

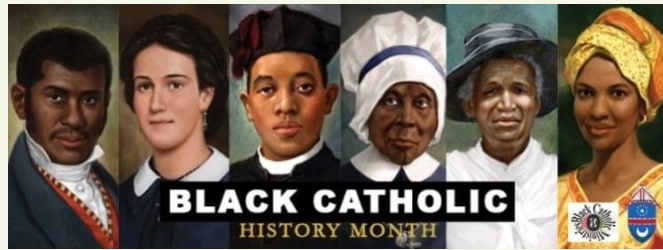


# ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON OFFICE OF ETHNIC MINISTRIES

## Newsletter

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## November is Black Catholic History Month! We're having a Virtual Celebration!

You're invited to join us in prayer and discussion on African American History at our First Friday Table Talk on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am. To register and for more information click here <https://charlestdioocese.org/event/first-fridays-coffee-tea-saints-and-faith-table-talk/>

**GOOD MORNING**  
**First Friday Table Talk**

Prizes!

First Friday's  
**Coffee, Tea, Saints, and Faith**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Mrma5jks2L-8cd8y3X15g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Mrma5jks2L-8cd8y3X15g)

Starts on Friday November 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. On Zoom  
Host: Kathleen Merritt  
Spiritual Leader: Fr. Michael Okere, Vicar for Black Catholics  
SPECIAL GUEST: GRAMMY AWARD WINNER, CHARLETON SINGLETON

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Diocese of Charleston

**Celebration of the Feast of 117 Vietnamese Martyrs**  
**A virtual celebration**

**Sunday, November 15, 2020**  
**9:45 am - 11:15 am**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_dRFatBuYRS6oYoH-Wun42w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dRFatBuYRS6oYoH-Wun42w)

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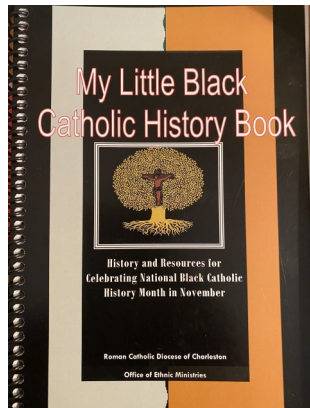
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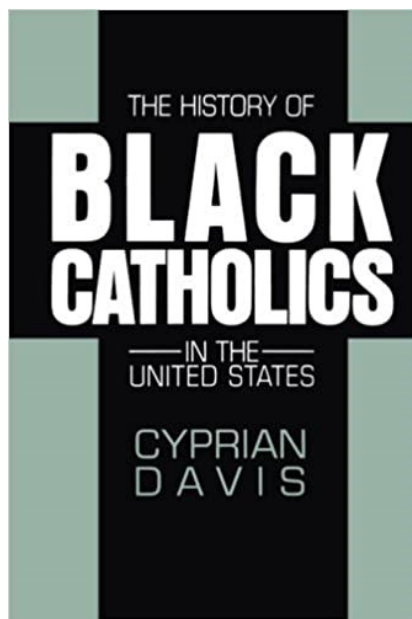
Black Catholics

Black Catholic History Month Resource



*My Little Black Catholic History Book* is available on line. Download your complimentary copy today. A publication of the Office of Ethnic Ministries, click on book or the address below.

<https://charlestondiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/My-Little-Black-Book-ebook.pdf>



The History of Black Catholics in the United States

By Cyprian Davis

This book makes an extremely valuable contribution to our understanding of African-American religious life by presenting the first full-length treatment of the Black Catholic experience. It should be read by all interested in the history and culture of Black Americans.

Item #103611 **\$26.95** [Order Now](#)

<https://shop.catholicssupply.com/the-history-of-black-catholics-in-the-united-states-paperback-november>

THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A SAINT HIGHLIGHTING THE SIX AFRICAN AMERICANS ON THE ROAD TO SAINT HOOD

<https://www.nbccongress.org/black-catholic-sainthood.html>

FOR MORE RESOURCES AND BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY VISIT THE NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS WEBSITE AT

<https://www.nbccongress.org/>

<https://www.bowmanfrancis.org/registration>

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**ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS**

***Vietnamese Mass Schedule***

*Mass Schedule may be changed without prior notice. Please check and confirm with the specific church. Masks and social distancing required*

**St. Martin de Porres**

229 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204  
(803) 422-1648

6:30 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
7:30 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**Our Lady of La Vang Catholic Church**

2020 Gibbs Shoals Rd., Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 395-0202  
<https://www.lavangsc.org>

10 am & 12:15 pm Sunday

**St. Anne**

1694 Bird Street, Rock Hill, SC 29732  
(803) 329-2662

7:30 p.m. Saturday

**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

6650 Dorchester Rd., N. Charleston, SC  
29418  
(843) 552-2223

7 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**St. Andrew Catholic Church**

3501 North Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach  
SC 29577  
(843) 448-5930

8 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday



Outdoor Mass at Our Lady of LaVang Catholic Church, Greenville, SC

**Asian and Pacific Catholic Network Statement on Racism (link & APCN jpg attached)**

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/APCN%20Statement%20on%20%20Racism-Aug-18-2020.pdf>


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## Asian and Pacific Islanders

### MORE ON THE VIETNAMESE MARTYRS CELEBRATION— 11/15/2020



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#### The Diocese of Charleston Virtual Celebration for the Feast of 117 Vietnamese Martyrs

A reflective Sunday morning of prayer, a brief history of the Vietnamese Martyr Saints, a pictorial presentation of past Vietnamese Martyr Celebrations. Hosted by Michael Tran, Assistant Director, Office of Ethnic Ministries.

At 10:00am, a livestream Mass will be celebrated by Father David Phan OFM from Our Lady of La Vang Church in Greer, SC.

Register at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_dRFatBuYRS6oYoH-Wun42w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dRFatBuYRS6oYoH-Wun42w)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the online celebration. For more information contact the Office of Ethnic Ministries at [mtran@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:mtran@charlestondiocese.org) or 864-331-2620.

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### Korean Mass at St. John Neumann, Columbia, SC



Face to Face Korean Mass is on the schedule at St. John Neumann. It takes place the 3rd Saturday of every month at 7 PM. The picture is a view of the Korean Saturday Vigil Mass on October 24 2020 at Saint John Neumann Catholic Church. Attendees are following the guidelines of social distancing and face-coverings

Photo courtesy: Wong Kang



**HI, I'M SISTER HOPE.  
HOW CAN I HELP?**

Sister Hope is a FREE chat service providing encouragement and strategies on how to manage everyday stress and anxiety using Chatbot technology.

Text "Hi" to Sister Hope at 315-276-3157  
or visit [Facebook.com/SisterHopeSC](https://www.facebook.com/SisterHopeSC) to get instant support

- Sister Hope is anonymous, private, and available 24/7.
- Proven, faith-based, emotional and mental support service.
- Sister Hope offers proven technology to offer custom mental health help when and where you need it. She is used by over 13 million users world wide.



Sister Hope is provided by Catholic Charities of South Carolina

Questions? E-mail [sisterhope@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:sisterhope@charlestondiocese.org)

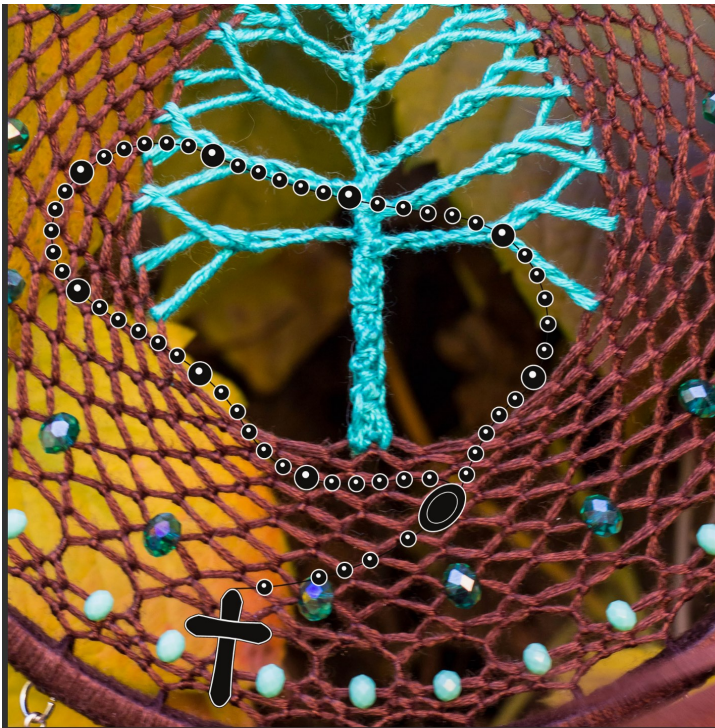
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**Native American Ministry Discussion and Resources**

**MORE ON THE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION 11/14/2020**



Spiritual Reflection by Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston



Highlights of Pope Francis new encyclical “Fratelli Tutti,” by Deacon Larry Deschaine, Ph.D.

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**NATIVE AMERICAN CATHOLIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION  
DESCRIPTION  
WE ARE ALL RELATED; WHEN WE PRAY WE ARE ONE  
A VIRTUAL CELEBRATION  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020  
10:00 AM - 12 NOON**

**A REFLECTIVE ENGAGING MORNING OF PRAYER (THE SEVEN DIRECTION) LED BY SR. TRINA MCCORMICK, OP., MUSIC AND A PRESENTATION BY DEACON LARRY M. DESCHAI, PH.D., TITLED “UNITING EVERYONE FROM A NATIVE AMERICAN CATHOLIC STANDPOINT.” INVITED SPEAKER, BISHOP ROBERT E. GUGLIELMONE; MARY LOUISE ( WOLF WOMAN) WORTHY WILL DISCUSS 10 THINGS EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT NATIVE AMERICAN CATHOLICS. HOSTED BY KATHLEEN MERRITT**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ETHNIC MINISTRIES AT RMCNAMARA@CHARLESTONDIocese.ORG**

1. 10:00 AM WELCOME CALL TO ORDER
2. 10: 10 AM PRAYER SERVICE - AND SPIRITUAL REFLECTION BY SPECIAL GUEST
4. 10:25 AM MINISTRY UPDATES AND INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER
5. 10: 30 AM SPEAKER
6. 10: 45 - 11:00 QUESTIONS FROM PARTICIPANTS
7. 11:00 MUSIC AND ART
8. 11: 15 10 THINGS EVERYONE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT NATIVE AMERICAN CATHOLICS - CHIEF MARY LOUISE WORTHY
9. 11: 25 AUDIENCE QUESTIONS AND REFLECTIONS
10. 11:50 CLOSING PRAYER

Information Link:

<https://charlestondiocese.org/event/native-american-catholic-heritage-celebration/>

Registration Link:

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FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION TRAINING CONTACT ETHNIC MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE

## Tuesday February 22nd

### Who's talking to the Children about Diversity and Inclusion?

Via Webinar 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Children notice and experience more than we think they do when it comes to cultural differences and the racial divide in America. More and more young children are hearing and seeing issues related to the racial divide in America on the TV, during family discussion and among their peers. This can sometimes lead to misinformation and anxiety. It is important that we as Catholic adults help them to better understand what is happening and what should be happening. This webinar will take a look at some of the things that young children may see and hear and offer them age appropriate activities and talking points for you that will promote cultural competency and strengthen their belief in the power of prayer. For clergy, parents, teachers and anyone interested in the subject.

Register at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_2pp-ywE9RDaQflwzZVbIUQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2pp-ywE9RDaQflwzZVbIUQ)

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## Monday, April 12th

### Diversity, Inclusion and Empathy Training for Catechetical Leaders & Other Adults Working with Youth

Via Webinar 10:00a.m.- 12:00noon

A discussion on diversity, inclusion and ways in which Catechists and other youth leaders can structure a culturally inclusive environment. Understanding racism and teaching empathy will be the main topic areas to be discussed. Catechists will receive 2.0 Certification hours for category; Social Justice, Gospel of Life. Participants are required to read the USCCB Pastoral Letter on Racism, "Open Wide our Hearts" prior to gathering. Document can be found at:

[https://www.usccb.org/resources/open-wide-our-hearts\\_0.pdf](https://www.usccb.org/resources/open-wide-our-hearts_0.pdf)

Open to catechetical leaders (including DREs, YMs, RCIA Directors, Evangelization Directors, Adult Faith Formation Directors, etc.), clergy, parents, volunteer catechists and team members, and any-one who is interested in learning more about Diversity, Inclusion and Empathy. Register at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_tQMIYoORRrefFfomtTDPtg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tQMIYoORRrefFfomtTDPtg)



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Training on Diversity, Empathy, Peace and Social Justice. Projected audiences include youth, adults, schools, and other ministries of the Church. Contact Kathleen Merritt at [KMerritt@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:KMerritt@charlestdiocese.org) if you are interested in a program for your group. You can review our calendar of events here,

<https://charlestdiocese.org/ethnic-ministries/>

The Subcommittee on African American Affairs, Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church (USCCB) issues a guide to eradicate racism. <https://www.usccb.org/resources/action-steps-to-eradicate-racism.pdf>



The History of Ethnic Ministries watch the video by clicking on the link.

<https://youtu.be/opmE8SmaRJ0>



Contact the Office of Vocations and Diaconate to learn more...

<https://charlestdiocese.org/vocations/> or <https://charlestdiocese.org/diaconate/>

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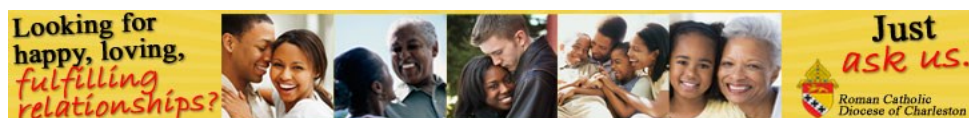
**Rev. David Q. Phan OFM  
Vietnamese Ministry 864-233-7717**

<https://charlestdioocese.org/ethnic-ministries/>

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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>

**Black Catholic Ministry**

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

**Asian and Pacific Islander Ministry**

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

**Native American Ministry**

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

