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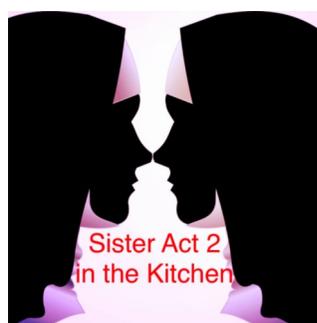
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TV CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

An Afternoon in the Upstate with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston at Christmas airs on December 25, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. on Fox Carolina Channel 21 in the Upstate of South Carolina. Tune in !



NOVEMBER IS BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH



Things you can do to Celebrate Black Catholic History Month

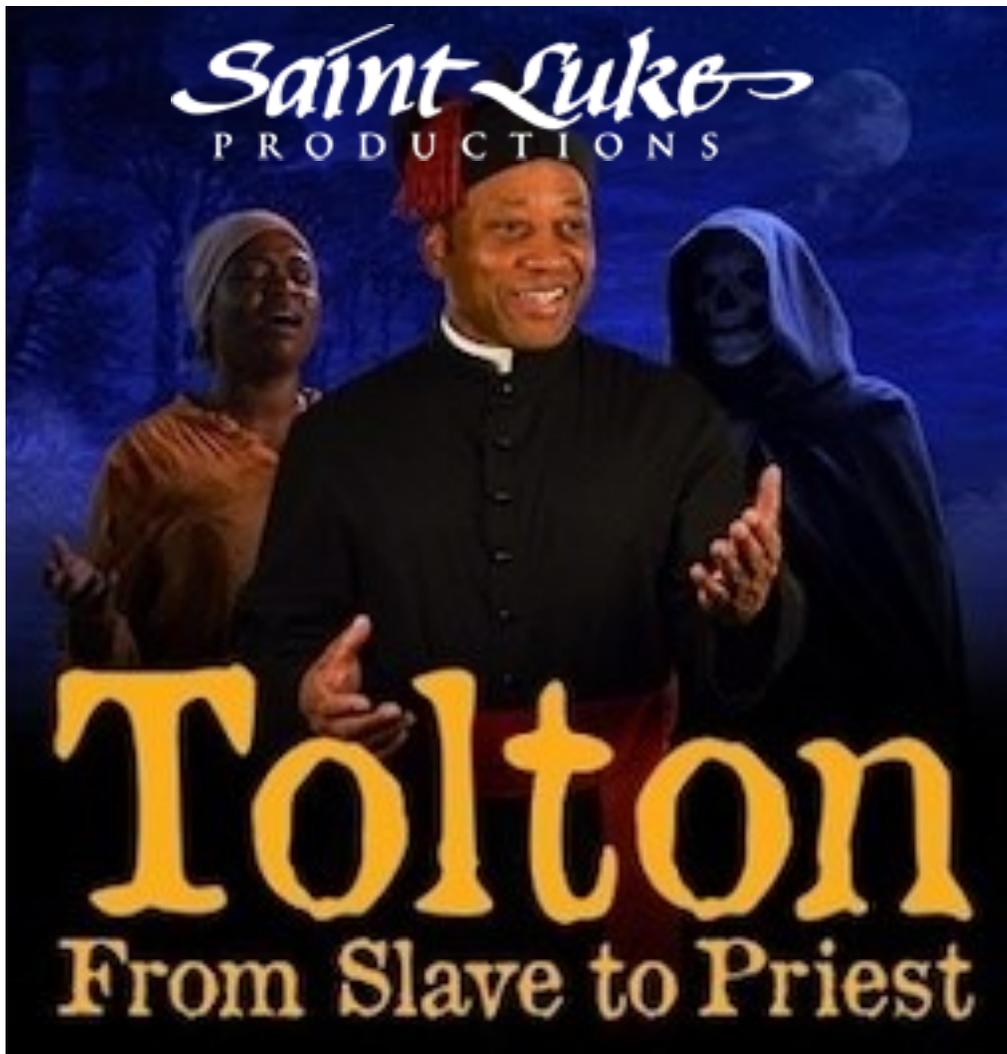
THE AFTER MASS SOCIAL - After Sunday Mass is an excellent time to host a social gathering to pass the history on. Choose a theme and invite a guest speaker. You can prepare a media or written document on Black Catholic History, highlighting the contributions of Black Catholics in your parish, diocese or across the U.S. Make the presentation available electronically or by paper copies.

PASS IT ON AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL - Plan and/or present a presentation or activity such as “Knowledge Bowl” for a Catholic School, Bible Study Class for youth, or CCD class. Resources can be found in “My Little Black Catholic History Book”, a publication of the Office of Ethnic Ministries. Contact Ethnic Ministries for a copy.

RAISE FUNDS FOR A WORTHY CAUSE—Plan a Breakfast, Luncheon or Dinner event to honor or acknowledge the gifts of Black Catholic History makers who are still alive. Donate funds raised to the one of the worthy causes of the church, parish or Catholic School in the Black Community. Share the History of Black Catholics at the celebration and make this a yearly event.

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The Office of Ethnic Ministries is working on bringing this production to our Diocese the week of June 5-12. If you are interested in hosting this in your city/parish or school. Please contact Kathleen Merritt at the Office of Ethnic Ministries. We need 5 locations in order for the tour to come to our Diocese. We have an interest in Charleston and Aiken. Therefore we need 3 more locations or sites to come aboard. If interested call asap. To learn more about the play visit :

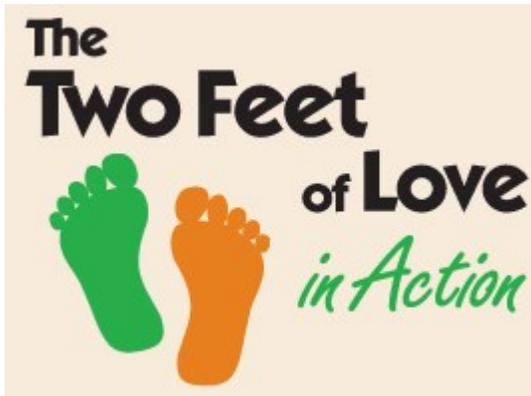
<https://www.stlukeproductions.com/>

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Creating on the Margins, a Multi Media Arts Contest for grades 7-12. Share this with Youth Ministers, Catholic School teachers, Directors of parish religious education programs, catechists and parents who are home-schooling their children. The contest teaches youth about Catholic Social Teaching and ways to address both immediate needs and long-term solutions. For more information visit

<http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/multimedia-youth-contest/index.cfm>

Pastoral Plan of Action Webinars

The NBCC is presenting a series of webinars as a result of Congress XII feedback. The topics that were of most concern to our constituents, clergy, and leadership, formed the basis for the selection of these webinars.

To view these webinars go to:

Young Adults Leaders



Young Adult Leaders (ages 18 to about 35) can find support through resources, events, and special ministries targeted to the rising leadership of the Catholic Church. Connect to other young adults nationally and worldwide.

<https://www.nbcccongress.org/young-adult-leaders.html>

<https://www.nbcccongress.org/nbcc-webinar-series.html>

SAVE THE DATE
BLACK CATHOLIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION
2019
FEBRUARY 2, 2018
ORANGEBURG, SC

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History and Background

SIMBANG GABI is one of the longest and most popular among the **Filipino traditions** in the Philippines. It is when Catholic churches across the nation start to open their doors shortly before the break of dawn or in the evening to welcome the faithful to the Simbang Gabi Mass.

Simbang Gabi or Mass at Dawn is a nine-day novena to the Blessed Mother. The novena begins December 16 as early as 4 in the morning and culminates with the “Misa de Gallo” on Christmas Eve to welcome the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Here in the U.S., the practice of the Simbang Gabi has been adapted to local conditions, with the Mass being moved to the evening hours for practical reasons.

This nine-day celebration symbolizes God’s desire to be human and the Filipino’s joy for that humanness. These are festive celebrations with Christmas carols sung before Mass, faith sharing, and, of course, lots of food afterward – a sample of Filipino food and refreshments is usually served at a reception following Mass. People dress in their finest Philippine barongs and dresses. *Simbang Gabi* is a religious festival for all, Filipino and non-Filipino. But no matter the language or dress, when you pray and sing during the *Simbang Gabi*, you realize how truly universal the Christmas spirit is. This is one of many cultural activities everyone can participate in and enjoy as a preparation for Christmas.

Simbang Gabi 2018 Filipino Mass Schedule

	<p><u>Immaculate Conception</u></p> <p>510 St. James Avenue Goose Creek SC 29445 843.572.1270</p> <p>www.icgc510.org</p>	<p>December 15th to December 23th</p> <p>Saturdays: 5:30 AM Novena Mass</p> <p>Sundays and Weekdays: 7:00 PM Novena Mass Followed by Fellowship and Refreshment</p>
	<p><u>St. Anne and St. Jude Parish (formerly St. Anne)</u></p> <p>216 East Liberty Street Sumter SC 29150 803.773.3524</p> <p>https://www.sasjrcc.org/</p>	<p>December 15th to December 23rd</p> <p>Sundays: 5 PM Novena Mass</p> <p>Saturdays and Weekdays: 5 PM Holy Hour and Confession 6 PM Novena Mass</p>
	<p><u>St. Mary Magdalene</u></p> <p>2252 Woodruff Road Simpsonville SC 29681 864.288.4884</p> <p>www.smmcc.org</p>	<p>December 15th to December 23th</p> <p>Opening Mass 6 PM Novena Mass 7 PM Closing Mass 5:30 PM Followed by Fellowship and Refreshment for every Mass</p>
	<p><u>St. Ann</u></p> <p>113 South Kemp Street Florence, SC 29506 Phone: 843.661.5012</p> <p>stannecatholicparish.com</p>	<p>December 15th to December 23th</p> <p>Novena Mass Time TBD</p>

For more information, please contact Office of Ethnic Ministries at mtran@charlestdioocese.org or (864) 331- 2620



What We Have Seen and Heard : A Reflection and Dialogue on Peace. A Parish , School, and Community 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.

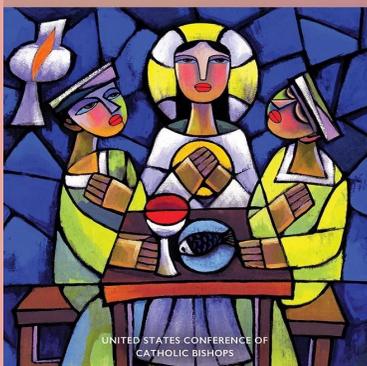
If you are interested in hosting one of these gatherings in your parish, please contact the Office of Ethnic Ministries and we will come out and facilitate the dialogue and assist you with the planning.



Tune in to “A Ministry Moment” every Monday Morning at 7:10 a.m. in the upstate on radio channel 107.3 FM. During the Tom Joyner in the Morning Show. Or follow us on the web at **<http://sccatholic.org/ministry-moment>**.

Encountering Christ in Harmony

A Pastoral Response to Our Asian and Pacific Island Brothers and Sisters



Encountering Christ in Harmony - A Pastoral Response to Our Asian and Pacific Island Brothers and Sisters

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops during its Plenary Assembly in June 2018, approved as a formal statement,

[Encountering Christ in Harmony: A Pastoral Response to Our Asian and Pacific Island Brothers and Sisters.](#)

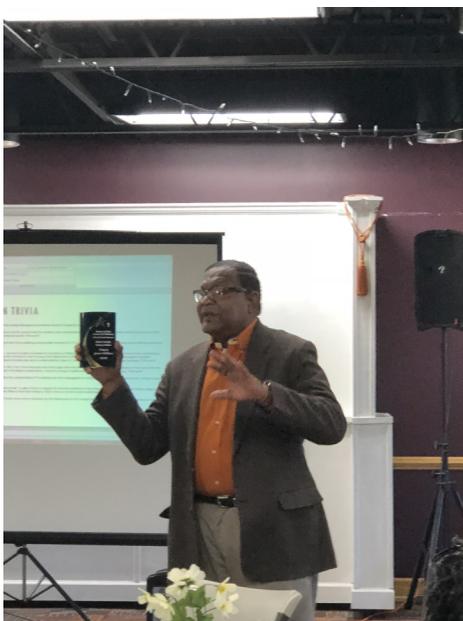
"The goal of this response is to make Asian and Pacific Island Catholics feel at home, both in the Church and in the United States, while being able to preserve the richness of the spiritual and cultural backgrounds that they bring as contributing member of the Body of Christ. Our hope is that it will be utilized by Catholic dioceses, parishes, and small faith communities in the United States to develop their own plans of action and pastoral outreach to Asian and Pacific Islanders in the United States."

Order your personal copy today at USCCB's [online store](#), call 1-800-235-8722, or email css@usccb.org. Remember to use product code number 7-576 when placing your order.



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Black Catholic History Makers; Fr. Patrick Tuttle, OFM, Deacon James Williams and Jessie Bowens honored at Office of Ethnic Ministries Black Catholic History Month Breakfast at St. Anthony of Padua in Greenville, SC. Deacon Winston Wright honored for service on the Ethnic Ministries Board of Advisors. If you would like to recognize a Black Catholic History Maker in your parish contact Kathleen Merritt at the Office of Ethnic Ministries.



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

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