



# Martin de Porres Center News

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A Place for Spirituality, Education, and the Arts

## Our Mission

The Martin de Porres Center for ministry outreach, sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is a place for spirituality, education, and the arts in Columbus, Ohio. Infused with hospitality, this ministry reflects the Dominican mission to preach the Gospel, share fruits of contemplation with others, and respond to the educational and spiritual needs of God's people.



## Black History Month

February has long been a month to reflect upon African-American history and culture. Help us explore and celebrate this important time through spirituality and art by visiting our Center for "Contemplating Grace: Meditations on Abstract Art," plus several featured programs throughout the month.

Creative Women of Color artist Teri Thomas will facilitate a **Keepsake Mini Art Journal workshop** on Saturday, February 10 from 1:00-3:30pm. Participants will create their own unique journals using typical everyday items, along with beautifully crafted decorative paper pads.

Through His Eyes Ministry, a ministry of the First Church of God, will inspire us with **The Sound of My People** on Sunday, February 18 from 3:00-4:30pm. This thought-provoking drama asks how music and faith in God has impacted the growth of an ever-evolving culture of people through dance, poetry, and generations of music that has impacted the world.

## Women's History Month

The Center will feature several events in March to commemorate Women's History month and examine important movements with women as the catalyst for change. Our first event on Wednesday, March 7 from 6:00-8:00pm highlights groups dedicated to empowering young women, as well as a film screening of **We Will Rise: Michelle Obama's Mission to Educate Girls Around the World**.

Join us again on Sunday, March 11 from 2:00-4:30pm as several female religious leaders from Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, and Jewish faith traditions discuss ways in which they are spreading their faith. **She's Got Faith: Female Religious in Central Ohio** will discuss the roles women have historically played in their religions, as well as what challenges lay ahead as more women step into leadership roles. This is an event not to be missed!

The art exhibit during this time, "Diversity Is Our Strength: Photographs by Lauren Pond," explores the issue of religious diversity as well. Stop by on Sunday, March 18 from 2:00-3:30pm to examine the photographs, learn the stories behind them, and meet photographer Lauren Pond.



## Art Exhibit Schedule

We have exciting plans in the works for 2018. "Contemplating Grace: Meditations on Abstract Art," an exhibit curated by Columbus-based artist April Sunami, will be on display from January 21-February 28, with an opening reception on January 21. The exhibit features work by many local artists, including the artwork on the left by Michael Bush, showcasing the theme of grace in an abstract way. Another powerful art exhibit, "Diversity Is Our Strength: Photographs by Lauren Pond," on display March 12-May 11, features photographs of diverse faith communities and religious celebrations in Central Ohio. Contact us at (614) 416-1910 or [martindeporres@oppeace.org](mailto:martindeporres@oppeace.org) to schedule a viewing!

# Special Event Rental

We invite other non-profit groups compatible with our mission to rent space for their events.

## Event Space

Our event space is ideal for conferences, lectures, performances, and trainings. We offer four meeting rooms, with meeting space for 2-200 people. Several of the rooms include built-in projection and sound, as well as comfortable spaces and a relaxing environment.



## Amenities

On-site event planner | Full-service catering | Audio-visual equipment  
 Free Wi-Fi | Assistive hearing devices | Webcasting and video services  
 Daily availability, flexible hours | Full and half-day rates  
 Convenient free parking | Close to Columbus International Airport



# Spiritual Direction

Please contact the Center at (614) 416-1914 if you are interested in Spiritual Direction with a trained Spiritual Director. You may leave a message and your call will be promptly returned.

# Upcoming Programs

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| Contemplating Grace:<br>Meditations on Abstract Art  | January 21-February 28, 2018<br>(Reception: 1/21, 2-3:30pm) |
| Elderquest Film Series*                              | Tuesdays in February/March                                  |
| Keepsake Mini Art Journals                           | February 10, 2018   |
| Sound of My People Play                              | February 18, 2018   |
| <i>We Will Rise</i> Film Screening                   | March 7, 2018   |
| She's Got Faith: Female<br>Religious in Central Ohio | March 11, 2018  |
| Diversity Is Our Strength<br>Art Exhibit             | March 12-May 11, 2018<br>(Reception: 3/18, 2-3:30pm)        |
| RCIA Retreats  | March 17 & 24, 2018   |



\*In partnership with the Lifelong Learning Institute at Central Ohio Technical College

# Spotlight On:

The Wellstreams Program of Spiritual Formation and Training in the Art of Spiritual Direction is a 3-year ecumenical program designed to help participants deepen and be faithful to their own spiritual journey as they acquire the skills needed to accompany others in spiritual growth. Check out their website for more information: <http://spiritualitynetwork.org/wellstreams.html>

## Martin de Porres Prayer

As Martin's charity embraced the needy women and men of his time and even the animals of the field, help us to be instruments of love and change in our world. Strengthen our efforts for peace and justice, and let us recognize your Son in the face of the poor.  
 Grant us Martin's generous heart and keep us faithful to you. Amen