



## ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON OFFICE OF ETHNIC MINISTRIES

Newsletter

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## Black Catholic Theological Symposium Annual Meeting to be held in Charleston October 10-13th, 2019.



The Mission of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium is to foster among Black Catholics an ethical community of scholarly dialogue characterized by 1) Commitment to the fundamental humanity of all persons; 2) Regard for the plurality of cultural, ethnic backgrounds and religious experience among Black peoples; and 3) Development of a theology which is authentically Black and truly Catholic. The meeting is being hosted by Dr. Matthew Cressler (College of Charleston) and Kathleen Merritt (Diocese of Charleston, Office of Ethnic Ministries).

### Invitations for Public Participation from BTCS

## LISTENING SESSION WITH BLACK CATHOLIC THEOLOGIANS

Friday October 11, 2019

5:30— 8:00 p.m.

The Black Catholic Theological Symposium participants cordially invite the local church of Charleston to meet with them for a “listening session.” This session is designed to give an opportunity for faith communities to discuss their experience of being Church and to share their joys, challenges and concerns. By listening, the Black Catholic theologians are greatly informed in their research, writing, scholarship and ministry. The Listening Session will be held on Friday, October 11th at the Pastoral Center at 5:30 -8:00 PM. A meal will be provided. Please RSVP before October 1, 2019. Space is limited, RSVP today!

For more information and to RSVP:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/listening-session-with-black-catholic-theologians-tickets-70975273955>

Call or email the Office of Ethnic Ministries

## LECTURE: CHRISTIAN FORGIVENESS AS INCARNATIONAL: TURNING TO THE BLACK EXISTENTIAL EXPERIENCE IN AN ERA OF HATE

Thursday October 10, 2019 at 7 p.m.

SEE PAGE 2 FOR THE INVITATION





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***Invitations to the Public Continued***

**CHRISTIAN FORGIVENESS  
AS INCARNATIONAL:  
TURNING TO THE BLACK  
EXISTENTIAL EXPERIENCE  
IN AN ERA OF HATE**

THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 10, 2019  
AT 7:00PM  
ALUMNI CENTER  
86 WENTWORTH ST.  
*Reception immediately  
following Lecture*



Christianity is faced with the temptation to live out the Christian life on the level of mental abstraction. But what does the belief that God became human mean for us in our world? This talk seeks to understand Christian forgiveness concretely in the histories of black bodies. It will articulate a theology of hope in dialogue with the black experience as a pathway for embracing Christian identity in an era of hate.

**Dr. Simon Mary Aihokhai,**  
Assistant Professor of Theology  
at the University of Portland

This Lecture is free, open to the public, and serves as the opening session for the 41<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the *Black Catholic Theological Symposium*

COLLEGE of  
CHARLESTON  
DEPARTMENT OF  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES





The 200th Anniversary of  
the Sisters of St. Mary of  
Namur Founding in  
Namur, Belgium in 1819

*You're Invited!*

Saturday October 26, 2019—Sunday October 27, 2019  
Sumter, South Carolina



**The Sisters of  
St. Mary of Namur 200th Anniversary**

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**



**Mass of Thanksgiving  
Sumter Civic Center**

700 W Liberty Street, Sumter, South Carolina

St. Anne and St. Jude Elementary and St. Jude High School  
on Oddand Ave. will be open to visitors from 1:00 p.m. -4:00  
p.m.

**6:30 p.m.**

**Buffet Dinner - Registration deadline OCT.1, 2019**

The Sumter Civic Center

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Make checks out to Sisters of St. Mary and mail to  
Mrs. Cheryl Coleman Or Mrs. Sharry Williams  
3266 Windham Dr. 2441 Tottaway Drive  
Sumter, SC 29154 Sumter, SC 29154

**Sunday, October 27, 2019**

**2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**

**FAMILY STYLE PICNIC**

**Swan Lake Pavilion**

**822 West Liberty Street**

Compliments of St. Anne and St. Jude  
Parish in Sumter.



**STAYING THE NIGHT?**

**SLEEP INN**  
2610 Broad Street  
Sumter, SC  
803.469.0500  
\$47.20 CUT OFF DATE 9/25/19

**CONFORT SUITES**  
2500 Broad Street  
Sumter, SC  
803.469.0200  
\$89.00 CUT OFF DATE 9/25/19

**HYATT PLACE**  
18N Main Street  
Sumter, SC  
\$119.00 CUTOFF DATE 9/25/19





**Scholarships available for Native American Young Adults to attend. Contact Ethnic Ministries**

If interested...

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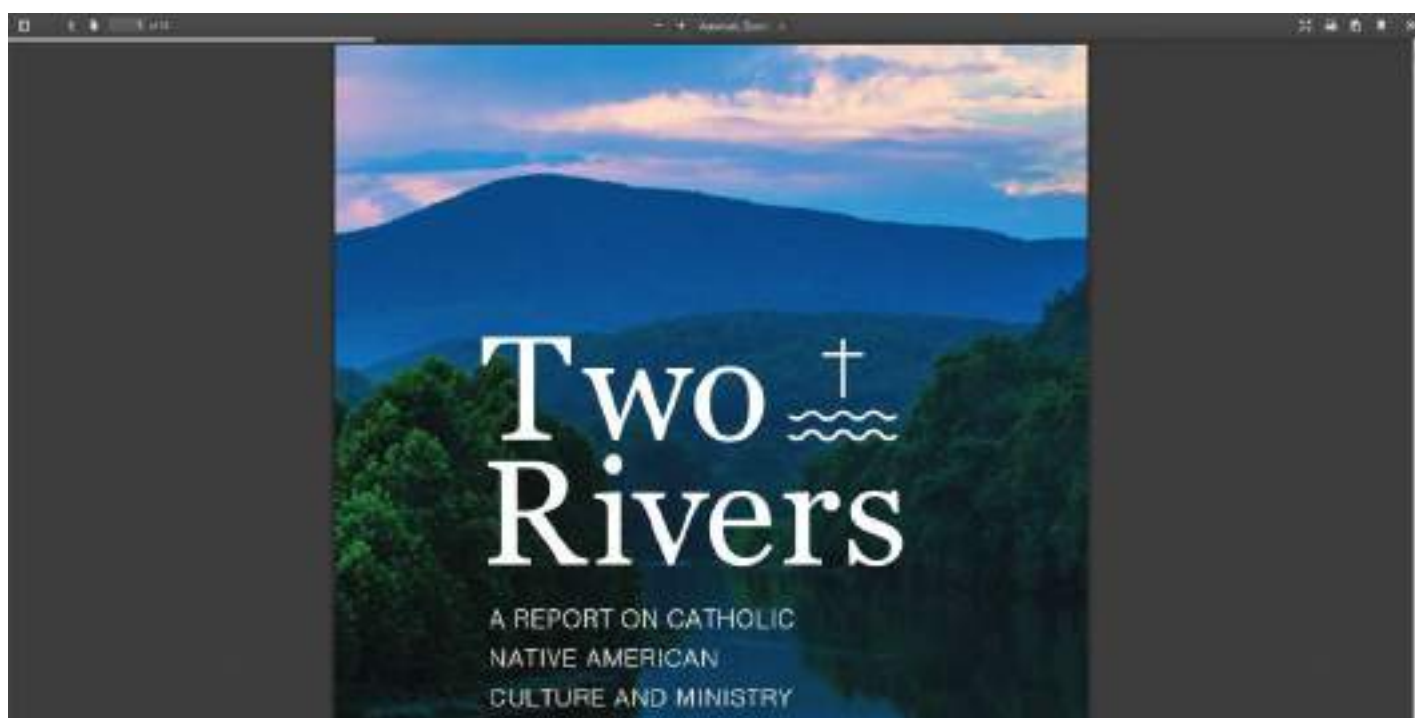
# JOURNEYING TOGETHER

A NATIONAL INTERCULTURAL ENCOUNTER FOR MINISTRIES WITH YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

July 23-26, 2020  
John Carroll University  
Cleveland, OH

"TOGETHER, WE CAN LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER, WARM HEARTS, INSPIRE MINDS WITH THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL AND LEAD NEW STRENGTH TO OUR HANDS". CHRISTOS VSVIT (NO. 111)

If you have any questions please contact  
[diversity@uscgb.org](mailto:diversity@uscgb.org) or (702)541-3550



**FOR A COPY OF THE TWO RIVERS DOCUMENT CLICK HERE**

<http://uscgb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/upload/Two-Rivers-On-Catholic-Native-American-Culture-and-Diversity.pdf>






## 2019 Marian Rosary Congress & Pilgrimage

September 14, 2019 (Saturday, 7:30 AM - 4 PM)  
Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Theme: "Behold Your Mother"





**Homilist/Celebrant**  
His Excellency The Most  
Rev. Archbishop Bernardito C. Auza

Titular Archbishop of Suacia Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent  
Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations and to the  
Organization of American States

**Basilica of the National Shrine  
of the Immaculate Conception**

400 Michigan Ave. NE, Washington, D.C. 20017

This Congress is in collaboration with the  
Basilica of the National Shrine of the  
Immaculate Conception &  
Jesus Through Mary Ministry of Metro-DC

EWTN Live Coverage of Mass  
Sept. 14, 2019 at 2:00 PM

**SAVE THE DATE**



**Speaker**  
Rev. Fr. Jeb Stuart Donelan  
Parochial Vicar  
Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
Alexandria, VA



**Speaker**  
Rev. Fr. Joseph Bergida  
Parochial Vicar  
Saint Ambrose Catholic Church  
Annandale, VA

**Program of the Marian Rosary Congress**

- 7:30 am** Procession of Marian Images, Music, & Prayer  
Choir: Joy in the Spirit (MD)
- 8:30 am** Living Rosary  
Choir : Joy in the Spirit (MD) & St. Charles  
Borromeo Filipino Choir of Cinnaminson (NJ)
- 9:30 am** Crowning of our Blessed Mother
- 9:45 am** Welcome by Aida L Gamolo, M.R.S. &  
Rev. Msgr. Vito A. Buonanno
- 10:00 am** First Talk by Rev. Fr. Jeb Stuart Donelan  
Music: Tenor-Pianist Carlos Alberto Ibay "Chucky"
- 10:45 am** CONFESSION, LUNCH, & TOUR
- 12:45 pm** Gathering Marian Song
- 1:00 pm** Second Talk by Rev. Fr. Joseph Bergida
- 2:00 pm** HOLY MASS (EWTN Live Coverage)  
Music by: Choir of the Basilica of the National  
Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.



The Exaltation of the True Cross | anonymous Russian icon painter

**NEXT YEAR'S CONGRESS**

2020 Marian Rosary Congress & Pilgrimage - Sept. 26 (Sat.)



**Homilist / Celebrant**  
The Most Rev. Bishop William Lori  
Archdiocese of Baltimore



Pianist and tenor Carlos Ibay performs at his home in  
Fairfax, VA, on April 9. Ibay, known as "Chucky," is in  
music ministry at his Catholic parish, St. Michael in  
Annandale, VA. Carlos will perform at the Congress.

**Contact:** 1-844-YES-MARY, Aida L. Gamolo (917) 816-0530, ALG@bestweb.net, Steve & Liberty Ondrus (703) 589-6632, Agnes Nepomuceno (443) 254-5175, Mercy Lustig (571) 469-8969, Roger & Rocrisa (703) 973-6985, Delia Lim (973) 865-4203, Dulce Marshall (732) 762-0977, Carolina Dionisio (732) 278-1941, Mayen Stitt (205) 475-1040, Merly Tenorio (703) 459-5558, Alta Aguas (571) 259-5169, Naty Wage (703) 424-6831, Nancy Ceniza (571) 277-4978, Lucy Pascual (301) 820-8163

LIMITED BUS SEATS. RESERVE NOW



# 2019 동중부 한인성소 기도의 날

## Korean American Day of Prayer

### Vocations Conference 2019



“Come And See”

John 1:39

Workshops are led by Korean priests and sisters in both Korean and English to help you grow a deeper faith through a proper understanding of vocations. We look forward to your participation.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 21, 2019**  
**2019년 9월 21일(토요일)**

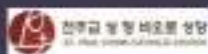
St. Paul Chung Korean Catholic Church  
4712 Rippling Pond Dr.  
Fairfax, VA 22033

Questions: (703) 403-1185

- 2:00pm - 2:15pm Registration
- 2:30pm - 4:30pm Sessions
- 4:40pm - 6:00pm Activities and Q&A
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm Dinner
- 7:30pm Vigil Mass

This event is supported by the following Arlington Diocesan organizations:

- Office of Vocations
- Office of Multicultural Ministries
- St. Paul Chung Korean Catholic Church



mcm@arlingtondiocese.org  
Twitter: @CDAcultures

### FEATURING



Fr. Inhyun Park  
백인현 신부



Fr. Dooyoung Kang  
강두영 신부



Fr. Joe Kim  
강연 신부



Fr. Joseph Kim  
강요셉 신부



Fr. Michael Isenberg  
미아곤 마이센버그 신부



Jinjin Iglesia  
진진 이글레시아



Sr. Christina Chong  
장 크리스티나 수녀



Ji Choi  
최지경



## Youth and Teen Topics

Articles, Reviews & Videos for Black Catholic Youth and Teens

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



**For registration and more information click below:**

[https://charlestdioocese.configio.com/pd/48/young-adult-fall-retreat-2019?fbclid=IwAR3f\\_AWDx-FB41hT\\_E5ki5FgZeDvTINTC5hLq2XgJO6cq3I-dZYFWYTY6k](https://charlestdioocese.configio.com/pd/48/young-adult-fall-retreat-2019?fbclid=IwAR3f_AWDx-FB41hT_E5ki5FgZeDvTINTC5hLq2XgJO6cq3I-dZYFWYTY6k)

**OCTOBER IS  
NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION  
MONTH**

For resources for participation please contact the Office of Ethnic Ministries

But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.  
- Luke 6:27-28



Poster/Picture Credits: The Junior Daughters of the Knights of Peter Claver St. Anthony of Padua Court 360, Greenville, SC.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sunday, November 3, 2019**  
**11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**CELEBRATION**  
**FEAST DAY OF 117 VIETNAMESE MARTYRS**  
**Our Lady of La Vang Quasi-Parish**  
**2020 Gibbs Shoals Rd., Greer, SC 29650**

*Office of Ethnic Ministries*  
ROMAN CATHOLIC  
Diocese of Charleston

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

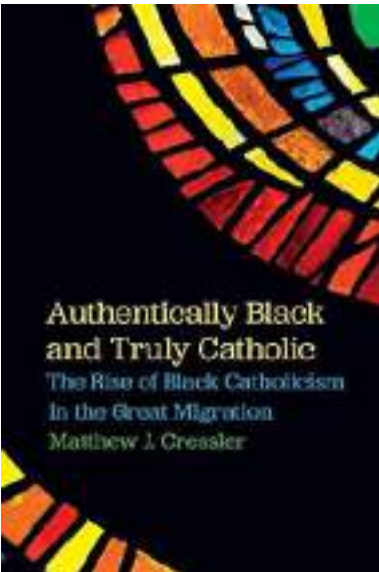
<https://www2.ed.gov/free/features/asian-pacific-heritage.html>



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### Recommended Reading by Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN

*Authentically Black and Truly Catholic* by Matthew J. Cressler  
This book explores the debate among Black Catholics between religion and racial identity. One might conclude that this is a landmark read that uncovers the curiosity of what it means to be truly Black and Catholic. It is an important book to read at this time of racial unrest in the church and world.

The author is Assistant Professor, Religious Studies at the College of Charleston, SC. He is co-hosting along with the Office of Ethnic Ministries the 41st. Black Catholic Theological Symposium on October 10 -12, 2019 in Charleston. See Page 1 for more details.

Get the book at Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

**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://wopf.org/>



**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.

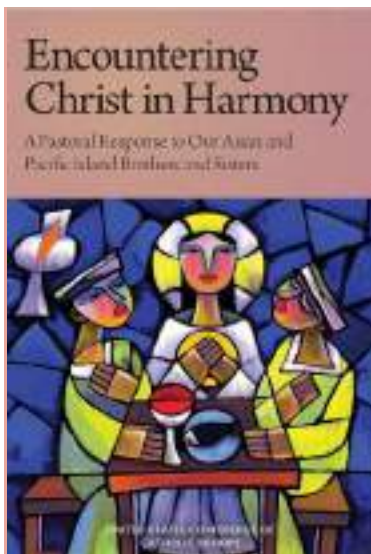
If you are interested in hosting one of these gatherings in your parish, please contact the Office of Ethnic Ministries and we will bring the program to you. Over 800 Catholics in the Diocese of Charleston has participated. Peace begins with you and me!



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>**.

**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***

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.

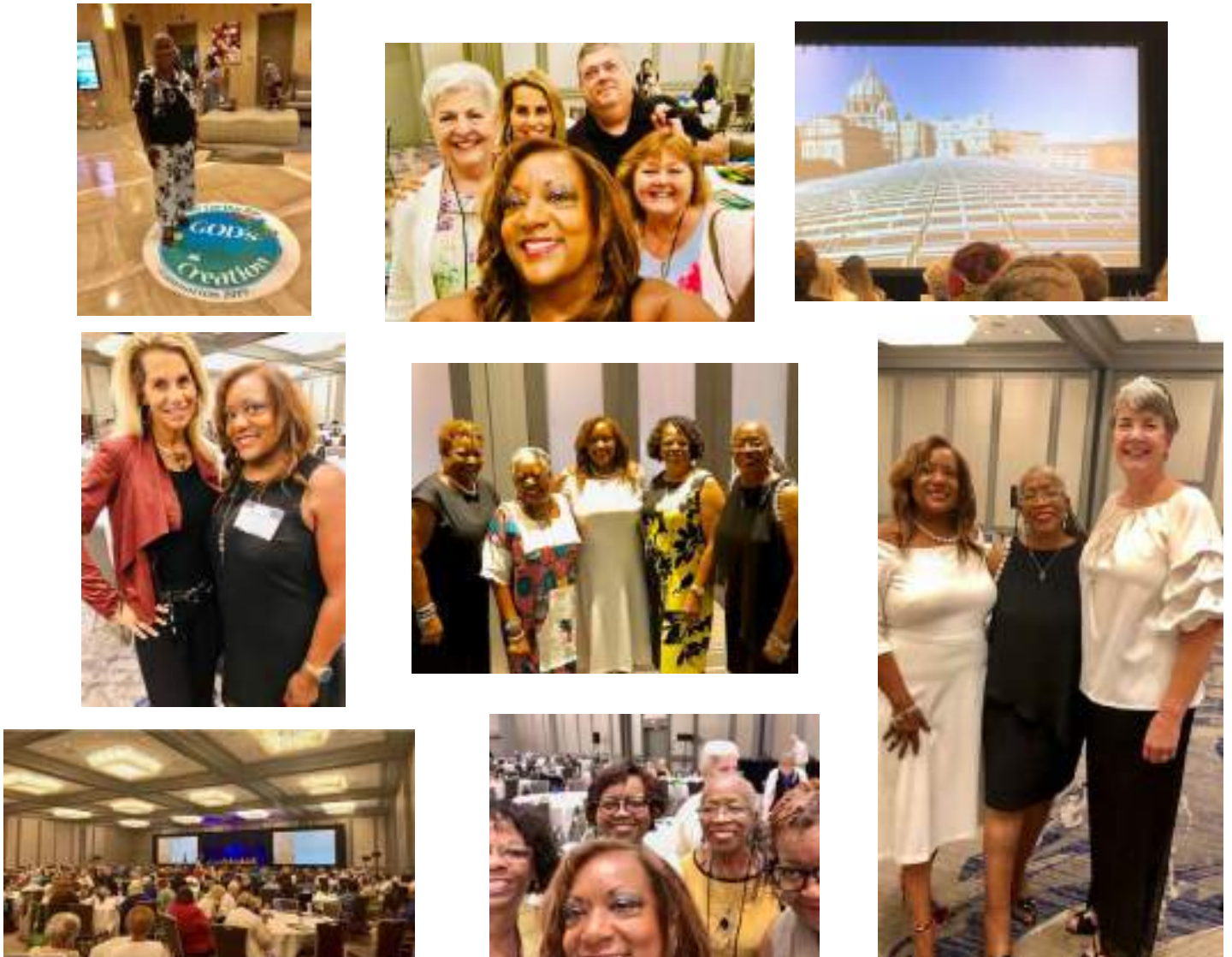


# Photo Gallery

Confirmation at St. Martin de Porres , Columbia. SC Photos compliments of A. Green and D. Doggett



National Council of Catholic Women 2019 Convention , Atlanta , Ga August 2019



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[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR\\_eSxFBVn0pBij2Y0aOapQ/featured?disable\\_polymer=1](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR_eSxFBVn0pBij2Y0aOapQ/featured?disable_polymer=1)



<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>

**Black Catholic Ministry**

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

**Asian and Pacific Islander Ministry**

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**Native American Ministry**

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