

**We Are Surrounded By A Great Cloud of Witnesses**



## **Their Journey to becoming a Saint**

*Where is “your” faith leading you?*

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Catholic Church  
**Queens for the Kingdom**  
Women’s Ministry



*Sister Thea Bowman*  
*Servant of God*



*Mother Mary Lange*  
*Servant of God*

**Join us for a Virtual Fellowship (via Zoom)**  
**Saturday, November 14, 2020 (11:00am – 12:30pm)**

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**Sandra Coles-Bell, DTM**  
Guest Speaker

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## BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

November 2020

On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. Two commemorative dates fall within this month, Saint Augustine's Birthday (November 13) and Saint Martin de Porres' Feast Day (November 3). More importantly, November not only marks a time when we pray for all saints and souls in loving remembrance, but also a time to recall the saints and souls of Africa and the African Diaspora.

This webinar is one of the events sponsored by Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Catholic Church in commemoration of Black Catholic History Month. Our focus will be on educating the community on the six candidates of African descent who are currently on the road to the Sainthood. Visit our website at [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org) for more events or information.

### MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER: SANDRA COLES-BELL

Sandra Coles-Bell formerly worked in the Archdiocese of Washington's Office of Cultural Diversity. She currently serves as the lector scheduler and lector at her church as well as a lector at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception where she has served as lector for televised Masses on Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). She holds a B.S. in Biology from Lincoln University and a Masters in Administration from the University of Maryland University College. She is the mother of three children and grandmother of three.

Her presentation will be on the lives of two of the Catholic African-Americans who are currently on the journey to sainthood.

### INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES FOR SAINTHOOD

**Sr. Thea Bowman** (Dec 29, 1973-March 30, 1990) was a Roman Catholic religious sister, teacher, and scholar who made a major contribution to the ministry of the Catholic Church toward her fellow African-Americans. She became an evangelist among her people, assisted in the production of an African-American Catholic hymnal, and was a popular speaker on faith and spirituality in her final years. She helped found the National Black Sisters Conference to provide support for African-American women in Catholic religious institutes. Sr. Bowman has been designated as a '*Servant of God*' in her canonization journey.

**Mother Mary Lange, O.S.P.** (1784-1882), born Elizabeth Clarisse Lange, was an African-American religious sister who was the foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP), a religious congregation established to allow African-American women to enter religious life in the Catholic Church. She was also an educator and teacher of the Catholic faith. Mother Lange is honored as a '*Servant of God*' in her canonization journey.