

**FR. CHESTER P. SMITH NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

**Friday, October 11, 2024**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Fr. Robert Boxie**

**Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**YOUTH WORKSHOP – College Readiness**

**Friday – 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Description:** The youth workshop on College Readiness aims to equip young men with the essential skills and knowledge needed for a successful transition to higher education. Participants will engage in interactive sessions covering topics such as academic preparation, financial aid, and campus life, all while fostering a supportive community rooted in faith and empowerment.

**WORKSHOP - Prostrate and Colon Cancer**

**Friday – 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Speaker: Mr. David Nash**

**Description:** Prostate and colon cancer are two of the most common types of cancer in the United States.

In this workshop, participants will learn the difference between prostate and colon cancer, the importance of screening and treatment for both.

**WORKSHOP - We need our Brotha's**

**Friday – 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Speaker: Fr. Anthony Bozeman**

**Description:** For laughin, dappin, cutting up and keeping it real. In this workshop participants will discuss and provide a safe space for men of color to exercise their thoughts and feelings through conversation amongst each other in a comfortable environment. Topic Examples: Positive and negative effects of the media. Stigmas against black men.

**WORKSHOP - Mission Prosperity: Strategies for Black Wealth & Financial Empowerment**

**Friday – 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Description:** Budget, Save, Invest.

In this workshop participants will gain a clear understanding of your finances, how to budget, how to save, and how to invest. You will develop a clear budget that aligns with your goals and will give you a clear roadmap to a successful financial life.

**WORKSHOP – Historic Preservation Grant Funding**

**Friday – 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Speakers: Mrs. Rachel Hildebrandt, Mrs. Lilly Hamilton, Ms. Leslie Canaan**

**Description:** Historic preservation Grant Programs and how to apply for them.

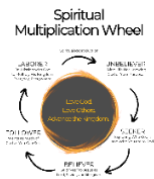
The purpose of this workshop is to inform and educate conference attendees about historic preservation grant programs which historically Black churches, communities and colleges and universities, including Xavier University of Louisiana, the only Catholic HBCU, may access, how to apply for them, grant program requirements, and how to obtain ongoing technical assistance, for the purpose of preserving these important historic places and their stories. In addition, this workshop will address physical and programmatic accessibility upgrades as part of historic preservation projects, to ensure universal access to our churches, HBCUs and communities.

**WORKSHOP - Spiritual Journey**

**Friday – 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Speaker: Fr. Greg Chisholm, SJ**

**Description:** Where are you on the Spiritual Multiplication Wheel – SEEKER, BELIEVER, FOLLOWER, LABORER.



In this workshop participants will get an understanding of where you are on the spiritual multiplication wheel and what this means as it relates to making an impact for God’s Kingdom.

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**Harambee Town Hall**

**Moderator: Dr. Cameron Beatty**

**Friday – 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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**Saturday, October 12, 2024**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Fr. George Kintiba, SVD**

**Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**YOUTH WORKSHOP – College Is Not For Me**

**Saturday – 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Description:** This workshop offers participants a comprehensive overview of various pathways to success beyond traditional higher education. Attendees will explore vocational training, apprenticeships, entrepreneurship, and other viable career options, gaining insights into how to build a successful and fulfilling life without a college degree.

**WORKSHOP - Men's Health – Heart Disease & Stroke**

**Saturday – 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Speaker: Dr. Marc Antoine**

**Description:** Heart disease...the leading cause of death for men.

In this workshop, participants will get a clear understanding of heart disease and why it is the leading cause of death for men. They will also get a clear understanding of a stroke and how it affects the brain. They will also get an understanding of how to recognize the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and/or stroke.

**WORKSHOP - Chess – Game of Life**

**Saturday – 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Speaker: Honorable Wendel Daniels**

**Description:** You will hear how chess was a tool that was used to enhance success in my life and how the same principles can be utilized by you.

The game of chess will not be played or taught. No experience in chess is needed. We will discuss such principles as: 1. Learn from experts or masters. 2. Associate with people or friends who have similar goals. 3. Work within the rules. 4. Practice / Hard work has value. 5. Visualize. 6. GPA: Goals Plan Action. 7. Every action has a consequence. 8. Learn from losing or from your life's challenges.

**WORKSHOP - Men's Health – Male Mental Health**

**Saturday – 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Speaker: Dr. Jerome Anderson**

**Description:** A silent crisis in Public Health.

In this workshop participants will get a better understanding of behavioral health challenges experienced by men. They will have a better understanding of the impacts and the causal forces of these challenges (including internal, interpersonal, and social). Participants will be better equipped to address these challenges and meet the behavioral health needs of men more effectively.

**WORKSHOP - We are the Solution**

**Saturday – 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Speaker: Deacon Curtis Turner**

**Description:** Leading black boys and young men from at risk to success.

“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men. — Frederick Douglass

In this workshop participants will examine the socially constructed, ubiquitous messages they receive about maleness and manhood from the moment they are born and throughout the course of their lives. Participants will critically examine their own intergenerational notions of maleness and manhood and how these notions impact college and professional relationships. This workshop will enhance the participant’s interpersonal skills and prepare them for healthy competitive business interactions.

**WORKSHOP – How God Shapes Men for a Higher Purpose**

**Saturday – 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Speaker: Professor Michael Howard**

**Description:** The Principle of a Greater Good.

In this workshop, participants will learn how God makes men by orchestrating even the toughest circumstances of our lives for a greater good.

**LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Created to Win, Conditioned to Lose

**[Dr. Dwayne Buckingham](#)**

**Saturday – 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**