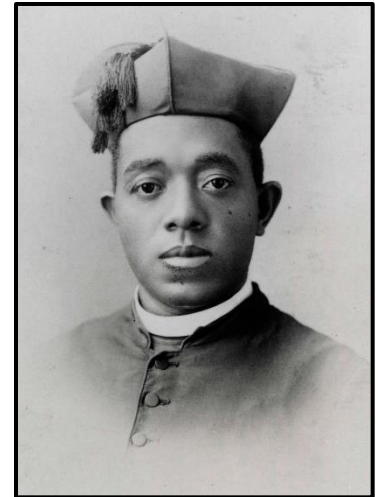




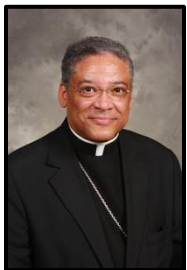
*The Calumet City Historical Society  
presents:*

# *Fr. Augustus Tolton*

*By The Most Reverend, Joseph Perry*



John Augustus Tolton was born into slavery in Missouri in 1854, and his family escaped to Illinois in 1862. Baptized Catholic, Augustus Tolton was the first African-American Catholic priest in the U.S. After college, he went to Rome to enter the seminary and was ordained in 1886. During Fr. Tolton's ministry, he served in



Quincy, Illinois, and was later assigned to Chicago. With tireless and devoted work, he led the development of St. Monica Catholic Church as a National Black Parish on Chicago's south side at that time. Fr. Tolton's cause for canonization as a saint opened in 2010 and was declared Venerable in 2019. Bishop Joseph Perry, our presenter, formerly served as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago from 1998 until his retirement in 2023. His Vicariate included most of the city's south side and south suburbs, including Calumet City. Since 2010, he has been leading the way to ensure sainthood for Father Augustus Tolton.

**Sunday, February 11, 2024 ~ 3:00 p.m.**

## **Location:**

**Calumet City Historical Society Center**



**760  
Wentworth  
Avenue**

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and 2nd Sunday 1-5 p.m.*

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## **Schedule:**

**2:00 p.m. –  
General Membership Meeting,  
followed by refreshments.**

**3:00 p.m. –  
Program begins.**

**Center open 1:00-5:00 p.m.  
♦ Admission Free ♦**