanzaa is neither political nor religious and despite some misconceptions, is not a substitute for Christmas. It is simply a time of reaffirming African American people, their ancestors and culture. Kwanzaa, which means “first fruits of the harvest” in the African language Kiswahili has gained tremendous acceptance. Since it’s founding in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, Kwanzaa has come to be observed by more than 15 million people worldwide, as reported by the New York Times. Celebrated from December 26 to January 1, it is based on Nguza Saba (seven guiding principles), one for each day of the observance.

I. UMOJA (UNITY) (oo-MOE-JAH)

To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.

**II. KUJICHAGULIA—(Self-Determination)
(koo-jee-cha-goo-LEE-ah)**

To define ourselves, name ourselves, create ourselves and speak for ourselves.

**III. UJIMA (COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY)
(oo-JEE-mah)**

To build and maintain our community together to make our brothers’ and sisters’ problems our problems and to solve them together.

IV. UJAMAA (COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS) (oo-JAH-mah)

To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit together from them.

V. NIA (PURPOSE) (nee-AH)

To make as our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

VI. KUUMBA (CREATIVITY) (koo-OOM-bah)

To do always as much as we can, in the way that we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

VII. IMANI (FAITH) (ee-MAH-nee)

To believe with all our hearts in our parents, our teachers, our leaders, our people and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

<http://melanet.com.kwanzaa/principles.html>

**Cardinal Stafford Library
At
St. John Vianney Seminary
Archdiocese of Denver**

These are some of the books at the Cardinal Stafford Library which can be checked out for your personal reading. If you have books regarding Black Catholic Ministry or Black Ministry, you might consider donating them to the library or let me know where they can be purchased so they can be added to the library collection.

BL2400.Q56 2002

**African saints: saints, martyrs, and holy people from the continent of Africa
Quinn, Frederick**

1 copy in Regular Stacks

ML2911.C68 2004

**In spirit and in truth: the music of African American worship
Costen, Melva Wilson, 1933 –**

1 copy available in Regular Stacks

BT205.S85 2004

**Jesus of Africa: voices of contemporary African Christology
Stinton, Diane B.**

1 copy available in Regular Stacks

BL2430.S45 1989

**Selections from the Husia: sacred wisdom of ancient Egypt
Karenga, Maulana**

1 copy available in Regular Stacks

BS575.W44 2005

**Just a Sister Away: Understanding the timeless connection between women of today
And women in the Bible *1st Warner Books ed.*
Weems, Renita, J., 1954**

1 copy available in Regular Stacks

SUGGESTED READINGS



SPIRITUALITY

Songs of Our Hearts, Meditations of Our Souls, Prayers for Black Catholics

Edited by Cecilia A. Moore, PhD, C.
Vanessa White, D. Min., and Paul M.
Marshall, S.M.

Resurrection Song

Bridges, Flora Wilson
Mary knoll, New York: Orbis Press, 2001
ISBN 1-5707-5359-8

Canaan Land

Raboteau, Albert
New York: Oxford Press, 1999, 2000
ISBN: 0-1951-4582-2

The Spirituality of African Peoples

Paris, Peter
Minneapolis, MN
Fortress Press, 1995
ISBN: 0-8006-2854-3

Saints of Africa

O'Malley, Vincent J.
Huntington, In Our Sunday Visitor, 2001
ISBN: 0-8797-337-3-X

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: A
BLACK PERSPECTIVE**

“Doing Faith Justice”

Kammer, Fred
Revised Edition
Paulist Press, 2005
ISBN: 0-8091-4227-9



LITURGY

“Plenty Good Room – The Spirit and Truth of African American Catholic Worship”

United States Catholic Conference, Inc.
Washington, D.C. 2005
In Video Part I & II

“In Spirit and Truth – Black Catholic Reflections On The Order of Mass

United States Catholic Conference, Inc.
Washington, D.C. 2005

SCRIPTURE BOOKS

Blackening of the Bible: The Aims of African American Biblical Scholarship

Trinity International Press, 2004
ISBN: 1-56338-363-2

African Proverbs

DeLay, Gerd
Hippocrene Books, December, 1998
ISBN: 0-7818-0691-7

Listening ‘n’: A Multicultural Reading of the Psalms

Reid, Stephen Breck
Abingdon, 1997
ISBN: 0-6870-1194-9

The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church

Pontifical Biblical Commission

PARISH NEWS

Nigerian Mass
3rd Sunday of the Month
1:00 p.m.
Loyola Parish
23rd Avenue & York Street
Denver, CO

SAVE THE DATE

Black Catholic Retreat
March 20 – 22, 2009
Theme: Walking With Jesus
Director: Sr. Mary Roger
Thibodeaux
Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat House,
Sedalia, CO

**XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF
LOUISIANA'S**
Institute for Black Catholic Studies
June 26 – July 18, 2009

DID YOU KNOW

January 3, 1624
**William Tucker, 1st Black child
born in the United States**

January 7, 1890
**William B. Purvis patented
fountain pen**

January 20, 1977
**Patricia Roberts Harris became
1st Black woman to hold Cabinet
position**

INTERNET SITES

AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

A bibliography of articles and books on African American Catholic culture and history.

(www.usccb.org/saac/index.htm)

BLACK CATHOLIC STUDIES

This is a direct link to Xavier University.

(www.xula.edu/IBCS.html)

CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

The mission is to spread the Gospel through contemporary means of communication. Reports the news which affects Catholics in their everyday lives.

(www.catholicnews.com)

IN A WORD PUBLICATION

A publication of the Society of the Divine's Word Media Production Center.

(www.inaword.com)

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The Office of Black Catholic Ministry would like to hear from you, please use the space provided.