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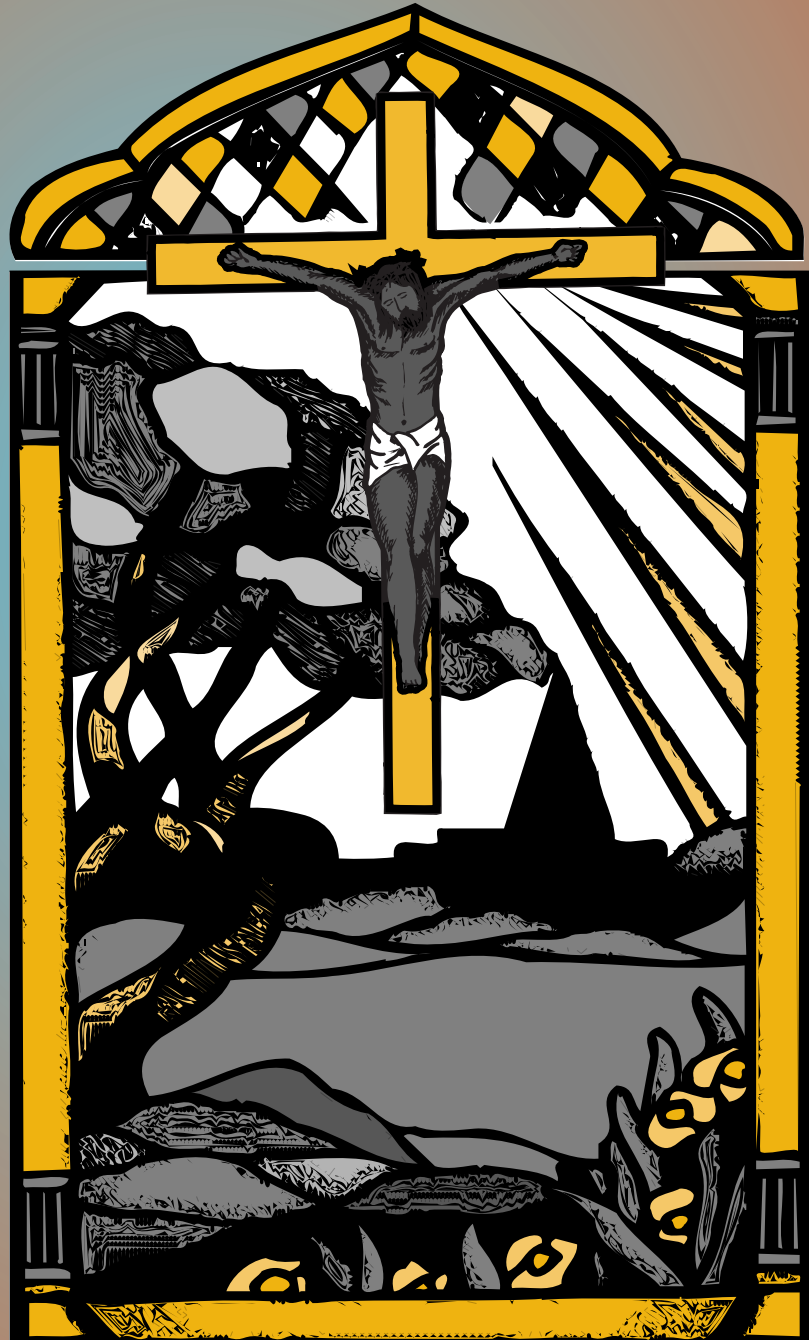
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Chicago
On The Riverwalk



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NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS IX

“Black Catholic Leadership in the 21st Century: Solidarity in Action”

August 29-September 1, 2002
Chicago, Illinois

Congress IX will convene as the first National Gathering of Catholics of African descent in the new millennium. The National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) continues in its mission of establishing an agenda for the evangelization of persons of African descent and to improve the spiritual, mental and physical conditions of

African Americans. The NBCC commits itself to freedom and growth of African Americans and other persons of African descent to full participation in the church and in society. At Congress IX, the focus is designed around Leadership as the challenges in reaching this goal are designed to evangelize ourselves, our church, and our unchurched African Americans in an effort to enrich our church. This National Gathering with its focus on leadership will encourage our people to witness and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Who Should Attend Congress IX



Leaders at every level of the Catholic Church in the United States are encouraged to participate in the Congress along with their principal staffs. This includes Bishops, Pastors, Educators, and others who serve persons of African descent. **It is especially important that lay persons serving in the African American Apostolate participate as team members with the ordained and professed leaders in our church.** Youth and young adults are invited to participate, as we provide experiences for the future leaders in ministry. Past Congresses have included participation of Cardinals, Bishops, Clergy, Religious Brothers, Deacons, Religious Sisters,

Seminarians, Members of the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver, Youth and Youth Ministers, Directors of Offices of Black Catholic Ministry, Diocesan Staff Members, and Staff Members of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



It is very important the OBM's and Diocesan Implementation Team Leaders make special efforts to invite Black persons of African descent who are living in America to participate in Days of Reflection and Congress IX. Specifically, there is a need to invite Africans living in America, as well as, persons from the Caribbean Islands and other areas who we wish to include in our programs. We need to expand our services beyond those persons who identify themselves as African Americans and welcome them to join our parishes.

Congress Process

Each participant at Congress IX will be expected to participate in one of the eight (8) seminars, which will address one of the Principles in the final document, “Declaration of Principles.” The Declaration of Principles will be statements of issues of importance to the African American community. These Principles will frame the issues and give a rationale for our interest and involvement.

In order to plan your travel to Chicago for Congress IX, you should give consideration to the following points:

1. There will be four (4) Pre-Congress seminars on Thursday, August 29 from 2:00 — 4:00 P.M. Topics are:
 - a) Leadership in Forming Partnerships
 - b) Leadership in Program Development for Youth
 - c) Combating Racism, Poverty and Militarism: Rebuilding a Movement around Dr. King
 - d) Leadership and Collaboration in the Area of Music and Liturgy
2. Registration will be from 12:00 — 5:00 P.M., Thursday, August 29, 2002; Friday, August 30, 7:00 A.M. — 5:00 P.m., and Saturday, August 31, 7:00 A.M. — 5:00 P.M.
3. The Opening Eucharistic Liturgy will be Thursday, August 29, 2001, 6:00 PM in the Grand Ballroom at the Hyatt Hotel.

The Closing Liturgy will be Sunday, September 1, 2002 at 9:30 A.M. in the Grand Ballroom at the Hyatt Hotel.

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Photos by Father Pawlicki, SVD

The Liturgy Planning Committee for National Black Catholic Congress IX invites young Black Catholics to submit photographs for inclusion in the Audio Visual presentations which will be shown during the Congress Liturgies and the Gathering Rite of the Opening Eucharistic Liturgy; and the “Prayers of the Faithful.” during these liturgies.

The theme of the presentation is *“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands.”* The Planning Committee needs photos of our children, our elders, our mothers, our fathers, our sisters and brothers, in the USA, in Africa, in Latin America, wherever African faces are found. Remember people who are sick, disabled, in prison, or forgotten. Photos can be taken with standard 35 mm film, photos from disposable cameras or digital cameras and should be close-ups, clearly focused, faces prominent, and creatively composed. Photos will be displayed on 10 ft by 14 ft screens. **Youth groups, get busy, be bold with families and friends, look for the beauty of God’s creation and share it with the Church.** Deadline for submissions is March 30, 2002. Send before March 30th to :

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Email: nbcc@nbcccongress.org

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Rev. Fr. Cletus Watson, T.O.R., pastor of the Church of the Crucifixion, Jacksonville, Florida, is leading a pilgrimage to Rome (includes Papal audience), Assisi, Lourdes and Paris on August 3-13, 2002. Cost of the tour is \$2298.00 (plus departure taxes of \$89.00). Single-room surcharge is \$450.00. For information contact:

Catholic Travel Office
Sir John G. Hodgson
10018 Cedar Lane
Kensington, Maryland 20895
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The Catholic Education Office of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is seeking a high school President for **Cardinal Ritter College Prep (CRCP)**, a joint venture of the archdiocese and the St. Louis civic and business community.

The coeducational high school will enroll 400 students in grades 9-12. The school's mission is academic excellence, faith development, and leadership with a strong tradition of educating African-American students for success in college and in life. The President will serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the School and work in collaboration with the Principal who will serve as Chief Academic Officer. The President will have major responsibilities for development and fund-raising, financial management, marketing, public relations, and facilities management.

The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic with a past record of success in development and collaborative administration who understands and can build support for the mission of the school in the St. Louis corporate and civic community. A master's degree or the equivalent professional background is required. The new president will assume his/her position in August, 2002.

Interested candidates should send a confidential letter of interest and resume indicating how their background and accomplishments meet the requirements of the position by April 15, 2002 to:

Mr. George Henry, Superintendent of Catholic Education

Catholic Education Office
20 Archbishop May Drive
St. Louis, MO 63119

Bishop Leonard Olivier, SVD, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, DC, invites you to participate in a pilgrimage to Italy and Rome which he will lead October 14-23, 2002. This pilgrimage is designed to strengthen your faith and provide you with a memo-

orable experience through a visit to the center of Catholicism. Our pilgrimage is also an opportunity to provide maintenance funds for St. Augustine Seminary, a keystone in the education of Blacks to the Roman Catholic Priesthood of the United States." Participants will travel and visit many places in Rome, Milan, Venice, Florence, Assisi, etc. The cost is \$2,198.00 from New York; taxes: \$79.00; tips: \$70.00 extra. For more information: contact Deacon Leon J. Bechet at (301) 336-6835 or (301) 853-4591 or call Noseworthy Travel Services at (800) 929 4684 ext. 4.

A new video **BLESSED BY A SAINT: Xavier University of Louisiana and Saint Katharine Drexel** is now available.

Produced by the Media Production Center, the one hour video looks at Xavier University, the only African American Catholic University in the country, and how it continues the values of its foundress St. Katharine Drexel. The video also includes many scenes of the pilgrimage made by Xavier Alumni to the Canonization ceremony of Mother Katharine in October of 2000.

For more information e mail us at video@inaword.com or call (228) 467-1097

Thomas W. Burnford, Director of Adult Religious Formation in the diocese of Washington, DC, hopes to encourage Catholics who want to grow in their knowledge of Sacred Scripture by bringing in the **Little Rock Scripture Study Workshops (LRSS)**. LRSS leadership presents workshops that establish and nurture Bible studies in parishes around the US. These workshops explain the format and materials of Little Rock Scripture Study, lead participants through an experience of using the program, and give practical pointers on how to establish it in parishes.

To register or receive full information on upcoming workshops in the Washington, DC area please call or write:

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Divine Word Missionaries is an international missionary community of over 6,000 brothers and priests. In 1905 the SVDs began working among African Americans in the southern United States. Today, Divine Word Missionaries work in over 35 parishes in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Arkansas.

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