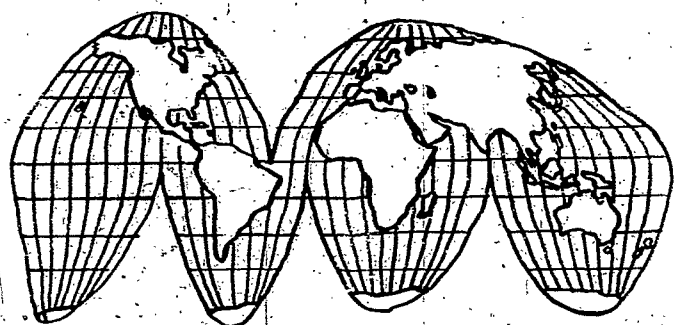


### Church Figures Who Shaped Black History

In a special bicentennial issue, *Ebony* magazine lists its choices of the 10 most important blacks in American history. Of the 10, seven were closely identified with religion. Two were Christian clergymen; one founded a church college; another started a religious sect. In limiting their list to 10 names (the others named are Dr. William E. B. DuBois, Marcus Garvey and Thurgood Marshall, the only living person on the list), *Ebony* editors said that the persons chosen are men and women on whose shoulders modern blacks can stand in presenting their demands. The seven church figures named are, top row, left to right: Bishop Richard Allen (died 1831), a Philadelphia clergyman and firm believer in the Declaration of Independence who founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1787; Frederick Douglass (d. 1895), born a slave, escaped to become a leading abolitionist and a lay preacher in a New Bedford, Mass., congregation of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, a denomination started in New York in 1796; Harriet Tubman (d. 1913), "conductor" of the Underground Railroad, the "black Moses" of the 19th Century who was an active member of the AME Zion Church; Booker T. Washington (d. 1915), educator, founder of Tuskegee Institute, a life-long Baptist who insisted on addressing the National Negro Baptist Convention when he was virtually on his death-bed. Bottom row, left to right: Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune (d. 1955), advised Presidents, founded the National Association of Negro Women and Bethune-Cookman College, Florida, and played an active role in the Methodist Church; Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (d. 1968), the major civil rights figure of the modern era who was a Baptist clergyman and organizer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Elijah Muhammed (d. 1975), founder of the Nation of Islam (Black Muslim), a racial separatist whose movement is now reaching toward racial inclusiveness. (Religious News Service).

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President Ford has extolled the Knights of Columbus for charitable, educational and fraternal work and for a "humanitarian concern" in keeping with the finest traditions of the Catholic Church and the nation. He sent a message to the opening session of the 93rd annual meeting of the Supreme Council of the 1.2 million member fraternal organization at Miami Beach, Fla. In the Jefferson City, Mo., diocese, Catholics no longer will be required to pay a fee for the celebration of weddings, funerals and baptisms. Any voluntary offerings will be considered parish funds instead of income for clergy, Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe said. To compensate for the loss of income, the salaries of priests have been raised. A New York State Religious Heritage Bicentennial celebration will be held Sept. 9-14 at Kingston with former astronaut James B. Irwin taking part.

An indulgence issued by Pope Leo X in 1516 to raise money for building St. Peter's in Rome has been acquired by the Library of Lambeth Palace, official residence of the archbishop of Canterbury in London. Although many indulgences were published, few have survived and this one discovered between a flyleaf and cover of a book being rebound. The charismatic renewal movement received a boost when 1,800 of its supporters from all over the world held a five-day conference in London with the theme *Glory in the Church*. Father Francis MacNutt of St. Louis and Father Paul Lebeau, a Jesuit theologian from Belgium, were among Catholics in attendance.

The Knights of Columbus will finance at least three 90-minute telecasts annually, via satellite, from the Vatican to audiences around the world. Scheduled are the Christmas Midnight Mass offered by the Pope, a series of Holy Week ceremonies, and another outstanding event still to be chosen. The programming is expected to begin in 1976. A three-judge U.S. Circuit Court agreed unanimously that a wife has the right to get an abortion without her husband's consent and a minor without the consent of her parents. The court upheld the U.S. District Court in Miami which ruled unconstitutional two Florida statutes on abortion.

#### ITHACA FESTIVAL PLANNED

Ithaca — St. Catherine of Siena preparations are underway for its second annual festival Sept. 5 and 6.

Paul Garby, chairman of the outdoor art exhibit and sales will display works by Ithaca Art Association members. Kennedy Amusements will provide rides and concession tents. A children's activities tent will include a mini zoo. Baked goods, handmade bazaar items, and boutique flowers will be on sale. Coins and stamps also will be sold in the parish center.

Demonstrations of spinning, silk screening, quilting, and needlepoint and crewel embroidery will be conducted in the center, where the antique car show also is planned.

The Saturday barbecue menu includes clam chowder, chicken, baked beans, salad and dessert.

Festival chairman, Mrs. James Michaels, and her committees extend a warm invitation to all in the diocese.

#### MEMORIAL ROOM

Weedsport — St. Joseph's Church has established a Father Leo Jones Memorial Meeting Room in the rectory. Father Elmer Heindl, pastor, recently invited parishioners to a reception for the Jones family at the site.

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### Bach Festival Notes 20 Years

The Rochester Bach Festival will celebrate its 20th anniversary with three concert performances — highlighted by the B-Minor Mass — on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19 and 20.

Theodore Hollenbach, conductor of the Festival since its founding, will lead the soloists, Festival Chorus and Orchestra, for the performances at Asbury First Methodist Church, 1050 East Ave.

On Friday, Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m., Melvin Butler, organist and choir master of Downtown United Presbyterian Church, will play a mini organ recital. It will be followed at 8:15 p.m. by a concert performance of three Bach cantatas, featuring Jan DeGaetani, alto, and Thomas Paul, bass, both members of the Eastman School of Music faculty; Carole Bogard, soprano; John Aler, tenor; and William Sharp, baritone.

On Saturday afternoon, at 3:30 p.m., Jan DeGaetani and Philip West, oboist, will perform a concert of chamber music.

At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Marion Craighead, organist at Asbury First Methodist Church, will play a mini-organ concert. At

8:15 p.m. Hollenbach will conduct the soloists, chorus, and orchestra in a performance of Bach's B-Minor Mass.

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