



# Martin de Porres Center

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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.

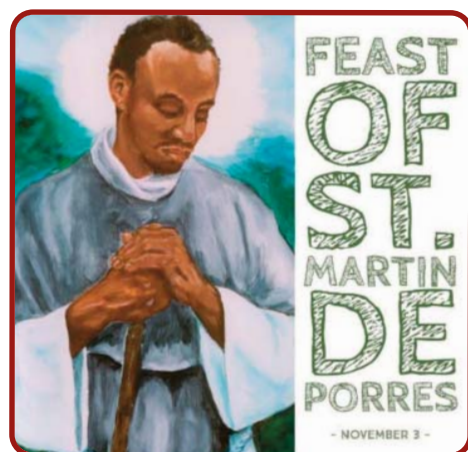


## Tea with a Twist!!

It is hard to believe that this year marks our seventh year hosting an afternoon tea event. This year we will present **Afternoon Tea with a Twist** on **Sunday, August 4 from 2:00-4:00pm** with a fun look at the 100th Anniversary of the start of Prohibition from the Anti-Saloon League Museum in Westerville. There will be fun with music by the High Street Stompers, history, and a delightful afternoon tea menu, all while learning how a grassroots effort brought about social change. We'll also hear more about modern grassroots efforts from a DSOP ministry. And of course there will be fun raffle items and prizes. Don't forget your hat and gloves!

## 15th Anniversary & Feast Day

The annual celebration of our patron St. Martin de Porres is even more meaningful this year as we celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Martin de Porres Center! Join us on **Sunday, November 3 from 2:00-4:00pm** for a celebration of St. Martin's defining spirit of compassion and inclusivity. The celebration will feature special musical selections, performed by the St. Anthony Church Multicultural Choir, dancing, refreshments, a guest-speaker, and the thought-provoking art exhibit **I AM A MAN**, featuring the work of talented men of color. We will also look back at fifteen wonderful years of being open to all.



## Who was San Martin?

Known for his compassion and service to the poor, St. Martin de Porres and his example provides our guiding spirit. St. Martin (1579-1639) was born in Lima, Peru - the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a freed black slave. He and his sister were raised in poverty until age 12, when he learned barbering and the medical arts of the day. At age 15, he began working with the Dominicans as a lay helper and eventually became a professed Lay Brother. He tended to the sick in the infirmary and was praised for his unconditional care of all of God's creation, regardless of race or social status. #belikedeporres



## Now on Display..

Our upcoming art exhibitions once again showcases the talented and diverse artists and organizations in our community. There will be two special exhibits this summer: children's artwork from **The Homeless Families Foundation** will be on display in June and July; and the **Accessible Expressions** traveling art exhibit from VSA Ohio will be featured in August and September. We will also honor Hispanic Heritage Month during September and October with a main hallway exhibit by Irene Perez Mora. **I AM A MAN**, on display from October 1-November 15, will explore what it means for men of color to maneuver in a contemporary "post-racial" society. And finally, the **Art of Rosy Avoscan** finishes out the year. Many thanks to these amazing artists for continually blessing our space with their talents!

# 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



# The More You Know: Suicide Prevention

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month—a time to share resources and stories in an effort to shed light on this highly taboo and stigmatized topic. We will feature several events during this month to highlight the importance of talking about suicide prevention and mental care for all.

# Upcoming Programs

- Homeless Families Coalition Art Show May 28-July 29, 2019
- Afternoon Tea with a Twist August 4, 2019
- VSA Accessible Expressions Art Show August 5-September 26, 2019
- Lunch & Learn: Trauma Informed Justice September 9, 2019
- QPR Training for Suicide Prevent Week September 12, 2019
- Hispanic Heritage Month September 15-October 15, 2019
- Irene Perez Mora Art Show September 16-October 31, 2019
- I AM A MAN Art Show October 1-November 15, 2019
- St. Martin de Porres Feast Day Celebration November 3, 2019
- Rosy Avoscan Art Show November 18 - January 10, 2020
- Christmas Concert December 15, 2019



## 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