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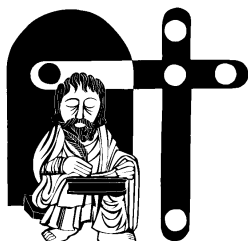


Black Catholic Ministry

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POPE PROCLAIMS YEAR DEVOTED TO ST. PAUL

A Jubilee Year dedicated to St. Paul will be held from June 29, 2008 to June 29, 2009 to mark the 2000th anniversary of the apostle's birth. Pope Benedict XVI announced the Pauline Year at a vesper service on June 28 in the Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls in Rome.

The year will include a myriad of events in the areas of ecumenism, liturgy, prayer, art, history, archaeology, pastoral initiatives, and pilgrimages.

Resource:

PAUL: Least of the Apostles

The Story of the Most Unlikely Witness to Christ

By Alain Decaux

Pauline Books and Media

ISBN: 0-8198-5958-3



ERASE THE HATE CAMPAIGN

The annual Erase The Hate: YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE campaign will begin with the Taste of Diversity on Sunday, September 21, 2008 at the Toledo Botanical Gardens sponsored by the Toledo

Board of Community Relations with music, cultural displays, and ethnic foods. The Erase the Hate campaign will proceed throughout the year with various programs sponsored by religious and community groups.

The Erase the Hate Campaign is a collaboration of Toledo-area religious, educational, and community organizations and agencies. We work together to develop programs that encourage an appreciation of diversity.

For more information or a schedule of events, www.erasethehatetoledo.org

POPE URGES CHURCH TO HELP OVERCOME RACISM IN MODERN SOCIETY

Excerpts:

Pope Benedict XVI warned that racism is alive in modern society, and he urged the church to help overcome all forms of racism intolerance.

He said racism today is often tied to economic and social problems. Although such problems may be real, they can never justify racial discrimination, he said August 17 (2008)

...the church today is made up of people of every race and culture, and part of its mission is to help forge bonds of communion between races.

Catholic News Service
August 17, 2008

BLACK CATHOLIC REVIVAL

Our annual Black Catholic Revival will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Martin de Porres Church in Toledo. Our guest Revivalist will be **Deacon Arthur Miller**, Archdiocese of Hartford, CT. Our theme is “Is There Still Good News?”



Deacon Art Miller is an author, radio host, revivalist, and retired businessman, Deacon Miller is director of the Office for Black Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Hartford. In addition to his assigned parishes, he is also the Catholic chaplain at Hartford’s Capital Community College. A nationally known preacher of God’s Holy Scripture, he has traveled throughout the country raising the need of conversion to “Radical Love”. The kind of self-denying love that can only be accomplished through the grace and power offered to us through Jesus Christ. Deacon Miller has preached throughout the United States, from New England to the Katrina ravaged gulf coast of Mississippi, from the Rocky Mountains of northern New Mexico, to the south side of Chicago, he teaches and preaches Christ’s call to His life changing “Radical Love”.

Come join us for an evening of Praise to God, and also be revived by some good preaching and music. The evening will also feature the St. Martin de Porres Gospel Choir with special musical guest **Sacred Ministries**.

**CELEBRATING OUR ANCESTORS:
THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED:**

On Saturday, November 1, 2008, we invite you to join us for a Eucharistic Liturgy for “ALL SOULS DAY” at Saint John the Evangelist Church in Lima, Ohio. Our Gospel Mass will be celebrated by Reverend Chester Smith, SVD from Indianapolis, IN at 4:00 p.m. followed by a dinner reception. Fr. Chester Smith is the past president of the National Black Catholic Clergy Association and founder of the Ambassadors of the Word Ministry. Fr. Smith is a gifted preacher spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ with his twin brother, Fr. Charles Smith. Transportation will be provided from the Catholic Center in Toledo.

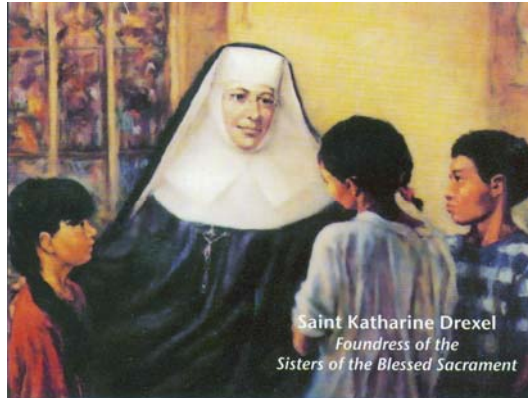


150TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

November 26, 1858 is the 150th Birthday Anniversary of Saint Katharine Drexel. In October 2000, Saint Katharine Drexel was canonized a saint by Pope John Paul II in Rome. Saint Katherine Drexel was the foundress of the Blessed Sacrament Sisters and the first and only Black Catholic University in the United States: Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. From the age of thirty-three until her death, she dedicated her life and a family fortune to the education and opening of mission schools for Black and Native American children. At her death in 1955, there were more than five hundred sisters teaching in sixty-three schools throughout the country. Her feast day is March 3.

On November 1, Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with the blessing of the National Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel. The Shrine is located in Bensalem, PA.

Each year, during our Diocesan celebration of Black History Month with the Toledo Symphony we acknowledge educators with the “Saint Katharine Drexel” Award for their dedication to the young people of our diocese.



SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL PRAYER
1858 - 1955
CANONIZATION: OCTOBER 1, 2000

Ever Loving God, you called Saint Katharine Drexel
to teach the message of the Gospel and
to bring the life of the Eucharist to
the Black and Native American peoples.

By her prayers and example,
enable us to work for justice among the poor and oppressed.
Draw us all into the Eucharistic community of your Church,
that we may be one in you.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Opening Prayer Feast Day Liturgy
www.katharinedrexel.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

REVIVAL

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

St. Martin de Porres Church, Toledo

6:30 p.m.

Revivalist: Deacon Arthur L. Miller, Archdiocese of Hartford, CT

GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT

Sunday, October 26, 2008

3:00 p.m., St. Peter's, Mansfield

To kick off Black Catholic History Month (November)

The Holy Rosary & St. John the Evangelist Gospel Choir of Columbus will perform.

The Choir is under the direction of Vernon Harriston.

This event is sponsored by St. Peter's Mansfield

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THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

REMEMBERING OUR ANCESTORS

Eucharistic Liturgy and Dinner

St. John the Evangelist Church, Lima

Saturday, November 1, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Chester Smith, SVD

(Transportation from Toledo area)

FEAST OF ST. MARTIN DE PORRES MASS

Sunday, November 9, 2008, 10:30 a.m.

St. Martin de Porres Church, Toledo

BLACK CATHOLIC INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:

Diocese of Toledo

www.toledodiocese.org

Diocese of Toledo: Black Catholic Ministry

www.toledodiocese-spl.org

National Black Apostolate for Life

www.blackcatholicsforlife.org

Secretariat for African American Catholics

www.usccb.org/saac

National Black Catholic Congress

www.nbcccongress.org

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