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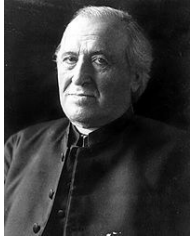
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~We are all created in His Image ~



As we prepare ourselves and our classrooms to enter February ~ Black History Month, I wanted to share with you a few facts and some people with a Minnesota connection ~

The first African American Catholic Church was opened in St. Paul, MN in 1888, in large part due to the efforts of Archbishop John Ireland who, according to the article in the MinnPost, vowed to “blot out the color line” ~ <https://nbccongress.org/noteworthy-black-catholics>

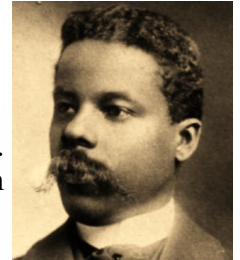
Lena Oliva Smith was the first African American Women Attorney in Minnesota who also held her real estate license. Graduating from Northwestern College of Law in 1921. Mrs. Smith tremendously impacted civil rights, and social justice concerns here in Minnesota.



John Fransis (Frank) Smith ~

moving to Minnesota in 1893, John Smith was the first African American to graduate from the University of MN. With his degree in Law, he too went on to profoundly affect the law regarding civil rights and protections, opening a private practice and being elected to the MN legislature in 1898.

There is so much more to both of their stories and endless resources that I encourage you all to take advantage of, not just this month, but always.



A few inspirational movies and documentaries with very powerful messages & important information we should all know & learn from are listed below:

Hidden Figures ~ Selma~ Ride to Freedom ~ Tulsa Burning ~ The

Wanderer.

Lastly, a personal connection of mine and an amazing human I would like you to know is, Co- Founder and Editor of the Black Catholic Messenger, Nate Tinner-Williams ~ Please take a look at/ subscribe to his website for amazing stories & important information <https://www.blackcatholicmessenger.org/>

CRS Rice Bowl

Ash Wednesday & the beginning of the Lenten Season will begin March 5th, which means churches will start receiving their Lenten resources like the CRS Rice Bowl soon! This is a great way to get students involved in Lent and help them learn about others across the world. Here is a great resources for more information: <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

Remember to Pray.Fast.Give .



Words of Wisdom:

“God, teach us what it means to have faith in silence. When we face trials that are beyond our understanding, help us to find peace. Help me be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. You set all things in accordance to your time. Remind us to wait patiently, and find peace in your plan. - Dick Woodward

February Black History Month

Feb 1st ~ National Freedom Day

Feb 2nd~ Groundhogs Day

Feb 3rd ~ National Missing Persons Day

Feb 11th ~ World Day of the Sick

Feb 14th ~ Valentines Day

Feb 20th ~ World Day of Social Justice

Feb 27th ~ World NGO Day

Feb 28th ~Ramadan Starts