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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Hope you were able to register for the National Black Catholic Congress XIII. Registration is now CLOSED, see the flyer on pg. 2. The flyer for the 4th African Nation Eucharistic Congress, scheduled July 21-23, is on pg. 3.

Pope Francis on June 22, 2023, advanced the Cause of Mother Lange another step closer to sainthood, on pg 4.

There are still a few retreat offerings for July at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center on pgs. 5-6.

NCCW 72-hour Rosary praise report is on pg. 6. Also, find this summer’s July performances at The Basilica of The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, “2023 Organ Recital Series” schedule on pg. 6. A reminder of the ‘Parish Year of the Eucharist’ and Prayer a on pg. 7.

The Sisters in the Spirit “Triumph of the Cross” event is coming up in September. Sign up now – it fills quickly! at pgs. 8-9.

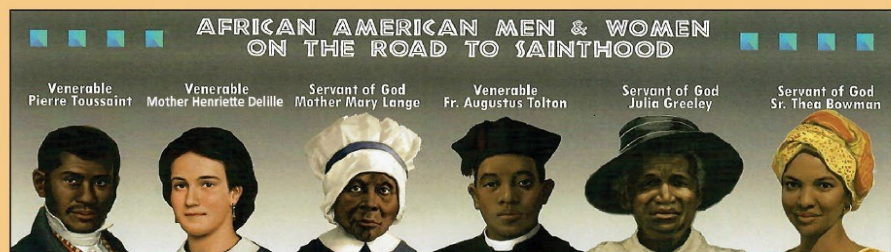
I trust you enjoyed a blessed Independence Day. See a special prayer for all those willing to give their life so we may live in peace, pg 10.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus,



Cheryl Holley, President

Let’s keep our six African Americans on the road to sainthood in our daily prayers.



JULY 20-23

Registration for the Congress is now closed.



**The National
BLACK CATHOLIC
Congress**

CONGRESS XIII

JULY 20-23, 2023

Founded in 1987, the National Black Catholic Congress organizes a national gathering every five years, renewing our mission with a Pastoral Plan.



Write the Vision
A PROPHETIC CALL TO THRIVE
THE NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS

FEATURING:



WILTON CARDINAL GREGORY

Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC will give the opening Keynote Speech and celebrate the Opening Eucharistic Liturgy



LYNNE' GRAY

Director of Music for Congress XIII. Ms. Gray is Music Ministry Director at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Washington, D.C.; Chair, NPM African-American Musicians Interest Section.



RAWN HARBOR

Director of Liturgy for Congress XIII, Rawn is one of the preeminent African American Catholic liturgists and musicians in the U.S. today.

Early Registration ends February 28, 2023.
Regular registration ends July 15, 2023.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING
A PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS,
AND TO REGISTER:**

nbccgathering2023.org

Join with other Black Catholics and those who minister to Black Catholics in the United States for a celebration of our faith and culture.



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More Information!

**VENUE:
GAYLORD**

**NATIONAL RESORT
NATIONAL HARBOR, MARYLAND**

201 WATERFRONT ST., NATIONAL HARBOR, MD 20745



JULY 21-23



**You are Invited to the
Fourth African National
Eucharistic Congress (ANEC)**



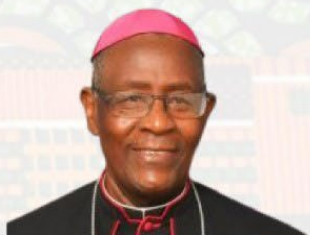
**A Response To The Lord's Prayer:
"That They May All Be One"**

July 21 - 23, 2023

**Catholic University of America
Washington, DC**

Unity Mass

**Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 4:30PM**



Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio
Bishop of St. Thomas
in the Virgin Island
Main Celebrant Opening Mass
Friday, July 21, 2023, at 8:30PM



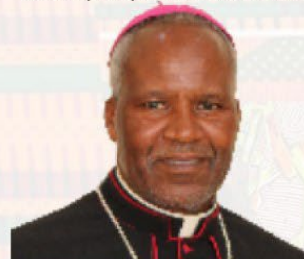
Wilton Cardinal Gregory
Archbishop of Washington
Keynote Speaker
Saturday, July 22, at 9:00AM
and Main Celebrant
Unity Mass



Most Rev. Andrew H. Cozzens
Bishop of Crookston, Minnesota
Speaker/Leader
"United in the Eucharist" Procession
Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 3:00PM



Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo,
M.Sp.S., Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle
Chairman, PCMRT
Leader: Episcopal Encounter with
Young Adults
Saturday, July 22, 2023, 12:00-1:30PM



Right Rev. Wolfgang Pisa,
OFMCap
Bishop of Lindi Diocese, Tanzania
Celebrant Closing Mass
Sunday, July 23, 2023, 10:00AM

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - 400 Michigan Ave, NE, Washington, DC 20017



Hosted by the USCCB / Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church; the National Association of African Catholics in the United States (NAACUS) and the African Conference of Catholic Clergy and Religious in the United States (ACCCRUS). Register: <https://event.me/ED3v1v>

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: WWW.ANEC-US.ORG OR CALL 202-541-3359



MOTHER MARY LANGE, FOUNDER OF FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS CONGREGATION, DECLARED VENERABLE.

By Hannah Brockhaus

Pope Francis has advanced the sainthood cause of Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, a Black religious sister who founded the country's first African American religious congregation in Baltimore in 1829.

The recognition of Lange's heroic virtue and the advancement of her cause from Servant of God to Venerable was announced by the Vatican in a decree signed on June 22, 2023. The Church will now need to approve a miracle attributed to her intercession before she

can be beatified.

Elizabeth Lange, as she was named, immigrated to the United States from Cuba in the early 1800s. Recognizing the lack of education for the children of her fellow Black immigrants, with a friend she established St. Frances Academy in her own home and with her own money to offer free schooling to Baltimore's African American children.

With the support of Baltimore Archbishop James Whitfield, she founded a school for "girls of color" and then the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first religious community for women of African descent.

The congregation's purpose was to provide religious and general education to African Americans. Lange and the other sisters also responded to other needs they encountered over time, including taking in orphans and widows, educating freed slaves, nursing people dying during the cholera epidemic, and cleaning at St. Mary's Seminary.

Lange took the religious name of Mary and served as the congregation's superior general for two terms. Lange founded the Oblate Sisters more than three decades before the Civil War and its resulting abolition of slavery within the United States. Although Maryland supported the Union, it was a slave state when Lange arrived there.

"Mother Mary Lange practiced faith to an extraordinary degree. In fact, it was her deep faith which enabled her to persevere against all odds," the Mother Mary Lange Guild notes in an online biography at <http://motherlange.org/mother-lange>. "To her Black brothers and sisters, she gave of herself and her material possessions until she was empty of all but Jesus, whom she shared generously with all by being a living witness to his teaching."

Lange died on Feb. 3, 1882, at the age of 92 or 93, and her cause for beatification was opened over a century later, in 1991, by Baltimore Cardinal William Keeler. Today the Oblate Sisters of Providence have approximately 80 members serving in three U.S. cities and two cities in Costa Rica.

Photo credit: Oblate Sisters of Providence Archives

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center Offerings

For more information about the following events, visit www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0212. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.



Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Bethesda!

Fridays, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Come for an hour, for a moment, or stay all day. Visit Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed upon the altar in the chapel each Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Please Note: any schedule changes will be announced on our website.) All are welcome.

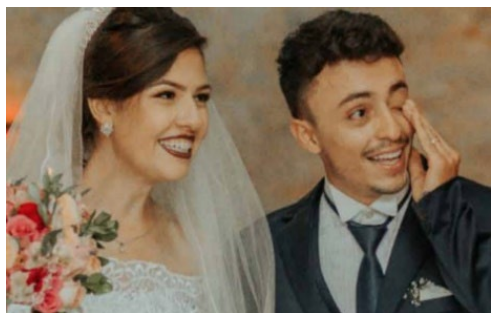


Personal "Retreat" Day this Summer

Jul 14

Are your days overcrowded, packed, and busy, busy, busy? Take a break this summer and enjoy your very own personal retreat at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. During your personal retreat, from 9am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus lunch; so, you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. The cost is \$100 per person. Advance Registration is required. Visit our website to register and to find more dates ourladyofbethesda.org. Or call 301-365-0612. We also have Mini-Retreats for Women and Evenings of Reflection for Men, each month.

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center Offerings



Three to Get Married Marriage Prep

Jul 13-16

The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is a Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. This marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS administration is included. \$375 per couple. Space will be limited, and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Find more information on the website ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Bethesda, MD.

National Council of Catholic Women

Believing the power of prayer stretches across time zones, the National Council of Catholic Women organized a nationwide 72-hour prayer vigil for the weekend of Saturday June 10th- Tuesday June 13th, 2023, to pray for peace and divine healing to come upon our nation.

PRAISE REPORT!



Our Nation-wide 72-hour Rosary efforts had someone **registered** to pray for every hour, except for 2-hours (1 a.m. to 3 a.m. Monday). This is an excellent 1st time effort. It is our hope and fervent prayer that each of you will continue to pray for all the violence to cease in our world today.

*JULY EVENTS FROM THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*

400 Michigan Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20017

**ALL PERFORMANCES WILL BE IN THE GREAT UPPER CHURCH:
JULY PERFORMANCES OF THE “2023 SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES”**

July 16 at 6:00 PM - Dr. Peter Latona of Washington, D.C. will perform.

July 23 at 6:00 PM - Alexander Straus-Fausto of Ontario, Canada will perform.

July 30 at 6:00 PM - Todd Fickley of Washington, D.C. will perform.

THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST – Parish Revival is from 6/11/23 – 7/17/24



Parishes throughout the country will coordinate events for deeper encounters with Christ through Adoration, Mass, and other enrichment opportunities. Find more information at <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Lord Jesus Christ, the Eucharist is your gift to us. As we celebrate your mysteries, the very work of our redemption is accomplished, and we are filled with every grace and blessing. May the liturgy become the pattern of our lives.

SEPTEMBER 9



Sisters In the Spirit - Archdiocese of Washington



Triumph of the Cross
SISTERS BELIEVING IN THE POWER OF THE
CROSS: LIVING LIKE IT MATTERS

Saturday, September 9, 2023 -- 9 AM to 3 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
FATHER ROBERT BOXIE III
CHAPLAIN, HOWARD UNIVERSITY



Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church
2020 St. Joseph Drive Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Tickets: Adults: \$30 High School/ College Students: \$10 (Includes lunch)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail Carter - gcarter713@verizon.net / 202-391-5646
Yvette White - ypgoodman49@gmail.com / 240-679-3489

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Church: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Please select your box lunch preference: *Each lunch includes kettle chips and a cookie*

- **TAVERN CLUB MEAL** Honey Baked Ham and Smoked Honey Baked Turkey Breast piled high with bacon, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, mayo and honey mustard on multigrain bread
- **THE HONEYBAKED MEAL** Honey Baked Ham topped with Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickles, crispy onions, honey mustard, and sweet honey glaze on ciabatta.
- **TURKEY BACON RANCH MEAL** Smoked Honey Baked Turkey Breast, cheddar cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, red onion and ranch on multigrain bread
- **ROASTED TOMATOES AND CHEDDAR MEAL** Roasted tomatoes topped with lettuce, pickled red onions, crispy onions, cheddar cheese, honey mustard, and mayo on ciabatta.
- **CLASSIC TUNA MEAL** Creamy Tuna, lettuce, tomato, on sub roll.



Return form with payment before September 1, 2023 to:

Sisters in the Spirit P.O. Box 4373, Capitol Heights. MD 20791-4373

Make checks payable to: Sisters in the Spirit

SPONSOR FORM FOR SEPT 9 EVENT: DUE AUGUST 18



Sisters In the Spirit - Archdiocese of Washington



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SISTERS BELIEVING IN THE POWER OF THE
CROSS: LIVING LIKE IT MATTERS**

Saturday, September 9, 2023 -- 9 AM to 3 PM

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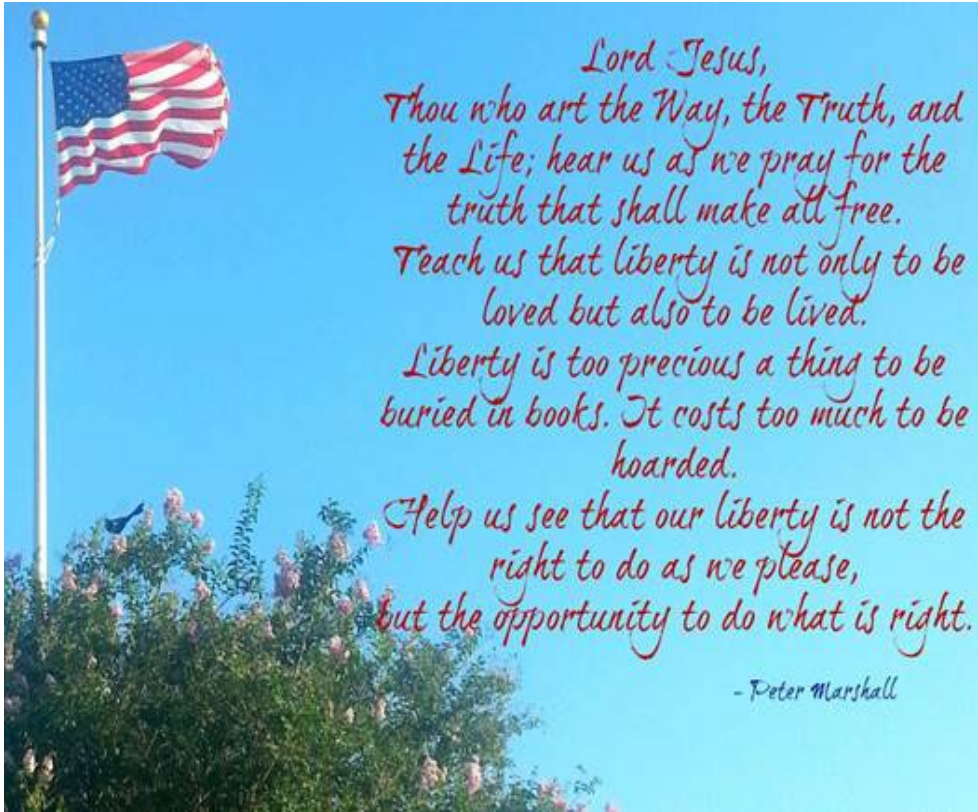
**Sisters in the Spirit / PO Box 4373 / Capitol Heights, MD 20791-4373
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023**

For more information contact:

**Cynthia Morris – 202-271-7253 or Burma Hill – 240-620-4556 or email:
sistersnthespirit@gmail.com**

Thank you for your support!

Prayer for Those Who Choose to 'Take-Up' the Cross for Our Nation



Matt

10:37-42

*Whoever
does not
take up his
cross is not
worthy of
me.*

*Whoever
receives
you,
receives
me.*

Every year on the 4th of July, our country, The United States of America, celebrates her Independence and Freedom. Let us thank God for this country and ponder on the prayer below, not only on the 4th but all year long.

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for sons and daughters, young and old, here and those who've gone on before them that serve and have served in our armed services, foreign and domestic.

We pray especially for the young men and women, newly embracing their vocation to defend this nation from so many acts of domestic and international threats of terrorism. May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Hometown warriors; i.e., National Guard, police, fire, security guards and emergency workers, who daily decide to put their lives on the line to ensure the safety of our day-to-day life.

May all their families be blessed with the same peace we hope to receive due to their sacrifice. Amen

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