



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.



Who was San Martin?

Known for his compassion and service to the poor, St. Martin de Porres' 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 was praised for his unconditional care of all of God's creation, regardless of race or social status. Thank you to artist Gracie Morbitzer for creating our new image of St. Martin. #belikedeporres

Lenten Reflection and Concert

Lent invites us to pause and reflect on where we have been and where God is inviting us to continue in our journey of transformation. What if this LENT we did not approach the practices of prayer, almsgiving and fasting with an eye to what we can do to transform ourselves, but rather with an eye to what God wants to do in order to transform us? We will offer two chances for reflection this Lent, with a **retreat led by Sr. Carol Ann Spencer on Wednesday, March 18** and concert with the **Columbus International Children's Choir on Sunday, March 8 at 4:00pm**. Contact us for more information on these programs!



Autism and Mental Health Awareness

Again this year, we will showcase programs that will center around **Autism Awareness and Mental Health Awareness** months in April and May. We will partner with the **Autism Society of Central Ohio for Family Resilience Training**, especially for those families caring for children with autism, on **April 21 at 6:30pm**. This will include strategies to handle stress, a discussion of ways to keep family relationships vibrant, help for siblings and relatives, and relaxation with chair yoga. Check our social media pages and website for more programs during April and May! And stop by to view a special art exhibit in partnership with **Open Door Art Studio**, featuring artists with developmental disabilities.



Now on Display...

Join us as we start a new decade with a new art exhibit! The first art show of 2020 will feature paintings by local artist Steven Elbert in "**Singular Perceptions: Unconnected Moments in Time with a Common Sensibility**" January 13-March 6. We are also excited to begin a partnership with the **Diocese of Columbus Catholic Schools** to showcase student art! Student artwork, including three-dimensional pieces and the written word, will be on display the weekend of March 14-15, 2020 from 12:30-4:00pm. Select pieces will stay up through March 27. And new this year - we will be hosting several **art classes** with Gaye Reissland! Join us to make your own **Resin Jewelry** on February 8 and for a **Paint & Sip Tea** on May 8.

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

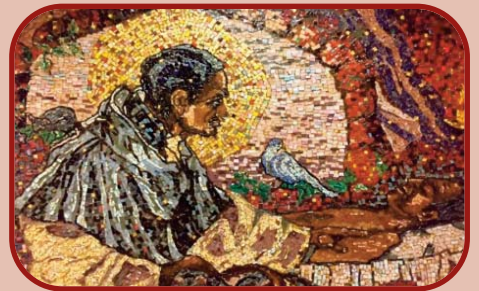


Spotlight on: Elderquest and LLI

ElderQuest is a series of film viewings and discussions based on the theme of elders on a quest (e.g. aging of men and women, late life romance, etc.) every Tuesday in February and March. We have partnered with the Lifelong Learning Institute for many years for this program and welcome them again!

Upcoming Programs

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| Steven Elbert Art Show | January 13-March 6, 2020 |
| Elderquest Film Series | Tuesdays in Feb/March |
| Resin Jewelry Art Class | February 8, 2020 |
| SOAP Up the Arnold | February 15, 2020 |
| Carol Padilla Art Show | February 18-March 30, 2020 |
| Columbus International Children's Choir Concert | March 8, 2020 |
| Diocese of Columbus Catholic Schools Art Show | March 14-15, 2020 |
| Lenten Retreat | March 18, 2020 |
| Open Door Art Show | April 3-May 22, 2020 |
| RCIA Retreat | April 4, 2020 |
| Minority Health Day | April 15, 2020 |
| Family Resilience Training | April 21, 2020 |
| Paint & Sip Art Tea | May 8, 2020 |



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