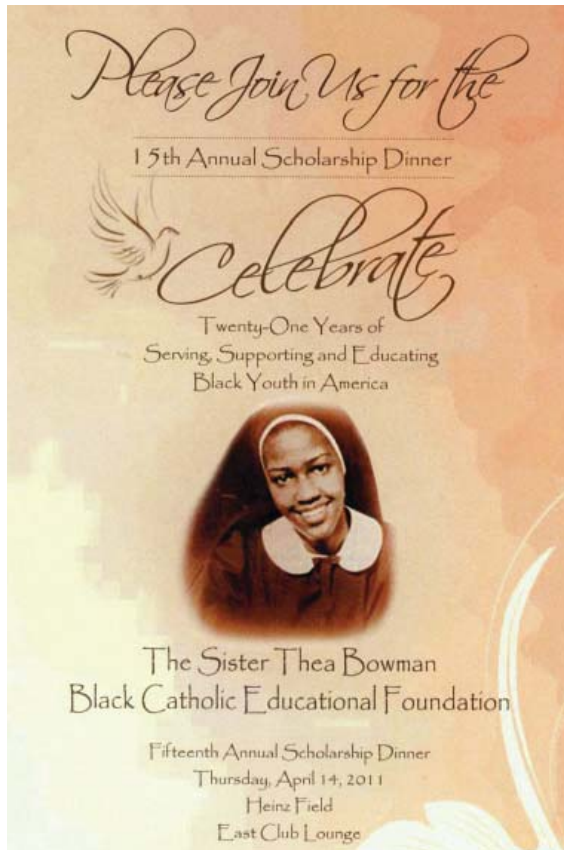


Sister Thea Bowman Foundation Fundraiser News

The 15th Annual Sister Thea Bowman Scholarship Dinner took place April 14th, at Heinz Field, Pittsburgh. Corinne Burns and her committee transformed the 3-story high windowed East Lounge with their usual magic. Lively greetings and conversations during cocktail hour. Black tablecloths, glowing golden kalanchoe center-



pieces, black napkins, orange-gold programs featuring Thea's postulant photo. Live jazz music. Thea's Song books were given place of prominence in the reception area. I did some book signing. Thea Scholars who could attend were applauded. Special mention made about Christopher Award for Thea's Song. Fr. Maurice Nutt, C.S.S.R., prayed invocation. \$100/plate delicious dinner attractively plated. I was at table with Dean of School of Leadership, some DU faculty, a Pittsburgh attorney and his wife—strong devotees of Thea, and Barbara Thuel, who designed our wonderful website, www.theabowmanfoundation.org and dinner invitation. Barbara said for invitation she put fresh, young postulant Thea on front cover and Thea "bald" for back cover because Thea stayed beautiful though ravaged by chemotherapy.

financially challenged Pittsburgh youth and families. Standing ovation. The event raised needed dollars for college scholarships for African American youth. I came away from the board meeting, the dinner, and Pittsburgh, grateful for the love and acclaim given to our beloved Thea who continues to inspire and attract.

Charlene Smith, FSPA
April 16, 2011
La Crosse, WI

Charlie Batch, Pittsburgh Steelers back-up quarterback, received the 2011 Foundation Award. He spoke about his philanthropic work with




Charlie Batch with Sister Charlene Smith

Photos courtesy of Kamie Schoonhoven



From left, Thea scholar Crystal Ryan, Mary Lou Jennings, J Murray




CHARLIE BATCH

2011 RECIPIENT OF THE SISTER THEA BOWMAN LEGACY AWARD

A native of Homestead, Pa., Charlie Batch is entering his fourteenth season in the National Football League. Drafted in the second round of the 1998 NFL Draft by the Detroit Lions, he spent the first four seasons of his career as the starting quarterback. He has spent the past nine seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers, including two Super Bowl championship teams. Charlie currently sits on the board of the NFLPA Executive Committee and is a player representative for the Steelers.

Charlie Batch is also a devoted philanthropist. Charlie established the Best of the Batch Foundation in 2000 to serve financially challenged, underprivileged youth and their families in Pittsburgh and the surrounding area. Best of the Batch Foundation annually touches the lives of more than 1,000 youth and families. Charlie takes a very active, hands-on role in his nonprofit organization and is always in attendance for foundation events and programs. In addition to his work in the local community, Charlie uses his foundation to foster educational and community programs throughout the country for underprivileged youth.



In 2006, Charlie Batch was named Pittsburgh Steelers Walter Payton Man of The Year for his generosity and commitment to the community. Read more about his work at www.batchfoundation.org.

Please Join Us for the
14th Annual Scholarship Dinner
Celebrating
Thea's On-Target Giving, Supporting and Educating Black Youth in America

The Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic Educational Foundation
Thursday, April 14, 2011
Three Fields
Pittsburgh, PA

MR. CHARLIE BATCH
PROFESSIONAL PLAYER AND PHILANTHROPIST

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Pastor, Holy Spirit of Jesus and Mary Catholic Church
Memphis, Tennessee

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PITTSBURGH, PA

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Human Resource Director, 801 Mt. Pleasant

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