



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON  
OFFICE OF ETHNIC MINISTRIES

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Joint Conference in  
Baltimore

The Joint Conference of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus (NBCCC), the National Black Sisters' Conference (NBSC), the National Black Catholic Seminarians Association and the National Association of Black Catholic Deacons met in Baltimore July 22-24, 2019 . For highlights visit :

<https://www.archbalt.org/black-clergy-religious-women-soak-up-baltimore-history-at-joint-conference/>

**9 Days to Change the World**

*This movement has received Apostolic Blessings from St. Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis.*

*"Jesus Himself has shown us by His own example that prayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil."*  
— St. Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*

**The 27th International Week of Prayer and Fasting**

**When: November 2nd - 10th 2019**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Where:**  
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
400 Michigan Ave NE,  
Washington, DC 20017

For more information, go to <https://iwopf.org/>



Deacon Willie James Williams II  
Born Charleston, SC July 9, 1947  
Born unto Eternal Life July 4, 2019,

was a former director of the Diocesan Office of Black Catholics. He served on the Board of Advisors for the Office of Black Catholics for over 16 years. He and the current director, Kathleen Merritt and Michael Tran co facilitated "A dialogue on Race to promote peace across the State of South Carolina. Over 1000 people engaged in this dialogue. Catholics and non-Catholics gathered to make progress reviewing history and setting a united course for the future.

Deacon James was awarded, "Black Catholic History Maker 2019" for outstanding evangelization and outreach to youth and young adults. He won numerous awards and gave lasting goods to many. A teacher, professor, a spiritual guide, a storyteller, your brother. A friend to all! Deacon James may you rest in peace. You will be missed!







# Youth and Teen Topics

Articles, Reviews & Videos for Black Catholic Youth and Teens

<https://www.nbccongress.org/youth-and-teen-topics.html>



Diocese of Charleston  
**Young Adult Fall Retreat**  
October 4-6, 2019  
Diokonia Retreat Center  
Salem, SC  
Registration Open

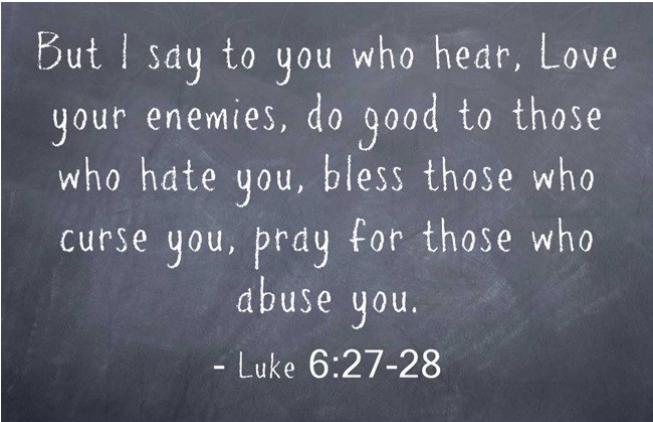
For registration and more information click below:

[https://charlestdiocese.configio.com/pd/48/young-adult-fall-retreat-2019?fbclid=IwAR3f\\_AWDx-FB41hT\\_E5ki5FgZeDvTiNTC5hLq2XgJO6cq3l-dZYFWYtY6k](https://charlestdiocese.configio.com/pd/48/young-adult-fall-retreat-2019?fbclid=IwAR3f_AWDx-FB41hT_E5ki5FgZeDvTiNTC5hLq2XgJO6cq3l-dZYFWYtY6k)



OCTOBER IS  
NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION  
MONTH

For resources for participation please  
contact the Office of Ethnic Ministries



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Padua Court 360 , Greenville, SC.

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### ALL ARE INVITED

*The Sisters of St. Mary of Namur are celebrating their 200th Anniversary of Founding on October 26, 2019 in Sumter . A wonderful multicultural celebration is being planned that includes Mass, Dinner, Singing and Dancing! More information and RSVP info is coming soon. Anyone interested in singing in the choir for the event or for more information please contact Sr. Roberta Fulton :[rfulton@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:rfulton@charlestdiocese.org)*

*The Mass is scheduled for 10:00 am at the Sumter Civic Center. Bishop Guglielmone is the celebrant. Fr. Tony Rigali, former Pastor of St. Jude & now Pastor of St. Jude in New Orleans will be the homilist. choir practice details. The Banquet is on Saturday Night. Details & info to register will be sent out mid-August.*

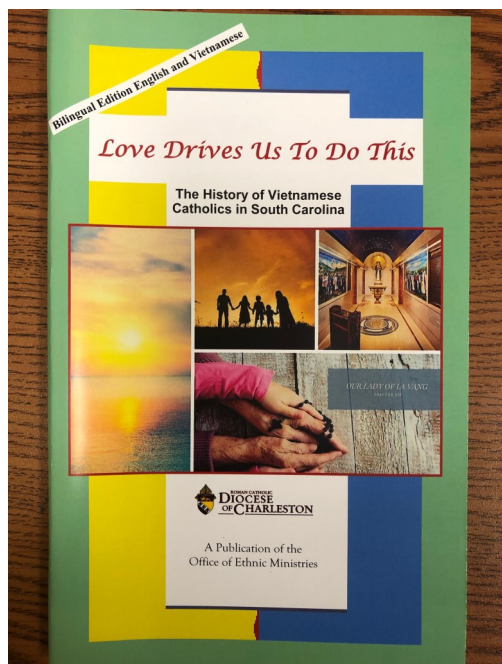
African Sacred Art Exhibit at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington



<https://cathstan.org/news/faith/holy-family-comes-to-life-in-african-sacred-art-exhibit>

### 12 Ways to Enrich Kids' Appreciation of Asian-Pacific American Culture:

<https://www2.ed.gov/free/features/asian-pacific-heritage.html>



A complimentary copy of

*Love Drives Us To Do This  
The History of Vietnamese Catholics in  
South Carolina*

is available through the Office of Ethnic  
Ministries. Contact info on last page



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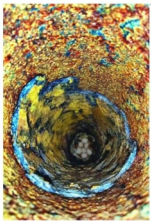
A pictorial view of the Diocesan Celebration of the Feast Day of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Patroness of the Environment held on July 13, 2019 at Our Lady of the Rosary in Greenville, SC. Fr. Dwight Longencker, pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary, received a special *Diversity and Inclusion* recognition.

Agenda

- 12 Noon Drum Call**  
Keepers of the Word Drum Team  
Beating of the drum signals the beginning of the celebration
- Overview of the Day**  
Michael Tran, Assistant Director  
Diocese of Charleston Office of Ethnic Ministries
- Welcome to Our Lady of the Rosary**  
Fr. Dwight Longencker
- Prayer Service ( Page 3)**  
Everyone
- LUNCH**  
Entertainment by Keepers of the Word Drum Team
- The Occasion**  
Mary Louise "Wolf Woman" Worthy  
Chief of the Lower Easter Cherokee Nation
- Special Diversity and Inclusion Recognition**  
James Kaiser, Esq. Diocese of Charleston Secretary of Social Ministry
- Care of our Common Home Art Display**  
Melanie " Creeping Fox" Riddle
- Introduction of the Guest Speaker**  
Mary Louise Worthy
- Presentation Laudato Si' (On Care of our Common Home)**  
Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN,  
Diocese of Charleston Office of Ethnic Ministries  
Assistant Director, Evangelization of African American Catholics
- Story Telling**  
Victoria "Yellow Rose" Nelson
- Closing Remarks**



From the Photographic Collection of  
Melanie "Creeping Fox" Riddle  
"Care of our Common Home"







### 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 bring the program to you. Over 800 Catholics in the Diocese of Charleston has participated. Peace begins with you and me!

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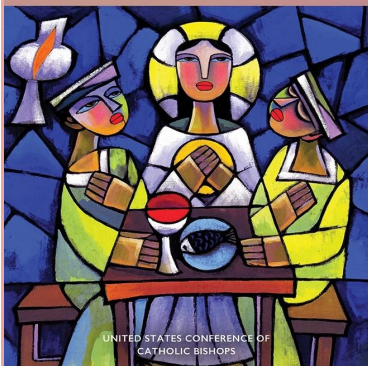
## NOVEMBER IS BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

For ways to celebrate and speaker recommendations contact the Office of Ethnic Ministries



### 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](mailto:css@usccb.org). Remember to use product code number 7-576 when placing your order.





Photo Gallery

Tekakwitha Conference 2019; photos courtesy of Mary Louise Worthy



Archbishop Lykes Conference 2019; Photos courtesy of Sr. Roberta Fulton





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

**“A Ministry Moment”**

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



**What We Have Seen and Heard, A Reflection on Peace  
<https://www.facebook.com/dialogueonpeace>**

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