

# THE CENTER FOR PHARMACY SERVICES

## DEDICATION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2011

### WELCOME

Dr. J. Douglas Bricker  
*Dean, Mylan School of Pharmacy*

### REMARKS

Dr. Charles J. Dougherty  
*President, Duquesne University*

Carl Redwood  
*Chairperson, Hill District Consensus Group*

Terri Baltimore  
*Hill House Vice President for Neighborhood Development*

Dr. Thomas J. Mattei  
*Associate Dean for Professional Programs  
Mylan School of Pharmacy*

### BLESSING

Fr. Ray French, C.S.Sp.  
*Director, Spiritan Campus Ministry and  
Duquesne University Chaplain*



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The **CENTER FOR PHARMACY SERVICES** celebrates the legacy of Sister Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A., and is pleased to dedicate this facility in Pittsburgh's Hill District in her memory.

A lifelong advocate for bettering the human condition and building bridges between all cultures, Sr. Thea educated those in the communities she served on appreciating the gifts and traditions of people from different races and backgrounds.

Born Bertha Bowman on December 29, 1937, in Yazoo City, Mississippi, Sr. Thea was raised a Methodist until she converted to Catholicism at age 9. At 15, she joined the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (F.S.P.A.) and was given the name "Thea." The granddaughter of a slave, Sr. Thea earned a master's degree and Ph.D. from The Catholic University of America and was instrumental in establishing the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sr. Thea shared the message of God's love through a prolific teaching career at the elementary, secondary and university levels. She went on to serve the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi as Consultant for Intercultural Awareness, elevating the Black worship experience by combining singing, gospel preaching, prayer and storytelling.

Sr. Thea was gifted with a brilliant mind, beautiful voice and dynamic personality. Through her ministry of education, she joyfully served the needs of individuals and whole communities and encouraged multicultural awareness and understanding.

Sr. Thea worked tirelessly to break down barriers that drive people apart until her death from breast cancer in 1990. She remains an inspiration to people of all faiths who seek to reach their full potential and build relationships with individuals of other cultures and races.