

The Sister Thea Bowman  
Black Catholic Educational Foundation  
Thirteenth Annual Scholarship Dinner  
Thursday, April 16, 2009  
Heinz Field, East Club Lounge



*"When we reach out in faith and trust, we love one another into Life."*

*Sister Thea Bowman*

Sister *Then Bowman* was born in 1937 in rural *Canton, Mississippi*. She always told us that she was what people called an "old folks" child. She grew up surrounded by the wisdom of the older people. They taught her how to preach, sing, and dance. They taught her how to survive and how to love. They taught her faith. They also taught her to strive and move up the ladder to success. Nonetheless, they always reminded her that there was someone below her and that it was her right and her responsibility to reach down and pull that person up to where she was. Thus, she could share her gifts that she had received from God and from the wisdom of the "old folks."

The black public schools were in a terrible state of affairs when *Then* was in school. Her parents knew that the only way for *Then* to advance in life was through education. They sent her to a Catholic school where she not only learned, but also actually enjoyed what she was learning. The religious at this school gave each student quality time. They had to beg for money for the school to keep it going. Sometimes people from all over the country would send a dollar or two for the support of her school.

Sister *Then Bowman* gleaned a great deal from her Catholic education. One of the most important things was her Catholic faith and the values contained within that faith and the education that it offered. Like so many African Americans, Sister *Then* often said that it was Catholic education that gave her a chance and made a difference in her life.

Sister *Then* converted to Catholicism in 1947 and entered the *Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Education* in 1953. In 1984, she was diag-

*Dear Friends:*

On behalf of the members of the board of *The Sister Thea Bowman Foundation* and the *African-American* students whom we serve, we welcome you as partners in our mission. We thank you for believing in our mission and joining with us in our vision to provide a better life through *Catholic* higher education for those in need.

*Sister Thea Bowman* was a woman of great joy. She impressed all whom she encountered with her warmth and her presence; and she firmly believed that one did not have to do great things to make a difference. During an interview with *Mike Wallace*, she said, "I think one difference between me and some other people is that I'm content to do my little bit. Sometimes people think they have to do big things to make a change, but if each one of us would light a candle, we'd have a tremendous light."

*The Sister Thea Bowman Foundation* has lit more than one hundred candles. These candles represent the young people whom we have served. They have been given an opportunity that they would have never have had and have attained baccalaureate degrees from some of our best *Catholic* colleges and universities. They have been given the potential to become a tremendous light.

Guided by the *Spiritans*, the *Josephites*, the *Franciscans*, the *Sisters of Divine Providence* and *Catholic* university presidents, these young people have been challenged and sheltered at the same time. In turn these young *African-American* have shared their great gifts of *African-American* culture and the richness of their spirituality with their brothers and sisters who reside on the college and university campuses with them.

Tonight we recognize the generous spirit of *Supreme Knight Carl*

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# *PROGRAM*

## *Reception and Silent Auction*

### *Welcome and Opening Remarks*

*Mrs. Mary Lou Jennings*  
Executive Director, The Sister Thea Bowman Foundation

### *Master of Ceremonies*

*Ms. Marilyn Brooks*  
Retired Journalist, WTAE-TV

### *Invocation*

*Reverend Ronald Lengwin*  
Director of Public Relations  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh

### *Dinner*

### *Live Auction*

### *Presentation of The Sister Thea Bowman Legacy Award*

*Dr. John E. Murray, Jr.*  
Chancellor, Duquesne University  
President, Sister Thea Bowman Foundation

### *Remarks*

*Mr. Carl Anderson*  
Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus

### *Benediction*

*Mr. Corey McMurtry*  
Thea Bowman Student

### *Musicians*

***Tonight's Menu:***

***Iceberg Lettuce Wedge with Crispy Onions  
Bleu Cheese and Grape Tomatoes  
Buttermilk Bleu Cheese Dressing  
Balsamic Vinaigrette***

***Gouda Stuffed Chicken and Shrimp Duo  
With Roasted Garlic Beurre Blanc  
Crispy Sweet Corn Cake  
Farcot Verts***

***New York Cheesecake  
With Raspberry Coulis***



Many, many individuals and organizations have come to our aid during the past twenty years. The Pittsburgh Steelers are among them. This organization has continuously shown its support and care to our mission and our service to others in need.

They have greatly supported the legacy of love to African-American young people left to all of us by Sister Thea Bowman.



**Carl A. Anderson**  
**Supreme Knight**  
**Knights of Columbus**

*As supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, Carl A. Anderson is the chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization, which has more than 1.7 million members.*

*Mr. Anderson has had a distinguished career as a public servant and educator. From 1983 to 1987, he served in various positions of the Executive Office of the President of the United States, including special assistant to the President and acting director of the White House Office of Public Liaison. Following his service at the White House, Mr. Anderson served for nearly a decade as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.*

*From 1983 to 1998, Mr. Anderson taught as a visiting professor of family law at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. In 1988, he became the founding vice president and first dean of the Washington, D.C., session of this graduate school of theology now located at The Catholic University of America.*

*Mr. Anderson was the only Catholic layman from North America to serve as an auditor to two recent World Synods of Bishops, in October 2005 and October 2001. In 1998, Pope John Paul II*



appointed him to the *Pontifical Academy for Life*.

In 2002, Mr. Anderson was appointed a member of the *Pontifical Council for the Laity* by Pope John Paul II. Later that year he was named by the Holy Father as a consultant to the *Pontifical Council for the Family*; and in 2003, as a consultant to the *Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace*. Pope Benedict XVI appointed him a consultant to the *Pontifical Council for Social Communications* in 2006.

In 2002, he was appointed a consultant to the *Pro-Life Committee* of the *U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops* and reappointed in 2004. He serves as a member of the *International Scientific Council* of the *Studium Generale Marcianum* of Venice. In 1994, he was a member of the Vatican delegation for the *Fifteenth Meeting* of the *International Jewish Liaison Committee* held in Jerusalem. In 2000, Pope John Paul II named him a *Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great*.

Mr. Anderson currently serves on the *Board of Trustees* of *The Catholic University of America*, the *Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception*, and the *National Catholic Educational Association*. In 2003, Mr. Anderson received an honorary doctorate from *St. Vincent's Seminary* in *Latrobe, Pa.*

Mr. Anderson has served as assistant supreme secretary and supreme secretary of the *Knights of Columbus* until becoming supreme knight in October 2000. Prior to that, he served as the Order's vice president for public policy from 1987 to 1997. He has been grand knight, district deputy, state advocate, state secretary and state deputy for the *District of Columbia* jurisdiction.

Since Mr. Anderson assumed the responsibilities of supreme knight in 2000, the *Knights of Columbus* has achieved new heights in charitable giving, providing in its latest year more than \$139 million directly to charity and 64 million hours in voluntary service.

In addition, during this time the *Knights of Columbus* established the

## *Live Auction Packages*

### *1. "Leading the Way"*

A handsomely framed, limited edition print, signed by the talented and inspired artist Charles Bibbs. An entrepreneur and philanthropist, Charles Bibb has

always believed that we are the keepers of our culture, and as such, has spent much of his time working towards developing a cohesive, energized African-American Community.

**Approximate Value: \$500**

**Donor: Davie Huddleston**

### *2. Training Day with the Steelers*

Four VIP passes to watch the Steelers work out during training camp at

St. Vincent's in Latrobe this summer. You will also enjoy a barbecue dinner

with the Steelers and a copy of the 2009 Super Bowl winning season video!

**Approximate Value: Priceless**

**Donor: Pittsburgh Steelers**

### *3. Come to the Feast!*

A feast to DIE for that is!! You and seven of your friends will enjoy an evening of

mystery, murder and fine French cuisine. The dinner will be the finest in French

cooking this side of Paris. Of course, your hosts can't cook, but they can speak

French "tres bien." Oh, and by the way, regarding what to wear, you should

come dressed in character as you will be part of the cast! However, don't fret too

much about your costume, YOU may not be returning home ... Fr. Tom Schaefer

will host this dinner in his home with Mary Lou Jennings and Corinne Burns.

**Approximate Value: \$400**

**Donor: Tom Schaefer and Mary Lou Jennings**

**4. *L. Walk in Ben's Shoes!***

An autographed pair of  
Pittsburgh Steelers  
Ben Roethlisberger's  
Approximate Value:  
Donor: Ben Roethlisber-



Super Bowl winning  
Quarterback  
football shoes!  
Priceless  
ger, Pittsburgh Steelers

**5. *L. A Week in Para-***

*A week for two on beau-  
Young Island. A five minute ferry ride from St. Vincent in the  
Caribbean. This resort is the sole proprietor of the 35 acres of white  
sandy beaches and warm blue waters which comprises the island. In-  
cludes luxurious accommodations and gourmet food (breakfast and din-  
ner) for 7 days and nights. Bill Gates once reserved the entire property  
for his daughter's wedding. (Airfare not included.)*

*Approximate Value: \$4,000*

*Donor: Mr. Vidal Browne, Owner, Young Island*

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tiful little "heart shaped"



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Black Catholic Educational Foundation**

## *Silent Auction Packages*

### *#6 Game Day!*

So you could not go to the Super Bowl? Bid on this program from Super Bowl 43 personally autographed by Steeler favorite Heinz Ward.

**Approximate Value: Priceless**

**Donor: Pittsburgh Steelers**

### *#7 Steeler Football*

An officially licensed NFL football signed by Steeler Quarterback and Pittsburgh native Charlie Batch and Tight End Matt Spaeth.

**Approximate Value: Priceless**

**Donor: Pittsburgh Steelers**

### *#8 New York, New York!*

Enjoy a three night stay in exciting Manhattan at the Marriott Marquis

located in the heart of Times Square. Based on availability from May 1-

Sept. 1, 2009 (transportation not included.)

**Approximate Value: \$1,000**

**Donor: Fr. Tom Schaefer**

### *#9 Turks and Caicos!*

Escape to the islands for 6 nights with this two bedroom, two bath, 2 balcony, ocean view fully equipped condo in the North West Point Resort on the main

island of Providenciales. The resort has a private beach, pool, hot tub, exercise facility and a small restaurant (in season). Stay must occur on a mutually agreed date between August 15, 2009 and March 15, 2010 (excluding 12/20/09-1/10/10—airfare not included).

**Approximate Value: \$2,250**

**Donor: Dr. Rita and Mr. Wayne Carty**

**#11 *Lawyer Up!***

A wonderful Duquesne School of Law travel bag filled with many wonderful and useful items including a zippered fleece shirt, Ping golf shirt for a guy and gal,

T-shirts, coffee mug, stainless steel travel mug, umbrella and more!

**Approximate Value: \$300**

**Donor: Duquesne Law School**

**#12 *Apple iPod***

Completely re-mastered with a thinner design, this Apple iPod nano (8 gb lime green) has a brighter display and up to 24 hours of battery life. Can hold up to 2,000 songs or up to 8 hours of video. A must have for today's techie!

**Approximate Value: \$150**

**Donor: Duquesne Computer Store**

**#13 *Let's Go Dukes!***

After an exciting 2008-2009 season ending with an appearance in the *NIT*, cheer on the amazing Duquesne Dukes Basketball team with two season tickets for their highly anticipated 2009-2010 season. You won't want to miss it!!

**Approximate Value: \$300**

**Donor: President's Office, Duquesne University**

**#14 *Get to Know LaRoche***

A terrific basket that boasts LaRoche pride including a sweatshirt as well as other interesting and useful items!

**Approximate Value: \$200**

**Donor: LaRoche College**

**#15 *'The Black Notebooks - an interior journey'***

This exquisitely written book began as sketchy journal entries over twenty years ago when the author moved into an all white neighborhood near New York City. It records her encounters with family,

**#16 Comfort for the Soul**

This basket is sure to soothe the weary soul. Included are musical CDs and a book signed by Sr. Malinda Gerke, *JSPA*, who works in healing ministry in the Lacrosse, WI area. In addition are two books on Sr. Thea sure to bring more insight about this amazing woman.

**Approximate Value: \$125**

**Donor: Sr. Malinda Gerke and The Thea Bowman Foundation**

**#17 From the Pen of Carl Anderson**

Our honoree, Supreme Knight and Author, Carl A. Anderson, has graciously donated and autographed two of his books in support of our efforts this evening.

**Approximate Value: Priceless**

**Donor: Mr. Carl A. Anderson**

**#18 In Style with Coach**

Swing into Spring with this fashionable peach purse and coordinating wallet made by the name synonymous with quality in leather, Coach.

**Approximate Value: \$350**

**Donor: Dr. Len and Mary Lou Jennings**

**#19 A Touch of Elegance**

Add beautifully to your wardrobe with this elegant hand-crafted shawl and accented by lovely accessories.

**Approximate Value: \$70**

**Donor: Jeanne Sidoruk and Corinne Burns**

**#20 Vera! Vera! Vera!**

Who doesn't love Vera Bradley? This lovely three piece set includes the Miller Bag, a backpack and the cosmetic bag, all in the Raspberry Fizz pattern. How can you resist?

**Approximate Value: \$225**

**Donor: Vera Bradley**

**# 21 Ready for Spring?**

Olivade, a creator of fine fabric since 1818, is the creator of this lovely bag set in a delightful green floral pattern. The designer is from Provencal, France.

**Approximate Value: \$65**

**#23 *Spring is in the Air***

Welcome Spring with this charming hand-crafted flower box complete with the posies! We have also included a set of gardener's tools and a lovely book to ponder the wonder of Mother Nature.

**Approximate Value: \$60**

**Donor: Dr. Len and Mary Lou Jennings**

**#24 *Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries***

A very pretty bowl for those fruits that need to drain, cherries, strawberries, grapes, etc.—how clever! And we have thrown in a wonderful Paul Newman cookbook to boot!

**Approximate Value: \$75**

**Donor: Dr. Len and Mary Lou Jennings**

**#25 *'Party On'***

Host a party for up to 60 people at the Town Tavern on Carson Street on the South Side. This party card will cover an "Open Bar" for an hour (or up to \$300).

**Expires April, 2010.**

**Approximate Value: \$300**

**Donor: Town Tavern, Southside**

**#26 *All Over the 'Burgh'***

Are you a Pittsburgher that has never been to the places that the tourists go? Now is your chance! This package includes admissions to Whipps Conservatory, Carnegie Science Center, International Children's Festival, Andy Warhol Museum and Carnegie Science Center.

**Approximate Value: \$160**

**Donor: Whipps Conservatory, Carnegie Science Center, Andy Warhol Museum and Carnegie Science Center**

**#27 *'On the Town'***

Enjoy a lovely evening on the town in downtown cultural Pittsburgh. Check into the grandiose Omni William Penn Hotel for an overnight stay for two which includes breakfast in the Terrace Room the following morning. Also included are two orchestra level tickets to the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra June 20 performance of "Marvin does Motown" featuring Ray Charles protégé, Ellis Hall.

**#29 Theater and More Theater**

We are doubling your theater pleasure with two tickets each to any performance to both the *Pittsburgh Playhouse 2009-2010* season and to the *Pittsburgh Irish & Classical Theatre 2009* season.

**Approximate Value: \$220**

**Donor: Pittsburgh Playhouse and Pittsburgh Irish & Classical Theatre**

**#30 'Ella'**

Enjoy some appetizers at the *Capital Grille* and mosey on over to the *Pittsburgh Public Theater's* production of "Ella" based on the life of *Ella Fitzgerald* slated for *October*. Voucher is good for any performance excluding *Friday* and *Saturday* evenings.

**Approximate Value: \$125**

**Donor: Pittsburgh Public Theater and Capital Grille**

**#31 Remember the 70s?**

This winning bidder will receive a certificate for two tickets to see *CLC's* Cabaret performance of "8-Track Remember the 70s". Valid for any *Wednesday* or *Thursday* evening performance running *May 21-September 27, 2009*.

**Approximate Value: \$80**

**Donor: Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera**

**#32 A Night at the Opera**

After a delicious dinner at *The Original Fish Market*, located on *Liberty Avenue*, stroll over to *Pittsburgh Opera's* production of "The Italian Girl in Algiers" on *Tuesday, May 5, 2009*. Bravo!

**Approximate Value: \$200**

**Donor: Pittsburgh Opera and The Original Fish Market**

**#33 Pittsburgh Dine Around**

If you are a connoisseur of fine dining, you must bid on this package which

includes gift cards from some of *Pittsburgh's* finest restaurants.

From the



**#34 *Lookin Pretty***

Pamper yourself with some special services from Stephen Szabo Salon located on Washington Road in McMurray. Expires July 25, 2009.

**Approximate Value: \$35**

**Donor: Stephen Szabo Salon**

**#35 *Pamper Yourself!***

Here's another opportunity to treat yourself to some TLC. This certificate entitles the bearer to a haircut and style plus a thirty minute massage at Sognatore located in the Pennsylvanian on Liberty Avenue in Downtown Pittsburgh.

**Approximate Value: \$125**

**Donor: Sognatore**

**#36 *John Coltrane***

For the true jazz enthusiast—a framed poster of jazz artist John Coltrane. A must have!

**Approximate Value: \$100**

**Donor: Friends of Fr. Gabe Zeis**

**#37 *For the Book Collector***

If you collect old books, you may want to take a look at these. Two 1746 leather bound "Latin Office of Virgin Mary" printed by the Jesuits for the missionaries of North America. Also a "Lady's Book" from 1836 with various fashion prints of the year.

**Approximate Value: \$300**

**Donor: Friends of Fr. Gabe Zeis**

**#38 *Irving Amen Print***

"Don Quixote and Sancho Panza the Windmill." A hand colored print by artist Irving Amen.

**Approximate Value: \$500**

**Donor: Friends of Fr. Gabe Zeis**

**#40 *Ming Buddha***

Created in wood and paint, circa 17th century. Comes with a base.

**Approximate Value: \$300**

**Donor: Friends of Fr. Gabe Zeis**

**#41 *Bell of Bronze***

Chou Dynasty style bell of bronze. 18th century.

**Approximate Value: \$200**

**Donor: Friends of Fr. Gabe Zeis**

**#42 *Tibetan Chakra***

Repousse made in bronze. 18th century and in original wooden frame fashioned in the Orient.

**Approximate Value: \$500**

**Donor: Friends of Fr. Gabe Zeis**

**#43 *Tang Pottery***

Four Tang Dynasty pottery pieces. 7th century A.D. Authentic.

**Approximate Value: \$500**

**Donor: Friends of Fr. Gabe Zeis**

**#44 *Dyak Tribal Carvings***

Three praying votive figures Dyak tribal carving from Borneo created from wood. 19th century.

**Approximate Value: \$600**

**Donor: Friends of Fr. Gabe Zeis**

**#45 *Luba Ceremonial Container***

From Zaire, Africa. 19th century. Ask Fr. Gabe to tell you the interesting story behind this piece!

**Approximate Value: \$300**

**Donor: Friends of Fr. Gabe Zeis**

**#46 *Afo Ceremonial Mask***

Nigeria, 19th century. Created in wood and raffia. Authentic.

**Approximate Value: \$1,000**

**Donor: Friends of Fr. Gabe Zeis**

**#47 *Haitian Carving***

Sand carved hanging from Haiti depicting a mother and child.



Reverend Peter Muhich, Pastor and  
 Blessed Sacrament Parish of  
 Hibbing, Minnesota  
 are proud to support the efforts of  
 The Thea Bowman Foundation.

**Duquesne University** has been home for twelve years to The Sister Thea Bowman Foundation. The administration, the faculty and the staff under the leadership of two presidents have advised us, welcomed us and cared for our young people.

The Duquesne family should be proud for they truly live and exemplify for all to see the mission and identity imbued in the Spiritan education that they offer to all.



**Recognizing great achievement.**

**PNC is proud to sponsor The Thirteenth Annual  
Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic  
Educational Foundation Dinner**

**Great leaders expect nothing in return.  
At the very least, they deserve our recognition.  
Special thanks to Mary Lou Jennings for all of  
her hard work and efforts.**



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**The Thea Bowman Foundation would like to sincerely thank the following sponsors for helping to make tonight's dinner a success:**

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## **Silent Auction Rules**

### **Timing:**

**All silent auction bidding begins at 5:30 p.m.**

**Tables will close at 8:00 p.m.**

**Prior to the close of the auction, a 10 minute warning will be announced.**

### **Bidding:**

**Bids can be registered by filling in the bid sheets at each auction item.**

**You must indicate your name and address or phone number for the bid to be valid.**

**The closing bid, as highlighted by the auction official, constitutes the winning bid.**

**Winning bidders will be posted by the check-out area near the exit.**

### **Payment:**

**Please make payment this evening.**

**Payment can be made by cash, MasterCard, Visa, or by a check made**



**On behalf of the *Sister Thea Bowman Foundation*, thank you for your support. It is the mission of *The Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic Education Foundation* to promote access to and successful participation in Catholic higher education for *African-American* young people. The proceeds from the *Thirteenth Annual Scholarship Dinner* will be used to provide this opportunity to economically disadvantaged *African-American* students.**

October 26, 2010  
 A reason to celebrate...  
 A day to give thanks...



*On this date, The Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic Educational Foundation will celebrate twenty years of ministry and service to young African Americans. Through its efforts, the Foundation has given countless young people an education and offered them a reason to hope.*

*Plans for this special October commemoration include a Mass celebrated by Most Reverend John H. Ricard, S.S.J. Vice President of The Sister Thea Bowman Foundation followed by a reception and a unique jazz performance by the talented Sean Jones to take place at the August Wilson Center for Afri-*