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Office of African American, African & Caribbean Apostolate

WELCOME!



My name is Sister Patricia Lucas and I am a member of the Society of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary, a religious community founded in France in 1790. I have been the Director of the Office of African American, African, & Caribbean Apostolate for the past eighteen months.

Just in case you did not read the excellent article about me in Feb '09 ADVOCATE I am submitting a brief bio. I am a

native New Yorker and received my undergraduate degree from Fordham University and my graduate degree from Mundelein/Loyola University in Chicago, IL. I taught elementary school in Harlem (St. Aloysius and Resurrection School) and also in Chicago, IL (St. Felicitas).

For the most part my experience in higher education was in Chicago at Wright Junior College and Providence St. Mel High School. Fearing burn out I decided to change careers and work as a Case Worker in the Cook County Jail and later I worked with Sexually Abused children and their families. When I returned to the field of education I taught in Trinity High School in River Forest as a part time teacher and part time Director of Student Activities.

The need for a Headmistress arose and I was sent by my religious community to Nazareth School in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The school, with its 1400 students from Pre K to 12th grade, was rated the best girl's school in Ethiopia. The war broke out and shortly after leaving Addis in 1991 I became the President of Nardin Academy in Buffalo, NY. Prior to coming to Marist High School in Bayonne, NJ in 1999, I was Pastoral Associate at St. Catherine /St. Lucy Parish in Oak Park IL.

It is quite obvious that my journey has been multi-cultural as well as diverse but I am a firm believer that if we truly trust in the power of God we can and will accomplish all things in Him who strengthens us.

*IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF
THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.*

Romans 8:28

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Editorial

God's choicest blessings be with you and those near and dear to you during this New Year. *Imani* is the official publication of the Office of African American, African & Caribbean Apostolate (formerly known as the Office of Black Catholic Affairs). *Imani* will be published quarterly and will contain dates and events in all the parishes serving African American, African & Caribbean people in the Archdiocese of Newark.

The deadline to submit dates and times of events for the April *Imani* issue is March 19, 2010. Anything received after that date will be in the August issue. Please be cognizant of the events the Office of AAA&CA is doing as well as the other parishes in the Archdiocese. If your parish **never** had a luncheon or just started last year please be aware that the community is small and it is impossible to have three or four luncheons in one year. Please try to be creative and come up with new ideas.

Success will only be accomplished if we work together. Competition will destroy us. *Imani* is the Swahili word for faith. Our faith in God has strengthened us. Faith is the virtue that was readily seen and heard in the songs of praise by the people in Haiti after their recent calamity. We have a rich and varied culture so let us work together for the greater honor and glory of our God and for the betterment of our people. Indeed, in the words of an old gospel song, "We have come this far by Faith".

Flashback

A brief outline on the creation of the AAA&CA.

TIME: April 1968
PLACE: Detroit, Michigan
ACTIVIST: Three young Roman Catholic priests -George Clements, Lawrence Lucas, Gus Taylor
PURPOSE: Establish an organization, The National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, to fight "institutional racism in the Catholic Church"
RESULT: Nine "demands" to solve the problem were sent to Bishop Dearden, President of the National Bishops' Conference. The response from the Bishop was silence. BUT the only religious woman to attend the clergy meeting, Sister Martin de Porres (Patricia Grey), left Detroit inspired to gather black women religious in order to address the problem presented by the clergy. With the encouragement and support of her general superior, Sister Thomas Aquinas Carroll and the Pittsburg Sisters of Mercy, Sister Martin de Porres was able to gather over 150 black women religious from seventy-nine national and international congregations as well as members of the Black Clergy in August 1968. This historical meeting held at Carlow College in Pittsburgh, PA was not ignored.

TIME: 1970
ACTIVIST: Members of the Black clergy, religious and laity
PURPOSE: The formation of the National Office for Black Catholics in Washington, DC
RESULT: Offices for Black Catholics sprung up in diocese and archdiocese throughout the United States.

Bishop Joseph A. Francis Award Luncheon

The second annual Bishop Joseph A. Francis Award luncheon was held on November 14, 2009. The principal celebrant at the eleven am concelebrated Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ was the Most Reverend Edgar M. Da Cunha, SDV. The inspiring and thought provoking homily was delivered by Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, pastor of Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish. The celebration of the Eucharist was followed by the celebration of the four honorees, William Dabney from Christ the King Parish in Jersey City, Joyce Carter, Queen of Angels Parish Newark, Georgette Delinois, St. Anastasia, Teaneck and Ambrose Amoakoh, St. Mary's Parish, Newark.

The third annual Bishop Joseph A. Francis Award luncheon will be held on November 6, 2010. Mass will be celebrated at eleven am in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ, followed by the celebration luncheon at twelve fifteen pm in the Archdiocesan Center. More information will follow in upcoming newsletters.



From left to right: Msgr. Richard J. Arnholds, Vicar for Pastoral Life, Sr. Patricia Lucas and Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

AAA&CA Advisory Committee

Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christian Parish, East Orange:

Charles Brooks

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Deacon Keith McKnight

Margaret Dabney

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St. Patrick, Jersey City:

George Marucha



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Rosalita Roberts, DHM

Gladys Amoakoh

Transfiguration, Newark:

Carolyn Benton

Queen of Angels, Newark:

Joyce Carter

If your parish is not represented, please consider joining the committee.

Important 2010 Dates and Events:

- February 26 Youth Night 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo, Newark.
- February 27 Open Revival 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo, Newark. See [information](#).
- March 13 Mother/Daughter Luncheon, see [flyer](#) in this issue.
- July 24 Sight & Sound Theater presentation of *Joseph*. Sponsored by Christ the King Parish, Jersey City.
- August 13-15 Third National Gathering of Black Catholic Women. Contact pjcsnd@aol.com.
- November 6 Third Annual Bishop Joseph A. Francis Award Mass & Luncheon.
- November 19 80th Anniversary of Christ the King Parish, Jersey City.
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Black Parishes in the Archdiocese

AFRICAN-AMERICAN (38 parishes)

(Founded as African-American Parishes.)

- (E) Newark, Queen of Angels
- (E) Montclair, St. Peter Claver
- (H) Jersey City, Christ the King

(Parishes with African-American Catholic families.)

- (B) Bergenfield, St. John the Evangelist
- (B) Englewood, St. Cecilia
- (B) Hackensack, Holy Trinity
- (B) Leonia, St. John the Evangelist
- (B) Teaneck, St. Anastasia
- (B) Tenafly, O.L. of Mount Carmel
- (E) East Orange, Holy Name of Jesus
- (E) East Orange, Holy Spirit/ O.L. Help of Christians
- (E) East Orange, St. Joseph
- (E) Irvington, St. Leo
- (E) Maplewood, St. Joseph
- (E) Montclair, Immaculate Conception
- (E) Newark, Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles
- (E) Newark, Sacred Heart (Vailsburg)
- (E) Newark, Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- (E) Newark, St. Mary (Abbey)
- (E) Newark, St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral
- (E) Newark, Parish of the Transfiguration
- (E) Newark, St. Rose of Lima
- (E) Orange, O.L. of the Valley
- (E) Upper Montclair, St. Cassian

Counties:

- B = Bergen
- E = Essex
- H = Hudson
- U = Union

AFRICAN-AMERICAN

- (H) Jersey City, Resurrection
- (H) Jersey City, O.L. of Sorrows
- (H) Jersey City, O.L. of Victories
- (H) Jersey City, St. Aloysius
- (H) Jersey City, St. Anne
- (H) Jersey City, St. John the Baptist
- (H) Jersey City, St. Patrick/Assumption-All Saints
- (H) Jersey City, St. Paul the Apostle
- (U) Elizabeth, Holy Rosary/St. Michael
- (U) Hillside, Christ the King
- (U) Plainfield, St. Bernard and St. Stanialaus
- (U) Plainfield, St. Mary
- (U) Rahway, St. Mary
- (U) Roselle, St. Joseph the Carpenter

HAITIAN (6 parishes)

- (E) East Orange, Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christians
- (E) East Orange, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- (E) Irvington, St. Leo
- (E) Montclair, St. Peter Claver
- (H) Jersey City, St. Patrick
- (U) Elizabeth, Holy Rosary/St. Michael

IGBO (1 parish)

- (E) Newark, Blessed Sacrament/ St. Charles Borromeo

Mother/Daughter Luncheon Registration Form

Mother-Daughter Luncheon

MARCH 13, 2010

Archdiocesan Center of Newark

**Duo-Speakers: Sister Jannette Pruitt and her daughter
Mrs. DeLaSandra McKnight.**

Sister Jannette is a Franciscan Sister living in New Orleans and her daughter DeLaSandra, the mother of six, is living with her husband in Houston, Texas.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is included.

Price: \$30.00 per person.

African American, African & Caribbean Apostolate

Archdiocese of Newark

Director, Sister Patricia Lucas, DHM

Complete form below, cut out and mail to the address below before **March 2, 2010.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____

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No. of Individual Tickets: _____

Total Cost: _____

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St. Bartholomews, Camden

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH: YOUTH NIGHT 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH: OPEN REVIVAL 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED.

COME, THE LORD IS CALLING YOU TO COME... SHARE THE CROSS WITH HIM...

Rev. Gerard Marable, M.Div., M. Th.
Priest of JESUS CHRIST

I was born to Teresa and Charles Marable and baptized at St. Monica Church in Atlantic City, New Jersey. I have two brothers and two sisters, of which I am the second child, first son. We grew up in Atlantic City where the ocean and sun gave me a positive experience of being alive in the presence of a higher power. The experience was challenged by the deaths of my mother and father during my high school years at Holy Spirit. It was the belief in God by my grandparents which sustained me through that difficult time and by the power of the Holy Spirit I was able to matriculate through Morehouse College of Atlanta, Georgia, graduating in 1980 with a B.A. in English.

With my love for the spoken word, I taught English to Cameroonian students as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa for two years. I loved it! While in Africa I heard the voice of the Lord and chose cautiously to respond to God's call to priesthood. I studied theology at Christ the King Seminary in New York state, earning a Master's in Divinity. In 2008 I earned the Master's in Theology from the African American perspective at Xavier University of Louisiana.

As a priest for over 20 years, I have experienced the challenges of living the seven principles of Kwanzaa: inner unity and unity with the Church through collective works and shared responsibility creatively implemented toward the purpose of human capital development both personal and collective, spiritual and material.

I delight in this experience as a member of Camden Churches Organized for People, as a founding member of KACE: Kaighn Avenue Collaborative Enterprise, as founder of Soul of Camden, Inc. and as pastor of St. Bartholomew Catholic church in Camden New Jersey.

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