

# DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON OFFICE OF ETHNIC MINISTRIES



Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE

## OUR LADY OF LAVANG

Vietnamese Marian Celebration

May 13, 2018

11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Lavang Quasi-Parish

2020 Gibbs Shoals Rd.

Greer, SC 29650



All are invited to join Vietnamese Catholics on Mother's Day in honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary

For more Information contact Michael Tran at 864.704.6559

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May 2018 - Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

## Asian and Pacific Island Catholics Marian Pilgrimage



### Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

400 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Washington DC 20017

Saturday, May 5, 2018

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Confession 12:00 p.m.

Procession and Call to Prayer 1:00 p.m.

Rosary 2:00 p.m.

Holy Mass 2:30 p.m.

Celebrant and Homilist

Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, D.D.

Bishop of Salt Lake City

Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on

Asian And Pacific Island Affairs

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/apcn/366177420165506>

Participating Communities : Bangladeshi • Burmese • Cambodian • Chinese • Filipino • Indian • Indonesian  
Japanese • Korean • Laotian • Lebanese • Montagnard • Pakistani • Samoan • Sri Lankan • Thai • Vietnamese



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**Prayer for the Canonization of Nicholas Black Elk**



Grandfather! Great Spirit!  
Behold us, who stand before you,  
singing our song of thanksgiving  
for your beloved servant,  
Nicholas Black Elk. Faithfully he  
walked the Sacred Red Road  
and generously witnessed the  
Good News of our Lord, Jesus  
Christ among Native people.  
Grandfather, we humbly ask you,  
to hear the prayers we plead  
through his intercession. We  
ask Holy Mother Church to recognize his sanctity, by  
acknowledging his presence among the company of saints  
and as one to imitate in his zeal for the Gospel. Open our  
hearts to also recognize the Risen Christ in other cultures  
and peoples, to the glory and honor of God the Father.  
Mitakuye Oyasin (All my relatives)

## 2018 Annual Tekakwitha Conference

July 18-22, 2018  
Tacoma, Washington  
Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center  
1500 Commerce Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Theme: Blessing of the Coast Salish People through St. Kateri's Eyes

For more information visit [tekconf.org/forms](http://tekconf.org/forms)

### **Search For Executive Director**

#### **Ministry Opportunity**

Applications for executive director of the Tekakwitha Conference located in Alexandria are being accepted now. The selected applicant will begin training in April 2018 and will take over full duties September 1, 2018. Qualified applicants should be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church; skilled in both administration and management; an effective written and oral communicator; and willing to become familiar with the National Tekakwitha Conference and our patroness, St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Possession of a professional, a working knowledge of finances and budgeting, and a theological background are preferable. Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and by January 30, 2018 to Gail Rando (chair of the search committee) via email at or to 145 Banff Street, Bear, DE 19701.



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## Holy Land Pilgrimage November 6-16, 2018



### TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

The Footsteps of Our Lord Jesus  
(& Extension to Rome & Assisi)

Nov 6-16, 2018

\$2989 from New York

Very low add-on

fares from your departure



Sepulchre, Jerusalem Gate



Church of the Nativity, Way of the Cross, Holy



### ITINERARY

- Nov 6 – Depart USA
- Nov 7 – Arrive in Tel Aviv, transfer to Tiberias
- Nov 8 – Nazareth: Basilica of The Annunciation, the Grotto, the house and Church of St. Joseph
- Nov 9 – Mount of the Beatitudes, Jordan River, Galilee, and the Dead Sea
- Nov 10 – Jericho, Jerusalem
- Nov 11 – Visit the birthplace of St. John the Baptist. Visit the Manger and Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem.
- Nov 12 – Garden of Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives, the abbey built on the site of the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross, the Tomb of Our Lord, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.
- Nov 13 – Jerusalem, Rome
- Nov 14 – Rome for Papal Audience (optional excursion to Assisi)
- Nov 15 – Excursion to Assisi
- Nov 16 – Depart Rome for the USA

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- Round Trip air transportation from New York.
- Accommodations at centrally-located, first class hotels.
- Transfers, as per itinerary.
- All meals in Israel. Daily breakfasts and lunch or dinner, in Italy guide(s).
- Sightseeing and admission fees, as per itinerary.
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)

St. Peter's Basilica (Rome)

Assistance of local Catholic

St. Francis' Basilica (Assisi)

Ancient Rome

For more information: 1-800-304-8259 or 703-430-0030. Email: [info@rengp.com](mailto:info@rengp.com)  
To secure your reservation, cut off at dotted lines and submit, with a \$300 deposit, to:  
Renaissance Group, 20897 Planetree Forest Court, Potomac Falls, VA, 20165

### The Footsteps of Our Lord Jesus Nov 6-16, 2018

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 (last, first, middle)  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone/fax \_\_\_\_\_ Departure City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Roommate(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Recipes from the TV Christmas Show:

*“An Afternoon in the Upstate with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston”*

TV show: <https://youtu.be/o7MY7AInPs4>

### Sister Roberta's Shrimp and Grits

*Sister Roberta Fulton, S.S.M.N.*

Servings 4

**Ingredients:**

- Cheese Grits for 4 servings
- 4 thick slices of bacon Chopped into bacon bits (or turkey bacon)
- 3 Tablespoons Olive Oil (or reserved bacon fat)
- 1 white onion, diced
- 2 green onions, chopped (white & light green parts only)
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 1/2 pounds shrimp, peeled & deveined
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley

**Directions:**

1. **Prepare bacon bits.** Fry & chop bacon; set aside
2. **Prepare Grits** according to package and stir in butter and cheese.
- 4 cups Water
- 1 cup Quaker Old Fashioned Grits
- 3 teaspoons butter
- 2 ounces of white cheddar cheese, Shredded
3. **Sauté onions, peppers, bacon, garlic, shrimp:** In a large skillet sauté the garlic, onions, green peppers in olive oil until soft. Add the bacon bits, Cajun seasoning, shrimp and toss to combine. Add flour, mix until vegetables coated. Let this cook to form roux.
4. **Add chicken broth:** Stir in chicken broth. Bring to boil and thicken.
5. **Serve:** Spoon out some grits in individual bowls. Spoon some shrimp mixture over each bowl of grits and top with fresh chopped parsley. Serve.

### Wali Kwa Mchuzi (Rice with Sauces)

*Sister Pam Smith SSCM, Ph.D.*

Servings 4

**Ingredients:**

- Rice for 4 servings
- 1 lb okra (35 pods), sliced 1/2 in pieces.
- 2 tablespoons Olive Oil
- 3 cups Tomato sauce, 24 oz.
- 1 cup Crunchy peanut butter (or more, to taste) (or crunchy sunflower nut butter)
- Seasoned pepper (to taste)
- Celery seed (lightly sprinkled) (or Mustard Seed)
- Minced onion (lightly sprinkled)
- Optional additions:  
A side of meat (beef or baked chicken sliced)

**Directions:**

1. **Cook rice** according to directions from package.
2. **Sauté Okra** in olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat until moderately soft.
3. **Add tomato sauce & season:** pour tomato sauce into saucepan with Okra. Cook on medium heat until the sauce is warmed. Add seasoned pepper, mustard or celery seed, and minced onion, to taste.
4. **Add Peanut butter:** Begin spooning in liberal tablespoons of peanut butter, letting it melt into mixture. You may add more peanut butter to taste. The mixture should never come to a boil but needs to simmer for at least 20 minutes. (Note: There is usually some of the "mchuzi" left over after the dinner plates are prepared. It tastes great on bread a day or two later, too!)

**Serving suggestion:** Make a circle of rice on a dinner plate. Ladle on the "gravy" liberally. The Tanzanians suggest that, if meat is available, it be cut into slender slices which are used to encircle the dish. A few sprigs of parsley or celery leaves may also be added around the rice for visual appeal.



### **Grace-Filled Black Catholic Women: Standing on the Promise**

4th National Black Catholic Women's Gathering  
Sponsored by National Black Sisters' Conference

To identify, celebrate, energize and set an agenda to motivate intergenerational Black Catholic Women to engage our talents for becoming and forming missionary disciples active in Church and society for the glory of God and the spiritual and social liberation of Black people.

**Friday, July 27 — Sunday, July 29, 2018**

**New Orleans Marriott Hotel**

**859 Convention Center Blvd**

**New Orleans, LA 70130**

**Reservation is now open — 1-800-305-6342**

(The National Black Sisters Women's Gathering)

**Room Rate—\$139.00 plus tax per night**

**Reservation cutoff date - July 2, 2018**

Registration Fee:

NBSC Members and Associates—\$200.00 per person

Non— Members—\$260.00 per person

**For more information contact:**

**NBSC Office 202-529-9250**

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## Registration Information

[http://www.nbsc68.com/NBSC\\_Women\\_Gathering\\_reg\\_packet\\_2018.pdf](http://www.nbsc68.com/NBSC_Women_Gathering_reg_packet_2018.pdf)





Archbishop James Patterson Lyke Conference  
Fr. Clarence Rivers Music Institute

2018

WALK TOGETHER CHILDREN



JUNE 19-23, 2018

XAVIER UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

For more information

[www.lykeconference.com](http://www.lykeconference.com)

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Video of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first Black Catholic Priest in the United States  
<https://youtu.be/pJIKN2x87gk>



What We Have Seen and Heard : A Reflection and Dialogue on Peace . A Parish Event.

This is a gathering in response to the recent racial turmoil in our country that has put a spotlight on the “racial divide” that exists in American. This interactive experience is being facilitated by Kathleen Merritt and the staff with the Office of Ethnic Ministries. The dialogue will focus on a pastoral letter written by Bishop Edward K. Braxton of Belleville, Ill.—The Racial Divide in the United States: A Reflection for the World Day of Peace 2015.

If you are interested in hosting one of these gatherings in your parish, please contact the Office of Ethnic Ministries and we will come out and facilitate the dialogue and assist you with the planning.

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston

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# PHOTO GALLERY



Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston  
**Black Catholic Congress**  
**2018**  
Friday, February 2, 2018 from 7-11 PM  
Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 10-4 PM  
Younts Conference Center/Daniel Chapel  
3300 Poinsett Highway Poinsett Highway | Greenville, SC 29613



For more highlights from the Charleston Black Catholic Congress : <https://youtu.be/W2tHM5ePhzk>

<https://youtu.be/wuWFNm0dvq4>

<https://youtu.be/TW1C71SzlCU>

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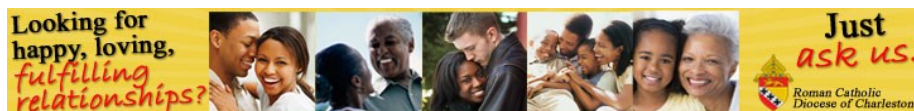
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<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMG0gthkywWacWJF4yKbSUcpgd9uamCKE>

### "A Ministry Moment"



<http://sccatholic.org/ministry-moment>



### **Black Catholic Ministry**

<https://www.facebook.com/BlackCatholicinCharleston>

### **Asian and Pacific Islander Ministry**

<https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofCharlestonAsianMinistry>

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