Tribute to Congressman John Lewis after a life fighting for equality

From Selma to the U.S. Capitol, as a Freedom Rider and a congressman, John Lewis spent his life fighting for equality. "CBS Evening News" anchor and managing editor Norah O'Donnell takes a look at how he has inspired generations.
How to Stay Safe During the COVID-19 Pandemic
from the U.S. Surgeon General, Jerome Adams

The Gift of Blackness to the Church: An Interview with EWTN’s Gloria Purvis
by Samuel D. Rocha

SAM ROCHA: I want to talk very specifically about anti-Black white supremacy. I believe that discussions of racism need to be focused on anti-Black white supremacy in this historical moment in America, but I would love to hear if you feel this is an appropriate place to start.

GLORIA PURVIS: Oh yes. It is absolutely a good place to start because we never really hear these discussions framed in that way, having us absolutely at
property, that was the very beginning of anti-Black white supremacy and we're still dealing with that sin today. Read more...

Gloria Purvis is a graduate of Cornell University and she worked for nearly two decades in the mortgage industry before becoming a risk management director at a major financial services company. She served on the National Black Catholic Congress’ Leadership Commission on Social Justice, and as an Advisory Board Member on the Maryland Catholic Conference’s Respect for Life Department as well as the Archdiocese of Washington’s Pastoral Council.

Authentic Love
A Guide to Loving Your Authentic Self
By Jordyn Dawson

Many things have changed since the start of 2020. We mourn the loss of Kobe Bryant and his daughter, John Lewis, Reverend Cordy Tindell Vivian, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmad Arbury, family and friends who have lost their battle to coronavirus, and many more. On top of that we continue to see our innocent black brothers AND SISTERS killed by the hands of police. Many videos have circulated the globe of people expressing their concern for our country’s current state, support for the Black Lives Matter movement, and heartbreaking videos of children, mothers, siblings, and all other family members showing their emotions as they try to handle what is occurring in this day and age. Read more...

Identity and Cultural Dimensions of Mental Illness
Black/African American

What happens at the intersection of mental health and one's experience as a member of the Black diaspora? While the experience of being Black in America varies tremendously, there are shared cultural factors that play a role in defining mental health and supporting well-being, resiliency and healing.
Part of this shared cultural experience — like values, family connections, expression through spirituality or music, reliance on community networks and church — are enriching and can be great sources of strength and support. Read more...

Message from the CEO of the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) on COVID-19

Who We Are

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

What started as a small group of families gathered around a kitchen table in 1979 has blossomed into the nation's leading voice on mental health. Today, we are an alliance of more than 600 local Affiliates and 48 State Organizations who work in your community to raise awareness and provide support and education that was not previously available to those in need.

Diversity, Equity And Inclusion

At NAMI, we believe a diverse, inclusive and equitable organization (or Alliance) is one where all employees, volunteers and members — regardless of gender, race, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin, age, sexual orientation, education, disability, veteran status or other dimension of diversity — feel valued and respected.

We are committed to a nondiscriminatory approach and to providing equal opportunity for employment, participation and advancement in all programs and worksites. Read more...

2020 NBCC Webinar Series

UPCOMING WEBINARS
10-MONTH WEBINAR SERIES, BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND FROM 6:00-7:30 PM EDT SERIES ENDS MAY 2, 2021/REGISTRATION ALLOWS ACCESS TO ALL OR AS MANY AS YOU CAN ATTEND.

What's Our Story: NBCC Young Adult and Teen Webinar Series
This series will utilize elements of: social justice, intergenerational exploration, and pop culture to explore where their faith has formed and informed their journey to encounter God, self, and one another.

Presenters:

LAUREN ELIZABETH MORTON – Director of Campus Ministry @Cristo Rey
After completing her Master’s degree from The George Washington University in Washington, DC, she was promoted within two (2) large, for-profit acute-care hospital management companies where she further developed her skills in collaborative leadership, engaging civic and community partners, managing large budgets, personnel management, and developing data-driven tools that led to systematic growth. She joined Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School as the Director of Campus Ministry in July of 2017. In her tenure as the Director of Campus Ministry, she has demonstrated mastery of leadership skills in her approaches with the students and faculty. The Campus Ministry program has a unique approach with the students in program development and execution, particularly where there is a need to holistically educate the students.

JUSTIN T. WHITE – Professor of Theology at Loyola Blakefield
A native of Philadelphia, Justin earned his bachelor’s degree in Sociology from Loyola University Maryland in 2009. Directly after graduating, Justin spent eight years as a Theology teacher to upper-classmen at Cristo Rey Jesuit – Baltimore. Also, during that time he directed the school’s Community Service Program as a component of the Campus Ministry Office. For the past three years he as worked at Loyola Blakefield in the areas of campus ministry, community service, diversity and inclusion work, and teaching Theology. This upcoming school year, he will enter back into the class room full-time at Loyola Blakefield. In his free time, Justin enjoys fellowship with family and friends, Marvel movies, and working for racial justice.
SEPTEMBER TBA
Men's Voices on Domestic Violence

OCTOBER TBA
Healthy Mind, Healthy Faith: How Brain Health Impacts Spiritual Health - and Vice-Versa
Facilitated by Dr. Tricia Bent-Goodley and Panel

CATHOLIC SACRAMENTS AND SACRAMENTALS
Blessing for your Home
from Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Whether you've just moved into a new home or you've lived in the same house for 20+ years, here is a simple house blessing you and your family can do together. You are welcome to take Holy Water from the baptismal font - any container is fine!

Begin with making the sign of the cross together.
Opening Prayer: "When Christ took flesh he made his home with us. Let us now pray that he will enter this home and bless it with his presence. May he always be here among us; may he nurture our love for each other, share in our
Why Addressing Teens about DV Is Important

Abuse among dating couples follows the same dynamics as domestic violence among adults. Data about this intimate partner abuse is shocking. A survey of U.S. high school students suggests that 1 in 5 female students and 1 in 10 male students who date have experienced some form of physical and/or sexual teen dating violence during the past 12 months. Among adult victims of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner, 1 in 5 women and nearly 1 in 7 men first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 and 17 years of age.

Real Girls, Real Stories: Alisa's Story

This video supplement entitled, "Real Girls, Real Stories" is intended for use with the Love Is Not Abuse Teen Dating Violence Prevention Curriculum. The four distinct videos feature young women giving first-hand accounts of the teen dating abuse they experienced in their own lives. These are powerful tools that reinforce much of the content presented throughout the curriculum.

When someone you know is more than 'just a little depressed'
If this video applies to YOU, please look here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqIv8... For more resources, please look here: http://goo.gl/7xUv. If your friend is having thoughts of suicide, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255). A counselor at a nearby crisis center will be on the other end to speak with you about services in your area. Don't stress; the call is confidential and it's free.

Songs In The Key of Love
by Lauren E. Morton

Jesus said to his disciples:

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.
No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
You are my friends if you do what I command you.
I no longer call you slaves,
because a slave does not know what his master is doing.
I have called you friends,
because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.
It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.
This I command you: love one another.”

John 15:12-15
of Life”, its connection to me, and this Gospel reading is a love that I couldn’t have imagined. Stevie Wonder began recording the album in 1974. He almost didn’t complete the project due to his frustration with the US government and injustices. He envisioned that he was being called to Ghana to work with disabled children. He believed that walking with the marginalized was where he was meant to be. He felt solidarity with the community as a black and visually impaired man. However, after a renegotiated contract with Motown Records, he went back to the recording studio with full artistic control. The record company and critics were anticipating this highly ambitious album. After 2 years, Stevie and his team began wearing shirts that said “We are almost finished”. This album, which needed time, went on to win Album of the Year at the Grammys and 44 years later a black woman is sharing the album’s connection to the Gospel and me. Most importantly, its relevance today. I would imagine in his wildest dreams, he wouldn’t have imagined this. Read more...

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After completing her Master’s degree from The George Washington University in Washington, DC, she was promoted within two (2) large, for-profit acute-care hospital management companies where she further developed her skills in collaborative leadership, engaging civic and community partners, managing large budgets, personnel management, and developing data-driven tools that led to systematic growth (See in-depth bio of Ms. Morton above).

Plan For Daily Prayer
Pray 3 Times a Day: Morning Prayer; Mental Prayer for 10 Minutes with Scripture; and Night Prayer.

Morning Prayer
Think ahead to all of your responsibilities for the upcoming day, whether with your job, your family, or your friends. Offer the day to God, dedicating it to Him, making an intentional choice to fulfill all your responsibilities in a way that pleases Him. And beg Him for the grace to live the day well, inviting the Holy Spirit into your soul.

- Recite this Morning Offering prayer:
  Lord Jesus, I worship You. I offer You all of the prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day as a sign of my love for You. Help me to keep You in mind throughout this day, and give me the grace to serve You well.

Mental Prayer with Scripture
Mental prayer is quiet prayer, listening to God. Pray quietly for 10 minutes a day, listening to God, using Scripture. Praying with Scripture is called lectio divina, which means “divine reading” or “holy reading.” This is a way to use the Bible in your prayer. Don’t just read the Bible, pray the Bible! Ask God to speak to you through the very words of Jesus in the Gospels.

- **Carve out 10 minutes in your day** to slowly read the Gospel from Mass that day. Use a phone app such as Laudate, or a website such as USCCB.org (US Catholic Bishops), or a daily Missal, or a magazine such as Magnificat or Word Among Us comprehensive. By using the Gospel of the day, you are praying along with the Church, even through you are not at Mass.
- **Slowly read it again**, looking for a word or phrase that catches your attention. Then stop and think, "What does God want to tell me today through this word/phrase? How does it apply to me or my situation?" Don’t simply try to understand the meaning of the whole reading, but rather focus on words and phrases. After you have reflected for a few minutes, look for another word or phrase.
- **Sometimes God will give ideas or memories**, Other times He will quiet us down and give us peace. Other times He will give us quiet strength to fight temptations. God will have something different to tell us every day.

**Night Prayer**
Before bed examine the past day:
- Remember the good things that you experienced, and thank God for them
- Admit the sins that you committed and ask God to forgive you.
- Think of people you encountered that day in need of prayer and ask God to bless them.

*Pause quietly and ask the Holy Spirit of God to enter your soul. Sit quietly with Him for a few minutes. Enjoy His presence within you; let Him calm you down and encourage you.*

**Pray a decade of the Rosary** (10 Hail Mary’s).

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**STAY WITH ME, LORD**

Prayer after Communion

*Written by St. Pio of Pietrelcina*

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You I am without meaning and hope.

*Read more...*

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Want to Know More About the Catholic Church?

Learn about the symbolism behind everything from the church building to the altar and the vestments.

- The Sanctuary, "which is the focal point for the church's prayer and worship...is frequently elevated...(which) conveys its importance as the center of prayer."
- "The altar is also our family table, the table of the Lord... (although) the word altar was rarely used because people associated that word with temple worship..."
- The Processional Cross, is used in Mass to signify how we are to "follow Christ by taking up his cross" in our lives.

Click [here](#) to order the pamphlet and learn more about the Catholic Church and Catholic Faith.
“Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.”

1 John 3: 2-3

My Life, My Testimony
By Gwen Martin

I am extremely honored to have been asked to give my testimony on how the Lord brought me into the great commission.

I grew up in the Catholic church – a cradle Catholic, as some would say. We were deeply steeped in Catholicism. My mother grew up in the church when mass was said in Latin, and I grew up hearing Latin as a little girl, never knowing what the priests were saying, but feeling that somehow the statues spoke to my heart, my mind, and my soul.

My education was from Catholic schools, from first grade to my first year attending a Jesuit college. The priest would come to our house to give the sacrament of the sick for my mother who was ill. I tell you this to show that my understanding of Catholicism is pretty extensive. It was in the Catholic Church that I fell in love with the Lord Jesus Christ, though at that time I only knew the stories from the Gospels and how to pray the rosary. It was enough to hook me.

Read more...
Sacred harmony in a stairwell sends shivers, goes viral
by Sarah Robsdottir | Aletia

Kings Return, an a cappella vocal group rooted in Gospel, jazz, R&B and classical music, recently wowed their fans with a rendition of the classical Latin piece *Ubi caritas*. **Sung from the heart of an ordinary stairwell, the choral acoustic perfection has gotten a lot of praise** — over 14,000 shares and streams of comments, with listeners expressing their heartfelt gratitude: “That brought tears to my eyes …” “Positively breath-taking …” “Heavenly.” [Read more...](#)

HAITI MEETS MERCY
We held a Faustina performance in memory of the victims of the 2010 Haiti Earthquake.

“I was four years old, standing next to my big brother in the kitchen. ‘Get under the table! Fast!’ he yelled before the house began to crumble around us. “Then everything was dark and silent. I found myself alone, under that table, surrounded by cement rubble. For eight days I had no food, and I think the water I found was given by Jesus to keep me alive. When I was rescued, I learned that my brother had died instantly.” [Read more...](#)
Legacy - Yolanda Ownens, owner of iwiFresh
Season 1 ends with Yolanda Owens, owner of "iwiFresh Garden Spa" and her reflections on a life lived with a golden legacy as she moves from one-fifth position to another.

How we show up
Co-Host Dedra and our guest Tracy discuss how they show up! As prayer partners, they have forged a unique friendship that pushes past the barriers of insecurity. This connection is about vulnerability, consistency, and authenticity.

Pivot Points: "Keep Building"
Every experience in life is equipping you for the next level, nothing we've gone through is wasted. Continue to build, grow and expand.

USCCBClips
Episode 20 - Open Wide Our Hearts- The Pastoral Letter Against Racism
With Danielle Brown
In playlist: USCCB First Freedom Podcast
An Update on the Causes for Canonization

'Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA,' left an indelible mark on her community and on her Church. She lovingly taught young people about the joy of being Christian, she challenged her church to accept her as "fully black and fully Catholic," she embraced her suffering with a willing spirit and she called all to a living faith (1). In May 2018, Sister Thea Bowman was declared a servant of God, a first step toward sainthood.

Venerable Henriette Delille, CSFN was born a “free person of color” in New Orleans in 1813, Delille experienced a religious conversion when she was 24 years old. To aid the sick and the poor in her community, she founded the Society of the Holy Family, which later became the Sisters of the Holy Family. The canonization process was initiated by the order in 1988, and a declaration of 'Venerable' was given to Delille by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010. Generally, a person must have two proven miracles attributed to their intervention before they are beatified. Currently, two miracles attributed to Delille are under investigation (2).

Servant of God Julia Greeley was born into slavery, at Hannibal, Missouri, sometime between 1833 and 1848. Freed in 1865, Julia subsequently earned her keep by serving white families in Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico—though mostly in the Denver area. Whatever she did not need for herself, Julia spent assisting poor families in her neighborhood. When her own resources were inadequate, she begged for food, fuel and clothing for the needy. As part of the Cause for Canonization, Julia’s mortal remain were transferred to Denver’s Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on June 7, 2017 (3).

Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, OSP. Although little of her early history is known, Lange is believed to have been born circa 1784 in Santiago de Cuba to an affluent family. Seeking an area of greater peace and security, Lange left Cuba for the United States, settling in Baltimore, MD. Well-educated and financially secure due to her family's wealth, Lange took charge of educating Black children in her own home in Baltimore at her own expense, and went on to establish a religious order of women for the education of Black children as the foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence. In 1991, the canonization process officially opened with a formal investigation into her life of union with God and works of charity (4).

Venerable Father Augustus Tolton was born into slavery in 1854, in Missouri. Unable to enter the seminary in the U.S., he was ordained a priest in Rome in 1886, and was the first recognized African American priest. Tolton served the Black apostolate, first in Quincy, IL, and later at St. Monica Church in Chicago, IL. The Augustus Tolton cause for canonization was announced by Cardinal Francis George in 2010. On June 11, 2019, Pope Francis issued the declaration that Father Augustus Tolton lived a life of heroic virtue thus advancing him to the title, The Venerable Father Augustus Tolton. (5) (6).

Venerable Pierre Toussaint was born a slave in 1766 in what is now Haiti. Pierre worked as a house slave inside a plantation owned by Jean Berard. He was educated by the family's tutors. When political unrest came to the island, Pierre accompanied his master's wife to New York. In New York Pierre trained as a hairdresser and earning his own money, and when his own family fell on hard times, he used that money to take care of them. Madame Berard freed him upon her death in 1807. Pierre was a very devout Catholic, and attended Mass every day for more than 60 years. He was also a teacher of the faith and could explain the church's teachings well and simply. In addition to helping others with the money he made, he gave a great deal of money to help finance the construction of the original St. Patrick's Cathedral on Mulberry Street. When Pierre died in 1853, he was buried in the cemetery of the cathedral. But in 1990, the cardinal in New York had his remains moved to the crypt in St. Patrick's Cathedral where only cardinals and archbishops are
“What does it mean to be black and Catholic? It means that I come to my church fully functioning...I bring myself, my black self, all that I am, all that I have, all that I'm worth, all I hope to become. I bring my whole history, my traditions, my experience, my culture, my African-American song and dance and gesture and movement and teaching and preaching and healing and responsibility as a gift to the church.”

-- Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman

138th Anniversary of the Death of Servant of God Mary Lange
by Camille Brown

On January 25, 2020, supporters of the cause for Servant of God Mary Lange joined in song and prayer to commemorate the 138th Anniversary of Mother Lange’s homegoing. Sister Rita Michelle Proctor, the Superior General of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, welcomed everyone with the news that we should pray especially that the submitted Positio will be accepted in Rome and that Mother Lange will soon be named Venerable. Thank God that we are still standing under God’s Mantle of Providence!

Deacon Timothy Tilghman delivered the homily that reminded us of the rich Black Catholic history that reaches back to Phillip and the Ethiopian Eunich (Acts 8:26).

He said that "Mother Lange was a woman of color who invited us to carry the spirit in our hearts. She came to speak the language of love to everyone. This allowed the darkness of our time to be overcome by the light as we are called to be witnesses to the faith, to go out and proclaim the Gospel."

The liturgy ended as all who attended were invited to a light fellowship lunch in the Motherhouse. This time allowed for renewed friendships, meeting of new friends and reminders about our common goals to support the Oblate Sisters of Providence and pray for the beatification and eventual canonization of Mother Mary Lange, OSP. Please check the website at motherlange.org for more information about Mother Lange’s cause.

Dr. Camille Lewis Brown
Dr. Camille Lewis Brown holds a B.A. in History from Franklin and Marshall College, an M.A. in Theology from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Boston College. Dr. Brown founded the Bakhita Fund to provide educational assistance to children around the world. She has been a missionary to Africa for 17 years and taught for 11 years at St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia. During her 27 years in Catholic education, Dr. Brown has been a teacher, principal, author, lecturer and leader. She has penned many articles and four books, most notably, African Saints, African Stories: 40 Holy Men and Women.
VIDEO CONFERENCING 101: How to look good for Zoom meetings

Gia Goodrich shows how to look good on zoom with your computer webcam. In this video she goes over the best angles for your computer and the best lighting so that you can look good in zoom, google hangouts, and facetime using your computer.

ALLELUIA TO AMEN
By Justin McClain
Notre Dame, Ind. — Alleluia to Amen is an indispensable resource for parish leaders and volunteers looking for prayers to offer at gatherings outside of Mass. Justin McClain, author of Called to Pray and Called to Teach, provides busy leaders with original and traditional prayer to help lead their faith community in prayer with confidence and ease. Click here to order.

AN AFRICAN GOSPEL
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Discover the major episodes in the life of Jesus as depicted with the native people and landscapes of the Mafa region of Northern Cameroon. Contains 65 striking illustrations, texts from Scripture, and commentary to help understand the art. Click here to order.

BROWN GIRL MAGIC
By Dalilla Hermans; Illustrated by Fantinha Ramos
Noon gets home from school, sad and angry. Someone
made fun of her dark skin and wild curls. He told her she should leave. But Noon doesn’t want to leave. And she shouldn’t, because Noon is perfectly fine the way she is. In fact, she’s MAGICAL.

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THE MINDFUL CATHOLIC
By Dr. Gregory Bottaro
Whether we are going through our routine, trying to pray, or talking with others, the way our minds work significantly impacts how well we function. But many times we may feel like our mind has a “mind of its own.” Watch the video below for more information about the topic of Catholic Mindfulness.

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SISTER THEA BOWMAN: DO YOU HEAR ME, CHURCH?
By Peggy A. Sklar
Sister Thea Bowman was a well-known educator, evangelist, gifted singer, scholar, and advocate for diversity and the inclusion of African Americans and African American culture in the Catholic Church. Her story is intertwined with the disparities and injustices experienced by African Americans in Mississippi.

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SLAYING DRAGONS: WHAT EXORCISTS SEE & WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW
By Charles D. Fraune
This book takes the great wisdom of some of the leading exorcists in the Church, including Fr. Chad Ripperger, Fr. Gabriele Amorth, and Fr. Jose Antonio Fortea, among others, and packages it into an approachable and intriguing book that conveys critical insights into the activity of the diabolical and spiritual warfare tactics with which we must be familiar.

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By Ijeoma Oluo
Widespread reporting on aspects of white supremacy—from police brutality to the mass incarceration of Black Americans—has put a media spotlight on racism in our society. Still, it is a difficult subject to talk about. How do you tell your roommate her jokes are racist? How do you explain white privilege to your white, privileged friend?

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WHITE FRAGILITY: WHY IT'S SO HARD FOR WHITE PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT RACISM
By Robin DiAngelo
In this book, antiracist educator Robin DiAngelo illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility and shows us that racism is not restricted to 'bad people', but it is the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially.

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Upcoming EVENTS

Tuesday, July 28th | 7:00 PM EDT
A VIRTUAL EVENT:
HOW TO VIEW, DISCUSS, & ACT TOWARDS RACISM AS A CATHOLIC
How can we more authentically live as the true body of Christ in our parish communities? Join Catholic women within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for an informational evening where we'll:

- Engage in Catholic teaching on racism
- Offer resources for further education
- Open for Q&A

REGISTER HERE
Toltón’s Legacy: A Road Map to Unity - 2020 Vision

We believe that the life example of Augustus Tolton can be used as a road map to achieve healing and direction. Join us for a time of prayer, presentations, and dialogue as we strive to educate and inspire in the hopes of eradicating racism in the Church we love.

Save the Date – Saturday, August 29, 2020

Date: August 29, 2020 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. CST
Virtual Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Venue:  Zoom.us
Email Questions to: tolton@outlook.com
Who is Tolton:  https://tolton.archchicago.org/about

Free Registration: www.eventbrite.com/e/toltons-legacy-a-road-map-to-unity-tickets-113914238554

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Full-Time Director of Music Position
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
San Antonio, TX

Contact Person: Very Rev. Kevin P. Fausz, CM, VU
Contact Phone: 210/532-3358
Contact e-mail: kevin.fausz@archsa.org

Description: Holy Redeemer Catholic Church is the only African American Parish in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. It is a vibrant growing parish of 340 families located on the Eastside of San Antonio. We are looking for someone who has a passion for ministry and can creatively and energetically grow a music ministry program, that includes diverse sacred music offerings (anthems, church hymnody, spirituals and traditional as well as gospel music). The candidate should desire to work with a team, participating in and fostering a spirit of unity and collaboration.

Duties: The responsibilities would include: developing, coordinating and implementing our parish musical programs including the coordination of all
choirs for a quality and consistent musical Sunday experience, the directions of choirs, advanced musical planning with clergy, assistance with recruitment and retention of choir volunteers.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: A degree in music, music theory, musical education or choral performance is preferred. Ability to read music is required. Prior experience is preferred.

How to apply: Resumes and cover letters should be sent to Very Rev. Kevin P. Fausz, CM, VU, Pastor kevin.fausz@archsa.org

**Online Enrollment Counselor and Processor**
Franciscan University of Steubenville

Department: Online and Graduate Enrollment

Schedule: Monday-Friday, Part-time Hours, Occasional travel may be required

Please apply online at: https://www.franciscan.edu/human-resources

**POSITION SUMMARY**
The Online/Graduate Enrollment Counselor and Processor is responsible for making initial contact with inquirers and for providing thorough customer service throughout the entire admissions process and beyond. This position will assist with the processing of documents and applications for both online and graduate programs.

**Assistant Director, Career Services**
Franciscan University of Steubenville

Department: Enrollment

Schedule: Full-time; Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., some evenings and weekends and occasional travel is necessary

Please apply online: Franciscan University Staff Positions

**POSITION SUMMARY**
The Assistant Director of Career Services offers individual career counseling, internship advising, and job search advising to students and alumni; develops and presents workshops; and develops positive relationships with students, employers, faculty, staff, alumni, and parents. The Assistant Director also serves as primary administrator of career services’ technology systems and provides leadership and assistance in web-based technology.

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**A Call For Papers**
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati’s African American Pastoral Ministries and Social Action Offices are collaborating with our local seminary, Athenaeum of Ohio - Mount Saint Mary Seminary to plan a two-day Symposium in July 2021. The symposium will include the following elements:

1. Catholic Theologians and Catholic Historians [people of color] would submit white papers to address Catholic teaching theologically, anthropologically or historically on Racism in America.

_Ideas Still Being Developed:_
* Understanding Fallen Nature: "Rooted in Racism"
* What is the common good?
* How do we engage history?
* What is the role of policing in our society?
2. A panel of academics will publicly discuss the white papers. The audience will be engaged through a question and answer format.

3. Target Audience: U.S. Bishops, Ohio Conference of Bishops, Theologians, Ecumenical Clergy/Black Clergy, and Archdiocesan Ministerial Leaders

If you are interested in participating by submitting a white paper [criteria is being developed]; or participating on a panel; or by attending. please respond to: rwinters@catholicao.org.

Additionally, please forward names of those whom I should contact reference submitting a white paper or participating on a panel. If you would like to talk offline, please call me at 513.652.2206 [cell].

In Faith & Prayer
Deacon Royce Winters

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