



## Cecilia Braveboy

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From 1998-2008 Cecilia Braveboy was the Director of the DC/VA Evening Program of Education for Parish Service (EPS) at Trinity University in Washington, DC. Before that position at EPS, she was a program director of other religious organizations including the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington and Bread for the World. For a number of years in the 1970s and 80s, she was on the staff of the Shalem [*pronounced: sha-LAME*] Institute for Spiritual Formation. Shalem Institute is an ecumenical organization that offers programs on integrating contemplative prayer into the daily lives of clergy and laity, faith-oriented groups, and religious organizations.

Mrs. Braveboy continues to be a spiritual director, who periodically leads days of reflection, retreats and faith development groups. She is a lifetime member of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Arlington, Virginia. Her volunteer ministries in the parish include coordinator of the Lector Ministry, a Eucharistic minister, a presenter for social justice sessions (for example, Just Faith), member of the Worship Committee, and member of the Ujamaa [*pronounced: oo-jah-MA*] Committee. In addition, for 21 years she has been the founder-coordinator of Minkisi [*pronounced: men-KEY-see*] ministry. Minkisi focuses on contemplative prayer, scripture reflection, retreat days, interracial dialogues and the integration of the African heritage into the Roman Catholic faith. She is a member of Sisters in the Spirit in the Archdiocese of Washington. In November 2017, Cecilia was the recipient of the Father Augustus Tolton and Mother Lange Award, presented by the Black Catholic Ministries in the Multicultural Office of the Diocese of Arlington.

Cecilia has a special love (besides her husband Wilfred Braveboy and her two 40 plus-year-old children, Gena and David). She has a passion for liturgy and sacred music, and she began the Gospel choir in her parish in 1980. She also served as a member of the St. Augustine's Gospel Choir and the Archdiocese of Washington's Mass Choir in the 1990's. Don't be surprised if you see her walking along just praising God in song!