

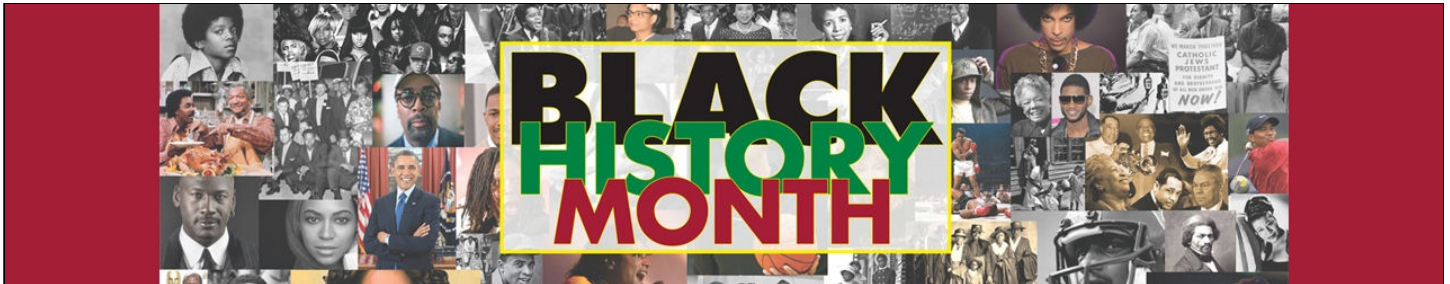
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Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent. Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.



In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week. By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses. Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling

upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Since then, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme.



The Brothers Think Tank proudly announces the National Symposium on the Life of the Religious Brother, an event at the University of Notre Dame (South Bend, Indiana), to be held on the Feast of the Annunciation, Saturday, March 25, 2017. The program, based on the Vatican document on the "Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in Church" published in December 2015, is also being sponsored by the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, the National Religious Vocation Conference, the Religious Brothers Conference, the Religious Formation Conference, and the University of Notre Dame.

This Symposium is not only for religious brothers: priests, sisters, laity, and students interested in learning more about the vocation of the religious brother are warmly invited to attend.



John Falkenhain, OSB

John Mark Falkenhain, OSB and professor of psychology at St. Meinrad's Seminary, will be the keynote speaker for the symposium. Responders and panel discussion participants from several religious communities and ministries served by religious brothers will be important contributors to the symposium agenda which will be published on this website in early January. Brothers Think Tank members representing 12 different communities of religious men will be also assisting on-site at Notre Dame.

Participants in the symposium are also invited to conclude the day at the vigil mass for Sunday which will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the University of Notre Dame campus.

Joseph Tobin, C.S.s.R., archbishop of Newark, New Jersey, will be the homilist and main celebrant at this liturgy. Tobin will also be providing the summary reflections of the day at the conclusion of the symposium.

The conference fee (\$50 for student participants and \$75 for non-students) will cover the cost of the program and lunch which will be served at the South Dining Hall at the University.

For more information, contact Martha Novelly at 301.588.4030, x233, or via email to mnovelly@cmsm.org

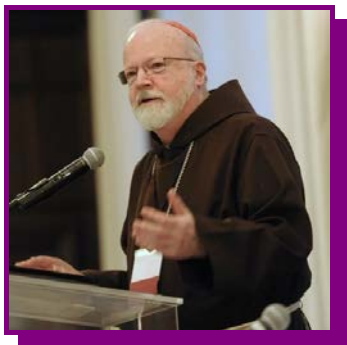


Candlemas: 2 February

*If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,
Winter will have another flight.
But if Candlemas Day be clouds and rain,
Winter is gone and will not come again.*

Old English Rhyme

Capuchin archbishop named to congregation



Sean O'Malley

Pope Francis named Capuchin Sean P. O'Malley, archbishop of Boston and president of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, to be a member of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The Vatican announced his and other papal appointments Jan. 14.

72-year-old O'Malley is one of the eight members of the Council of Cardinals who has been assisting the pope with the reform of the administration of the Roman Curia, and now he joins 26 other members, and 28 consulting theologians, in advising the doctrinal congregation.

The congregation deals with doctrinal questions as well as the application of Catholic moral teaching. But it also is charged with coordinating efforts to rid the church of sexual abuse and with monitoring or conducting cases against individual abusers.

While the congregation members offer their expertise on the many questions the office considers pressing, O'Malley's experience leading three U.S. dioceses confronting the abuse of minors by clergy will be important, Robert W. Oliver, secretary of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, told Catholic News Service.

First a meeting... then dinner!



L-R: Mark Joseph Costello, Zoy Garibay, Tien Dinh, John Celichowski, Jerry Cornish, Kent Bauer and Bill Frigo

John Celichowski, Kent Bauer, Zoy Garibay and Gary Wegner were in Billings, Montana for a St. Labre Board of Directors meeting. After the meeting on Friday, January 13th they drove to St. Katharine Friary in Crow Agency and joined the community for an *Octave of the Epiphany* dinner prepared by Mark Joseph Costello. A good time was had by all. The visiting friars then returned to Billings to catch their early morning flights. (Note: the empty seat was Gary Wegner's, who took the photo!)



NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
January 29 – February 4, 2017

“Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.”



Eddie Pelak (uncle of Chris Pelak, provincial HR staff), and Bill Gano (nephew of Bob Wheelock) died recently.

Janie Graves, mother of Jason Graves, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor and Meniere's Disease.

Jim Van Hoven (Milw development director) recently underwent gall bladder removal surgery.



Kay Tiritilli's tests were good, and my entire family thanks all for the beautiful messages of love, prayer and encouragement. — Matthew Tiritilli

Over the past year, many Capuchins and others have been praying for my husband, Dave. We are so grateful for the prayers and support. Tests done recently showed no leukemia and Dave continues to recover and get stronger. With gratitude, Ginny Schmitz



World Interfaith Harmony Week is an annual event to be observed during the first week of February, and was proclaimed by the General Assembly and adopted on 20 October 2010. In the resolution, the General Assembly points out that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace.

Recognizing the imperative need for dialogue among different faiths and religions to enhance mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among people, the General Assembly encourages all to support the spread of the message of interfaith harmony and goodwill in the world's churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship, on a voluntary basis and according to their own religious traditions or convictions.

The last word...

I just got the latest *re-Cap*. I think you will be happy to know that at least here in Okinawa, Japan, the "Year of the Rooster" has unofficially — but firmly — been made more inclusive. While some New Year's cards and decorations do, indeed, feature the rooster, many replace him with a hen and chicks, while a few include the whole chicken family. *Progress!*
Happy New Year — Pat Sullivan, Capuchin



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FEBRUARIE




1-7 **World Interfaith Harmony Week**

2 **Formation Video/Zoom Conf**
Candlemas (Presentation of the Lord) (F)

3 **JPIC Zoom Conf**
Blaise (F)

4 **+Rosa Parks (B)**

6 **Cap Corps Video/Zoom Conf**
Mark Romanowski (B)

7 **Jerome Higgins (B)**

8 **Mary Ghesquirere (B)**
International Day of Prayer and
Awareness against Human Trafficking