

2nd Annual Diversity Concert/Benefit for ICRJ

Respect for All Creation

Sunday Afternoon, October 7, 2012

3 p.m.

St. Blase Catholic Church

(12151 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48312 * 586/268-2244)

\$12/person

\$30/family of four+ (2 adults and 2 or more children ages 12 or younger)

\$10 for a senior (65 years or older)

\$8/child (ages 5-12; 4 and younger free)

The Interfaith Center for Racial Justice (ICRJ) is pleased to announce its 2nd Annual Benefit Choir/Music Concert entitled “*Respect for All Creation*” scheduled for October 7, 2012 at 3:00 PM at St. Blase Catholic Church on 15 Mile Road in Sterling Heights. We couldn’t be more excited about this event!! This concert will include performances of some of the finest and most diverse choirs/music groups from around the Macomb County area. “*Respect for All Creation*” will feature music that supports the different aspects of respect: respect for life, respect for all religions, respect for the earth and all creation. The cost for the Concert is \$12 per person; \$30 for a family (2 adults and two or more children ages 12 or younger); \$10 for a senior (65 years or older); \$8 per youth (ages 5 to 12); Children 4 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased through the ICRJ website (www.icrj.org) and are available at St. Blase.

Back in October, 2010, St. Blase Catholic Parish hosted the first Diversity/Praise Concert to benefit the ICRJ. This inaugural event featured eight different choirs/music groups. The idea for the ICRJ Benefit/Fundraiser began as a way to celebrate the diversity people, faith traditions, and musical talents of those who live in Macomb County through a Praise concert. The program then included two very fine gospel choirs, an accomplished hand bell choir, a praise band, and four other diverse and talented vocal groups. The concert was a terrific celebration of true musical and faith diversity. The very best part of the program was when all of the vocal groups joined together singing the final number called “We Give You Thanks”! All of the singers felt a real connection with each other as we shared together our talents and joy. And in the midst of the music making almost \$2,000 was raised for the ICRJ and all of their efforts fostering unity and community while working to build bridges of understanding!

We had intended on offering the 2nd Annual Diversity Concert: “*Respect for All Creation*” a bit earlier in the year, but since decided to push the date further back to better market the concert and benefit for the ICRJ. Our goal is to attract some 500 attendees to the fall (October 7) 2012 concert, and this is where your help is needed. If you are experienced with event planning and marketing or are computer savvy, and would like to donate a few hours of your time, the ICRJ is creating a marketing committee for the upcoming Concert. On Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 10:00 AM, at St. Blase Catholic Church we will have our first committee meeting. If you are at all interested in assisting in this effort, please attend the meeting or call Dr. Mary Dumm at

586/268-2244 to volunteer. Come and help us make this fundraising effort a real success for the important work and programming that the ICRJ provides!

“Respect for All Creation” will surely be worth the price of admission! Mark your calendars now to attend the ICRJ Benefit Concert and support this wonderful cause.



