

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND **COORDINATOR OF INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, & EQUITY** **NEWSLETTER**

POSITIVE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I have enough for myself, but if I stop working I have not enough for others.”

*~Venerable Pierre
Toussaint*

Important dates for May

- Asian pacific American Heritage Month
- Haitian Heritage month
- Jewish American Heritage Month

THE DIVERSITY CORNER

Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1766-1853) - was born a slave in Haiti and died a freeman in New York City. He is credited by many with being the father of Catholic Charities in New York. Pierre was instrumental in raising funds for the first Catholic orphanage and began the city's first school for black children. He also helped to provide funds for the Oblate Sisters of Providence, a religious community of black nuns founded in Baltimore and played a vital role in providing resources to erect Old Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Lower Manhattan. Pierre Toussaint cared for the sick and the dying. He was a successful entrepreneur, who did not hesitate to share the fruits of his labor with others. Venerable Pierre Toussaint was a man who was proud of his faith, proud of his culture and committed to serving others.

Haitian American Heritage Month - is a nationally recognized month celebrated in May every year, and it's a terrific time to celebrate the vibrant culture, distinct art, delectable cuisine, and people of Haitian origin. The celebration is an expansion of the annual patriotic Haitian Flag Day, which falls on May 18.

POSITIVE QUOTE OF THE WEEK (SUMMARY) – This quote reminds me of the scripture “Be kind to all, especially the poor”. Pierre Toussaint had become a successful entrepreneur and could've decided to be content in his accomplishments, but instead of doing that, he believed in helping others. We could all take a lesson from this quote. In a society that encourages personal gain and making that the standard, we as followers of Christ have an obligation to help others.

~ COREY SHORTER, CIDE, ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

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