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in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

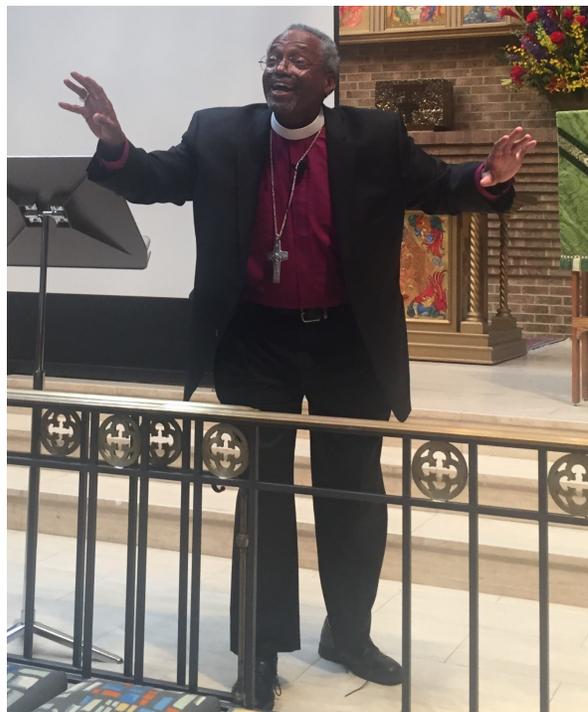
Special Edition in preparation for the Presiding Bishops's visit!
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Are you READY to join the Jesus Movement in Pittsburgh?!!

This February, we have the incredible opportunity and honor to host Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at the first of a series of events at diocese across the country. In addition to presiding and preaching at our Absalom Jones service, Bishop Curry will inspire and equip us to work with other regional civic and faith leaders to engage in the essential work of healing, racial reconciliation and evangelism, taking the Good News to a broken world. This is work that all of us— young and old—are called to do!

So what is your role as a formation leader and as someone who works with children and/or youth in the diocese? Here's the plan:

- Encourage** your young people—children, youth, teens—to attend the Absalom Jones celebration Eucharist and the special breakfast with the Presiding Bishop on Saturday, February 4 beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- Participate** in the creation of a GIFT for Bishop Curry, a collaboratively made altar frontal.
- Identify** young people who are musicians or acolytes and encourage them to take part in the service.
- Communicate** to your parish family that seeing Bishop Curry is a not-to-be-missed opportunity! You may have seen his videos—but these don't capture a fraction of the energy and passion he brings to his live preaching!
- Pray** for our diocese, that we, led by our young people, may be inspired to transform our region!



What do you need to do? What's next?

Although there are numerous events with the Presiding Bishop over the revival weekend, we are particularly encouraging children, teens, youth and their families to attend the Absalom Jones celebration Eucharist.

Absalom Jones Day Celebration

Saturday, February 4, Holy Cross, Homewood
9:30 a.m. Youth "Breakfast with the Bishops"
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Please REGISTER to attend on the [diocesan website](#), choosing the "Youth Event, Bring a Friend, and Absalom Jones Celebration" Saturday option. (Of course you may attend other events as well!) If you are registering to attend

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with a group of youth, please—encourage them each to bring a friend! For your convenience, attached is a permission form for any youth who are attending as a group without a parent present. You may register as a group—note the number and ages of youth in the NOTES section of the registration form.

Please encourage your church families to attend—they must also [REGISTER](#) and note the number of people attending and the ages of the children in the comment section of the form. Please encourage members of your parish to come! They will not regret it!

Alter Frontal Gift

To participate in the creation of the GIFT for Bishop Curry, you will need to contact Lisa Brown, who will send you the materials and instructions to invite your kids to create an altar frontal section representing the Jesus movement. We are going to have the kids walk paint footprints on lengths of cloth and have these sewn together to make the frontal. Lisa will provide you with ALL THE MATERIALS you need, plus instructions on how to do this project successfully. If schedules permit, Lisa or another member of the Children's Ministry Team may even be able to come help you on the day you do the project. We would like to VIDEO record the children as they create this project, so that a digital keepsake of the process may also be a part of the gift.

Please CALL 412-759-8315 or EMAIL (lcbrown@stpaulspgh.org) Lisa ASAP so we can set something up.

Acolyte Rehearsal on January 21 at 10:30 am at Holy Cross, Homewood

Round up your young people and make sure they attend a rehearsal prior to the Absalom Jones service. Lyle Wood, who coordinates acolytes at Holy Cross will be hosting this rehearsal. If YOU are not the acolyte coordinator for your parish, please make sure that the person in charge of acolytes is aware and encourages your young people to attend! Please email Deacon Linda Wilson (412-215-5451/deaconlindawilson@gmail.com) if you have any questions and to let her know your acolytes will be participating.

Young Musician Rehearsal on January 21 at 11:30 am at Holy Cross, Homewood

Do you know any children and youth who love to sing? The ability to read music or participation in a choir is not necessary to make a joyful noise! If they would like to sing during the service, they are invited to this rehearsal.

Confused? Have questions about the Absalom Jones celebration or any of the events happening during the Presiding

Bishop's visit? Please contact Lisa Brown (412-759-8315/lcbrown@stpaulspgh.org) or Deacon Linda Wilson (412-215-5451/deaconlindawilson@gmail.com)

Spread the Word

- Make sure all children and youth leaders know about the upcoming Absalom Jones event!
- Make sure your church communications volunteers are sharing information about the slate of events during the Presiding Bishop's visit.
- Talk to your families who might be interested in attending.
- Share with your families [Bishop Curry's wonderful sermon from the "Evangelism Matters" conference](#) and the [highlights from his address](#) at the same event—these will give them a taste of what they can expect.

