

On Line and On Point

MARY MOTHER OF JESUS INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Father Augustus Tolton, first African-American ordained a priest in the United States.

BLACK SAINTS—There are no African American Saints from the United States to date, while there are eleven white US Catholic saints—The Black candidates have waited a combined 714 years since they died, and Pope Francis has canonized 899 saints since he ascended to the chair of St. Peter in 2013. In our letters to Pope Francis we ask: If not now, when? If not you, who?

An initiative to launch the advocacy effort to canonize the six Black candidates for

sainthood—Mother Mary Lange, Sister Thea Bowman, Mother Henriette De Lille, Julia Greeley, Father Augustus Tolton and Pierre Toussaint [*the underlined were previously featured in OLOP issues*—began approximately on All Saints Day [Nov. 1, 2021] which is also the first day of Black Catholic History Month. Stating beforehand our thanks to all who support this effort, please send letters of that nature to St. Ann Social Justice Committee % St. Ann Church/528 E. 22d Street/Baltimore, MD 21218. Also, feel free to financially support the Racial Fairness in Canonizations Project if you are willing and able. Again, thank you.—*from the Catholic Worker [NY/NY]*

OFFERINGS—We are grateful for your continued contribution toward the growth and development of our community. Thank you. Please remember to make your regular donations to MMOJ by sending your check to MMOJ % St. Andrew UCC, 6908 Beneva Road, Sarasota. FL 34238.

Remember: MMOJ continues to donate 5% of all received offerings each month to Outreach, which will continue to focus on real issues of food and hunger in our surrounding communities.

OUTREACH—The current recipient of our offered financial support is All Faiths

Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community Mission Statement

We are a Christ-centered community of equals, consisting of women and men, ordained and non-ordained, empowered by the Spirit whose mission is to worship, to serve, to promote compassion, justice and care for creation. Come join us.

Food Bank of Sarasota [AFFB] in its task of providing food for hungry and needy families and children. Please be generous.

MOVIE CORNER

Many thanks to Joan Pesce for the following review of **Dickinson** which she and Dotty found to be excellent. There are three seasons of 10 episodes each available on Appletv+. Although it is listed as a comedy, we found that it provided insight into Emily Dickinson's life, family background and social environment of the times. We have watched only Season 1 but will continue with 2 and 3. If someone would not want to do 3 seasons, Season 1 is worth seeing. This comedy brings the story of Emily Dickinson more into the present day while the circumstances of her actual history are retained.—*Beth Ponce*

HELP NEEDED: Have you seen a good movie? I'd love to know. You don't have to write the review or even have your name mentioned. Just email the movie name and if possible where you've seen it to ponce.beth@gmail.com With longer days and warmer weather I do not watch as many movies so could really use your suggestions and recommendations. Thank you all.

MOVE INTO ACTION [the start of a series to accomplish]—A Commitment to Accountability—How many of us have committed to practices aimed at achieving one thing, only to realize later that this was the wrong path? How many of us have made New Year's resolutions or Lenten commitments only to remember weeks or months later that we have not been doing them? We all do better with structures and relationships of

accountability. These will help ensure that what we have committed to could actually achieve the ends we desire, as well as ensure that we are actually doing the things we say we will be doing.

ISSUE ACCOUNTABILITY

First and foremost, we must be accountable to those directly impacted by an issue. If we care about struggling for affordable and supportive housing for all people, for example, then our actions must be accountable to real people experiencing housing insecurity. This will ensure that we center tactics and uplift strategies that could actually accomplish the things that are needed. This keeps us from spinning our wheels or wasting our time [as much as is possible]. **So, what people or organizations can you build accountability relationships with? Are they made up of or accountable to those directly impacted? How might you build relationships of accountability with them?**

PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

With all the responsibilities, pressures, and fears in our lives, we need to build relationships of accountability that will help us to follow through on our commitments. Rather than burdening those directly impacted with this responsibility, how can we find people who share similar social locations or personal identities who would also benefit from a relationship of accountability? **How can we invite them into practices of shared responsibility? How can we ask each other tough questions, reflect back the things we observe, and ensure we do not renege on our commitments?**

[Next: Deepening Our Political Analysis]

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