

St. Vincent De Paul Church

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Mission Statement

St. Vincent de Paul is a faith community striving to live Jesus' gospel message of love, peace and justice for all peoples. In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, our inclusive community welcomes, affirms and serves both the poorest of the poor and those who are alienated and most vulnerable among us. Our individual faith journeys join together in the celebration of the Eucharist. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to nurture the gifts of all our members. Our parish family will draw strength and unity from diversity. We will foster an atmosphere of warmth, hospitality and prayerfulness. We pray that our commitment to these efforts will further the mission of being one with our God and one with each other.

The DePaul Catholic School, An Independent Mission School
44 W. Logan Street ♦ Philadelphia, PA 19144 ♦ 215-842-1266 ♦ www.thedepaulcatholicschool.org

Parish Staff

♦ **Sylvester Peterka, C.M.**

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215-763-6387

Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

August 14, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	08/14	Joseph Mastronardo	9:00 am
		Joan Bretschneider	11:00 am
MON	08/15	NO MASS	
TUE	08/16	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	08/17	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	08/18	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	08/19	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	08/20	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

Today's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Psalm: Psalm 40
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21
Psalm: Psalm 117
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time
SAT Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

FOR THIS WE PRAY

Parishioners

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, Tom Weir, Anoaah Curtis, Myles McDonald, William Drinker, Judith Di Battista, Ruby Tyer, Donna Jean Cocchia, Leo Johnson, Patricia Judge, Pat Burton, Thomas Baumann, Dick Taylor, Ginny Witte, Edna Poole, Nan Wade, Betsy Moore, Vince Morgan, Gerry Widmann, Kay Harty, Mary Lynn Kraft, Darryl Carroll, Helen Rosales, Natalie Gianetti, Arlene Myers, Betty Barnett, William Horoschak.

Friends of St. Vincent's

Maryann Hunsicker, Steven David Aslow, Mary Fazzini DeCanelo, Laura Alfonse, Nancy Tooker, C'aron & Wynter Marie Hamilton, Tim McCabe, Harrison Harper, Claude Harper, Jaedon Anthony Horton, Arturo Magana Herrera, Lisa Kineke, John Brennan, Ashley Kiker, The Carey Family, Monique & Joseph Phillips, Dan Wuenschel, Ashley Margetch, Johnny Hilferty, Diane McCabe, Judy Spearmint, Millie Kribel, Kathleen Lawson, Dorothy Heimlich, Connie Bronson, Joseph Simmons, Amy Natkins, Terri Jackson, Mary Sarabocca, Alice Penderghast, Samuel Gonzalez, Mary Elizabeth Unterfofler, Ana Esquilin Santos, Mainsford Family, Rayan Bousso, Richard Lipton, Palmina Rucker, Martha King Cox, Anna Satchell, Steve Damville, Jessica Jara, Joe Hagan, Ned Dugery, Fred Ludwig, Marie Anderson, Vincent Owens Jim Leonard, Ashley Sullivan.

Our Sister Parish of Las Anonas de Santa Cruz, El Salvador. Those who fight in wars, those who are victims of war, and those who seek peace and justice.

PASTORAL CARE

We will bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass regularly because of sickness or infirmity. Please call the Rectory, at 215-438-2925.

Last Week's Collection	2,948.58
Electronic	<u>3,058.00</u>
Total	6,004.58
Tithe	300.23

BAPTISM OF OUR CHILDREN

Call Fr. Sy Peterka, Pastor, at 215-438-2925, ext. 218, for available dates and additional information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is the process through which adults become members of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in exploring whether the Catholic Church is where you want to begin or continue your Christian faith journey, please contact the Rectory at 215-438-2925.

THOSE IN NEED OF THE SACRAMENTS

Please contact Fr. Sy Peterka, at 215-438-2925 ext.218, to make arrangements.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in becoming involved in one or more of our Parish ministries, call the Church office, at 215-438-2925.

PARISH OUTREACH

Non-perishable food donations may be made Monday, Tuesday and Friday between 9am and Noon. To make an appointment for any other time, please call Evelyn Rogers at 215-438-1514.

RESERVATIONS FOR MEETINGS/EVENTS

Please call the Church office, 215-438-2925.

RACIAL HEALING STATEMENT

To foster a community in which people of all races and cultures are treated as equals and fully participate in the life of the church. We hope to achieve this by... Deepening Cross-Racial/Cross-Cultural relationships; Developing each person's gifts for Leadership & Ministry, (Including each group's Art & Culture) and by... Supporting actions for justice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - August 14-20, 2016

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Forms are available in the back of the church for active St. Vincent parishioners who send their children to Catholic grammar and high schools and need help.

BLESSING FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We extend our blessings to all of you.

WELCOME FR. ANTHONY & FR. JENFA

We are delighted to host two Vincentian priests from Nigeria for a month this summer. Please consider showing them Philadelphia hospitality by inviting them to visit you at home or give them a tour of your part of the city!

LECTORS Please Sign up for Summer

If you are lector, please sign up for times you can serve our worshipping assembly at Masses this Aug-Sept! Sign-up sheet is in the Liturgy Prep room in the back of church, to the right of the main entrance. Thank you for making God's Word come alive in our Masses!

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary meets Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the rectory.

SENIORS MINISTRY

We will gather each Wednesday from 11am-2pm in the Senior Center located behind the church.

HOSPITALITY

All are welcome to enjoy hospitality on the Rectory porch between the Sunday Masses. You are also welcome to host; just sign up on the posted list by the side door entrance. Everything is supplied. Hosts serve cookies and other snack items and prepare lemonade. All supplies are kept in the cabinets in the small room, just off of the rectory kitchen. There is no cost to the community for summer hospitality. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jack DiFeo 215 887-7911.

PREPARE TO CELEBRATE FEAST OF ST VINCENT

On **September 25**, we will honor the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul at **ONE MASS at 10am** followed by a celebration. In the weeks leading up to this day, all are invited to reflect on the five virtues of St. Vincent: Simplicity, Humility, Gentleness, Mortification, Zeal - how they have been present in our community, how they have impacted our lives, how we might envision their prominence in our future.

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POWER UPDATE

(Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower & Rebuild)
www.powerinterfaith.org

Airport Breakthrough: On the eve of the Democratic National Convention, POWER played an important role in a major labor dispute. POWER has been in steady dialogue and solidarity with low-wage, mostly African-American and Latino baggage handlers and wheelchair operators at Philadelphia International Airport over the past 3 years, supporting their appeals to American Airlines to require sub-contractors to pay them a living wage and allow workers to organize. On July 21, 13 POWER clergy and laity came to the airport in support of the workers and were briefly but very publicly arrested when airline executives refused to meet with them. The next day, state and city officials convinced airline executives to negotiate with the workers, thus averting a strike and honoring the dignity of the workers. It's clear the courageous action by people of faith helped create this "tipping point" toward justice. This is what "faith in action" looks like!

Voter Registration: Let's do this! Come one, come all - young, old and in-between! POWER will host a lunch/training and hands-on Voter Registration experience on **Saturday, August 20 from 12 noon to 4pm** at St Malachy's Church, 1429 N 11th St. Carpool from St Vincent's at 11:30am. Sign up to drive or get a ride on the clipboard on the radiator in church or contact Mary Laver mlaver14@comcast.net 610-324-9388. Can't make it on Aug 20? We can train you later in this VERY important election sea-son! Sign up on clipboard and reserve some Saturdays in September and October to be sure every eligible person can PARTICIPATE in our society, as we are made in God's image and each of our voices counts! Meanwhile, spread the word to everyone you know: Oct 11 is the DEADLINE when registrations must be received by your county office. Earlier is better, so there will be plenty of time to receive your voter registration card and poll-location.

POWER meeting at St Vincent's: Monday, August 22 at 7pm in the rectory. All welcome!

COUPONS TO BENEFIT MY PLACE GERMANTOWN

Jack DiFeo is selling Shop For A Cause coupons for \$5 after the nine o'clock mass. These coupons provide 25% off purchases made at Macy's from **August 26-28**. All proceeds go to My Place Germantown providing permanent housing and support to formerly homeless disabled men.

FOOD PANTRY

Please note: The Food Pantry will be closed from August 19 to after Labor Day.

WORK FOR AN IMMIGRANT: CAN YOU HELP?

The New Sanctuary Movement is helping a Guatemalan man in the immigration process. He needs work, is open to day work—yard work, painting, light construction, and other possibilities. To find out more, call or email Paul Witte (267-237-6683; pw Witte@hotmail.com).

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish
Registration Form

Thanks for being here! If you would like to become an ACTIVE member of St. Vincent De Paul Parish (full-time or part-time), we invite you to **complete the Parish Registration form below.**

Date _____ Envelope number _____

Name _____

last

first

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Home Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Full name and relationship of all resident family members

_____ DOB _____ Relationship _____

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Have you received the Sacraments?

Baptism Confirmation First Communion

Are you interested in

Liturgical Ministry Service Ministry

(Can you sing, lector, teach....)

Please place completed form in the Offeratory basket or send to the Parish Office and we will contact you.

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**Bulletin Deadline: Mondays by noon. Email to
secretary@saint-vincent-church.org**

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Electronic Donation Authorization ES6255

Thank you for considering donations to St. Vincent de Paul electronically via your bank account. Please complete this form so that we can set things up for you. If you have questions, call Kitty at 215-438-2925x229

Date _____ Envelope Number _____
Electronic Type: New ___ Change ___

Name _____
last first

Address _____

City _____ State ___ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

Cell # _____

Email _____

Date of 1st Donation _____

Amount of Donation _____

Frequency:

Monthly on the **1st** _____

Monthly on the **15th** _____

Weekly (**every Monday**) _____

Weekly (**every other Monday**) _____

Bank Routing Number _____

Account Number _____

Please debit my checking account per **attached voided check**. (If you wish to debit your savings account, please contact your bank for routing and account number.) **I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my bank account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.**

Authorized signature and Date:

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 13TH AND 14TH, 2016

MY PLACE GERMANTOWN FUNDRAISER, "SHOP FOR A CAUSE": Save 25% all day, all weekend at any Macy's, August 26th through Sunday, August 28th. Get the \$5 tickets from Jack DiFeo at 9am Sunday or Fr. Sy at 4pm Saturday or 11am Sunday.

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Meekness

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Mortification

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<http://vinformation.famvin.org/vincentian-spirituality/virtues-and-charism/>

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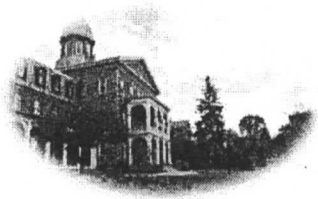
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Ministry to Black Catholics Certificate

Fall 2016 Certificate Courses:

HISTORY OF BLACK CATHOLICS AND SAINTS Tuesdays

and/or

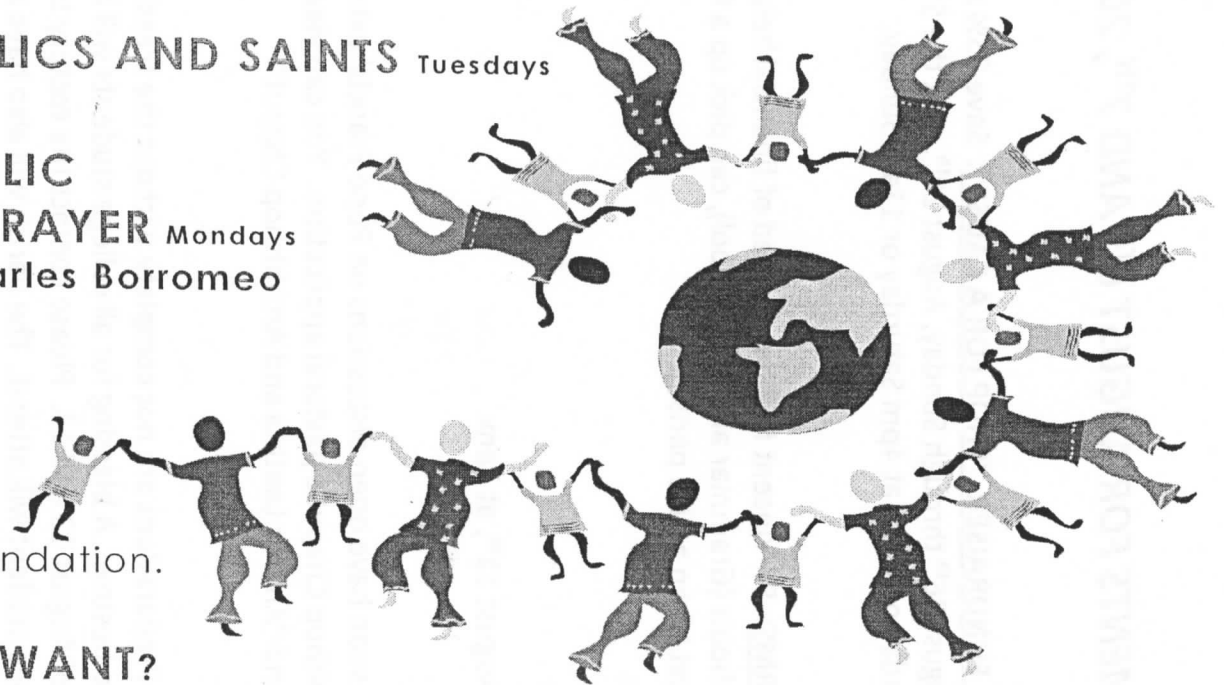
**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH: MORALITY AND PRAYER** Mondays

Both courses offered at Saint Charles Borromeo
Seminary, 6:30 PM-9:30 PM.

Courses start August 29th

Registration ends August 15th!

Full scholarships are available
through the Martin de Porres Foundation.



Think about this – what do **YOU WANT?**

- ✦ To learn more about the Catholic Faith?
- ✦ To earn an undergraduate certificate?
- ✦ To work towards a Master of Arts in Theology Degree?

THIS PROGRAM IS FOR YOU.

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Martin de Porres Foundation

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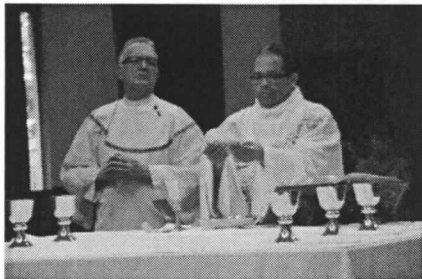
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Newsletter

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The Mission of the Martin de Porres Foundation: The goal of the Martin de Porres Foundation is to develop lay leadership among African American/Black Catholics. This is achieved through undergraduate and graduate education as well as training in Ministry and Leadership skills. The Foundation supports these lay leaders in their efforts to advance Catholicism in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Fr. A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem. Ordination to the Priesthood



On July 9, 2016 at the Daylesford Abbey, we celebrated the ordination, with great joy to the priesthood of Rev. A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem.

His first Mass and blessings as a priest were experienced on Sunday, July 10th. Parishes of the Black Apostolate were in attendance, among others to support, witness, and give praises to his ministry.

Many of us have prayed for increased vocations in our communities. By the glory of God, the Lord has blessed us with another African-American priest in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

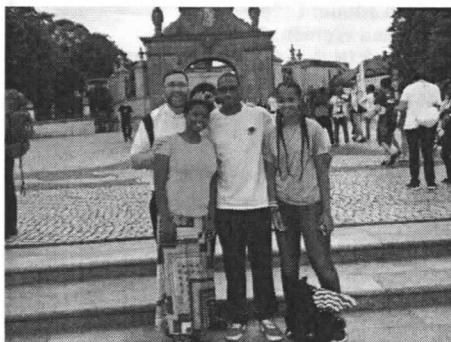
Also, may God continue to bless Fr. Jordan as Promoter of the Cause for the Canonization of Father Augustus Tolton.

About Fr. Augustus Tolton

Fr. Tolton was the first American diocesan priest of African descent. Born the son of slaves in Missouri, he studied for the priesthood in Rome, as no American seminary would accept him because of his race. Ordained in 1886 for the Diocese of Alton, Illinois, he served his first three years as a priest in the city of Quincy, of the same diocese. He later came to Chicago to start a parish for black Catholics, serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago until his passing. At the time of his death, he was only 43 years old. http://www.archchicago.org/news_releases/news_2015/news_151102.html

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World Youth Day 2016 - Philadelphia to Krakow, Poland

With an unlimited amount of pride, we are excited for three (3) students who were selected by the Office for Black Catholics, with the approval of their pastors, to join other students from around the world in celebration of World Youth Day 2016. It is through the grace of God that they have been given the opportunity to experience the culture, history, and the people of Krakow, Poland. (L-R) Fr. Chris Walsh & Dennell Lewis - St. Raymond; Clifford Bryant - St. Athanasius; & Devon Pigford - St. Barbara. Funding provided by the Martin de Porres Foundation.

We pray for traveling mercies for priests, other religious and students who are separated from home, family, and friends. May they develop new contacts and relationships.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 PANAMA!

Congratulations – Lester E. Brown

Lester E. Brown – St. Barbara Parish, recently received his acceptance letter from Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana. He will begin orientation for the Fall semester on August 12, 2016. Lester was one of our students who received a MDP Foundation Scholarship for the 2016 Continuing Education Summer Program at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies. We wish Lester all the love and blessings for a successful, spiritual, and knowledgeable education at Xavier University, NOLA.

SAVE THE DATE

**KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER
& LADIES AUXILIARY**

Philadelphia Central Committee Celebrate

SAINT PETER CLAVER DAY

40 YEARS OF CLAVERISM IN PHILADELPHIA

Saturday, September 10, 2016

St. Cyprian Roman Catholic Church

525 S. 63rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143

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STS 202 History of Black Catholics and Saint (Tues)

**STS 294 Catechism of the Catholic Church: Morality & Prayer
(Mon)**

Registration closes on Monday, August 15th, 2016. Late registrations will be assessed a \$50 fee. The MDPF will not be responsible for late fees.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Catechist Training Nights

August 2, 9, 16, & 23, 2016

Training Night fee: \$10 due by July 29th.

Registration and additional information call 215-587-3541 Office for Black Catholics. Deacon Bill Bradley, Director.

Unbound Ministry

Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 Time: 1 – 3:00 pm

Location: St. Martin of Tours

Lower Church Room

5450 Roosevelt Blvd, Philadelphia

NO Charge to attend. RSVP Required.

Revival – Bishop Ferd Cheri

Dates: Monday/Tuesday/September, 26-27, 2016

Cathedral Basilica

For additional information call 215-587-3541 Office for Black Catholics. Deacon Wm. Bradley, Director.

National Black Catholic Men's Conference

Theme: Blessed is the Man who is Faithful, Fearless & Fruitful

Dates: Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun, October 6-9, 2016

Location: Doubletree Hilton Philadelphia Airport

4509 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19153

Adult Registration: \$150/ Youth: \$50 (age 8-13)/ H.S. & College Students \$75

<http://www.bowmanfranciscanministry.com/programs>

For additional info contact Fr. Chester Smith

www.gamba.10333@aol.com or 317-259-0144

Preparing for Congress XII-Day of Reflection

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2016 – 8:30am – 3:00pm

Location: Saint Cyprian Church (lunch included)

63rd & Cobbs Creek Parkway – Phila., PA 19143

To register for the day email: obcphila@gmail.com

2016 Catholic Women's Conference Gathering!

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2016

Location: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Registration includes breakfast, lunch and hospitality bag.

General Admission: \$50

Groups of 5 or more adults: \$40pp

Religious/Consecrated Women: \$15pp

Young Women's Track (H.S. & College Students) \$20pp

Registration Deadline: Oct. 18th

www.catholicwomensconference.org

Contact your Pastor/DRE about the Martin de Porres Foundation funding.

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NBCC XII Theme "The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me: act justly, love goodness, and walk humbly with your God."

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September 26 & 27, 2016

Cathedral Basilica of

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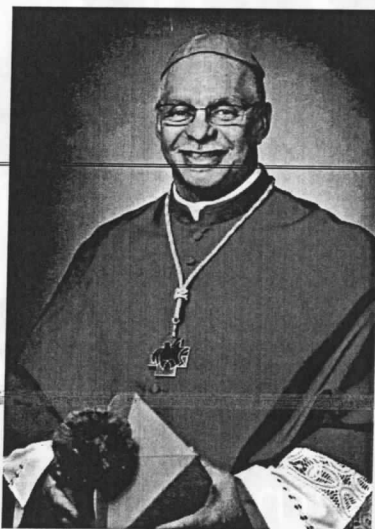
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Choir Prelude starts at 6:30 PM

Revival commences at 7:00 PM Sharp!

For information, contact your local Parish or the Office for Black Catholics
at 215-587-3541 or wbradley@archphila.org



Bishop Fernand "Ferd" Cheri, III, OFM.

Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of New Orleans

MADAGASCAR

My Dear Friends,

Because of your mercy, compassion and generosity, you have brought **HOPE** to the Church in Africa. I know in this **YEAR OF MERCY** that I will have your support and prayers.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for all you have sacrificed and for your generous spirit that has and continues to bring **HOPE** in Africa.

This year, we have some very exciting ways in which you can help bring God's love, hope and mercy to the poor in Africa.

Please pray for the success of these projects. Thank you in advance for all you do. Please live mercy and give generously, so we can help complete these projects; **GIVING MERCY AND HOPE TO THE POOR IN AFRICA**. If you have any questions about this appeal or would like to consider a bequest, feel free to contact me at (410) 371-0627 or frsy7@hotmail.com.

Please make all checks payable to "**CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION-AFRICA**". Be assured of my prayers and the prayers of hundreds of Vincentians priests, brothers and seminarians in Africa.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Sy



In Madagascar, the Vincentian priests and brothers are hoping to set up a program that helps children with disabilities. Many of these children are orphans, because their families see no hope for them, so they abandon them. This program will develop a forestry program in which the children will be trained and through the growing and selling of trees. This will provide for their basic needs and give hope to these orphans and children with disabilities. Cost \$13,000



CHAD



In Chad, Thank you for all that you have done in building schools and helping build their first church in the Vincentian parish. They have worked hard in building their church, but could use help with furnishing (altar, pews, lectern, etc.) To finish this project, they need only \$7,500.



Please accept my contribution to help,
Thank you!

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Any amount is appreciated!

- \$25
- \$50
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- \$500
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NIGERIA

In Nigeria, Father Jacob, a Vincentian priest, is starting a ministry called "DePaul hope Social Center". This center helps train widows so that they can provide for themselves and their children. Many of these women are widows because their husbands were killed by the terrorist group Boko Haram. After training, they will be given "micro-loans", so that they can become self-sufficient. Their total need to fund this project is \$21,500. *Please help bring God's MERCY & HOPE to these widows.*



ETHIOPIA

In Ethiopia, a Vincentian priest is building two small homes for widows and their children. Because of the severe draught and extreme poverty there, they need our help. The cost for these two homes is only \$3,500. *Please show mercy and give hope.*



African



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O Lord our God, in the name of our Daughters and Sisters of Nigeria we come to you on bended knee in prayer. In the heat of this day, suffering and hardship has visited young ones and we beg you, almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit to bring forth release and mercy on those who have been captured, sold and raped. Reverse O Lord, the spirit of the captors. Restore O Lord, the hope of these young innocent girls and bring Recovery to them and their families. Relieve the injured and Redeem O Lord, this situation and drench it with Your love and mercy. We remember O Lord, how You set the captives free in Egypt and how You carved a way to freedom by splitting the waters of the Red Sea. We remember, O Lord how Your mighty hand brought David out of the lion's den and we ask You, O Lord to do the same for our dear young Sisters and Daughters. We come to You this day, knowing the fullness of Your amazing grace which makes a way out of no way. We thank You O Lord for what You can do and will do in Jesus' name- Amen



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