

Sisters in the Spirit

Diocese of Arlington

Corinne Monogue, Director, Diocese of Arlington, Multicultural Ministries Office, encouraged attendance at the 3rd National Black Sisters' Conference in August, 2010, held in Charlotte, N.C.

A "*call to action*" was issued to Black Catholic Women, from around the County.

In fellowship, attendees were: enlightened, informed, educated, and inspired. It energized the eleven Black Catholic Women from the Diocese of Arlington; hence, *Sisters in the Spirit* was born. These inspire-ed Women came home committed to "*make a difference*" in their family, Parish, and community.



**Formation Meeting 2011
Fredericksburg, VA**

Sisters in the Spirit Vision

Sisters in the Spirit will live the Gospel through authentic Catholic Worship, Prayer, Witness, Fellowship and Programs.

Sisters in the Spirit will develop programs that share African American Catholic Heritage and Tradition within the African American Community and within the larger Catholic Faith Community.

Sisters in the Spirit will strive to share our "*gift of blackness*" with the entire Church as Pope Paul VI requested during his trip to Africa in 1969.

Sisters in the Spirit Mission

To create a network of Catholic Women of Color, guided by the Holy Spirit, inspired by the Blessed Mother, sharing the African American Catholic Heritage and tradition through:

- Programs the enlighten, express develop, and strengthen our Faith;
- Compassion and service for those having spiritual, social and/or economic needs;
- Striving to be a positive spiritual light and evangelizing force in the world.

Meetings feature

Prayer, fellowship, sharing of Catholic Journey (one member shares their Catholic Journey at each meeting), learning Black Catholic History, program planning, guest speakers, business updates, working with other Black Catholic Organizations and community organizations.

Programs

Established programs have included:

- Women's History Month (March).
- Support to unwed mothers home.
- National Black Catholic History Month Celebrations.
- Support and donation to family in need at Christmas.
- Collaborating with the Office of Black Catholic Ministries and other organizations in evangelization efforts and outreach.

Guest speakers addressing:

- Catholic Life issues
- Evangelization
- Black Catholic History
- Health
- Education
- Youth

Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

County: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Church: _____

Sisters in the Spirit

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Sisters in the Spirit Programs have featured:

- Leading Black Catholic Women Speakers
- Women's History Month Programs
- Donations to Women's Shelter
- Christmas support to needy Families
- National Black Catholic History Month Celebrations
- Evangelization events
- Support given to other Black Catholic Programs and celebrations

Future plans:

Women's History Program
Black Catholic History Program
Evangelization Outreach
Mother Daughter Fashion Show
Pro Life Education
Youth Membership
Youth Program
Catholic History Education
Parish support

Current Officers

Michele Jones, Chair
Iris Brown, Vice-Chair Spirituality
Beverly Anderson, Vice-Chair Programs
Winsome Craig, Vice-Chair Membership
Patricia English, Treasurer
Linda Edwards, Secretary
(Correspond.)
Phyllis Johnson, Newsletter & Historian

Spirituality Prayer

Mary, Our Mother, pray for us,
guide our actions;
Mother Theresa, pray for us,
that a spirit of charity be
infused in our every action;
Sr. Thea Bowman, pray for us,
that *SIS* is enkindled with true
joy and kindness.

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Diocese of Arlington, Virginia
Office of Multicultural Ministries



A Faith Filled Ministry of
Black Catholic Women promoting:
Catholic principles and a positive
self-image in: their family, their
church, the African and African
American Communities, and in the
larger Community.

Inspired by
National Black Sisters Conference

ALL CATHOLIC WOMEN ARE WELCOME!