October 26, 2010
A reason to celebrate...
A day to give thanks...

On this date, The Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic Educational Foundation will celebrate twenty years of ministry and service to young African Americans. Through its efforts, the Foundation has given countless young people an education and offered them a reason to hope.

Plans for this special October commemoration include a Mass celebrated by Most Reverend John S. Ricard, S.S., Vice President of The Sister Thea Bowman Foundation followed by a reception and a unique jazz performance by the talented Sean Jones to take place at the August Wilson Center for Afri-

“When we reach out in faith and trust, we love one another into Life.”

Sister Thea Bowman
Sister Thea Bowman was born in 1937 in rural Canton, Mississippi. She always told us that she was what people called an "old folks" child. She grew up surrounded by the wisdom of the older people. They taught her how to preach, sing, and dance. They taught her how to survive and how to love. They taught her faith. They also taught her to strive and move up the ladder to success. Nonetheless, they always reminded her that there was someone below her and that it was her right and her responsibility to reach down and pull that person up to where she was. Thus, she could share her gifts that she had received from God and from the wisdom of the "old folks."

The black public schools were in a terrible state of affairs when Thea was in school. Her parents knew that the only way for Thea to advance in life was through education. They sent her to a Catholic school where she not only learned, but also actually enjoyed what she was learning. The religious at this school gave each student quality time. They had to beg for money for the school to keep it going. Sometimes people from all over the country would send a dollar or two for the support of her school.

Sister Thea Bowman gleaned a great deal from her Catholic education. One of the most important things was her Catholic faith and the values contained within that faith and the education that it offered. Like so many African Americans, Sister Thea often said that it was Catholic education that gave her a chance and made a difference in her life.

Sister Thea converted to Catholicism in 1947 and entered the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Education in 1953. In 1984, she was diag-
**Silent Auction Rules**

**Timing:**

All silent auction bidding begins at 5:30 p.m.

Tables will close at 8:00 p.m.

Prior to the close of the auction, a 10 minute warning will be announced.

**Bidding:**

Bids can be registered by filling in the bid sheets at each auction item.

You must indicate your name and address or phone number for the bid to be valid.

The closing bid, as highlighted by the auction official, constitutes the winning bid.

Winning bidders will be posted by the check-out area near the exit.

**Payment:**

Please make payment this evening.

Payment can be made by cash, MasterCard, Visa, or by a check made

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**Dear Friends:**

On behalf of the members of the board of The Sister Thea Bowman Foundation and the African-American students whom we serve, we welcome you as partners in our mission. We thank you for believing in our mission and joining with us in our vision to provide a better life through Catholic higher education for those in need.

Sister Thea Bowman was a woman of great joy. She impressed all whom she encountered with her warmth and her presence; and she firmly believed that one did not have to do great things to make a difference. During an interview with Mike Wallace, she said, “I think one difference between me and some other people is that I’m content to do my little bit. Sometimes people think they have to do big things to make a change, but if each one of us would light a candle, we’d have a tremendous light.”

The Sister Thea Bowman Foundation has lit more than one hundred candles. These candles represent the young people whom we have served. They have been given an opportunity that they would have never have had and have attained baccalaureate degrees from some of our best Catholic colleges and universities. They have been given the potential to become a tremendous light.

Guided by the Spiritans, the Josephites, the Franciscans, the Sisters of Divine Providence and Catholic university presidents, these young people have been challenged and sheltered at the same time. In turn these young African-Americans have shared their great gifts of African-American culture and the richness of their spirituality with their brothers and sisters who reside on the college and university campuses with them.

Tonight we recognize the generous spirit of Supreme Knight Carl
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PROGRAM

Reception and Silent Auction

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Mrs. Mary Lou Jennings
Executive Director, The Sister Thea Bowman Foundation

Master of Ceremonies
Ms. Marilyn Brooks
Retired Journalist, WTVETV

Invocation
Reverend Ronald Lengwin
Director of Public Relations
Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh

Dinner

Live Auction

Presentation of The Sister Thea Bowman Legacy Award
Dr. John E. Murray, Jr.
Chancellor, Duquesne University
President, Sister Thea Bowman Foundation

Remarks
Mr. Carl Anderson
Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus

Benediction
Mr. Corey McMurry
Thea Bowman Student

Musicians
Tonight's Menu:

Iceberg Lettuce Wedge with Crispy Onions
  Bleu Cheese and Grape Tomatoes
  Buttermilk Bleu Cheese Dressing
  Balsamic Vinaigrette

Gouda Stuffed Chicken and Shrimp Duo
  With Roasted Garlic Beurre Blanc
  Crispy Sweet Corn Cake
  Haricot Verts

New York Cheesecake
  With Raspberry Coulis

Reverend Peter Muhich, Pastor and Blessed Sacrament Parish of Hibbing, Minnesota are proud to support the efforts of The Thea Bowman Foundation.

Duquesne University has been home for twelve years to The Sister Thea Bowman Foundation. The administration, the faculty and the staff under the leadership of two presidents have advised us, welcomed us and cared for our young people.

The Duquesne family should be proud for they truly live and exemplify for all to see the mission and identity imbued in the Spiritan education that they offer to all.
#40 Ming Buddha
Created in wood and paint, circa 17th century. Comes with a base.
Approximate Value: $300
Donor: Friends of St. Gabe Zeis

#41 Bell of Bronze
Chou Dynasty style bell of bronze. 18th century.
Approximate Value: $200
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#42 Tibetan Chakra
Repousse made in bronze. 18th century and in original wooden frame fashioned in the Orient.
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#43 Tang Pottery
Four Tang Dynasty pottery pieces. 7th century A.D. Authentic.
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#44 Dyak Tribal Carvings
Three praying votive figures Dyak tribal carving from Borneo created from wood. 19th century.
Approximate Value: $600
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#45 Luba Ceremonial Container
From Zaire, Africa. 19th century. Ask Fr. Gabe to tell you the interesting story behind this piece!
Approximate Value: $300
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#46 Afo Ceremonial Mask
Approximate Value: $1,000
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#47 Haitian Carving
Hand carved hanging from Haiti depicting a mother and child.

Many, many individuals and organizations have come to our aid during the past twenty years. The Pittsburgh Steelers are among them. This organization has continuously shown its support and care to our mission and our service to others in need.

They have greatly supported the legacy of love to African-American young people left to all of us by Sister Thea Bowman.
As supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, Carl A. Anderson is the chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization, which has more than 1.7 million members.

Mr. Anderson has had a distinguished career as a public servant and educator. From 1983 to 1987, he served in various positions of the Executive Office of the President of the United States, including special assistant to the President and acting director of the White House Office of Public Liaison. Following his service at the White House, Mr. Anderson served for nearly a decade as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

From 1983 to 1998, Mr. Anderson taught as a visiting professor of family law at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. In 1988, he became the founding vice president and first dean of the Washington, D.C., session of this graduate school of theology now located at The Catholic University of America.

Mr. Anderson was the only Catholic layman from North America to serve as an auditor to two recent World Synods of Bishops, in October 2005 and October 2001. In 1998, Pope John Paul II

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**#34 Lookin Pretty**


Approximate Value: $35
Donor: Stephen Szabo Salon

**#35 Pamper Yourself!**

Here's another opportunity to treat yourself to some TLC. This certificate entitles the bearer to a haircut and style plus a thirty minute massage at Sognatore located in the Pennsylvanian on Liberty Avenue in Downtown Pittsburgh.

Approximate Value: $125
Donor: Sognatore

**#36 John Coltrane**

For the true jazz enthusiast—a framed poster of jazz artist John Coltrane. A must have!

Approximate Value: $100
Donor: Friends of Fr. Gabe Zeis

**#37 For the Book Collector**

If you collect old books, you may want to take a look at these. Two 1746 leather bound "Latin Office of Virgin Mary" printed by the Jesuits for the missionaries of North America. Also a "Lady's Book" from 1836 with various fashion prints of the year.

Approximate Value: $300
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"Don Quixote and Sancho Panza the Windmill." A hand colored print by artist Irving Amen.

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In 2002, he was appointed a consultant to the Pro-Life Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and reappointed in 2004. He serves as a member of the International Scientific Council of the Studium Generale Marcianum of Venice. In 1994, he was a member of the Vatican delegation for the Fifteenth Meeting of the International Jewish Union Committee held in Jerusalem. In 2000, Pope John Paul II named him a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great.

Mr. Anderson currently serves on the Board of Trustees of The Catholic University of America, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and the National Catholic Educational Association. In 2003, Mr. Anderson received an honorary doctorate from St. Vincent’s Seminary in Latrobe, Pa.

Mr. Anderson has served as assistant supreme secretary and supreme secretary of the Knights of Columbus until becoming supreme knight in October 2000. Prior to that, he served as the Order’s vice president for public policy from 1987 to 1997. He has been grand knight, district deputy, state advocate, state secretary and state deputy for the District of Columbia jurisdiction.

Since Mr. Anderson assumed the responsibilities of supreme knight in 2000, the Knights of Columbus has achieved new heights in charitable giving, providing in its latest year more than $139 million directly to charity and 64 million hours in voluntary service.

In addition, during this time the Knights of Columbus established the
As supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, Carl A. Anderson is the chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the world’s largest Catholic family fraternal service organization, which has more than 1.7 million members.

Mr. Anderson has had a distinguished career as a public servant and educator. From 1983 to 1987, he served in various positions of the Executive Office of the President of the United States, including special assistant to the President and acting director of the White House Office of Public Liaison. Following his service at the White House, Mr. Anderson served for nearly a decade as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

From 1983 to 1998, Mr. Anderson taught as a visiting professor of family law at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. In 1988, he became the founding vice president and first dean of the Washington, D.C., session of this graduate school of theology now located at The Catholic University of America.

Mr. Anderson was the only Catholic layman from North America to serve as an auditor to two recent World Synods of Bishops, in October 2005 and October 2001. In 1998, Pope John Paul II
#40 Ming Buddha
Created in wood and paint. Circa 17th century. Comes with a base.
Approximate Value: $300
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#41 Bell of Bronze
Chou Dynasty style bell of bronze. 18th century.
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Repousse made in bronze. 18th century and in original wooden frame fashioned in the Orient.
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Four Tang Dynasty pottery pieces. 7th century A.D. Authentic.
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Three praying votive figures Dyak tribal carving from Borneo created from wood. 19th century.
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#45 Luba Ceremonial Container
From Zaire, Africa. 19th century. Ask Fr. Gabe to tell you the interesting story behind this piece!
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#46 Afo Ceremonial Mask
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#47 Haitian Carving
Hand carved hanging from Haiti depicting a mother and child.

Many, many individuals and organizations have come to our aid during the past twenty years. The Pittsburgh Steelers are among them. This organization has continuously shown its support and care to our mission and our service to others in need.

They have greatly supported the legacy of love to African-American young people left to all of us by Sister Thea Bowman.
Tonight’s Menu:

Iceberg Lettuce Wedge with Crispy Onions
  Bleu Cheese and Grape Tomatoes
  Buttermilk Bleu Cheese Dressing
  Balsamic Vinaigrette

Gouda Stuffed Chicken and Shrimp Duo
  With Roasted Garlic Beurre Blanc
  Crispy Sweet Corn Cake
  Haricot Verts

New York Cheesecake
  With Raspberry Coulis

Reverend Peter Muhich, Pastor and
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are proud to support the efforts of
The Thea Bowman Foundation.

Duquesne University has been home for
twelve years to The Sister Thea Bowman Foundation.
The administration, the faculty and the staff under
the leadership of two presidents have advised us,
welcomed us and cared for our young people.
The Duquesne family should be proud for they
truly live and exemplify for all to see the mission
and identity imbued in the Spiritan education
that they offer to all.
PROGRAM

Reception and Silent Auction

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Mrs. Mary Lou Jennings
Executive Director, The Sister Thea Bowman Foundation

Master of Ceremonies
Ms. Marilyn Brooks
Retired Journalist, WTAE-TV

Invocation
Reverend Ronald Lengwin
Director of Public Relations
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Dinner

Live Auction

Presentation of The Sister Thea Bowman Legacy Award
Dr. John E. Murray, Jr.
Chancellor, Duquesne University
President, Sister Thea Bowman Foundation

Remarks
Mr. Carl Anderson
Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus

Benediction
Mr. Corey McMurry
Thea Bowman Student

Musicians

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Special thanks to Mary Lou Jennings for all of
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Silent Auction Rules

Timing:

All silent auction bidding begins at 5:30 p.m.

Tables will close at 8:00 p.m.

Prior to the close of the auction, a 10 minute warning will be announced.

Bidding:

Bids can be registered by filling in the bid sheets at each auction item.

You must indicate your name and address or phone number for the bid to be valid.

The closing bid, as highlighted by the auction official, constitutes the winning bid.

Winning bidders will be posted by the check-out area near the exit.

Payment:

Please make payment this evening.

Payment can be made by cash, MasterCard, Visa, or by a check made
Sister Thea Bowman was born in 1937 in rural Canton, Mississippi. She always told us that she was what people called an "old folks" child. She grew up surrounded by the wisdom of the older people. They taught her how to preach, sing, and dance. They taught her how to survive and how to love. They taught her faith. They also taught her to strive and move up the ladder to success. Nonetheless, they always reminded her that there was someone below her and that it was her right and her responsibility to reach down and pull that person up to where she was. Thus, she could share her gifts that she had received from God and from the wisdom of the "old folks."

The black public schools were in a terrible state of affairs when Thea was in school. Her parents knew that the only way for Thea to advance in life was through education. They sent her to a Catholic school where she not only learned, but also actually enjoyed what she was learning. The religious at this school gave each student quality time. They had to beg for money for the school to keep it going. Sometimes people from all over the country would send a dollar or two for the support of her school.

Sister Thea Bowman gleaned a great deal from her Catholic education. One of the most important things was her Catholic faith and the values contained within that faith and the education that it offered. Like so many African Americans, Sister Thea often said that it was Catholic education that gave her a chance and made a difference in her life.

Sister Thea converted to Catholicism in 1947 and entered the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Education in 1953. In 1984, she was diag-
October 26, 2010
A reason to celebrate...
A day to give thanks...

On this date, The Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic Educational Foundation will celebrate twenty years of ministry and service to young African Americans. Through its efforts, the Foundation has given countless young people an education and offered them a reason to hope.

Plans for this special October commemoration include a Mass celebrated by Most Reverend John S. Ricard, SSJ, Vice President of The Sister Thea Bowman Foundation followed by a reception and a unique jazz performance by the talented Sean Jones to take place at the August Wilson Center for Afri-

"When we reach out in faith and trust, we love one another into Life."

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