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ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON
OFFICE OF ETHNIC MINISTRIES

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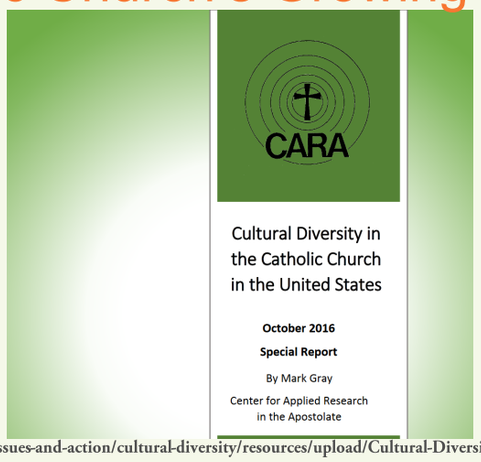
New Study on Cultural Diversity Displays Catholic Church's Growing Multicultural



http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/resources/upload/Cultural-Diversity-Summary-Report-October-2016-1.pdf

St. Martin de Porres will serve as your host for this historical occassion. Franciscan Friar, Paul Williams, will be returning to South Carolina to serve as our Homilist and keynote speaker. The Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston, will celebrate the Mass and share a few words with us following the Mass; a youth track facilitated by Dr. Allison McLachie and Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN; and a panel of notable "Black Catholic History Makers" including Kathleen Merritt , Rev. Michael Okere and Arthur C. McFarland.

You are welcome to bring your Mardi Gras masks for Friday Night and encouraged to wear your African Attire on Saturday for this Special Bicentennial celebration!

Father Paul Williams, OFM

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP GO TO:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/88874250275

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Black Catholics Pastoral Plan of Action Webinars

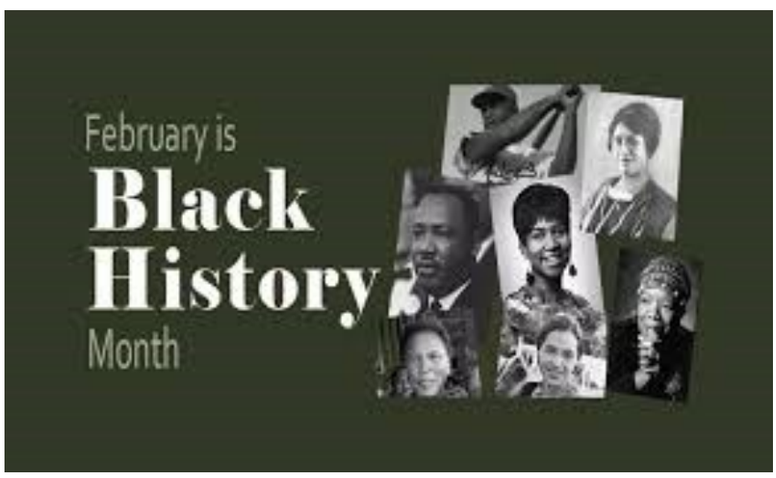
The NBCC is presenting a series of webinars as a result of Congress XII feedback. The topics that were of most concern to our constituents, clergy, and leadership, formed the basis for the selection of these webinars.

https://www.nbccongress.org/nbcc-webinar-series.html

Letter from Birmingham Jail Study Guide - Full Documents

http://www.usccb.org/_cs_upload/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/african-american/resources/120160_3.pdf

MLK DAY " A Ministry Moment by Kathleen Merritt
https://youtu.be/OigxaoIZIZ4



Resources

Prayer for the African American Family
http://www.solidgroundministry.com/NDPAAAF2019-How_To_Celebrate_This_Day_2019.pdf

Ways to Celebrate—A Ministry Moment by Kathleen Merritt
https://youtu.be/Sah9yPupT-E

South Carolina Council of Catholic Women; where all women in the diocese of Charleston are members. Find out more at https://www.scccw.org

National Catholic Reporter

1 year ago

Episode 65: Strangers in the pews: Why systemic racism is a pro-life issue

CLICK HERE TO LISTEN

https://soundcloud.com/user-971340293/episode-65-strangers-in-the

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NCR In Conversation

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February 15 | 10 AM- 2:00 PM

St. Martin de Porres
2229 Hampton Street
Columbia, SC 29204

Liturgical Dance Workshop

Call or Email to register: 864.331.2627 or
rmcnamara@charlestondiocese.org
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS 2/10/2020

Ages 12 and up male and females

If you enjoying dancing and want to be a part of a praise dance team then this is for you! For teens and adults. There is n/c to participate.

The Heritage Dancers

The dance team is called the Heritage Dancers. You're invited to join.

Performance at the Heritage Celebration

Come out and learn the praise dance for our 2020 Heritage celebration on February 22, 2020 in Columbia at St. Martin de Porres.

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Youth/Young Adults Q&A with Sister Roberta Fulton *SSMN, Assistant Director for African American Evangelization*

Question: **Why do young people feel disconnected from the church?**

Answer: There are many reasons. Young people can help rejuvenate the church. The church needs the enthusiasm and hope of young people. Youth and young adult years is a time of moving, choosing failing, succeeding, fearing and hoping. Young people are in need of guidance. Ask your questions about priorities, values, belonging and faith. Find a wise person with whom you can talk through your faith questions. Together we can find ways to strengthen our faith. Perhaps the questions will open our eyes and hearts to see that the church is indeed relevant. You have a place in the church! Check out this link: youtubeplentygoodroom.com

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Powerfully Dramatizes the Urgent Need for School Choice on YouTube

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ehCjqBTChzs

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Native American Ministry Discussion Resources

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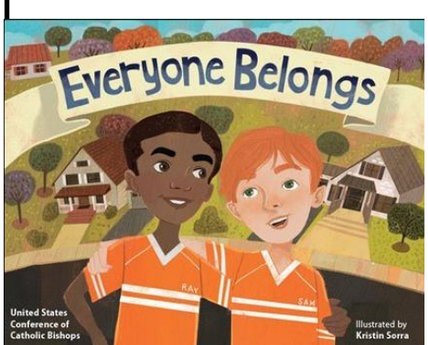
Sr. Roberta Fultonm SSMN and Chief Mary Louise Worthy

The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering was held in Washington, DC on January 25 – 28, 2020. The Theme was: "Bearing Witness: Life and Justice for All."

Sister Roberta Fulton, SSMN and Chief Mary Louise Worthy represented the Diocese of Charleston Office of Ethnic Ministries. More than 600 leaders gathered to witness life and justice, gain knowledge and skills for ministry, build bridges and advocate as one voice on Capitol Hill. It was a wonderful opportunity to engage in intellectual, spiritual and professional leadership development We worked on issues impacting life and human dignity such as human trafficking, poverty, racism, incarceration, immigration, our common home the earth and healthcare discrimination… The charge to each one of us was to go forth and be bridge builders.

A Recommended Book To Read this Month



A Recommended Book To Read this Month is <u>Everyone Belongs</u> by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This book promotes the message of love, peace and forgiveness. (JPG attached)

A Cover Picture for the book "Everyone Belongs" (JPG attached)

<u>Caption:</u> You can purchase this book at https://www.loyolapress.com/products/books/family-life-and-parenting/everyone-belongs

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Black History Month Resources

UCC Presentation for Black History Month with Interpretive Dancers (Part Two)- https://youtu.be/aoly77TJNfA

PBS LEARNING MEDIA | Black History Month | PBS KIDS— https://youtu.be/f00AatzvxC0

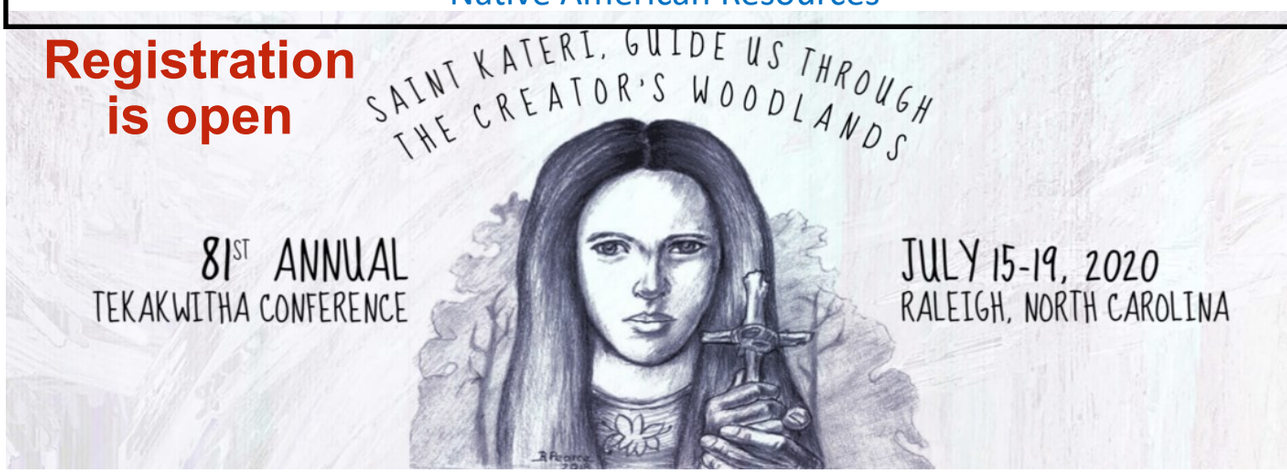
TV CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

" An Afternoon in the Upstate with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston" A 200th year Bicentennial Celebration

Aired Christmas Day on Fox Carolina in the Upstate. Missed it? You can Watch now!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcjgAcwfpNQ&feature=youtu.be

Native American Resources



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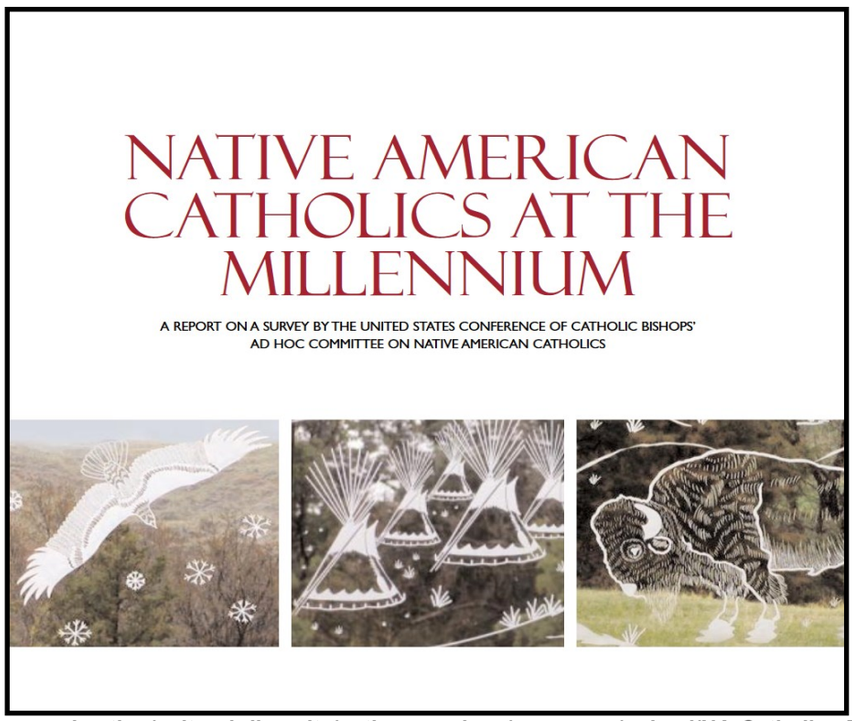

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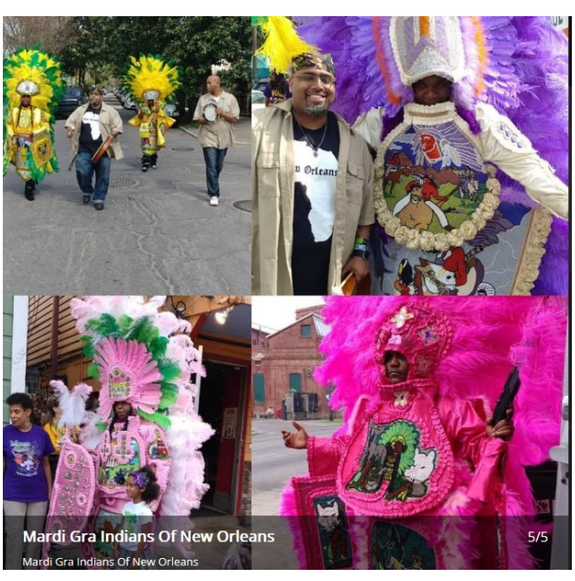

Mardi Gras Indians of New Orleans

By Dr. Ansel Augustine

Binay Tribal Member.

https://www.blackindians.com/mardigrasindians

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Asian and Pacific Islanders Resources

FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION TRAINING CONTACT ETHNIC MINISTRIES

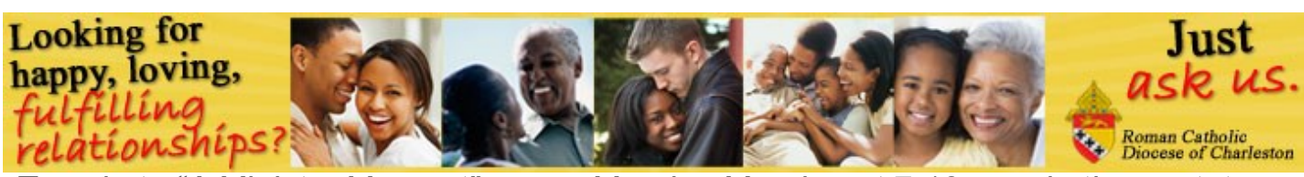
What We Have Seen and Heard : A Reflection and Dialogue on Peace. A Parish , School, and Community Event.

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 include a discussion 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! Contact Kathleen Merritt

Promoting Peace and Social Justice Initiatives

Diversity Inclusion and Empathy Training and Resources for school staff, students, youth groups and other Catholic organizations please contact Kathleen Merritt with the Office of Ethnic Ministries. Training is designed to address your particular need.



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.**

Bishop Edward Braxton issues a Pastoral Reflection on the recent mass shootings

by NBCC Staff

The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D., has issued a Pastoral Reflection titled, "A National Crisis: A Pastoral Reflection on the Deadly Epidemic of Gun Violence in the United States."

"We are facing a national crisis in the United States. As a Catholic Bishop striving to live by and teach the good news of justice and peace proclaimed by Jesus of Nazareth, I am compelled to name this truth. It is, in some way, a crisis of gun violence."

Bishop Edward K. Braxton of Belleville, Illinois, is pictured at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. (Credit: Robert Duncan/CNS.)

To download your complimentary copy click below

https://nebula.wsimg.com/a857aad1fe7d763f8aec71ff9f742caf?AccessKeyId=BC1D04F48C0411888F51&disposition=0&alloworigin=1

Photo Gallery

Catholic Social Ministry Conference

Caption: Sr. Roberts attended the Social Ministry Conference with Chief Mary Louise Worthy

Lunar New Year Photo Gallery (10 JPGs attached):

Caption: A pictorial view of Lunar New Year Celebration from Vietnamese communities at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Charleston and St. Andrew Church, Myrtle Beach on the weekends of January 18 -19 and at Our Lady of La Vang Church, Greer on Sunday January 26.

Black History Month Ministry Moment

https://youtu.be/Sah9yPupT-E

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR_eSxFBVn0pBjj2Y0aOapQ/featured?disable_polymer=1

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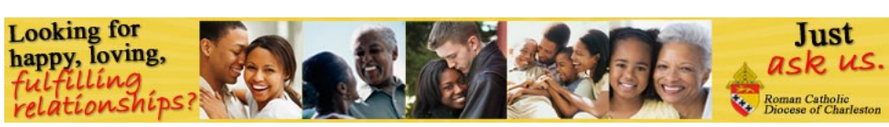

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