

## **CELEBRATION OF SISTER THEA BOWMAN**

To pay tribute to our school's namesake, students and family members gathered in the chapel for song, dance, and readings on the anniversary of the death of Sister Thea Bowman.

Thea Bowman lived her life as a friend to Jesus. She was a celebrated scholar, a soulful singer, and is now on the path to sainthood. A granddaughter of slaves, Sister Thea Bowman was an African American woman who endured racism and inequality but who fought racial prejudice and promoted education and cultural awareness for those who were marginalized. She worked tirelessly to bring people together and lived her life as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops endorsed the sainthood cause of Sister Thea Bowman on Nov. 14, 2018, during their fall assembly in Baltimore. She was the only African American member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, and she transcended racism to leave a lasting mark on U.S. Catholic life in the late 20th century.



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UNCONDITIONAL LOVE."

