

**Diocese of Toledo**



**Black Catholic Ministry**

**e-newsletter**

**March-April, 2009**

**Michael Youngblood, Director**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT: WHAT'S HAPPENING**

- On February 22-25, 2009, I attended the **Catholic Social Ministry Gathering** in Washington, DC. The theme was "Christ Our Hope: Healing a Broken World". I was invited to attend as a part of the Diversity Outreach Initiative sponsored by the USCCB Secretariat for Justice, Peace, and Human Development. This gathering brings together Catholic leaders to focus on issues around Catholic Social Teaching to learn, advocate and strategize to change and support legislative agendas around Catholic Social Teaching. The gathering featured many excellent speakers such as Mr. John Carr, Executive Director of the Secretariat for Justice, and Peace; Archbishop John Baptist Odama, Archbishop of Gulu, Uganda, and Archbishop Pietro Sambini, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. During the gathering, we were able to take issues to Capitol Hill to discuss them with our local Congress and Senate representatives. We were also nearby during President Barack Obama's historic first State of the Union speech.
- The Ohio Commission for African American Catholics will host a Day of Reflection on the Year of St. Paul on June 27, 2009 in Canton, Ohio in the Diocese of Youngstown. The day will feature keynote speakers, workshops, and powerful prayer experiences. The Keynote speakers are the Most Reverend George Murry, SJ, Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown and Deacon Shelby Friend of the Diocese of Cleveland. We will charter a bus from the Catholic Center in Toledo.
- Thanks to everyone for a wonderful celebration of Black History Month. We began with a spirited liturgy with the Most Reverend Shelton Fabre from New Orleans, a Prayer Breakfast with Fr. Ted Parker from Detroit, and an inspirational Lenten Evening of Prayer with Sr. Pat Haley from the Diocese of St. Petersburg, FL.

### **BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION FUND**

On the weekend of March 1, 2009, we began the collection for the Black and Indian Mission Fund. This fund is used for evangelization efforts in African American and Native American communities. Our diocese benefits greatly from this collection. This fund helps to provide emergency tuition assistance for Catholic schools, ongoing formation of lay leaders, and financial assistance to

people to attend national conferences, gatherings and cultural events. Events supported by the fund: Black History Month events, Stand Up Sisters Retreat, Men's Prayer Breakfast, Annual Revival, Lyke Conference, Congress activities, etc. This collection also helps the church to minister to our brothers and sisters in poor areas around the country. Many parishes and schools are still recovering from Hurricane Katrina. Look in your envelope packet and give to this fund.



**PICTURES OF THE MONTH**

Rose Marie Parker, Sr. Pat Haley and K. Laverne Redden share a visit to the African American Legacy Museum in Toledo.

**(photo by Robert Smith)**



**Men's Prayer Breakfast at Michael's Restaurant with Fr. Ted Parker from Detroit, MI**

**APRIL IS MINORITY HEALTH MONTH**

The Toledo-Lucas County Commission on Minority Health

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2009

8:30-10:30 A.M.

Toledo Hospital's Education Center Auditorium

Speaker: Dr. Alvin D. Jackson, MD

Director, Ohio Department of Health

Sunday, April 19, 2009

Healthy Heart Forum sponsored by the SMDP Wellness Ministry

St. Martin de Porres Church-Toledo following 10:30 a.m. Liturgy

## ARCHBISHOP LYKE CONFERENCE 2009

The Archbishop Lyke Conference will be held on June 18-21, 2009 in New Orleans, LA at the Doubletree Hotel. The Conference will be preceded by the Clarence Rivers Music Institute and the Liturgical Dance Institute on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "In Christ All is New".

The Archbishop Lyke Conference is a national African American Catholic liturgical conference which seeks to teach, train, and form liturgical ministers in a culturally rich atmosphere which inspires and encourages participants to enrich worship services in their home parishes. It also seeks to develop and inspire youth to recognize and share their giftedness, time, and talents in fostering Christian values.

The Conference is named after the late Archbishop James P. Lyke, former Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland and Archbishop of Atlanta. Archbishop Lyke wrote many pastoral reflections on liturgy and to the youth.

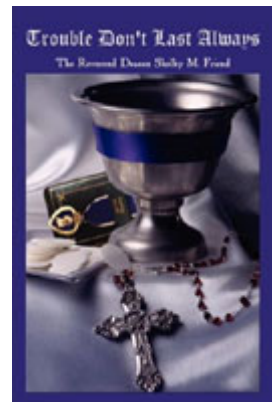
We are gathering a Diocese of Toledo group. Financial assistance is available for registration. We are looking at some fundraisers. If you are interested, please let me know.

For more information can be accessed at the website at [www.lykeconference.com](http://www.lykeconference.com).

## TROUBLE DON'T LAST ALWAYS

Trouble Don't Last Always is a story of an African American Vietnam veteran, now a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church, and how through the grace of God and with the support of his family, friends, and church community, he survived the difficulties and hardships that life gave him and his family.

In the introduction, Rev. Friend states, "This is not a book about race, or some poor black boy who did well. Neither is it a story intending to depict God as some kind of dealmaker who will give us anything we ask if we are willing to worship and follow Him. "This is a story of an African-American Vietnam veteran, now a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church, and how through the grace of God and the support of his family, friends and church community, he survived the difficulties and hardships that life gave him and his family." The book deals frankly with growing up poor and black in Greeneville, but also has much to say that is good about the love and support that he received from family, friends, and the African-American community here. There is no bitterness, only life lessons, lovingly passed along.



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **April 26, 2009**

Erase the Hate Youth and Family Event  
Notre Dame Academy High School Auditorium,  
3535 Sylvania Ave  
3:00-5:00 p.m.

The theme is TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

### **April 27-May 1, 2009**

#### **Embracing the Diverse Face of God in Today's Church**

Presenter: Father Domingo Rodriguez Zambrina, S.T.  
Workshops and Mission Nights throughout the Diocese of Toledo

### **Tuesday, May 5, 2009**

18<sup>th</sup> Annual Central City Ministry  
Urban All-American Celebration  
Keynote Speaker:  
Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, Diocese of Las Cruces, New Mexico  
6:00 p.m., Gladieux Meadows, Toledo

### **May 28-30**

NBCC Symposium on Development and Fundraising  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Sponsored by the National Black Catholic Congress, [www.nbccongress.org](http://www.nbccongress.org)

### **June 11, 2009**

Diocese of Toledo Family Day at Cedar Point  
Purchase your discount tickets at the gate.  
Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry office

### **June 18-21, 2009**

Archbishop Lyke Liturgical Conference  
"In Christ All Is New"  
Doubletree Hotel, New Orleans, LA  
[www.lykeconference.com](http://www.lykeconference.com)

### **June 25-28, 2009**

SANKOFA YOUTH SUMMIT  
Jamaica, New York  
Sponsored by the Ambassadors for the Word Ministry

YEAR OF ST. PAUL: "Like Saint Paul, I Never Would Have Made It"  
Ohio Black Catholic Gathering  
**Saturday, June 27, 2009**  
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church  
Canton, Ohio  
Keynote by the Most Reverend George Murry, SJ  
Transportation from Toledo

**BLACK CATHOLIC INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:**

Diocese of Toledo: Black Catholics	<a href="http://www.toledodiocese.org">www.toledodiocese.org</a> (under Pastoral Leadership)
National Black Apostolate for Life	<a href="http://www.blackcatholicsforlife.org">www.blackcatholicsforlife.org</a>
Secretariat for African American Catholics	<a href="http://www.usccb.org/saac">www.usccb.org/saac</a>
National Black Catholic Congress	<a href="http://www.nbccongress.org">www.nbccongress.org</a>
In A Word Publications	<a href="http://www.inaword.com">www.inaword.com</a>

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