For Immediate Release: February 7, 2017

Ms. Shaniqua Harris, parishioner at St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church along with several outstanding women and youth from the African American Catholic community will be recognized at the “Thea Awards Honoring African American Women “In the Spirit” of Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA,” Sunday afternoon, May 7, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn Banquet & Conference Center.

Sr. Thea Bowman, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, lived life with hope, love and justice for all people. A tireless advocate, Sister Thea always educated and preached about the need to break down racial and cultural barriers. Her spirited presentations combined singing, gospel preaching, along with prayer and storytelling inspired all to live deeply the Christian values of justice and peace. Through her teaching, she was described as a ‘soul liberator, a mind liberator.” Thea also used music as an important part of her ministry. Sr. Thea died on March 30, 1990 of cancer.

The “Thea” Awards will be presented to Women and Young Women in the African American Catholic Community who have provided strong and effective leadership and service. Award recipients foster educational opportunities, demonstrate strong personal faith and compassion for others and have an intense interest in encouraging Black Catholic identity. They dedicate their time and talents to their parish community and are concerned with and sensitive to the social teachings of the Church. The women who were nominated by the parish leadership to receive the Women of Wisdom are Linda Gamble/St. Adalbert-OLBS, Frances Leach/Communion of Saints, Pamela Petty/St. Aloysius-St. Agatha, Marcia Smith/St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima and Margarete W. Smith/Holy Spirit. The young women who were nominated by the parish leadership to receive the Innovative Youth award are Octavia Lynn Meeks-Colen/St. Adalbert-OLBS, Maya Crawford/Holy Spirit, Brianna Davis/St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima, Camryn Gamble/St. Adalbert-OLBS and Layah Hodges/St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Church.

This year, Ms. Shaniqua Harris will be presented the African American Catholic Woman in the Legacy of Georgia McCoy Award for her leadership, commitment and willingness to be of service to the parish, diocesan community and the civic community.

For additional information, to purchase tickets to the luncheon ($42.00 per person) or place ads in the souvenir journal, please contact the Office of Ministry to African American Catholics at 216-696-6525 ext. 3020 or vcampbell@dioceseofcleveland.org
Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA
Biennial African American Women Recognition
2017

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Dinner Tickets (include # of tickets)    $ 42 per person
Table of Eight    $ 335

All photographs should be black and white and no larger than 4 x 6. Color photographs are acceptable; however, the quality may not be as good as black and white. Please have the ad layout as you would have it to appear in the program. Black and white camera ready.

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