

NATIONAL BLACK SISTERS CONFERENCE

— 2026 —

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

CONFERENCE BOOK



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TOWSON, MARYLAND



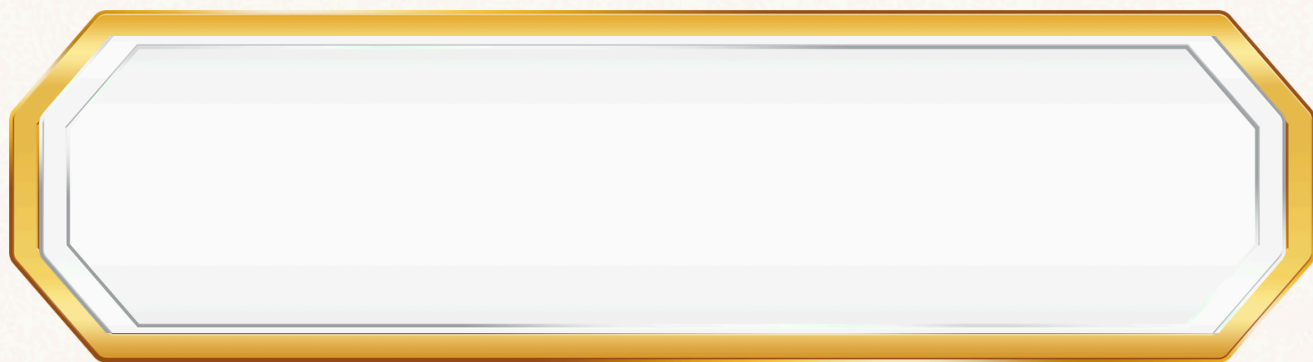
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JULY 26–30, 2026

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THIS BOOKLET BELONGS TO:



The State of Maryland



Governor of the State of Maryland, to

NATIONAL BLACK SISTERS CONFERENCE
58th ANNIVERSARY

, Greetings:

Be it Known: Because of your demonstration of high integrity and ability, meriting our great trust and respect, we are most pleased to award you the

Governor's Citation

in appreciation of your outstanding services to the citizens of this State



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 26th day of July
Two Thousand and twenty-six

W. F. Miller
Governor

Oruna Miller
Lt. Governor

Susan C. Lee

Secretary of State



The National BLACK CATHOLIC Congress

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Website: www.nbccongress.org

July 26, 2026

Dear Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC), it is my great pleasure to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to the hosts, presenters, and participants of the 2026 National Black Sisters' Conference, taking place July 26–30, 2026, in Towson, Maryland.

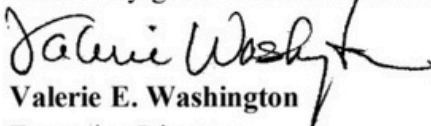
As women of profound faith, courage, and commitment, Black Catholic Sisters have long been a vital force in the life of the Church. Your ministries have transformed lives, strengthened communities, and borne witness to the Gospel through compassionate service, prophetic leadership, and unwavering dedication to God's people.

As you gather for this year's conference, I pray that these days together will be filled with meaningful fellowship, thoughtful dialogue, joyful celebration, and opportunities for spiritual renewal. May this gathering deepen your faith, strengthen the bonds of sisterhood, and inspire you with renewed hope and purpose as you continue your extraordinary ministries throughout our Church and communities.

The National Black Catholic Congress is grateful for the enduring partnership and leadership of the National Black Sisters' Conference in advancing the mission of Black Catholics across our nation. Together, we continue to proclaim the Good News, celebrate our rich heritage, and work toward a more just and inclusive Church.

Please know of my prayers for the success of your conference and for each of you. May God bless your time together abundantly, and may you return to your ministries refreshed, encouraged, and filled with the joy and peace of Christ.

With every good wish and God's abundant blessings,



Valerie E. Washington
Executive Director



SESSION SPEAKERS



SISTER ANITA BAIRD, DHM



**SHEA-DANIELLE PINES, LICENSED
MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST**



**EVANGANGELIST/PROFESSOR
MICHAEL P. HOWARD, MACS**

JULY 26 SUNDAY

AM



REGISTRATION



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION *IF APPLICABLE*



ASSOCIATES MEETING *IF APPLICABLE*

PM



GATHERING RITUAL

EVENING



OPENING RECEPTION

BANQUET TICKET REQUIRED FOR NON-ASSEMBLY REGISTERED ATTENDEES

JULY 27 MONDAY

AM



BREAKFAST



REGISTRATION



OPENING PRAYER SERVICE w/ THERESA FAVORS



AM BREAK



WORKSHOP 1 w/ MICHAEL HOWARD



LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

PM



WORKSHOP 1 PART 2 w/ MICHAEL HOWARD



PM BREAK



WORKSHOP 1 PART 2 CONT.. w/ MICHAEL HOWARD

EVENING



DEPART HOTEL



JUBILEE MASS (OPEN TO EVERYONE)

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

1501 E. Oliver St., Baltimore, MD 21213



DINNER

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

JULY 28 TUESDAY

AM



BREAKFAST



PRAYER SERVICE / REMEMBRANCE RITUAL



WORKSHOP 2 w/ SHEA PINES



AM SNACK BREAK



WORKSHOP 2 PART 2 w/ SHEA PINES



LUNCH LUNCH PROVIDED

PM



WORKSHOP 2 PART 2 CONT.. w/ SHEA PINES



PM BREAK



DINNER

ON YOUR OWN

JULY 29 WEDNESDAY

AM



BREAKFAST



MASS ON SITE



NBSC MEETING



AM BREAK



NBSC MEETING PART 2



RUSH LUNCHEON

PM



PRESENTATION & PANEL

w/ SR. ANITA BAIRD



HARAMBEE BANQUET

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JULY 30 THURSDAY

AM



CLOSING RITUAL

KEY

AM SESSION
(Breakfast – Lunch)

LUNCH
(Dedicated Lunch Time)

PM SESSION
(Afternoon – Early Evening)

EVENING SESSION
(Mass, Dinner, Banquet, etc.)



SCHEDULED EVENTS

	Daily Breakfast	8:00 AM
	AM Snack Break	11:00 AM
	Daily Lunch Break	12:30 PM
	PM Snack Break	4:00 PM
	Prayer Room Hours 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	
	ON-SITE MASS TIME 8:00 PM	
	Harambee Banquet Reception: 6:00 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM	



ROOM NAMES AND GENERAL ASSIGNMENTS

	Registration and Breakfast	Duncan/McIntosh Foyer
	Prayer Room	McIntosh Room
	General Session	Duncan Room
	Meals	Lindsay Room & Foyer
	Rush Luncheon	Lindsay Ballroom
	Harambee Banquet	Lindsay Ballroom
	On-site Mass	Lindsay A
	NBSC Office	Coleman Boardroom



OFF-SITE MASS

Saint Francis Xavier Church
 1501 E Oliver St, Baltimore, MD 21213
 (410) 727-3103

Time: 6:00 PM



HOTEL ADDRESS

- 903 Dulaney Valley Rd in Towson, Maryland
- Phone number: 410-321-7400
- Parking Rate: \$10.00 parking per guest



HOTEL AMENITIES

- Indoor pool
- 24-hour fitness center
- Free WiFi
- Rain 903 Restaurant and bar.
- Free 3-mile area shuttle
- On-site mobile Starbucks



NEAREST PHARMACY

- CVS Pharmacy:** 1001 York Rd. in Towson, MD
- Store & Photo: Open 24 hours
 - Pharmacy Counter: Open 24 hours
(Closed for lunch from 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM)
 - MinuteClinic: Open daily (closes at 7:30 PM)
 - Phone Number: (410) 823-3900



NEAREST HOSPITAL



**University of Maryland
St. Joseph Medical Center**

- Number: (410) 337-1000
- Distance: 2.8 miles
- Travel Time: ~ 10 minutes
- Location: 7601 Osler Drive, Towson, MD 21204



**Greater Baltimore
Medical Center (GBMC)**

- Number: (443) 849-2196
- Distance: 2.8 miles
- Travel Time: ~ 10 minutes
- Location: 6701 N Charles Street, Towson, MD 21204

JULY 26 SUNDAY



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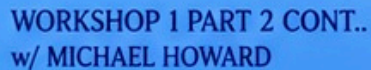


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JULY 27 MONDAY





JULY 28 TUESDAY



BREAKFAST

PRAYER SERVICE /
REMEMBRANCE RITUAL

WORKSHOP 2
w/ SHEA PINES



AM SNACK BREAK



WORKSHOP 2 PART 2
w/ SHEA PINES



LUNCH
LUNCH PROVIDED



WORKSHOP 2 PART 2 CONT..
w/ SHEA PINES



PM BREAK



DINNER ON YOUR OWN





GOD'S ANGEL

VERSE ONE

FOR ONLY A MOMENT IN TIME
JUST FOR A SECOND NOW YOU'RE GONE
I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE TIME YOU WERE HERE
YOU GOT YOUR WINGS AND NOW YOU FLY

LIKE THE ANGELS WATCHING OVER ME, OH MY;
HEAVEN OPENED UP, YOU SMILED AND NOW
GOD'S LIGHT; I SAW GOD'S LIGHT IN YOUR SMILE

CHORUS

ANGEL FLY, WAY UP HIGH
HEAVEN OPENED
YOU GOT YOUR WINGS AND NOW YOU FLY

VERSE TWO

THERE'LL COME A TIME WHEN WE'LL MEET
AGAIN IN THAT PLACE WHERE THERE'S PEACE
GOD'LL BE WAITING. YOU WILL BE THERE.
LOVING OUR GOD WITHOUT A CARE.

LIKE THE ANGELS WATCHING OVER ME, OH MY;
HEAVEN OPENED UP, YOU SMILED
AND I SAW GOD'S LIGHT; I SAW GOD'S LIGHT
IN YOUR SMILE

CHORUS

ANGEL FLY, WAY UP HIGH
HEAVEN OPENED
YOU GOT YOUR WINGS AND NOW YOU FLY

TONYA DORSEY
(C)2011, BMI





VSC

SISTER JULIAN GRIFFIN – 1985

SSJ

SISTER ANN MICHAEL BOYD – 1998

MM

SISTER GENEVIEVE LASSISTER – 1998

RSM

SISTER JUDY SOARES – 2002

SA

SISTER MAXINE TOWNS – 2002

FHM

SISTER JOEL BARBARA CLARKE – 2003

CSSF

SISTER MARY DE PORRES COLLIER – 2004

OSP

SISTER MARY PAUL LEE – 2004

SISTER MARY ALICE CHINEWORTH – 2017

SISTER TRINITA BAEZA – 2025

SISTER FELICIA AVILA – 2026

SSF

SISTER MARY ADRIAN JOHNSON – 2005

SISTER EVA REGINA MARTIN – 2014

SISTER GREATA JUPITER

SSS

SISTER LOIS DAVIS – 2025

IHM

SISTER MARIA DE PORRES ALLEN – 1986

FSM

SISTER HILDA BRICKUS – 1987

SISTER ANTONA EBO – 2017

SNDdeN

SISTER DOLORES HARRALL – 1988

SISTER JO MARY DAVIS – 1998

SISTER TERESITA WEIND – 2024

OP

SISTER REGINALDA POKE – 1990

SISTER TANYA WILLIAMS – 2019

SISTER JAMIE PHELPS – 2025

FSPA

SERVANT OF GOD: SISTER THEA BOWMAN
1990

HVM

SISTER CARITA LOVING – 1990

SISTER NANCY TROYLOR 2013

SBS

SISTER BARBARA BOYNTON – 1992

SISTER MADELEINE WICKS – 1999

SISTER BEATRICE JEFFERIES – 2006

SISTER ANNA COX – 2008

OSF

SISTER LUCY WILLIAMS – 2005

SISTER ANGELA COOLS – LORTIGUE –
2016

SC

SISTER LOUIS MARIE BRYAN – 2012

FFM

SISTER CLAIRE NAPOLEON – 2015

SFCC

SISTER RITA WASHINGTON – 2018

SCN

SISTER PATRICIA HALEY – 2019

RGS

SISTER ANDRIENNE MARIE DE PORRES
BAKER 2019



1997

MRS. ETHEL BILLINGS

1999

MRS JAMES ETTA McCOY

MRS. LUCILLE E. FORMAN

2000

MRS. LAURA BARNES

MRS. LILA MAE RALPH

BROTHER BOOKER ASHE, OFM, CAP

2006

MRS. HAZEL-DAWN HEWLETT

2012

MS. TERESA M. MARDENBOROUGH

MRS. EDITH BOTTOMS

2013

MRS. LAVERNA C. SCRUGGS

2022



FATHER JAMES GOODE, OFM

2025

MS. LOUISE SYKES

MRS. VERONICA DOWNS-DORSEY

2026

MRS. LEODIE GOOD

MS. GWENDALYN SUMMERS

DR. NORMAN FRANCIS

FATHER VICTOR LAROCHE, OP

FATHER NOVEL, SSJ

DR. NORMAN FRANCIS

ASSOCIATES



THE BROKEN CHAIN

RON TRANMER

WE LITTLE KNEW THE DAY
THAT GOD WAS GOING TO CALL
YOUR NAME.

IN LIFE WE LOVED YOU DEARLY.
IN DEATH WE DO THE SAME.

IT BROKE OUR HEARTS TO LOSE YOU
BUT YOU DIDN'T GO ALONE.
FOR PART OF US WENT WITH YOU
THE DAY GOD CALLED YOU HOME.

YOU LEFT US PEACEFUL MEMORIES.
YOUR LOVE IS STILL OUR GUIDE,
AND THOUGH WE CANNOT SEE YOU
YOU ARE ALWAYS AT OUR SIDE.

OUR FAMILY CHAIN IS BROKEN
AND NOTHING SEEMS THE SAME,
BUT AS GOD CALLS US ONE BY ONE
THE CHAIN WILL LINK AGAIN.





JULY 29 WEDNESDAY



BREAKFAST

MASS
ON SITE

NBSC MEETING



AM BREAK



NBSC MEETING PART 2



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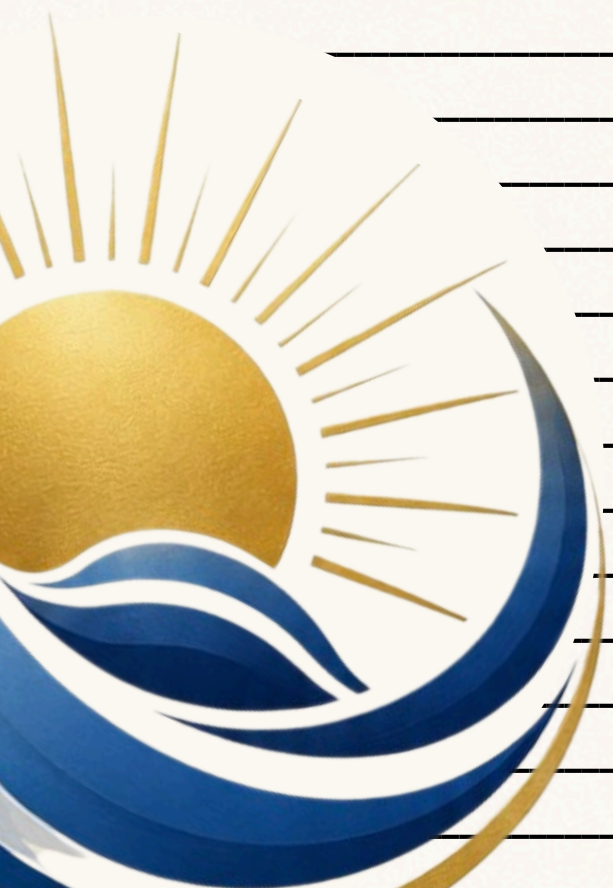


JULY 30 THURSDAY



CLOSING RITUAL

AM



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Thank you to everyone who attended the 2026 Annual Assembly. Your presence, fellowship, and support made this gathering truly special.

WE WISH YOU SAFE TRAVELS HOME. UNTIL NEXT TIME—MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU!

