

February is African-American history month. A great way to mark this would be to share about the Black men and women who are on the path to canonization. There was an article about them in *Communio* a while ago. The National Black Catholic Congress has a wonderful set of prayer cards about them. You can learn more and order them here:

<https://nbccongress.org/saintly-seven-prayer-cards/>

Also, three important dates overlap in February: Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 18. That evening is also the first day of Ramadan, the month long period of prayer and fasting observed by Muslims. Having watched my Muslim students abstain from all food or drink between sunrise and sunset, I feel that my Lenten observances pales in comparison. You can share Ramadan greetings (in Arabic) by saying “Ramadan Mubarak” (Blessed Ramadan) or “Ramadan Kareem” (Generous Ramadan, as Muslims also give alms during this time). Finally, Tuesday, 2/17, is Lunar New Year, which is celebrated by people from East Asia (Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Vietnamese). Customs are subtly different between each country, but wishing any of them “Happy Lunar New Year” or “Happy Year of the Horse” is appropriate.

If you have any questions or need help with anything involving the MCC, please reach out to me. And if your fraternity does anything related to multiculturalism, even a brief discussion at a meeting, please share that with me.

May the Lord be with you, and you with the Lord!

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