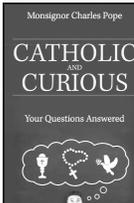




Deacon Ralph W. Cyrus, Jr. was born November 23, 1959, in the former Freedman Hospital (currently Howard University Hospital) in Washington, DC. He attended St. Thomas More Grade School (1974), and Bishop McNamara High School (1978). He completed his undergraduate study at Howard University's School of Engineering with a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering (1983), and did post-graduate work at the Institute for Black Studies at Xavier University in Louisiana. This year Deacon Cyrus is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination in the diaconate in 1993. Please pray for God's continued grace and mercy upon Deacon Ralph in his journey of faith.



Monsignor Pope has released a new book, *Catholic and Curious: Your Questions Answered*. In an easily digestible format, Monsignor tackles 500 tough questions on just about every subject imaginable—everything from God and the Bible, to the liturgy, the sacraments, Catholic moral teaching, Mary, the saints, and life after death—organized by topic for quick reference. You'll find not just straightforward answers, but a deeper understanding and appreciation of the truth of the Catholic Faith. Retail price \$18.95, **BUT get your copy at the discounted price of \$10 in our Candlelight Store.**



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Thur., Oct. 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Thompson will bless animals out on the church plaza from **6:15pm to 8pm.** Bring your pet and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to stop by!

SAVE THE DATE: HCSC CHOIR'S 46th ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CONCERT, Sun., Oct. 28th, at 4pm. Theme: *"The Spirit of an Awesome God."* Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased three ways: either online at hcsc46thanniversary.eventbrite.com; or from any choir member; or in the rectory office. If you wish to place an ad in the program pick up a flyer in the rear of the church for details.



ROBERT E. PERSON RADIO SHOW: HCSC's very own Robert Person has his own radio show **"SOULFUL SESSIONS"** on the WBGR Gospel Network. The show airs online at www.wbgronline.com every Friday from 10 to 10:30am. Robert continues to expand his Jazz and Inspirational music brand by highlighting new and independent artists in Gospel (Traditional, Contemporary, and Praise & Worship) and Inspirational and Contemporary Jazz.

FAITH DAY at NATIONALS PARK: Come out to the Nationals Ball Park on **Saturday, September 22nd** at 4:05PM and watch the Nationals take on their division rivals, the New York Mets. After the game stay for the celebration of worship lead by McLean Bible Church and Nationals players as they share their life experiences with baseball and faith. For tickets, go to: nationals.com/FAITH.



I'M NOT TEXTING, I'M PRAYING! is the slogan for the app myParish, that allows you to connect with our parish like never before. With the myParish app you can read our bulletins and even listen to Msgr. Pope's homilies on your smartphone. Enjoy useful faith-building resources to complement your daily faith life, such as, daily Mass readings, a full list of traditional Catholic prayers, and much more. Pick up a flyer in the rear of the church on how to download the free app!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?



Classes on the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith (RCIA) are held **Sundays at 9:30am in the rectory.** Although these classes are designed for non-Catholics considering becoming a Catholic, they are also an opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving one or more of the sacraments, or who may be returning to the Church after a long absence. These classes are open to Catholics looking to enrich their faith. If interested, or know someone who is, registration forms are in the rear of the church. Questions? Call the rectory (202-546-1885).



TOLTON: From Slave to Priest is a one-man play on the life of **Bishop Augustus Tolton**, the first Black American priest, born a slave in Ralls County, Missouri, on April 1, 1854. This **FREE** production will run Nov. 15-18 at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Arlington, VA. HCSC has 20 reserved **FREE** tickets for the Sat., Nov. 17th performance. If you'd like one of these tickets, contact June Johnson (301-529-7114). You can also reserve **FREE** tickets for other dates and times online at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/tolton.

Pilgrimage to GREECE and the GREEK ISLES



Join Msgr. Pope and other HCSC pilgrims and walk in the footsteps of **Saint Paul the Apostle** through Greece on an **11-day pilgrimage, November 5—15, 2019.** Walk the streets of Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Delphi, Kalambaka, Thessaloniki. Also, enjoy a **3-day cruise of the Greek isles. COST: \$3399.** For more information, pick up a flyer in the rear of the church or visit our website (www.hcscchurch.org).

EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL: Oct. 1—3, 2018 at 7pm nightly. Theme: *"Jesus, Heal Our Land: What We Must Do"*. Revivalist: Rev. Sydney Speaks, of St. Matthew the Apostle Church, River Ridge, LA. Closing Mass is on Thursday with Bishop Roy Campbell. Revival takes place at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2210 Calloway St., Hillcrest Heights, MD., 20748, 301-894-2222.

MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass for a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. Note that dates fill in quickly. The customary donation is \$5 per intention.