

## National Black Catholic Congress

The National Black Catholic Congress, comprised of member organizations, represents African American Roman Catholics, working in collaboration with National Roman Catholic organizations.

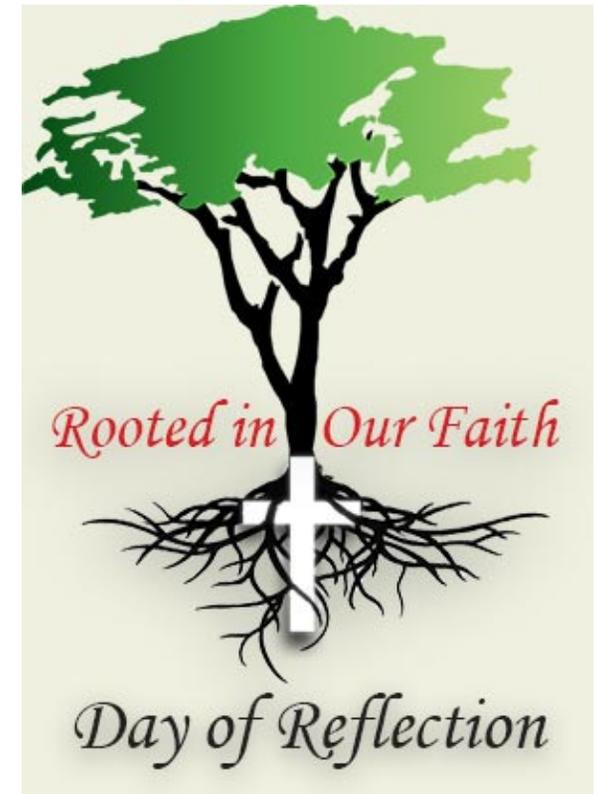
We commit ourselves to establishing an agenda for the evangelization of African Americans; and to improve the spiritual, mental, and physical conditions of African Americans, thereby committing ourselves to the freedom and growth of African Americans as full participants in church and society.

Aware of the challenges, we are committed to evangelize ourselves, our churched and unchurched African Americans, thereby enriching the Church. We hold ourselves accountable to our baptismal commitment to witness and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.



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**When:**

**Saturday, September 10, 2016**

**Where:**

**Ss. Columba Brigid, Bflo. NY**

**Time:**

**9:30 A.M. until 3:45 P.M.**

**You are invited to come, pray and reflect on the theme of the National Black Catholic Congress XII:**  
**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; act justly, love goodness, and walk humbly with your God” and share our response.**

# Day of Reflection



The National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) provides leadership, resources, and a home for the Black Catholic

community.

Every five years since 1987, the NBCC has convened a congress, culminating in a Plan of Action.

Months before each congress, dioceses across the U.S. hold a Day of Reflection on the chosen theme. The Congress theme for this year is "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME; ACT JUSTLY, LOVE GOODNESS, AND WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD"

Participants will reflect on this theme.

We want to gather African Americans Catholics young and old from across the Diocese to join in on this reflection. We will pray, reflect and listen to others while we formulate a report for the National Black Catholic Congress which will help them to develop the next Pastoral Plan for the Next 5 years. At the end we hope to prepare those who are going to Congress XII with information and inspiration and also invite others to join us in Florida next Summer, July 6—9, 2017.

## Overview of the Day:

The day will consist of fellowship, prayer, and small group discussions. A report from our Diocese will be sent to the NBCC which will help guide the creation of the parish report, Congress XII programming and the pastoral plan of action. The outline of the day is as follows:

- Registration
- Welcome & Opening Prayer
- Introduction of Theme
- Lunch Break
- Breakout session I
- *Plenary session*
- Break out session II
- Biography of Saints
- Prayer
- Mass for those who are interested at 4:00PM

If you are interested in being a part of this day, **please fill out the registration form by September 5, 2016. and return to**

**Milagros Ramos**  
Call 716 847-2217 or email:  
[mramos@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:mramos@buffalodiocese.org)

**Or the representative of the African American Commission in your parish.**

To learn more about Congress XII which will be held in Orlando, Florida from July 6-9, 2017, please contact Milagros Ramos at 716 847-2217 or refer to the **official website of the National Black Catholic Congress at, <http://nbccongress.org/>.**

## Registration for the Day of Reflection

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: NY

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in going to Congress XII? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to make monthly payments? \_\_\_\_\_

**Return by September 5, 2016**

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