

Fr. Chester P. Smith National Black Catholic Men's Conference
"THE ROCK I STAND ON"
October 15th – October 18th, 2026
Sheraton Birmingham Hotel
2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard North
Birmingham, AL 35203

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15TH, 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	
3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Dinner (on your own)	
5:30 p.m.	Board Bus to Holy Family	
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremony – Holy Family Master of Ceremony Opening Prayer Welcome Praise and Worship	Mr. Brent Patterson Fr. Phil Paxton, CP Mr. James Watts Voice of the New Testament
8:30 p.m.	Board Bus to Sheraton Birmingham Hotel	
9:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	Bowman-Francis Ministry

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16TH, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Registration	
6:45 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	Praise and Worship	Men In The Fire
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Morning Mass	Fr. Kenneth Keke, SSJ
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Conference Breakfast Keynote Speaker – Reclaiming and revitalizing the Black church's legacy of empowerment and resilience. Exploring the historical and ongoing role of faith in Black men's lives and communities, emphasizing the church as a source of strength, cultural identity, and social activism.	Mr. William Bell, Former Mayor of Birmingham
11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	BOARD BUS TO MUSEUM	
11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Birmingham Historical Immersion Experience: WALKED AS THEY WALKED	
4:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	Harambee Town Hall: Civil Rights Panel Discussion Democracy & Citizenship: Expanding rights, voting, political participation, representation.	Dr. Cameron Beatty - Moderator Mr. Terry Collins District Attorney Danny Carr Mr. Ron Jackson Mr. Richard Harris Honorable William Bell Jr.
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Reflection, Altar Call, Praise & Worship	Fr. Charles Smith, SVD
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Jazz and Casino Night (Registrants & Guests) Dinner will be on your own.	Men In The Fire
9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17TH, 2026

6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast on your own	
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Registration	
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Praise and Worship	Men In The Fire
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Keynote Speaker Systemic Racism & Racial Justice	Fr. Manuel Williams, CR
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Vocational Vendors/Health Fair	
10:00 a.m.	Break	
	WORKSHOPS	
10:15 – 11:15 Short break 11:30 – 12:15	Wisdom of Black Men – 1 Corinthians 16:13	Fr. Gerald Holloway
10:15 – 11:15 Short break 11:30 – 12:15	Beyond Surviving: Cultivating Spirituality of Joy, Rest and Mental Wellness – Gal 5:22-23/Joy, Psalm 23:3/Rest, Isaiah 41:10/Mental Wellness	Professor Michael Howard
10:15 – 11:15 Short break 11:30 – 12:15	Healing Racial Trauma & Nurturing Mental & Spiritual Well-being – Gal 3:28/Racial Trauma, Phil 4:6-7/Mental & Spiritual Well-being	Deacon Peter Smith
10:15 – 11:15 Short break 11:30 – 12:15	Building Brotherhood & Fostering Supportive Communities – Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	Mr. Charles Benjamin
10:15 – 11:15 Short break 11:30 – 12:15	The Good Shepard – Lead Me Where the Waters Flow – John 10:11-18	Mr. Wade White
LUNCH 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	ON YOUR OWN	
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	WORKSHOPS	
2:00 – 3:00 Short break 3:15 – 4:00	The Wise and Foolish Builders – Matthew 7:24-27, Psalm 61:2	Deacon Douglass Moorer
2:00 – 3:00 Short break 3:15 – 4:00	Preparing Leaders to Impact Our Changing World – 2 Timothy 2:2	Fr. Avery Daniel
2:00 – 3:00 Short break 3:15 – 4:00	Boots on the Ground: Reclaiming Literacy, Rewriting History – 2 Timothy 3:16-17	Mr. Vincent Walker
2:00 – 3:00 Short break 3:15 – 4:00	Financial Wellness – Philippians 4:19	Mr. Lewis Burks
2:00 – 3:00 Short break 3:15 – 4:00	Finding Our True Identity in Christ – Eph 2:10	Mr. Brent Patterson
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Break *Please change into your Conference T-Shirts*	
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Board Buses to Our Lady of Fatima Church	
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Men's Conference Mass THE ROCK I STAND ON THE STRENGTH BEHIND IT ALL Matthew 7:24-27	Presider Bishop Steven J. Raica Homilist Very Reverend Vernon Huguley
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Conference Mass Dinner	Sponsored by the Birmingham Delegation
9:15 p.m. 9:45 p.m.	Board buses to Sheraton Birmingham Hotel	

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast (on your own) Healing & Commissioning	Fr. Kenneth Hamilton, SVD
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