





THE FRIDAY UPDATE

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From the Superintendent

Dear School Leaders,

This week we concluded our Fall Collaboration Days with a final session on Monday, October 29. Thank you to all principals, teachers, and administrative staff, who participated in this enriching professional development opportunity. Special thank you to the three schools who hosted these events; Holy Redeemer, Kensington; Bishop McNamara High School; and Our Lady of Good Counsel High School. I hope you each took the words of keynote speaker, Katie Prejean, to heart: “You want to be the type of person who helps make saints.” I ask that you take these words back with your faculty, to the classrooms and inspire your students to lead lives of sainthood.

November is Black Catholic History Month and we encourage our school leaders to please take some time to check out the resource package and booklet from the ADW Office of Cultural Diversity, on page 6. This is a wonderful resource to use in the classroom to continue teaching our students about the rich history of Black Catholics and the lives of the Saints! I also recommend taking advantage of the theater event, *Tolton: From Slave to Priest* being performed throughout the month. For more information check out page 7.

Please join me in welcoming Miryan Cabrera, who will begin working with the Catholic Schools Office on Monday, November 5 in a consulting role as our Hispanic Enrollment Outreach Coordinator. Thanks to a grant from the Crimsonbridge Foundation, Miryan will join the archdiocese to support the implementation of the Hispanic Enrollment Initiative. Additional details about the initiative will be discussed during

next week’s ESPA regional meetings. We are very excited to have Miryan join our team and are excited about the program that she will support. Miryan will be accessible via email at cabreram@adw.org and via telephone at x551.

Please review the enclosed Master Calendar for November, that includes various committee meetings, deadlines, and the ESPA Conference Day, on November 27. I also look forward to seeing all school principals next week at the regional ESPA meetings.

Today, we commemorate All Souls’ Day as a holy day to honor the faithfully departed. Let us take some time today to remember all those who have died and pray for those souls in purgatory. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Sincerely in Christ,

Superintendent

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FRI., NOV. 2	Rediker RediConnect Event Courtyard New Carrollton Landover 8330 Corporate Drive, Landover, MD 20785 8:15 a.m.—1:15 p.m.	THUR., NOV. 8	SoMD ESPA Regional Meeting St. John's School 43900 St Johns Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
SAT., NOV. 3	ADWLearn Fall Courses Begin St. Mary School 7207 Annapolis Rd, Landover Hills, MD 20784 8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.	MON., NOV. 12	Veteran's Day (Observed) CPA & CSO Closed
SAT., NOV. 3	Catholic EdCampDMV (NCEA) St. Matthias the Apostle 9473 Annapolis Rd, Lanham, MD 20706 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Register Here	TUE., NOV. 13	Principal Evaluation Committee St Mary's School 600 Veirs Mill Rd, Rockville, MD 20852 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
MON., NOV. 5	ESPA Executive Meeting Archbishop Carroll High School 4300 Harwood Road NE, Washington, DC 20017 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	WED., NOV. 14	New Principals Meeting Little Flower School 5601 Massachusetts Ave, Bethesda, MD 20816 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
MON., NOV. 5	DC ESPA Regional Meeting Archbishop Carroll High School 4300 Harwood Road NE, Washington, DC 20017 12:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.	WED., NOV. 14	ADW Board of Education Meeting St. Matthias the Apostle Church 9473 Annapolis Rd, Lanham, MD 20706 6:00 p.m.
TUE., NOV. 6	MC ESPA Regional Meeting St. Francis International School St. Camillus Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20903 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	THUR., NOV. 15	Assessment Advisory Committee Archdiocesan Pastoral Center 5001 Eastern Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20782 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
TUE., NOV. 6	Safety Committee Meeting Archdiocesan Pastoral Center 5001 Eastern Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20782 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	FRI., NOV. 16	New Date: Marketing Committee Meeting Archdiocesan Pastoral Center 5001 Eastern Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20782 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
WED., NOV. 7	ADWLearn Fall Courses—Differentiated Learning St. Mary of the Assumption School 4610 Largo Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 8: a.m.—3:30 p.m.	MON., NOV. 19	High School selections open
WED., NOV. 7	PG ESPA Regional Meeting St. Columba School 7800 Livingston RD, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	THUR., NOV. 22 - FRI., NOV. 23	Thanksgiving Break CPA & CSO Closed
WED., NOV. 7	ELC Director Meeting Archdiocesan Pastoral Center 5001 Eastern Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20782 12:00 p.m. - 3: p.m. Register Here	TUE., NOV. 27	ESPA Conference Day Annunciation Catholic School 3825 Klinge Pl NW, Washington, DC 20016 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
		WED., NOV. 28	HSPT Grade 8 Testing (for ADW Catholic Schools)

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ACTION ITEM REMINDERS

CSO/ADW
Support Contact

Review all first quarter report cards (grades 1-8)	Vicky McCann
Administer High School Placement Test (HSPT)	Uche Owelle
Send reminders to parents to make final high school choices online; be sure to include the registration link	Uche Owelle
Reserve some time for longer meetings with parents who have special education concerns after parent-	Anne Dillon
Update appropriate student/parent/staff information on the AP Notify system	Chris Buchleitner
Teach students Personal Safety Education required by Child Protection Policy (curriculum on Virtus.org)	Chris Buchleitner
Practice and record school emergency drills (e.g. fire, weather-related)	Chris Buchleitner
Student Assistance Teams assess students' emotional/behavioral/truancy/financial needs and make appropriate referrals	Chris Buchleitner, Anne Dillon
Remind Families/schools about upcoming tuition assistance application process deadline	Sean Brown
File Reviewed and Approved Teachers' Professional Development Plans	Wendy Anderson

Reminder: the School Messenger system will be phased out and no longer available as of December 1, 2018.

“Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.”
– Psalm 127:3

Children – Precious Gifts from God

By Sean Brown, Manager for Funding and Enrollment

As a Christian father of two daughters, I am reminded daily of the cherished gift from God and the fruits of his grace. As a child craves spiritual milk (1 Peter 2:2), we as Christians should also crave to instill in children the Christ-like qualities that God has blessed his disciples. A child represents an opportunity for God’s seed that was planted to display spiritual growth. The parable of the sower referenced in Mathew 13:1, is one of my favorite scriptures because it discusses the importance of keeping one’s mind and heart affixed on the Lord. Within this parable, the seed, which represents God’s children, grows and is choked up by the weeds (earthly distractions). And when a seed is planted amongst good soil, it will grow and produce fruit.

Children are in a unique position in that many have not yet been subjected or exposed to the many distractions and worries of this world. We as disciples of Christ are in a position to share God’s word and ensure that Children do not conform to the patterns of this world (Romans 12:2) but learn to live a life that is worthy of God’s praise.

[Click Here](#) to read the full reflection.

#ADWSaints Feature

Saint Francis International School held their annual “Heroes & Holy People” costume parade. #ADWSaints in Pre-K through 4th grade dressed up as their hero or saint and paraded around the parking lot.



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Marketing Committee Registration

All archdiocesan elementary school personnel who have a role in admissions, marketing, enrollment management, and/or advancement are encouraged to participate in marketing committee activities. Principals please share this information with your staff.

Please submit your contact information to be included in the Marketing Committee mailing list [here](#).

Date Change: Marketing Committee Meeting

Please join us for the Marketing Committee Meeting. The following topics will be covered during the meeting:

- ♦ Elementary Schools Tool Kit
- ♦ Open House, Shadow Visits and Hispanic Outreach Program Resources
- ♦ Digital Marketing: Geo-targeting

November 16, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

ADW Pastoral Center

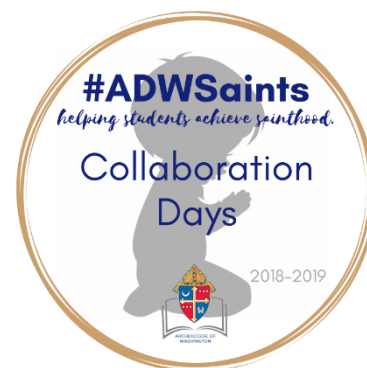
5001 Eastern Ave.

Hyattsville, MD 20782

Spring Collaboration Day—Call for Proposals

ADW is calling on you to share your knowledge and expertise in one of the following topic areas:

- Academic Content Area
- Standards Based Report Cards
- Assessment
- Marketing
- Student Services
- Enrollment Management
- Exceptional Learners
- School Operations
- Leadership
- Danielson – Framework
- Classroom Management
- Diversity
- Religious Instruction
- Student Engagement
- Technology Integration



Proposals due by January 1:

<https://goo.gl/NrGL8E>

November is Black Catholic History Month

On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. Two commemorative dates fall within this month, Saint Augustine's Birthday (November 13) and Saint Martin de Porres' Feast Day (November 3). More importantly, November not only marks a time when we pray for all saints and souls in loving remembrance, but also a time to recall the saints and souls of Africa and the African Diaspora. [Read more.](#)

[Black Catholic History Month Resource Packet](#)

Blacks in Catholic Christianity have a long and vibrant history. Much of that history is generally unknown to Black Catholics as well as to the rest of the faithful. On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate this long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. During this month we celebrate the presence of our ancestors who kept the faith and are models of living the Gospel life.

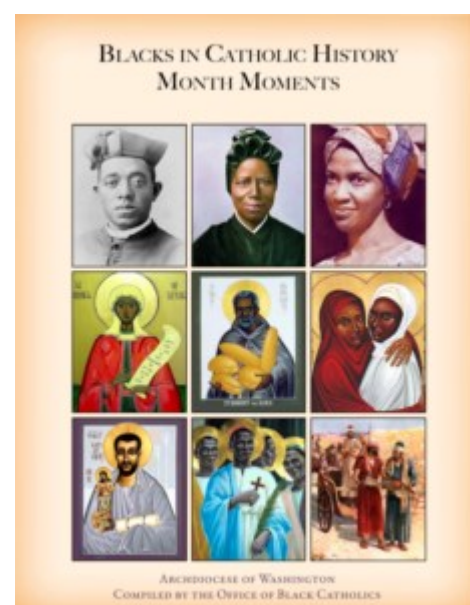
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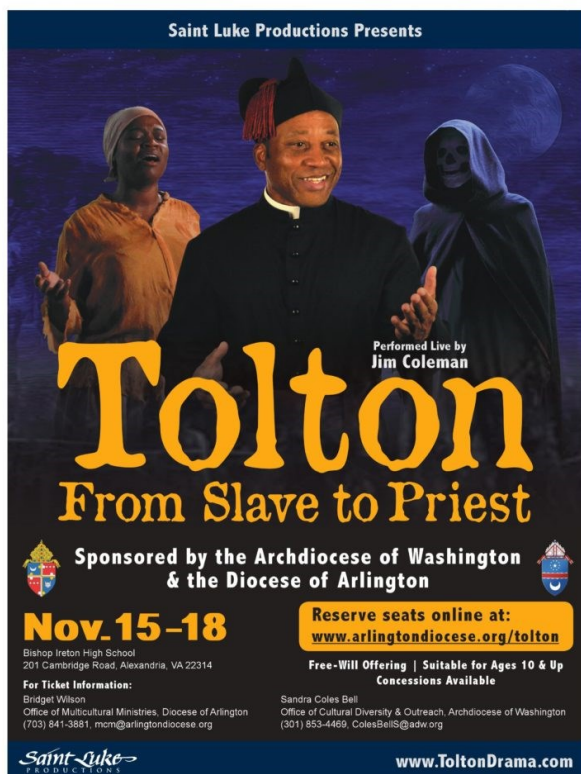
This booklet presents a glimpse of some of the Black Catholic Christians of our past and present. It celebrates the accomplishments of Black Catholics throughout the history of the Church with daily Blacks in Catholic History 'Moments.'

How to obtain your copy:

[Click here to download](#)

[Click here to order a copy from the Office of Cultural Diversity](#)





The Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington have collaborated with St. Luke Productions to bring the theater production “Tolton: From Slave to Priest” to Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria, VA. This one-man show, performed by actor Jim Coleman and directed by Leonardo Defilippis, is based on the life of Fr. Augustus Tolton, a former slave who conquered nearly impossible odds to become the first black man to be ordained to the priesthood by the Roman Catholic Church in the United States.

The play is currently on national tour. This is the first time the show will be presented in Virginia and the Washington, D.C. area - and we are making it free for the public. Everyone, ages 10+, is encouraged to attend. Find out all the details here.

Dates/Showtimes:

- SPECIAL non-published performance, recommended for schools: Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 10:30 am
- Thursday, November 15 at 7 pm
- Friday, November 16 at 7 pm
- Saturday, November 17 at 1 pm
- Saturday, November 17 at 7 pm
- Sunday, November 18 at 4 pm

Looking to get tickets for a group larger than 6? Online registration is limited to six tickets per order, per person (please do not fill out the registration form more than once). Contact Bridget Wilson at (703) 841-3881 or email mcm@arlingtondiocese.org to request 6 or more tickets.