

Archdiocese of Cincinnati – African American Pastoral Ministries

- I. All Are Welcome? Race in the Church Today
 - a. Friday – Saturday Event at the University of Dayton
 - i. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Bryan Massingale – Marquette University: Racial Justice in the Catholic Church
 - ii. Other Presenters: Dr. C. Vanessa White – Catholic Theological Seminary: Who Are The Strangers Among Us?; Rev. Dr. Daniel Groody – University of Notre Dame: The Challenge of Being A Universal Church; Mr. Ronaldo Cruz - Pax Christi: Exploring the Reality of Race and Place; Dr. Gerald Beyer – Saint Joseph University: Celebrating the 31st Anniversary of the Pastoral: Brothers and Sisters to Us; Rev. Mr. Royce Winters – Archdiocese of Cincinnati: Integrating Culture In Worship.
- II. What has been the response of the Church in your diocese to the news of excessive force and deadly encounters with law enforcement?
 - a. July 11, 2015 – Racial Justice Summit: No One Left On Base held at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center the weekend of the All-Star Game in Cincinnati, Ohio.
 - i. In collaboration with Major League Baseball, Cincinnati Reds, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ecumenical Leaders, State Representatives
 - ii. 3-hour Event – Presentations by the owner of the Cincinnati Reds, Mr. Phillip Castellini; Diversity Coordinator for Major League Baseball, Wendy Lewis; National Underground Railroad, Dr. Clarence Newsome; and developers of the Cincinnati Collaborative Agreement, Ms. Iris Roley and Mr. Alfonse Gehardstein, Attorney.
 - iii. Major League Baseball committed to having a Racial Justice Summit at the July 2016 All Star in San Diego, California.
 - b. November 8 – 9, 2015 - Racial Divide In The United States
 - i. Extended an invitation for the Most Rev. Edward Braxton to participate in three separate free public events entitled, No One Left On Base, Racial Divide In The United States
 1. Bishop Braxton was the presider and homilist at the annual Mass Celebrating Black Catholic History which is held at the Immaculate Conception Chapel – University of Dayton.
 - a. Homilies were provided for pastors to use for the following weeks in Ordinary Time: Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Twelfth, Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-Third, Twenty-Fourth and Twenty-Sixth.

2. Bishop Braxton participated in a three-hour panel discussion at Xavier University. The panel included: State Representative, Cincinnati Police Chief, Dayton Police Chief, Hamilton County Sheriff, Hamilton County Prosecutor, and a Leading Social Justice Advocate. The event also included lunch.
 3. Bishop Braxton was the keynote speaker for the Kennedy Series at the University of Dayton, his presentation was entitled, Racial Justice In The United States and the Black Life Movement.
- c. Promoting Peace In Our Communities
- i. We hosted two Masses on November 9, 2016, Feast of Saint Peter Claver – National Day of Prayer. The Masses were held at the same time at predominantly African American Catholic Parishes. The presiders at the Masses were the Most Rev. Dennis Schnurr and the Most Rev. Joseph Binzer.
 1. Homilies were provided for pastors to use the weekend of the National Day of Prayer for Peace In Our Communities.
 - ii. Participated with Ecumenical & Community Leaders for the three-week trial of a University Police Officer charged with murdering an unarmed citizen. Organize prayer on the courthouse steps throughout the trial. Created a Novena Prayer: Praying for Peace in Our Communities for the six-week cycle during the trial. The Novena Prayer was centered on the Scripture for the day and the prayer for the day from the Roman Missal.
 - iii. In the process of facilitating conversations with Department and Office Directors on Promoting Peace In Our Communities using the USCCB Resource, Building Intercultural Competency for Ministers. We've set aside five, three-hour blocks for these conversations.
- d. November 18, 2016 - What Does The Church Has to Say About Racism?
- i. 2-hour PowerPoint Presentation at the University of Cincinnati
 1. U.S. Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Racism: Brothers and Sisters to Us
 2. Sponsored by Campus Ministries, Social Action and African American Ministries
 - a. 100 participants – included Reflection and Dialogue
- e. On February 28, 2017, we will host three free events at Xavier University. An invitation was accepted by the Most Rev. Joseph Kurtz to serve as homilist and presider.

1. Eucharistic Celebration at Bellarmine Chapel on the campus of Xavier University. Bishop Schnurr will preside, Bishop Kurtz will be the homilist, and Bishop Joseph Binzer will concelebrate.
2. Invitation Only - Internal Forum: The Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Xavier University will participate in an event entitled, Embracing Intercultural and Racial Diversity In Our Institutions. The participants will be Archdiocesan Department & Office Directors, 30 Pastors [includes one guest] and Faculty and Students from Xavier University. Presentations by the Most Rev. Joseph Kurtz and Rev. Michael Graham, President of Xavier University. The ask is for the participants to train their staffs and council in the disciplines set forth in the USCCB Resource, Building Intercultural Competency for Ministers.
3. Public Event entitled, "Carrying -Out Our Prophetic Ministry In Times of Racism and Violence." The keynote address by Bishop Kurtz. It will include a 45 minute question and answer period.

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