

2012 National Black Catholic Congress

Archdiocese of Detroit Information Packet



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So what is the National Black Catholic Congress and what happens there? Congress is a convocation of two to three thousand Black Catholics (laity and priests and bishops) from across the USA, Canada and Caribbean. For four days we come together to celebrate our Catholic faith in connection with our Afro-American ancestry, identity and culture.

In 1987, over 1500 Catholic Christians gathered at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. to revive the National Black Catholic Congress Movement that began in 1889. Our founder, Daniel Rudd, was convinced that the Catholic Church had a powerful message to proclaim within the Black community, across the nation, and around the world.

As they met in five congresses from 1889-1894, our ancestors in the Movement were not afraid to meet the challenges that existed within the Church and society. However, they remained hopeful for the potential of the transformative role of Catholic evangelization in the African-American community and beyond. They gave us the legacy of a *faith that is engaged* to follow the Great Commandment of the Lord (cf. Matthew 22:37-40) and to fulfill the Great Commission from the Lord (cf. Matthew 28:18-20).

Twenty-five years later, thousands will gather in Indianapolis for the National Black Catholic Congress XI from July 19-21, 2012. God has done great things through us! **Congress XI is a time to reflect on these accomplishments.**

God invites us to do greater works as we consider the needs of our time. Faith that is engaged recognizes that active disciples in the Church need to be renewed and alienated disciples need to be reconciled. All are welcome to experience deeper faith in Christ, actively following Him within the fellowship of the Church.



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Come join the
Archdiocese of Detroit’s
Black Catholic Ministries

As we travel to the
National Black Catholic Congress’

Congress XI

July 19-22, 2012
Indianapolis, Indiana

DETROIT’S CONGRESS XI ITINERARY

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

2:30 p.m. Depart for Indianapolis, IN
8:00 p.m. Arrival at the J.W. Marriott, Indianapolis

Thursday, July 19, 2012

8:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony
9:00 a.m. General Session
9:30 a.m. Workshops (Youth, Young Adult & Adult)
10:45 a.m. Workshops (Youth, Young Adult & Adult)
12 noon Lunch
1 p.m. General Session

2:00 p.m. Workshops
4:30 p.m. Opening Eucharistic Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Special Events

Friday, July 20, 2012

Similar schedule to Thursday

Saturday, July 21, 2012

9:00 a.m. General Session
9:30 a.m. Workshops (Youth, Young Adult & Adult)
12 noon Closing Liturgy
2 p.m. City Tour/City Events

Departure Date and Time still TBD

COST:

Total Cost per person
*includes Congress Registration,
4 night hotel accommodations and
deluxe motor coach transportation*

Single: \$845.00

Double: \$565.00

Triple: \$472.00

Quad: \$425.00

Cost breakdown:

Congress Registration: \$200.00 per person

Hotel: \$140.00 per night
*(includes taxes and up to
a quad occupancy)*

Transportation: \$85.00 per person
*(includes estimated 2012
price increases)*

