



E-Newsletter SUMMER/FALL, 2009 Michael Youngblood, Director



Embracing the Diverse Face of God in Today's Church

On April 28-May 1, 2009, The Diocese of Toledo sponsored a week-long series of workshops and missions on diversity in the church with Fr. Domingo Rodriguez Zambrana, S.T.

Fr. Domingo Rodriguez Zambrana, S.T. gave three parish missions, a talk at St. Francis de Sales H.S. with the Hispanic Club, a Mass and talk with diocesan staffs, and a workshop for diocesan priests.

PICTURE: Fr. Domingo with Anita Garraway and Josie Campos from St. Martin de Porres Church

INTERREGIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION CONFERENCE

The IAACEC will be held on November 13-15, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN. The theme is "Continuing the Journey: Listening, Living and Sharing the Word." This Conference will also feature the George Findley Institute with specialized workshops on Evangelization, Youth Ministry, Catechesis and Adult Leadership. For more information go to the website at www.iaacec.com or contact the Black Catholic Office.

YEAR OF ST. PAUL: NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT

The Ohio Commission of African American Catholics sponsored a Convocation on Saturday, June 27, 2009 at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Canton, Ohio. This day-long gathering focused prayer led by Deacon John Algee, the Holy Spirit Choir from Cleveland and the St. Josephine Bakhita Dancers from Columbus. The Most Reverend George Murry gave a keynote presentation focusing on Evangelization and Catechesis. Over 40 people including youth traveled from the Diocese of Toledo for this day.



**PICTURED: NELL LESTER,
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
LIMA; LIZ, DRUMMER FROM
COLUMBUS; DEACON JOHN
ALGEE, DIOCESE OF
TOLEDO; AND BISHOP
GEORGE MURRY, S.J.**





“How can they call on him in whom they have not believed? How can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent? (Romans 10:14-15)

“The Spirit of Jesus Alive Today: Pentecost in Our Time.” will begin this Fall in parishes and schools around the diocese. This evangelization initiative with those who don’t have a church home to join us from worship and to a deepen relationship with Jesus.

As the logo above indicates, the church is fully a part of the neighborhood; it brings it the Word of Life. The Holy Spirit is among us, holding gently but firmly our hearts filled with “the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish” of our time. By virtue of our baptism, we Catholics are sent into our world: our families, our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our towns and rural areas, our nation, to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ that his Holy Spirit is with us always.

The Diocese, in preparation for the celebration of its centenary (2010), is reaching out to all people within its 19 counties through an evangelization effort involving visiting homes and inviting people to discover the communities of faith that are our 129 parishes.

Many people will be needed to make this project a reality: those who pray, those who prepare, and those who are sent. In some way every member of the Catholic community of the Diocese of Toledo will be a part of this evangelization effort in whatever way he or she is called.

May the Holy Spirit who holds us gently yet firmly, inspire us to be messengers of God’s Good News in Jesus Christ.

REVIVAL 2009

Our annual Revival will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Martin de Porres Church in Toledo. Our revivalist will be **Fr. J-Glenn Murray, S.J.** Fr. Murray is the parochial vicar at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church, a Jesuit parish in Washington, DC. Fr. J-Glenn is also the former director of the Office of Pastoral Liturgy for the Diocese of Cleveland. He has written articles and books on liturgy and is a frequent speaker at national conference including the Archbishop Lyke Conference.

CARDINAL FRANCIS ARINZE COMES TO OHIO

On July 17-18, 2009, His Eminence Francis Cardinal Arinze came to Cleveland, Ohio to give a series of presentations on Interreligious dialogue, and the Role of the Family in Contemporary Society. This visit was on the occasion of the Nigerian American Cultural Center of Cleveland.

Francis Arinze was born in Eziowlle, Anambra State, Nigeria in 1932. Francis Arinze became the youngest Roman Catholic Bishop in the world. Cardinal Arinze is the President Emeritus, Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue at the Vatican; Prefect Emeritus, Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments of the Roman Curia.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15, 2009

Take A One Loved One to the Doctor Day

Sponsored by the Tom Joyner Morning Show in cooperation with various health agencies. Join us at the Erie Street Market for health screenings, and medical information: 95.7FM and the Toledo Lucas County Minority Health Board

September 20, 2009 (Sunday)

Erase the Hate: Taste of Diversity

Toledo Botanical Gardens

1:00-5:00 p.m.

October 21, 2009 (Wednesday)

Black Catholic Revival

6:30 p.m.

St. Martin de Porres Church, Toledo

Revivalist: Fr. J-Glenn Murray, S.J.

November

Black Catholic History Month Concert

St. Peter Catholic Church, Mansfield

Interregional African American Catholic Evangelization Conference
(IAACEC)

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY: Listening, Living, and Sharing the Word

November 13-15, 2009

Indianapolis, IN

The George Findley Ministry Institute

November 12, 2009

Indianapolis, IN

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

AN EVENING WITH FR. R. TONY RICARD, Archdiocese of New Orleans
Author "A Collection of Lessons from Fr. Tony's Momma, Jesus and Fr. Tony"
Monday, February 1, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Site: Notre Dame Performing Arts enter
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*"So we are ambassadors for Christ,
as if God were appealing through us."
2. Cor. 3:20*