

## OLQP MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church is dedicated to witnessing the teachings of Jesus Christ, especially the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Chapter 25:31-46. Our mission is to nurture the spirit and to encourage the potential of those we serve through liturgical celebration, educational endeavors and social ministries. The parish will continue to identify with its origin as a Black parish. As a multi-ethnic congregation we will seek to promote racial harmony and social justice. While our primary focus is within the immediate community, we will also work to provide for the well-being of the downtrodden everywhere. In this we strive for our parish community to be a caring, sharing, and loving family.

## OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

November 19, 2023

### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 23, 10:00am

Misa del Día de acción de gracias

Jueves, 23 de noviembre, 10:00am

**Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!**  
**¡Bienvenidos a OLQP Iglesia Católica!**

#### Contact / Contacto:

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#### Office Hours

#### Horas de oficina

Monday-Friday — 8:30am to 4:30pm  
Lunes a viernes — 8:30am a 4:30pm

#### Website / sitioweb:

www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org

#### Live Stream Mass Schedule:

#### Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:

November 18-19 — 5:30pm and 1pm Spanish  
18-19 noviembre 5:30pm y 1pm en español

#### Masses / Misas:

##### Weekdays / Días laborables:

Mon-Fri 12pm / lunes a viernes 12pm

##### Weekend Mass Schedule /

##### Horario de misas de fin de semana:

Saturday Vigil — 5:30pm

Misa de vigilia sábados - 5:30 pm

Sundays — 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am,

1:00pm (Spanish) & 6:00pm (Young Adult)

Domingos — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am,

1:00 pm (español) y 6:00 pm (Misa de jóvenes adultos)

Since you were faithful in small matters,  
I will give you great responsibilities.

*Matthew 25:21*



Puesto que has sido fiel en cosas de poco valor,  
te confiaré cosas de mucho valor.

*Mateo 25,21*

#### DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN DE OLQP

La parroquia de la iglesia católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz se dedica a dar testimonio de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, especialmente el Evangelio de San Mateo, Capítulo 25:21-46. Nuestra misión es nutrir el espíritu y alentar el potencial de aquellos a quienes servimos a través de la celebración litúrgica, labores educativas y ministerios sociales. La parroquia continuará identificándose con su origen como una comunidad afro-americana, pero reflejando una congregación multi-étnica y continuará promoviendo la armonía racial y la justicia social. Si bien es cierto que nuestro enfoque principal es la vecindad comunitaria, continuaremos trabajando para proveer por el bienestar de los más necesitados en general. Es así como nos esforzamos para hacer de nuestra comunidad parroquial una familia que comparte y se preocupa por sus miembros.

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:  
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:  
CAMPAÑA PARA EL DESARROLLO HUMANO



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

19 de noviembre de 2023

Trigesimotercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION / PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL**

### **Baptism / Bautizo:**

Please email Baptism Coordinator Juderica Dias,  
baptism@olqpva.org.

Por favor mande un correo electrónico a la coordinadora de los bautizos, Juderica Dias, baptism@olqpva.org.

### **Marriage Preparation/ Preparación para el matrimonio:**

Please contact the parish office at least six months before your wedding date to complete requirements.

Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia seis meses antes de su matrimonio para completar todos los requisitos.

### **Reconciliation / Reconciliación—Confesión:**

Fr. Ray Hall Library

*Biblioteca Fr. Ray Hall*

Saturdays, 4:45-5:15 pm and by appointment.

Los sábados: 4:45-5:15 pm, y por cita previa.

## **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO**

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$7,089

Retirement Fund for Religious /

Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosas y Religios: \$5,353

Faith Direct (September Average /

promedio del mes de septiembre): \$14,303

### **WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/**

#### **MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA**

Today's readings can be found on page 418

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 419

### **BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN**

Tuesday, November 21, 9am — office@olqpva.org

### **OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US /**

#### **NUESTROS ENFERMOS Y CONFINADOS NOS FORTALECEN**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR / POR FAVOR OREMOS POR:** Suri Barahona, Gene Bétit, Grace Bialecki, Cindy Bianga, Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Dave Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Javier Fernandez Castillo, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Chris Comer, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, John Demajo, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Calista Downey, Tim Felker, Irene Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yvette Francois, Susan Fratus, Anne Fullerton, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Jean Giambalvo, Fred Gladbach, Nancy Gormley, Yolanda Gregorio, Melanie Guitreaux, Harris Family, Sally Hars, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Margaret Howe, Patrick Hynes, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, Bill Kahl, Cindy Kernick, Ruth Klarman, Sally Krahn, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, John Lawyer, Kathleen Love, Lidia Montero Lopez, Olga MacKenzie, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Martha Gladys Medina, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, Eileen Melia, Frances Mierzwa, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Rosemary Morrissey, Luis R. Muñoz, Chelsea Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Julie O'Brien, Peggy O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, Carol Pacello, Roy Paco, Neil Parent, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Mark Pazich, Minnie Pazich, Paul Ramirez, Santos Ramirez, Jeanna Reynolds, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Jane Shepard, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Lora Smolenski, Eva Souza, Grace Starbird, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Carmelita and Roy Tucker, Nancy Urquiza, Stephen Utley, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Bob Wilson, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods,

## **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME TRIGESIMOTERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 (157A); 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6;

Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

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Mateo 25,14-15, 19-21

### **THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE SOLEMNIDAD DE NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO, REY DEL UNIVERSO**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 (160A); 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28;

Matthew 25:31-46

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Mateo 25,31-46

## **MASS INTENTIONS, NOVEMBER 18-24 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 18-24 NOVIEMBRE TRIGESIMOTERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

### **Saturday November 18th**

5:30 pm Luz Lim Ong (D) by friends of Brian & Jocelyn Ong

### **Sunday November 19th**

8:00 am the parish

9:30 am Henry "Hank" Fowler (L) by the Mehalko family

11:15 am Maryanne Heiser (D) by DeeDee Tostanoski

1:00 pm Félix Moreno Antelo (D) by María Antelo

6:00 pm the parish

### **Monday November 20th**

12:00 pm María Reyes Zarate (D) by Jazmin Albarran

### **Tuesday November 21st**

12:00 pm William Siren (D) by Maggie & Ray Luca

### **Wednesday November 22nd**

12:00 pm Maureen Artz (L) & Robert Artz (D) by Kevin Artz

### **Thursday November 23rd**

10:00 am - Thanksgiving Mass

### **Friday November 24th**

12:00 pm the parish

### **OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA**

*Pastor / Párroco:* **Fr. Tim Hickey, CSSp**, thickey@olqpva.org

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*Deacon / Diácono:* **Dcn. Tony Remedios**, tremedios@olqpva.org

### **Parish Office / Oficina parroquial**

*Business Manager / Gerente de Negocios:* **Christina Kozyn**,  
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*Social Justice & Outreach Minister / Ministro de Justicia Social y*

*Acercamiento (bilingüe):* **Sally Díaz-Wells**, sdiazwells@olqpva.org

*Youth & Young Adult Minister / Ministro de Adolescentes y Jóvenes Adultos:*

**Rebecca Grant Jenkins**, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org

*Faith Formation Director / Director de Formación de Fe (bilingüe):*

**Cecilia López Oetgen**, clopez@olqpva.org

***JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...***

As we continue to move to the end of the liturgical year our readings remind us that one day the world will end. Christ will return...but, when?

Some Christians routinely (and incorrectly) announce the return of Christ; they seem to forget that Jesus clearly said that no one, not even "He" knew when it would happen! And yet there are those who continue to claim to know the date and time: remember the billboards "Jesus is coming on May 21st" that dotted the highways five or ten years ago?

In today's 2nd reading, St Paul warns that the end will come like a "thief in the night," and "knowing" when Christ will come is not the point, but rather, it is all about being ready when Christ returns!

Am I ready?

At the center of the readings is a message of total reliance upon the unbelievable mercy and boundless love of God. It is about keeping our hearts and minds open to God's living presence within us and running, like a river, through our daily lives and filling the world around us! The psalmist reminds us that God is our portion and cup, our inheritance and therefore our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice...for we are God's beloved!

By keeping God at the center of our daily lives we indeed will be ready if the world were to end in our days. Because of the love and mercy of our God we need not fear "the end" for we will be transformed into beings that shine like the stars in the heavens!

Through Christ we have inherited eternal life and each of us is a part of "the great cloud of witnesses" who give glory to God.

And part of "being ready" is standing up to injustices, speaking out against all forms of abuse, misogyny, racism and bigotry, and recognizing the dignity of all women, children and men of all colors and races and religious beliefs! And I believe we best can do that when we keep God at the center of our daily lives. We can stand with our sisters, our children and our brothers who are bullied, abused and exploited. When we do this, we actively build up the Reign of God in the here and now. "We stand ready" and we more fully live out our identity as the "beloved of God"!

Let us all go forth embracing our identity as the beloved of God. Allow that identity to transform our lives and for us to transform the world around us into a more peace-filled, more just and all-embracing world!

Blessings,  
Fr. Tim

**POPE FRANCIS TO ATTEND COP28**

You may have seen this headline in recent weeks. What does it mean and why does it matter? COP28 is the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Most countries in the world will send a delegation to the meeting with the hope of creating plans to reach climate goals. This year it will be held in Dubai from Nov. 30 to Dec. 12. Significantly, this will be the first year that Pope Francis will attend, speaking to the conference on Dec. 2. In *Laudate Deum*, he said that COP28 "can represent a change of direction, showing that everything done since 1992 was in fact serious and worth the effort, or else it will be a great disappointment and jeopardize whatever good has been achieved thus far". Our Integrity of Creation Team would like you to join us in keeping Pope Francis and the conference in your prayers over the next few weeks.

[As he said, "our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point." To save our climate and our "common home" major changes must be agreed to at this conference.]

**EL PAPA FRANCISCO VA A ASISTIR A COP28**

Puede que haya visto este titular en recientes semanas. ¿Qué significa y por qué importa? COP28 es la Conferencia número 28 de las partes en la Convención Marco de las Naciones Unidas sobre el cambio climático. La mayoría de los países en el mundo va a mandar una delegación a la reunión con la esperanza de crear planes para alcanzar metas climáticas. Este año va a tener lugar en Dubai del 30 de noviembre al 12 de diciembre. Significativamente, este va a ser el primer año que el Papa Francisco va a asistir, y se dirigirá a la conferencia el 2 de diciembre. En *Laudate Deum*, él dijo que COP28 "puede ser un punto de inflexión, que muestre que todo lo que se ha hecho desde 1992 iba en serio y valió la pena, o será una gran decepción y pondrá en riesgo lo bueno que se haya podido lograr hasta ahora." Nuestro Equipo de la integridad de la creación quisiera que usted se uniera a nosotros para mantener al Papa Francisco y la conferencia en nuestras oraciones en las próximas semanas.

[Como él dijo, "no tenemos reacciones suficientes mientras el mundo que nos acoge se va desmoronando y quizás acercándose a un punto de quiebre." Para salvar nuestro clima y nuestro "hogar común", en esta conferencia se tienen que concertar cambios importantes.]

## ***Una comunidad católica con una ética consistente con la vida***

### **MASS AND A HEALING PRAYER SERVICE**

**Mass and a Healing Prayer Service** is scheduled for 7:00 pm at the Basilica of St. Mary (310 S. Royal Street, Alexandria) on **Tuesday, November 28**. Fr. John Melmer of St. John the Beloved Church of McLean will celebrate. Confessions will be available. This liturgy comes through the diocesan Catholic Healing Ministry. For more information, contact Grace Sims, 703-981-4620.

### **THE HAITI CHRISTMAS DRIVE BEGINS THIS WEEKEND**

The drive helps support the education of nearly 3,200 children as well as Medor's agro-forestry, clean water, sanitation and solar programs. Haiti Christmas cards are available in the back of church and an e-card can be downloaded from the parish website. Please help support our Medor family by contributing to the Drive.

### **SCARVES FOR THOSE IN NEED**

**Call for completed scarves and hats by November 30!**

The OLQP Knitting Group scarves and hats are due just in time for Christmas and the cold winter months: by November 30. We are handing off the wrapping portion of our work to the Young Adults who will gather that day. If you have any finished scarves or hats, please make sure to drop them off in the foyer basket in Fr Ray Hall or in the Knitters Closet in the Library. Scarves and hats will be distributed to men and women in our metro community through Path Forward, SEEC and Feast on the Streets before Christmas along with a Shoebox. If you are interested in volunteering on wrapping day with the Young Adults (about 2 hours) please contact Monica Rivera: [monicariver@gmail.com](mailto:monicariver@gmail.com).

The Knitting Group has already distributed over 100 baby blankets to Project Gabriel and Comfort Cases, along with children's hats and scarves to Comfort Cases. Baby blankets are welcome at all times. If you are interested in knitting or crocheting please contact Marilena: [mamoni530@gmail.com](mailto:mamoni530@gmail.com). We always need gently used gift bags or store bags (Starbucks size), tissue wrapping paper and ziplock bags, yarn is welcome. Many thanks for the generous time and talents of our volunteers in our parish as well as Burke Quilters, YarnCrafters, Jefferson YarnCrafters and many friends and neighbors.

### **2024 OLQP SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS PROJECT FOR THE HOMELESS**

The Holidays are coming! That means it is time to start gathering the collection of shoeboxes that are lurking in your closet, because in December we will be filling and wrapping them up for the homeless gals and guys in DC, Arlington and Alexandria. More information is coming soon. If you have any questions please contact Monica Rivera 787-603-6654, [monicariver@gmail.com](mailto:monicariver@gmail.com).



### **MISA Y UN SERVICIO DE ORACIÓN DE SANACIÓN**

Se ha programado una Misa y un Servicio de oración de sanación para las 7:00 pm en la Basílica de St. Mary (310 S. Royal Street, Alexandria) el martes, 28 de noviembre. El Padre John Melmer de la iglesia St. John the Beloved en McLean va a ser el celebrante. Va a haber confesiones. El ministerio diocesano Catholic Healing es responsable de esta liturgia. Para obtener más información, contacte a Grace Sims, 703-981-4620.

### **LA CAMPAÑA NAVIDEÑA PARA HAITÍ EMPIEZA ESTE FIN DE SEMANA**

La campaña ayuda a apoyar la educación de casi 3,200 niñas y niños como también el programa agroforestal, de agua limpia, de higiene y solar de Medor. Hay tarjetas de Navidad disponibles en la parte de atrás de la iglesia y se puede descargar una tarjeta electrónica del sitio web de la parroquia. Por favor ayude a apoyar a nuestra familia de Medor al contribuir a la Campaña.

### **BUFANDAS PARA PERSONAS NECESITADAS**

**¡Se necesitan las bufandas y los gorros para el 30 de noviembre!**

Las bufandas y gorros que el grupo de tejedoras/es de OLQP deben entregarse a tiempo para las Navidades y los meses fríos del invierno para la fecha límite del 30 de noviembre. Los jóvenes adultos, que se van a reunir ese día, van a envolver todo. Si tiene algunas bufandas o gorros terminados, por favor asegúrese de traerlos a la cesta en el vestíbulo de Fr. Ray Hall o en el Knitters Closet en la biblioteca. Path Forward, SEEC y Fiesta en la calle van a distribuir las bufandas y los gorros a mujeres y hombres en nuestra comunidad metro antes de la Navidad, junto con una Caja de zapatos. Si está interesada/o en ofrecerse como persona voluntaria el día de envolver con los jóvenes adultos (alrededor de 2 horas) por favor contacte a Mónica Rivera: [monicariver@gmail.com](mailto:monicariver@gmail.com).

El grupo de tejedoras y tejedores ya ha distribuido más de 100 frazadas para bebés al Proyecto Gabriel y Comfort Cases, como también gorros y bufandas para niñas y niños a Comfort Cases. Siempre se aprecian las frazadas para bebés. Si está interesada/o en tejer o en hacer ganchillo por favor contacte a Marilena: [mamoni530@gmail.com](mailto:mamoni530@gmail.com). Siempre necesitamos bolsas de regalo o de tiendas (del tamaño de las de Starbucks), papel decorativo para envoltura y bolsas ziplock. Se aprecia también el hilo/la lana. Muchas gracias a las personas voluntarias en nuestra parroquia y también a Burke Quilters, Yarn Crafters, Jefferson YarnCrafters, muchas amistades y vecinas/os por ofrecer su tiempo y talentos.

### **PROYECTO SHOEBOX DE NAVIDAD 2024 PARA LAS PERSONAS SIN HOGAR**

¡Los días festivos se acercan! Eso significa que es el momento de empezar a reunir la colección de cajas de zapatos que están escondidas en su armario, porque en diciembre vamos a empezar a llenarlas y envolverlas para las mujeres y hombres en DC, Arlington y Alexandria. Tendremos más información pronto. Para cualquier pregunta por favor contacte a Mónica Rivera: 787-603-6654, [monicariver@gmail.com](mailto:monicariver@gmail.com).

## REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES:

### The Book of Life

The month of November is traditionally a time of remembering and giving thanks for the many blessings God has given us in our lives. In this light, we call attention to the *Book of Life* in our sanctuary. We invite anyone who has experienced a loss this past year to add the name of that person to our *Book of Life* at the end of Mass. This will be a continual reminder to us year round of those who have gone before us marked with the sign of the faith and the need to reach out to those who have suffered a recent loss.

## RECORDANDO A NUESTROS SERES QUERIDOS:

### El Libro de la vida

Tradicionalmente, el mes de noviembre es cuando recordamos y damos gracias por las muchas bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado en nuestras vidas. Por eso, destacamos el *Libro de la vida* (los nombres de los difuntos) en nuestro santuario. Invitamos a cualquier persona que ha sufrido la pérdida de un ser querido este último año a que añada el nombre de esa persona en el *Libro de la vida* después de la Misa. Este libro será un recordatorio constante durante todo el año para nosotros de las personas que han fallecido marcados con la señal de nuestra fe y de la necesidad de ofrecerles apoyo a quienes han sufrido una pérdida reciente.

### THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS -

This year, we are going back to pre-covid times!! Come, give us a hand with the Thanksgiving Baskets. We're filling the bags in Fr. Ray Hall after all the Masses this weekend. Here's what's needed: After your mass, come to the front entrance of Fr. Ray Hall. Take an empty bag from the lobby table and go to each food station & fill bag according to posted signs and deliver your food bag to the stage. Your participation is very much appreciated!! Please deliver your donations to the food bins in Father Ray Hall. Please drop off pies, potatoes and turkeys to Fr. Ray Hall on Saturday 9-5pm and Sunday 9-6pm.



### CESTOS DE COMIDA PARA EL DÍA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS -

¡Este año, vamos a regresar a los tiempos pre COVID! Venga y ayúdenos con las cestas para el día

de acción de gracias. Vamos a llenar las bolsas en Fr. Ray Hall después de todas las Misas el fin de semana del 18-19 de noviembre. Aquí está lo que necesitamos:

Después de su Misa, venga a la entrada del frente de Fr. Ray Hall. Coja una bolsa vacía de la mesa en el vestíbulo y vaya a cada una de las estaciones con la comida y llene la bolsa de acuerdo a los letreros y lleve la bolsa de comida al escenario. ¡Apreciamos mucho su participación! Por favor traiga sus donaciones a los contenedores en Fr. Ray Hall.

**NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH** – One focus of the Building Forever Families ministry is children aging out of foster care. Can you imagine being 18 years old, and venturing into adulthood with no family support, guidance, or encouragement? No home to return to for Christmas? No one to help you with your resume or find and furnish your first apartment? The Building Forever Families ministry works to support youths aging out of the foster care system as they learn to navigate life as an adult. Find out how you can help – your involvement could change the course of their life! Contact [Rebecca.E.Carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:Rebecca.E.Carpenter@gmail.com) or [DebralphOLQP@gmail.com](mailto:DebralphOLQP@gmail.com) to learn more.

**MES NACIONAL DE LA ADOPCIÓN** — Una prioridad del Ministerio de Creando familias para siempre es la de las niñas y niños que por su edad tienen que abandonar el sistema de cuidado tutelar. ¿Se imagina que es un adolescente de 18 años y se enfrenta a la adultez sin el apoyo de una familia, sin orientación o estímulo? ¿Sin un hogar a donde ir para las Navidades? ¿Sin nadie para ayudarlo con la búsqueda de trabajo o para encontrar y amueblar su primer apartamento? El Ministerio de Creando familias para siempre trabaja para apoyar a los adolescentes que por su edad tienen que abandonar el sistema de cuidado tutelar mientras que aprenden como vivir la vida de adultos. Entérese cómo puede ayudar – ¡su participación puede cambiar el curso de su vida! Contacte a [Rebecca.E.Carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:Rebecca.E.Carpenter@gmail.com) o a [DebralphOLQP@gmail.com](mailto:DebralphOLQP@gmail.com) para aprender más.

### LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES — HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Please help us offer immigrant and refugees some hope this Christmas by filling out a Christmas card (without the envelope) and dropping it off in the decorated boxes in the back of the church with the volunteers this weekend or next, November 18-19 and 25-26. If you can offer \$1 for each card you submit (for processing by LIRS), it is very much appreciated. For more information, contact Carey Gauzens, [persycat@icloud.com](mailto:persycat@icloud.com), and Debra Johnson [debralpholqp@gmail.com](mailto:debralpholqp@gmail.com).

### SERVICIOS LUTERANOS DE INMIGRACIÓN Y REFUGIADOS ESPERANZA PARA LOS DÍAS FESTIVOS

Por favor ayúdenos a ofrecer alguna esperanza a personas inmigrantes y refugiadas esta Navidad al escribir una tarjeta de Navidad (sin el sobre) y poniéndola en las cajas decoradas que están en la parte de atrás de la iglesia con las personas voluntarias este fin de semana o el próximo, 18 y 19 y el 25 y 26 de noviembre. Le apreciaremos mucho si puede ofrecer \$1 por cada tarjeta que somete (para LIRS procesarla). Para obtener más información, contacte a Carey Gauzens, [persycat@icloud.com](mailto:persycat@icloud.com) y a Debra Johnson [debralpholqp@gmail.com](mailto:debralpholqp@gmail.com).



### PRISM YOUTH MINISTRY:

There will be no Teen Night, Sunday, November 26th. Enjoy this time with your family. Happy Thanksgiving!

### TAU YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

Join us for our Advent Morning of Reflection, Renewal, and Restoration! As we begin this Advent Season let's reconnect with ourselves and our Lord in this joyous time of hope and expectation. Led by Father Ed Bresnahan of Nativity Church, Burke, VA, the program will begin with breakfast and include talks, music, and guided meditation. Saturday, December 2, 9:00am – 1:00pm at 1915 S Edgewood.

To register go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/OLQPADVENT2023> or click the qr code: For details contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, [rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org](mailto:rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org).



### MINISTERIO PRISM PARA ADOLESCENTES:

No vamos a tener una Noche para adolescentes el domingo, 26 de noviembre. Disfruta estos días con tu familia. ¡Feliz Día de acción de gracias!

### MINISTERIO TAU PARA JÓVENES ADULTOS:

¡Únete a nosotros para nuestra Mañana de Adviento de reflexión, renovación y restauración! Al empezar esta temporada de Adviento volvamos a reconectarnos con nosotros mismos y con nuestro Señor en esta alegre temporada de esperanza y espera. Con el Padre Ed Bresnahan de la iglesia Nativity, Burke, VA como

nuestro guía, el programa va a empezar con un desayuno e incluye charlas, música y una meditación guiada. Es el sábado, 2 de diciembre, de 9:00am a 1:00pm en 1915 S Edgewood. Para inscribirte ve a:

<https://tinyurl.com/OLQPADVENT2023> o haz clic en el código QR. Para obtener detalles contacta a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, [rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org](mailto:rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org).

### THE GABRIEL PROJECT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

We are saying farewell to our fabulous set-up person that brought out our rolling bins and prepared our stage area on Tuesdays in preparation for Wednesday morning distribution. Unfortunately, her work hours have changed. That leaves a critical gap so we are looking for a replacement.

Can you give 30 - 60 minutes weekly to this wonderful ministry that serves struggling pregnant women? Volunteer any time on Tuesdays from 10am to 3:30pm. We are also in need of distribution volunteers for Wednesdays from 9am - 12pm. If you love babies and can handle a little chaos this is the volunteer role for you! Training is provided. Please contact Rosie Saberton at 703-966-4975, [rosie.saberton@verizon.net](mailto:rosie.saberton@verizon.net)

### ¡EL PROYECTO GABRIEL NECESITA PERSONAS VOLUNTARIAS!

Le decimos adiós a nuestra persona fabulosa que sacaba nuestros contenedores y preparaba nuestra área el martes para la distribución del miércoles por la mañana. Desafortunadamente, sus horas de trabajo han cambiado. Eso deja un vacío crítico y por eso estamos buscando a alguien para reemplazarla.

¿Puede dedicar de 30 a 60 minutos a la semana a este ministerio maravilloso que sirve a mujeres embarazadas que sufren dificultades? Puede ofrecer su ayuda a cualquier hora los martes entre las 10am y las 3:30pm. También necesitamos personas voluntarias para la distribución los miércoles de 9am a 12 del mediodía. ¡Si le encantan los bebés y puede manejar un poco de caos, este es el trabajo voluntario para usted! Hay entrenamiento disponible. Por favor contacte a Rosie Saberton –703-966-4975, [rosie.saberton@verizon.net](mailto:rosie.saberton@verizon.net).

*Programs that are open to the entire community, but offered in English only.*

*Programas que le dan la bienvenida a toda la comunidad, pero que solo se ofrecen en inglés.*

### CHRISTMAS CARDS NEEDED!

Have Christmas cards lying about? We are collecting new and gently used Christmas cards to recycle for the Shoe Boxes. Please drop off cards to Rebecca Grant Jenkins in the Ministry Center (office with the blue and white curtain) or in the MATT 25 bins, no later than Sunday December 3rd.



### REGISTER WITH THE PARISH UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION LET US KNOW YOU'RE MOVING

If you have never officially registered with the parish, we invite you to do so. It is very helpful to us to have accurate information. Visit the parish website ([www.olqpva.org](http://www.olqpva.org)) click on about us >> register >> register with us. If you need to update your record or would like a copy of the information we have on file for your family, please send a message to Jeannette Gantz Daly, [jgantz Daly@olqpva.org](mailto:jgantz Daly@olqpva.org).

**ECO-THOUGHTS:** As we celebrate Thanksgiving, may we lift our hearts in deep appreciation and gratitude for the marvelous gift of God's creation and resolve to honor and protect it.

As we decorate our homes to welcome the Christmas season, let's go "green" and use LED lights. They burn cool, are safer, and more energy efficient. They use 75-90% less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent.

# A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

BY ROSE MARIE BERGER

*"They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain..." —Isaiah 11:9*

## **God of Comfort,**

send your Spirit to encompass all those whose lives  
are torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine.  
You are the Advocate of the oppressed  
and the One whose eye is on the sparrow.  
Let arms reach out in healing, rather than aggression.  
Let hearts mourn rather than militarize.

## **God of Justice,**

give strength to those whose long work for a just peace  
might seem fruitless now. Strengthen their resolve.  
Do not let them feel alone. Show us how to support their work  
and bolster their courage. Guide religious leaders to model  
unity and reconciliation across lines of division.  
Guide political leaders to listen with their hearts as they seek peace and pursue it.  
Help all people choose the rigorous path of just peace and disavow violence.

## **God of Love,**

we lift up Palestine and Israel — its people, its land, its creatures.  
War is a monster that consumes everything in its path.  
Peace is a gift shared at meals of memory with Christians, Muslims, and Jews.  
Let us burn incense, not children. Let us break bread, not bodies.  
Let us plant olive groves, not cemeteries.  
We beg for love and compassion to prevail  
on all your holy mountains.

## **God of Hope,**

we lift up the cities of the region: Gaza City and Tel Aviv,  
Ramallah and Ashkelon, Deir El Balah and Sderot,  
so long divided, yet so filled with life and creativity.  
Come again to breathe peace on your peoples  
that all may recognize you.

## **God of Mercy,**

even now work on the hearts of combatants  
to choose life over death, reconciliation over retaliation,  
restoration over destruction. Help us resist antisemitism in all its forms,  
especially in our own churches. All people, Israelis and Palestinians,  
deserve to live in peace and unafraid, with a right to determine  
their future together.

## **God of the Nations,**

let not one more child or elder be sacrificed on altars of political expediency.  
Keep safe all people from unjust leaders who would exploit  
vulnerability for their own distorted ends.  
Give wise discernment to those making decisions to pursue peace.  
Provide them insight into fostering well-being, freedom, and thriving for all.  
Teach all of us to resolve injustices with righteousness, not rockets.  
Guard our hearts against retaliation, and give us hearts for love alone.

## **Strengthen our faith in you, O God of All Flesh,**

even when we don't have clear answers,  
so that we may still offer ourselves nonviolently  
for the cause of peace.

Amen.

Rose Marie Berger, author of *Bending the Arch: Poems*, is a senior editor of *Sojourners* magazine.

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**SOJOURNERS**

faith in action for social justice

November is National Adoption Month. Throughout the month, people around the world stand together for children who are living without families of their own. Thousands of events echo across America and around the globe, all sharing a single goal: that God's great love for vulnerable children will find echo in our lives as well.

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The Building Forever Families ministry focuses on needs related to adoption, foster care and children who have been orphaned. The ministry serves and advocates for children living without families; provides peer support and advocates for current and prospective adoptive & foster families; and educates the community about these important topics. We do this in response to God's call to care for children living without families. The ministry welcomes anyone interested in this subject – you don't have to be an adoptive/foster family. *Contact Debra & Ralph Johnson at [DebralphOLQP@gmail.com](mailto:DebralphOLQP@gmail.com) or Rebecca Carpenter at [Rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:Rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com).*

**Haiti.** On-going support provided by OLQP to the St. Joseph sister parish in Medor, Haiti enabled the people in Medor to house children orphaned by the 2010 earthquake and subsequent hurricanes.

**Backpacks, small blankets, travel-size toiletries, journals, books, stuffed animals, pajamas, crayons/pens/pencils**



# NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

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## Six Simple Ways You Can Make a Difference:

1. **Support children in foster care.** Last year, more than 23,000 youths aged out of the U.S. Foster Care system. Best Kids is a great local organization that connects these young people with adults like us who can mentor them as they make their way into adulthood. And Comfort Cases packs duffel bags for kids in Foster Care so they don't have to carry their few belongings in trash bags. Find out how you can help at [BestKids.org](http://BestKids.org) or [ComfortCases.org](http://ComfortCases.org).
2. **Consider becoming an adoptive or foster parent.** Discover the children in our local foster care system, and learn about the adoptive/foster process at [www.adoptuskids.org](http://www.adoptuskids.org) or [www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov). And gain support for your journey through the Building Forever Families Mentor Program for prospective adoptive/foster parents – contact Debra & Ralph Johnson at [DebraRalphOLQP@gmail.com](mailto:DebraRalphOLQP@gmail.com).
3. **Support adoptive & foster families** in our parish and community by encouraging them, lending a hand, babysitting, or offering a listening ear. Know that their journey is often challenging and lonely, and that the support of friends and community can make a huge difference in their lives.
4. **Help children and families who have been separated as refugees.** The trauma of family separation can last a lifetime, so the children who have been separated from their parents due to emigration, war, and refugee status need reunification and long-term care. You can help by supporting local organizations working in these crisis areas, including Catholic Relief Services ([crs.org](http://crs.org)) and [CatholicCharitiesUSA.org](http://CatholicCharitiesUSA.org).
5. **Join the Building Forever Families ministry,** as we advocate for children living without families of their own, and support adoptive and foster families. We welcome and encourage anyone who feels a call toward adoption, foster care and/or orphaned children to join us! Contact Rebecca Carpenter at [rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com).
6. **Educate yourself about the world of adoption, foster care and children who have been orphaned.** Read, ask questions, listen, and be aware of the issues, challenges and needs of this special community of families and children. The first step to making positive change is building awareness – in yourself and in others.

## Help kids in local foster care this month!

Drop off NEW supplies in the bin in front of Fr. Ray Hall for backpacks that will be given to children as they are moved between homes:

**Backpacks & duffel bags**  
**Small blankets**  
**Travel-size toiletries**  
**Journals & books, Stuffed animals**  
**Pajamas (SM – adult XL)**  
**Crayons, pens & pencils**

*More info: [ComfortCases.org](http://ComfortCases.org) or  
[DebRalphOLQP@gmail.com](mailto:DebRalphOLQP@gmail.com)*

***Thank you for joining us as we work together to make a difference  
for the children who need us to be their voice and their family!***

# Black Catholic couple honored for work on Underground Railroad

After gaining freedom in Louisville, Kentucky, James Madison and Catherine “Kitty” Smith harbored Black fugitives on their farm in Southern Indiana.



A Black Catholic activist couple from Kentucky has been honored by the federal government for their abolitionist activities, part of a crop of new inclusions on the [National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom](#).

The National Park Service (NPS) [announced](#) the news on September 27, including sites stretching from Florida to Iowa to Ontario, Canada. The segregated graves of James Madison and Catherine “Kitty” Smith at St. Louis Catholic Cemetery in Louisville are among 23 new listings.

“The Network to Freedom commemorates the courage, resilience and creativity of freedom seekers and provides insight to their struggles against oppression,” said NPS director [Chuck Sams](#).

“Every listing added to the program moves us closer to telling a more complete and inclusive history of our nation and its quest to form a more perfect union.”

Born into slavery in Kentucky near the turn of the 19th century, the Smiths obtained freedom as adults and were married in Louisville by the future bishop [Ignatius A. Reynolds](#) in 1837, the beginning of a lifelong faith journey together that would fuel their activism.

The couple moved to the North, across the Ohio River, following the enactment of anti-Black codes in

their home state on the cusp of the Civil War. They joined an active abolitionist settlement in Jennings County, Indiana, where they would remain for the rest of their lives.

Their family farm in Geneva Township served as a sanctuary for African Americans who had escaped the South and needed to be hidden from slave catchers and other threats.

“The Smiths risked arrest, violence, or kidnapping and sale back into slavery for their assistance to freedom seekers,” reads a press release on the family’s NPS listing.

“In this rural and mostly white setting, the Smiths maintained their Catholic faith, worshipping at a mission church named St. Patrick’s in Scipio, Indiana. They also maintained their connection to the Black community in Louisville, returning after the end of the Civil War to celebrate events in the lives of their friends and godchildren.”

The couple represents one of the only known intersections between the Catholic community and the traditional understanding of the Underground Railroad, which included multiple paths and various stops leading out of the Deep South during the 18th and 19th centuries.

The new honor for the Smiths is also unique in its egalitarian nature, with Kitty Smith having owned the farm under her own name rather than her

husband’s—who was 26 years her senior.

“It is possible, though speculative, that Kitty and her younger relatives played a greater role in shelter freedom seekers, as Madison was aging during the years of their activity,” wrote Deacon Ned Berghausen, a Louisville clergyman who authored the NPS application for the Smiths.

“Kitty remained on the farm for years after Madison’s death. Obviously a black woman would be one of the last people to be recognized for their contributions.”

The wider recognition of African Americans in the Underground Railroad is itself a work in progress, according to Berghausen. The Smiths’ activism, conducted secretly during its time, is itself corroborated by a single written document from the abolitionist Ovid Butler “O. B.” Knapp.

“Scholarship about the Underground Railroad, beginning with Wilbur H. Siebert, has overestimated the role played by white abolitionists like Levi Coffin while devaluing free Blacks like the Smiths,” he wrote.

“It is remarkable to have this one concrete document verifying their role in aiding freedom seekers.”

Berghausen also noted in the NPS application that the ambivalence or hostility of White Catholics—





including various slaveholders, including bishops—likely contributed to the Smith’s “heroic work” going unheralded by the Church despite their devout practice of the faith.

It is a change of pace, then, that the new NPS listing has the endorsement of the Archdiocese of Louisville, which owns the cemetery where the Smiths are buried. It is one of several recent Black Catholic archival discoveries publicized by the Church in Louisville, including the life of [Mary Narcissa Frederick](#)—a companion of the Smiths who is considered a founding mother of the archdiocese—and the grave of Venerable [Augustus Tolton](#)’s

grandmother, [Matilda Hurd](#).

Future plans at St. Louis Cemetery include grave markers for other African Americans in the park, where the Smiths are among a minority of families so honored, and educational programs surrounding Black Catholic history.

For now, the Smiths’ plot stands as the most prominent in their section of the graveyard, which Berghausen called fitting.

“Most of the more than one thousand six hundred people here have unmarked graves,” he wrote to the NPS.

“It is appropriate that their graves be marked/permanently included on the Network to Freedom as two of the few Black Catholics recognized for their role on the Underground Railroad.”

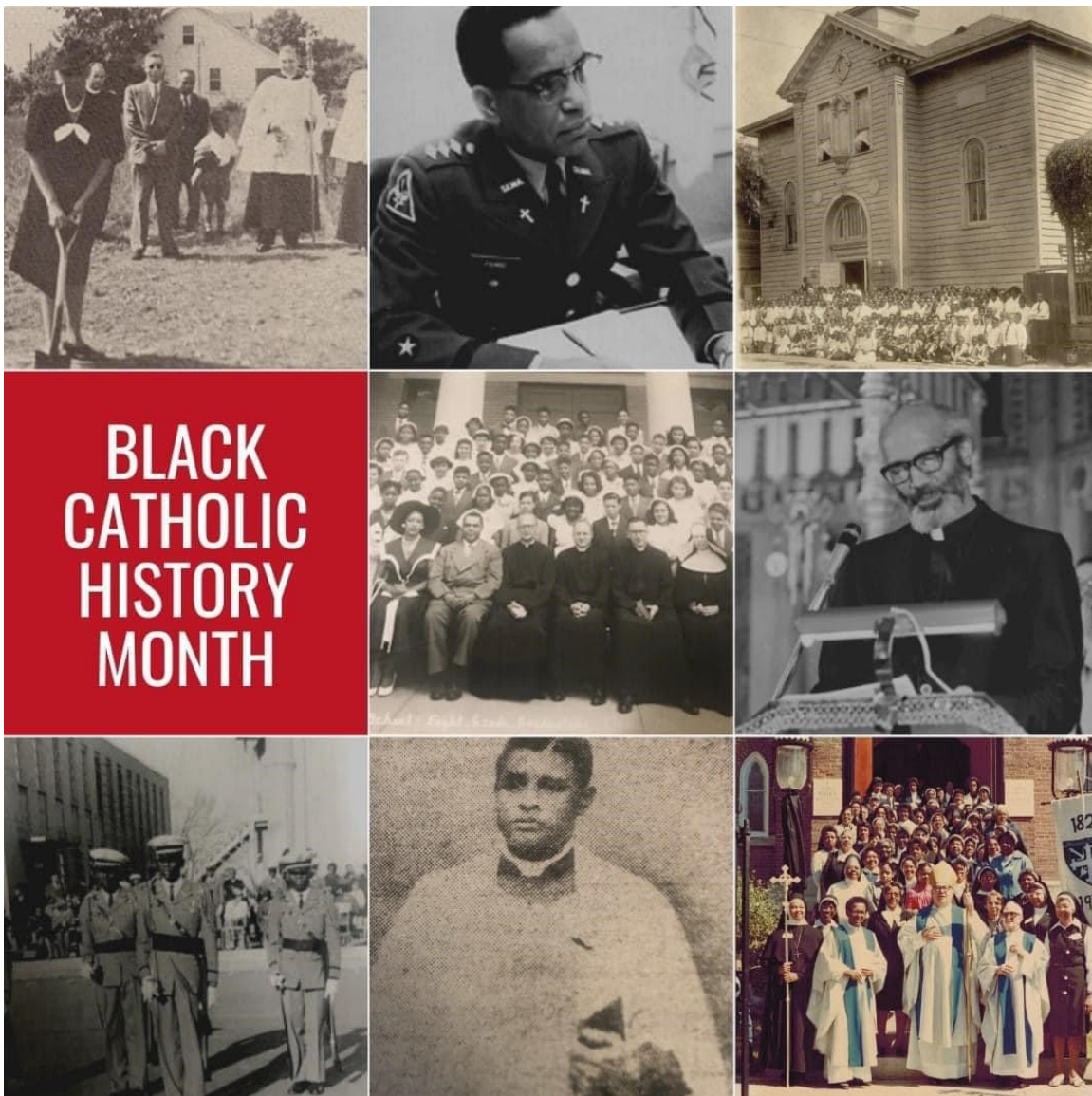
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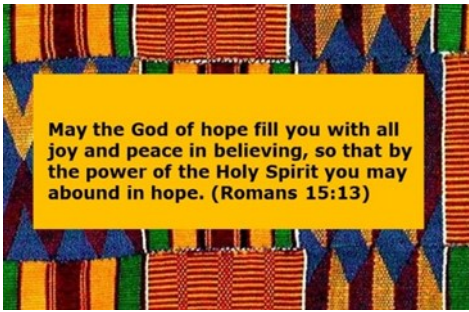
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**November is the month of All Saints and All Souls and it's also Black Catholic History Month.**

The National Black Catholic Clergy

Caucus in July 1990 "designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics." In 2023, the OLQP Minkisi's 26th annual theme is "Feel Joy" based on Romans 15:13. Minkisi held a virtual evening Scripture Prayer service on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, featuring Ms. Charlene Howard. Also, the Diocese of Arlington-Black Catholic Ministries held its annual event on Nov. 4 at OLQP; and CC Jenkins of OLQP received the Fr. Augustus Tolton and Mother Mary Lange Award. Minkisi coordinator Cecilia Braveboy invited Dr. Valerie Lewis-Mosely to contribute this third article below in the series of four bulletin articles. ~ ~ ~

**An Ongoing Dialogue on the State of Black Catholics in the Church and Highlights of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium by Dr. Valerie D. Lewis-Mosely**

On October 5-8, 2023, the Black Catholic Theological Symposium gathered in Atlanta, Georgia, for their annual meeting. Emory University Candler School of Theology hosted the 34th annual meeting.

The BCTS is an interdisciplinary organization of theologians engaged in the ongoing dialogue on the state of Black Catholics in the Church. The BCTS members presented theological papers and research on a variety of topics. The public lecture, "Fighting for the Local Church" was presented by Dr. Joseph Flipper, a Professor at the University of Dayton

The BCTS also met with the clergy and laity of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The listening-in session was for the purpose of BCTS hearing the needs of the parishioners and how BCTS can further support the needs of Black Catholic Laity at the local level.

An ongoing theme for this year's presentations dealt with the subject of womanist theology.

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*The spirituality of black women in the United State is a womanist spirituality one that flows from their lived encounters with God, nurtured and sustained with sweat, tears, and, yet, at times blood, as they worked the field, worked in the homes of white families, worked in factories and wherever else they could*

*to support their families and build their communities. They did not have the luxury of staying home and caring for their own but had to go out into the world to confront racism and sexism in all its forms. --Dr. Diana L. Hayes\**

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It was timely because Dr. Diana L. Hayes [of Stone Mountain, GA, and] Professor Emeritus from Georgetown University, and Dr. Diane Batts Morrow, a historian who has published extensively the legacy of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, received the Dr. Thomas Wyatt Turner Lifetime Achievement Award.

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*As womanists, we [African American women] see as our challenge the gathering of the myriad threads of the richly diverse black community and breathing into it renewed life which can serve as a model of life for our world. That model is centered on the co-createdness by God of all, regardless of efforts to separate by the arbitrary use of divisive language and beliefs which restrict rather than encourage the fullness of life and its possibilities....The struggle is communal, not individual, and can be won only if experiences are shared, stories are told, songs are sung, histories are reclaimed and restored, a new language emerges which speaks words of peace and unity, which unites, which recalls both the pain and the joy of our different heritages and leads until a brand new day. --Dr. Diana L. Hayes\**

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The curator, Dr. Teddy Reeves from the National Museum African American History and Culture, provided a presentation on the developments of the Catholic collection of over 500 historical artifacts [including] a donated garment worn by Sister Thea Bowman...a collection from the Josephites inclusive of a motion picture movie created for evangelization in the rural South...oral history interviews of more than 25 Black Catholics including Cardinal Wilton Gregory, the late Sr. Greta Jupiter' [and others].

In attendance at this year's gathering were a number of new members including M. Roger Holland, and Fr. Roy Lee. As well, Dr. Sue Houchins anthropologist and Professor from Bates College in Maine provided an in-depth discussion "Sankofa Theologies. Looking for Africa in Black Catholic Epistemologies and Practices."

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*\*The excerpts from Dr. Diana L. Hayes book No Crystal Stair – Womanist Spirituality were added by Cecilia Braveboy for the description of womanist theology.]*