

"Give some evidence that you mean to reform"

De Porres - d. 1639

He did not blame others for their shortcomings. He was tireless in his efforts to reform the criminal, and he would sit up with the sick to bring them comfort. For the poor he would provide food, clothing, medicine. Common people called him, "Martin the Charitable"!

Intro--- a friend's grandmother

A. We all distort our Christianity

B. Certain tests:

GIVE
EVIDENCE
OF
REFORM

1. Cambodia/CHD =give/make a sacrifice
2. Heating for elderly/poor
2 million poor: 1/4 income for heat
heating and eating
hypothermia
3. political action - bank
U.S. Congress

C. Love covers a multitude of sins

1. If we love a person, we overlook his faults
2. If we love others, God will overlook our faults
3. God's love overlooks our sins

moral/orthodox/respectable
hard/austere/intolerable
/=/// have faults::sympathetic&understanding

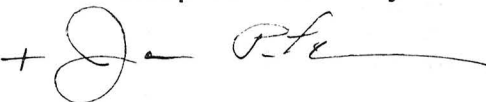
D. Louie Hertzog

of 4-5 mil., 2 million face starvation
result of December war=less than 20% of land can be
cultivated
900 tons of food needed each day for next six months
90% of children malnourished

memo *from the desk of*

Black History/2-17-80
St. Agness - 11:00 a.m.

Bishop James P. Lyke

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Introductory

- A. St. Agnes -
my history
less building, more people
more vivid way of saying: CHURCH IS PEOPLE
Fr. Randy & I
- B. James Weldon Johnson - Creation - THAT'S GOOD!
- C. Kunta Kinte - refuses to be defined by others
in not taking another name
- D. The Black History calendar for February
- E. Biblical context
1. Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings,
who seeks strength in his flesh,
whose heart turns away from the Lord. Jeremiah
 2. Christ is raised from the dead, the first
fruits of those who have fallen asleep. I Cor.
 3. Blessed shall you be when men hate you,
when they ostracize you and insult you and
proscribe your name as evil because of the
Son of Man.
- F. Conclusion - Black History =
1. A quest for self-definition & resisting
definition by others;
 2. appropriating the authentic Gospel;
disappropriating the distortions of the Gospel;
 3. being evangelized and evangelizing
 4. Afro & Afro-American



St. Charles Lwanga - April 29, 1980

Introduction: Pilgrim George, Cecilia, Lwanga
Philip, Jos., Francis,
OLA, Jos.

Illusions about self
--family & friends
--Fr. Pehler
--Franciscan Order & Caucus

Christ Is Our Peace

- A. The primary meaning: Gentiles were without -
1. Israel's messianic expectation
 2. Israel's covenant with God
 3. --hope of salvation
 4. --knowledge of the true God
- B. Disharmony within the human person
1. intertwining intermix of emotions:
jolly/joy/jubilant
dissatisfaction, discouragement, depression.

cowardice and courage, guilt and glow
exist side by side within each of us;

we are in our own divided selves never
entirely one, entirely whole;

we long for peace - shalom
- C. Disharmony in the human family: will not dwell
energy crisis, inflation, U.S. powerlessness
in the international community and the psychological and social ramifications of this powerlessness upon the masses of our people.
- D. Disharmony within Church - will not dwell
upon the unresolved questions of the exercise
of authority, ministry, ecumenism, mission, etc.
- E. Disharmony within Black Community: no common
leader, ideology, agreed-upon method of
attainment of our goals....

statistics indicate an erosion of values and a
return to self-hatred, revealed by the breakdown
of the extended family, high rates of suicide,
high literacy and drop-out rates of students

II. CHRIST IS OUR PEACE! Is there any HOPE? INDEED!

A. in the innate intolerability of the human spirit
to be satisfied with failure and mediocrity...

"hope breathes eternal in the human breast"

B. in the natural bent of the human person
towards God:

"Our hearts are restless until they rest in
God"

C. in the very return of large numbers of people
to the Church, in the increase in vocations...

D. Most especially, the collapse of common
meaning and the futility of the human search
has been the occasion for all of us to refocus
our attention on JESUS: CHRIST IS OUR PEACE.

Christ breaks down the barriers that exist
within us and without us.

Not law, politics, psychology, technology,
none of the human sciences of themselves
solve the deepest longings of the human heart:
CHRIST alone is our peace:

"I am the Vine.... Remain in me....

LOVE - total, committed, and generous;

LOVE like Christ's love is the source of our
healing, our peace.

E. Where do we here Jesus voice? - in the CHURCH!
Who today speaks of the dignity of the human
person, freedom, the right to life and the
quality of life: Who speaks of Jesus:the CHURCH!

The Church cares...

Lay involvement, especially in evangelization

Lay leadership

Black Involvement

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Statewide Conference of Black Catholics
May 27, 1983
Friday Evening Liturgy

Introduction

- A. Historicity of event
 - B. Important to begin with the correct spiritual and ideological thrust
 - C. St. Cecelia's, Baltimore
- II. The pentecostal experience of variety: affirmation of diversity within the same group

There is a disturbing tendency, in many quarters, to speak of the Black American as if there was some monolithic social group involved. We cannot fall into this logic, for there is as much diversity in the black community as there is in any other community. The common bond of blackness and its resulting strengths have brought about unified concerns across many dimensions, yet differences occur. A panoramic view of our versatility and variances can be seen in the writings of early black American sociologists who vividly described the world from a black perspective.

- I Proclaim the ~~Same~~ Dignity of Our People; ^{Common ancestry} ~~Common ancestry~~ ^{what from} ~~Common ancestry~~ ^{and} ~~Common ancestry~~
- III. The Life of the Spirit

Lerone Bennet speaks of the "crisis of the Black spirit" and "the Great Black Depression," by which the desire for achievement and excellence is absent, and "we are losing a whole generation of Black people to drugs, crime, homicide, and other forms of self-destruction. For the first time in our history, says Bennet, the inner fortresses of the Black spirit are giving away. For the first time in our history we are threatened on the level of spirit, on the level of our most precious possession, on the level of soul.

III. Determine the ways in which you can be salt and light as Black Catholic Administrators and Black Catholics in the State of Ohio.

I. Acts - Pentecost Event: "Jesus from my nation . . ."