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Dear Pastor, Pastoral Staff, Bulletin Editor, RE Director, and School Principal,

November marks a time when we pray for All Saints and All Souls in loving remembrance. During November we also celebrate National Black Catholic History Month and recall the saints and souls of the African Diaspora.

Two commemorative dates fall within November: St. Augustine of Hippo (Thagaste Africa) was born November 13th; and St. Martin de Porres' feast day is November 3rd.

Consider the following ways to promote and learn about Black Catholic History:

- *Host a movie night and show the documentary, "A Place at the Table." The documentary can be viewed on Formed.org here: [A Place at the Table - Documentaries - FORMED](#)
 - Engage in discussions about the six notable Black Catholics on the road to Sainthood.
- Read and discuss the book, "Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood" by Archbishop Jose' H Gomez
 - Discuss the questions listed in the study guide here: <https://www.simplycatholic.com/black-catholics-on-the-road-to-sainthood-a-study-guide/>
- Read the e-Book, [A Resource for Black History Month for Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs](#) (this resource is taken from and links to Aquinas College. Some of embedded links may be broken). This e-Book contains suggested activities, projects and assignments on page 33.
- View and discuss the document "[History and Resources for Celebrating National Black Catholic History Month](#)" by Kathleen Merritt from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston. Page 53 lists ways to celebrate Black Catholic History Month. Page 54 shows 'Just for Fun!' quiz questions that can be used for Family Trivia Night!

*For guidance on hosting a movie night, view [this blog](#) at ParishSoft.

Let's celebrate National Black Catholic History!

Blessings,

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