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Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late.

~ Habakkuk 2:2-3



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2011 Black Catholic Ministries HOUR of POWER Revival Series

"After many years of Black Catholic Ministries' Annual 3 day Revival, things will be moving in a new direction", said John Thorne Coordinator of Black Catholic Ministries.

This year Black Catholic Ministries will launch a 4 week revival series to be known as the "Hour of Power." Every Wednesday from May 11 through June 1, we will have four gifted preachers and choirs to help us *Press our way Toward Pentecost*.

This revival series is a perfect for people who need a boost in their busy schedules it will energize and revitalize all who attend. Come on out and be blessed!



Wednesday, May 11, 2011

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Church of the Madonna

1125 Oakman Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48238

Fr. Ricardo X. Bailey
Atlanta, Georgia

Fr. Bailey has made quite a name for himself not only in the Archdiocese of Atlanta but throughout the United States. In 2005, he was featured in Ebony Magazine as a future leader under 30 years old. Fr. Bailey served as Associate Director of Vocations for the diocese and is currently the Chaplain at Blessed Trinity High School near Atlanta.

Bailey, also known as "Fr. Crunk," is the host of a radio show in which he evangelizes the youth of Atlanta.



Wednesday, May 18, 2011

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo

1491 Baldwin St.
Detroit, MI 48214

Rev. Dr. Clarence Williams, CPPS
Detroit, Michigan

We are happy to welcome home, Fr. Clarence Williams, C.P.P.S. former Director of the Office for Black Catholic Ministries as a guest preacher at this years revival series.

A noted African historian and lecturer, Fr. Clarence is back in Detroit wearing the hat of Pastor again. Fr. Clarence is pastor of Holy Innocents—St. Barnabas Parish in Eastpointe and Roseville.



Wednesday, May 25, 2011

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Christ the King

16805 Pierson Ave.
Detroit, MI 48219

Deacon Alex Jones
Detroit, Michigan

Deacon Alex Jones, is no stranger to the Archdiocese of Detroit. A Pentecostal pastor for over 30 years, Deacon Jones made a long journey of faith that brought him and 30 members of his congregation into the Catholic Church.

His personal testimony and witness is moving!



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Wednesday, June 1, 2011

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart

1000 Eliot St.
Detroit, MI 48207

Rev. Otis Moss, III
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. Otis Moss, III is the Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, IL. Moss is a gifted and prophetic preacher who brings the message that love and justice are inseparable companions, forming the foundation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Moss' inter-generational preaching gift has made him a popular speaker on college campuses and at churches across the globe. Moss is a graduate of Morehouse and Yale School of Divinity.

BCMGC CD...The Buzz of the Town

The Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir's new CD "Been Good to Me" has been receiving rave reviews throughout the Metro Detroit area.

Marrissa Hill from St. Cecilia Parish said: "BEEN GOOD TO ME = GREATNESS...I HOPE THAT GOD CONTINUES TO BLESS U & YOUR MINISTRY :-)"

LaNaita Thomas from Corpus Christi Parish said: "The CD Sounds GREAT!!! Everyone that has listened to it, friends and family, agree and are loving it!"

CDs are \$15.00 and the proceeds will help purchase the new *Lead Me Guide Me* // hymnal for the 17 parishes that participated on the recording.



Historical Moment: Our Lady of Victory Parish



Our Lady of Victory Parish was established in 1943 as a mission of Presentation Parish in Detroit to serve the African-American Catholic community in the Eight Mile/Royal Oak area. Racial tension led to the need for the mission as white parishioners from Presentation did not welcome African-Americans who wanted to worship at their parish.

Anna Bates, an immigrant from Bermuda, led the effort to establish Our Lady of Victory Mission. The first mission church was housed in a converted drug store at the corner of Eight Mile and Cherrylawn. Reverend Alvin J. Deem celebrated the first Mass at Our Lady of Victory Mission in October of 1943 on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Due to the efforts of Anna Bates and Rev. Deem and with help from the Archdiocesan Fund, the mission was able to

purchase the old St. Julian Parish and move it to land donated by local businessman Doc Washington at the corner of Eight Mile and Washburn. The first Mass was celebrated at the new site in the Fall of 1946. The church was dedicated December 15, 1946 by Edward Cardinal Mooney.

Our Lady of Victory Elementary School was built in 1954 and overseen by the Oblate Sisters of the Providence Order from Baltimore. The school closed in 1970.

Our Lady of Victory merged with Presentation in 1975; however, both churches continued to offer Masses to their parishioners. Our Lady of Victory Church closed in 1982. Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish is now located at Meyers and Pembroke in Detroit. Anna Bates passed away 1983.

*For more information on Our Lady of Victory Parish purchase: **Our Lady of Victory: The Saga of an African American Community** by Shirley Slaughter.*



April 16 Evangelization Session To Focus on the Power of Music

The April Installation of “Where the Rubber Meets the Road” Practical Strategies for Everyday Evangelization will feature an outstanding line up of musicians from the Metro Detroit Area.

John Lajiness, one of the Coordinators of Evangelization for the Archdiocese said: “This session is doubly exciting because not only will we explore the power of music as a means to invite people into deeper relationship with Christ and the Church, but we will hear stories, testimonies, tips and music from some of the most incredible musicians recognized not only in Detroit, but nationally as well.”

The April 16 session entitled “Sweet Music: The Power of Music and Conversion” will feature:

Santiago Fernandez – Music Minister at St. Damien of Molokai Parish in Pontiac and nationally

recognized recording artist, composer and speaker for Oregon Catholic Press.

Steve Petrunak – Music Minister at St. Blase in Sterling Heights, Dove Award Nominee and nationally recognized recording artist, composer and speaker for GIA Publications.

John Thorne – Pastoral Associate and Music Minister at Sacred Heart Church in Detroit, and Coordinator for Black Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Detroit. John recently produced a CD, *Been Good to Me* now available at Catholic Book Store 313-962-4490.



Theology of the Body Conference @ Madonna University

The ‘Theology of the Body’ was the topic of a series of 129 lectures given by Pope John Paul II during his Wednesday audiences in the Pope Paul VI Hall between September 1979 and November 1984. During these lectures Pope John Paul II outlined his integrated vision of the human person—body, soul and spirit. As he explained, the physical human body has a specific meaning and is capable of revealing answers regarding fundamental questions about us and our lives:

- Is there a real purpose to life and if so, what is it?
- Why were we created male and female? Does it really matter if we are one sex or another?
- Why were man and woman called to communion from the beginning? What does the marital union of a man and woman say to us about God and his plan for our lives?
- What is the purpose of the married and celibate vocations?
- What exactly is "Love"?
- Is it truly possible to be pure of heart?

The 2011 “**Why the Fig Leaf?**” is a unique conference that is a Theology of the Body for our times.

The Conference will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan. Registration is \$30 for adults and \$20 for students, lunch is included.

Featured keynotes are: Dr. Janet Smith from Sacred Heart Major Seminary (Healthy Passion: Understanding the Owner’s Manual); Bill Donaghy from the Theology of the Body Institute (God Sex and the Meaning of Life) and Dr. Mary Healy of Sacred Heart Major Seminary (Reclaiming Eden: The Only Cure for a Lovesick World).

For more information or to register online go to: www.aodonline.org/theologyofthebody



YOUTH BEAT

YFACT Youth Leadership Team is looking for a few good SAINTS!

Just over two years ago, a partnership between City Youth Ministers/Volunteers, Black Catholic Ministries and Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries resulted in the formation of a youth leadership team.

After the initial gathering of young people they decided on a name that will not only designate themselves but also speak to the mission they are on in their parish communities. The name YFACT (Young Faith Activators of Christ's Teachings) was chosen.

Over the past two years this group has had a leadership weekend retreat, participated in the Summer Youth Leadership Training sponsored by the Archdiocese, attended the Archbishop Lyke Conference (A Black Catholic Liturgical and Life

Conference) and planned and coordinated a Lock-In at the Romulus Recreation Center.

While the work of YFACT is growing, we are still looking for more young people to come and join in this leadership experience.

The YFACT leadership team is open to high school students in grades 9-12. If you are interested in being a part of this team see your parish youth minister or call Joyce Francois, Central Region Coordinator in the Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry Office (313) 237-5812.



Youth Lock-In April 29th-30th



On Friday, April 29, Detroit's Catholic Youth will take over the BOLL Family YMCA for YFACT's 2nd Annual Lock-In.

The Archdiocese of Detroit's YFACT Urban Youth Leadership Team, in conjunction with the City Parish Youth Ministers, are sponsoring their 2nd Annual Youth Lock-In at the BOLL Family YMCA in downtown Detroit.

Come for an evening of fun, while learning how we can be part of a change in our CITY!

Start: **Friday, Apr. 29th @ 7:30 p.m.**

End: **Sat. Apr. 30th @ 7:00 a.m.**

Cost: **\$15.00**

Grades: **9th-12th**

INFO: See your Youth Minister or call 313.237.5812

Central Region Timothy Awards

Young people are doing a lot of amazing things both in our parish and in our community. Yet often times, if they are not the star athlete or have the highest GPA they fall through the cracks and do not get the notice that they should.

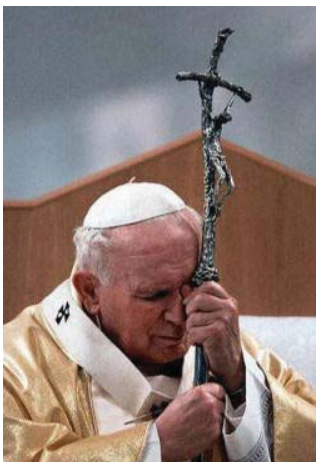
On Saturday, June 4, 2011, the Central (City) Region Youth Ministers will host the Timothy Awards. The Timothy awards do not recognize young athletes or students for their academic achievement, but rather for their service in the parish and in the community in which they live and work.

So please save the date! Join Bishop-elect Donald Hanchon the the city community as we celebrate our young people and recognize the great things that they do.

Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish 4200 Martin Street (off Michigan Ave. near Livernois).



JPII Beatification set for May 1



Friday, January 14, 2011 the Holy See released the "Decree for the Beatification of the Servant of God John Paul II."

This is an amazing feat for an amazing, humble and gentle man who was the face and voice of the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world for 26 years.

For many people of Detroit, his visit in September of 1987 still seems fresh in our memory. The address at Hart Plaza and the Mass at the Silverdome. It was a memorable event for all people of the Christian Church of Detroit, even St. James Baptist Church's choir sang for the Pope.

On Sunday, May 1 Pope John Paul II will be beatified. It seems only fitting that this wondrous occasion would take place on the Feast of Divine Mercy, a devotion that was close to his heart.

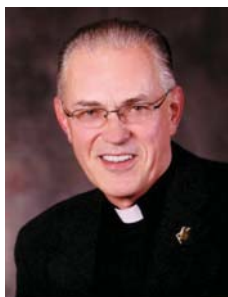
As a man, Pope John Paul II was so filled with the love of God that it was contagious. He had a heart that embraced the whole world like the Heart of the One whom he represented on earth.

There is no doubt that we had a saint in our midst. A man so filled with Jesus Christ that, like the Apostle Paul, he no longer lived but "Christ lived in him." (Galatians 2).

Soon Pope John Paul II will be known as "Blessed John Paul II." There is little doubt that soon, we will also affirm what the miracles effected by his continued intercession confirm, that John Paul II really is a Saint.

New Auxiliary Bishops Named

Pope Benedict XVI has named two local priests, Monsignor Donald Hanchon and Father Michael Byrnes, to be auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Bishop-designates Hanchon and Byrnes will be ordained as the archdiocese's 26th and 27th auxiliary bishops, respectively, on May 5 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. Auxiliary bishops aid the archbishop in the pastoral care of the archdiocese.



Bishop-designate Hanchon, 63, was born in Jackson, attended St. Mary grade school in Wayne and Sacred Heart Seminary High School in Detroit. He attended Sacred Heart Seminary, St. John's Provincial Seminary, University of Notre Dame, and University of Detroit,

and was ordained a priest Oct. 19, 1974. He has spent his priesthood serving at a number of parishes in Detroit, Monroe, Warren and Port Huron. He has been pastor of Holy Redeemer in Detroit since 1999 and in 2009 was named episcopal vicar for the archdiocese's Central Region. He also has taught at Sacred Heart Major Seminary and has served as archdiocesan coordinator for Hispanic ministries.



Bishop-designate Byrnes, 52, was born in Detroit and went to St. Mary of Redford grade school and Detroit Catholic Central High School, and the University of Michigan. He began ministerial work in campus ministry at Eastern Michigan University and entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary in 1990. He was ordained a priest May 25, 1996 by Cardinal Adam Maida at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. He later received a doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He has taught at the seminary and ministered at parishes. He has been vice rector of Sacred Heart Major Seminary and pastor of Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish in Detroit since 2004.



Fr. William T. Cunningham Choir performs Mozart's Requiem

The Fr. William T. Cunningham Memorial Choir continues its 6th season with a number of exciting concerts, including the performance upcoming Requiem Mass by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart on Friday, May 20th..

William Sean Harrison, the group's founder and artistic director said "this will be an exciting season for the William T. Cunningham Choir, citing their upcoming June Tour of Montreal. We have seen growth in our membership as well as in our concert attendance. We are really making our mark on the City of Detroit."

Since its inception the group has fulfilled its mission of keeping the tradition of Spirituals as well as choral and classical music alive with a spirit of Excellence

The Fr. William T. Cunningham Memorial Choir

invites you to their performance of Mozart's Requiem on **Friday, May 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. - St. Scholastica Parish 8251 W. Outer Drive (at the Southfield Fwy) Detroit, MI 48219.**

Tickets: \$20.00/Senior (65+) & Students w/ID \$15.00.

For more information call: 313-868-4308.



Spirit Awards honors those who keep the SPIRIT alive



The New logo for the Urban Parish Spirit Awards that calls us to 'Catch the Spirit'!

For the 2nd year Black Catholic Ministries teamed up with the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance's Urban Parish Coalition to present the 3rd Annual Urban Parish Spirit Awards.

The Urban Parish Spirit Awards was formed to recognize people within our parishes that

embody the spirit of our parishes through the leadership and/or service that they provide to the community.

Msgr. Donald Hanchon, Episcopal Vicar of the Archdiocese's Central (City of Detroit) Region said: "The gifts of the Church in our region are to be celebrated and as a pastor in this region, I am happy to be a part of this celebration as we celebrate so many of you." Msgr. Hanchon later joined in a rousing vocal number of "Side By Side" in both English and Spanish!

This year's celebration included the Juan Diego dancers and a musical ensemble from Holy Redeemer Catholic Church as well as the Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir.

In the midst of the 29 honorees, was the first youth to ever receive the award, Joshua Davis from St. Suzanne/Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish. Joshua, serves in his community as the lead Altar Server and assists in many capacities including working with the parish St. Vincent de Paul Council.

It was once said that many hands make the load light, and we are grateful for the many hands in parishes across the city that allow our various ministries not only to come alive, but push us towards excellence as we are determined to thrive.

We salute all of the 2011 Spirit Award Honorees as we look forward to the 2012 Celebration



Happenings in the Black Catholic Community

April 2011

- 16 **"Sweet Music" Evangelization Series** 9 a.m.
Sacred Heart Major Seminary
- 17 **The Way of the Cross Concert** 4 p.m.
St. Mary's of Redford Free
- 29 **4th Annual Vigil for Peace on OUR Earth**
6:00 p.m.
SS. Peter and Paul (Westside)
- 29 **YFACT Lock-in** 7:30 p.m.
Boll Family YMCA \$15.00 (313) 237-5812
- 30 **Women's Prayer Breakfast** 9:00 a.m.
Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Reservations: 313-297-6550

May 2011

- 1 **Beatification of Pope John Paul II**
- 1 **Igbo Catholic Community Mass** 2 p.m.
St. Cecilia Parish
- 5 **Auxiliary Bishops Ordination** 2 p.m.
Msgr. Donald Hanchon
Fr. Michael Brynes
Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- 11 **Hour of Power Revival** 7 p.m.
Preacher: Fr. Ricardo Bailey (Atlanta, GA)
Church of the Madonna

- 14 **Theology of the Body Conference** 8:30 a.m.
Madonna University (Livonia, MI)
- 14 **Evening of Elegance Concert** 7 p.m.
Sacred Heart Choral Ensemble
Sacred Heart Church (Detroit) \$10.00
- 18 **Hour of Power Revival** 7 p.m.
Preacher: Fr. Clarence Williams, C.P.P.S.
St. Charles Borromeo Parish
- 25 **Hour of Power Revival** 7 p.m.
Preacher: Deacon Alex Jones
Christ the King Parish

June 2011

- 1 **Hour of Power Revival** 7 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. Otis Moss, III (Chicago, IL)
Sacred Heart Church (Detroit)
- 4 **Central Region Timothy Awards** 7 p.m.
Youth Recognition Awards
Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
- 6-8 **St. Cecilia's Annual Revival** 7 p.m.
Preacher: Fr. Maurice Nutt
St. Cecilia

Save the Date



National Black Catholic Congress XI

**July 19-22, 2012
Indianapolis, IN**

More Information Coming Soon!

If you are interested in
being a part of the
DETROIT Delegation

Call John Thorne @ (313) 596-7103