

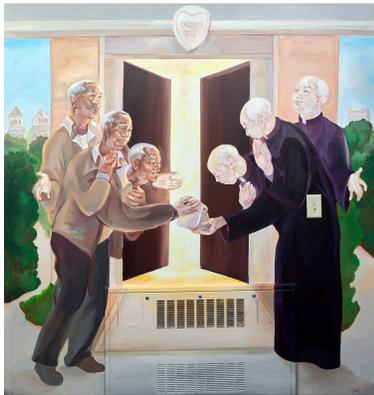


## Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Human Concerns Commission

Monthly Digest February 2018

### Mural Opening: “Finding Abundance Through the Open Doors of Our Hearts”



The Open Door Café was proud to unveil and bless the new mural in the hallway of the Weakland Center where our guests enter and wait for lunch last Friday night. We heard from Tia Richardson, the muralist who worked with our Open Door Café community to create the mural and Bishop Jeff led a blessing which included this passage from Pope John Paul II’s “Letter to Artists”:

*“In order to communicate the message entrusted to her by Christ, the Church needs art. Art must make perceptible, and as far as possible attractive, the world of the spirit, of the invisible, of God. It must therefore translate into meaningful terms that which is in itself ineffable. Art has a unique capacity to take one or other facet of the message and translate it into colours, shapes and sounds which nourish the intuition of those who look or listen. It does so without emptying the message itself of its transcendent value and its aura of mystery.”*

Please come see the mural and allow it to “nourish your intuition” about the work of the Open Door Café! In addition to the mural, several prints of Tia’s other murals from around Milwaukee will be on display in the Café until early May, 2018. These prints are for sale and Tia will be donating 20% of her sales back to the Open Door Café.

In addition, the ODC is selling notecards with images from the mural as a fundraiser. Please contact Shelly Roder at 414-276-9814 x 110 to place your order. Commemorative bookmarks with an image from the mural plus a new “Prayer for the Open Door Cafe” are also available in the parish office.

**Art in the Café:** Come explore your creative side with the ODC community! Visual art classes available Thursdays, February 15 and 22 from 12:30 PM - 2PM; Fridays, February 16 - March 23 from 12:30 - 2 PM for women only. Writing Classes on the theme “Lenten Valentine” on Wednesdays, Feb 14, 21 and 28 from 12:30 - 2PM. All classes in the Café and all are welcome.

**Service Sunday at the Open Door Café:**

Today, thank you to the those serving at the Open Door Café as a part of Service Sunday: Kelly Lynch, Patrick, Laura, Caroline and Paddy McGartland, Kim Morgan, Nancy and Gene Burke, and Siobhan Haggerty.

All parishioners are encouraged to sign up for serving on any second Sunday of the month. Contact Rachel Egarczynski at 414-276-9814 x308 or at [RachelEGarczynski@stjohncathedral.org](mailto:RachelEGarczynski@stjohncathedral.org) to sign up in 2018!

**PARTICIPATE** in Contemplative Prayer for Reconciliation and Healing of Racism Fridays from 12:15-12:45 PM in the Cathedral (812 N Jackson Street)

Sign up for weekly email to join the prayer wherever you are at:

<https://tinyurl.com/healracism> or follow us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/prayersforreconciliation/>

As February is Black History Month, the Contemplative prayer community is focusing our reflections on the work of journalist Isabel Wilkerson, who wrote “The Warmth of Other Suns” (available in the parish office through Shelly for purchase) and who is interviewed on [On Being with Krista Tippett](#). Listen to this hour long interview to dive into some reflection questions on how the history of this country impacts our present moment and the experience of racial division. Link to interview: <https://tinyurl.com/onbeingwilkerson>

**A Healing Mass for our City: Saturday, March 10, 2018, 5:15 PM.** Join Fr. Tim Kitzke, Vicar for Urban Ministry and Fr. Mike Hammer, Archdiocesan AIDS Ministry office for a special Lenten anointing mass at the Cathedral at 5:15PM. Refreshments will be available after Mass in the Atrium as a way to share in fellowship with people from all parts of Milwaukee as we work together to develop kinship and heal our racially divided City.

**LENT STARTS FEB 14!**



**CRS RICE BOWL 2018:** CRS Rice Bowls are available for the Lenten season at all entrances to the Cathedral. Inside the Rice Bowl, which are used to collect Lenten Almsgiving to benefit Catholic Relief Services anti-hunger work locally and around the globe, you will find a calendar of Lenten activities, suggested recipes and stories from places CRS works around the world. Return the Rice Bowls in the collection baskets before Easter for the Cathedral to collect and turn in as a parish. Thanks!