

**National Black Catholic Congress  
XIII  
Write the Vision: A Prophetic Call to  
Thrive**

The National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) convenes a national congress every five years. The next congress will be held July 20-23, 2023 at the Gaylord National in National Harbor, Maryland.

In preparation for the NBCC XIII, A Day of Reflection and Preparation was held at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church on November 19, 2022, bringing African American Catholics from throughout the Archdiocese to pray and reflect on the topics to present to the NBCC for discussion during the Congress meeting in July.

To begin with a prayerful start for the the Day of Reflection, I, along with Mrs. Evelyn Wagner Wright and Matt Matthews, led all the attendees in Morning prayer with an overview of the day. Mr. Paul Ledet Jr led the first session of the Day of Reflection with the scripture for Hanakkuk 2 and led the table discussions and personal reflection with group sharing.

Ms. Corlis Simmons led the final discussion of the day by facilitating the attendees to develop a faith – filled action plan in which the archdiocese, parishes, communities and the nation can work together to fulfill.

Finally, Auxiliary Bishop Italo Dell’Oro closed out the Day of the Reflection with a challenge to move forward in celebrating and bringing together all of the diverse communities of the African American catholic community for the goal of Catholic unity and advancement in faith.

Join with other Black Catholics and those who minister to Black Catholics in the United States for a celebration of our faith and culture and Register for the National Black Catholic Congress at :  
<https://www.nbccgathering2023.org/Register>

**(Pictures from the Archdiocese Day of Reflection November 2022)**



