

2018 C&E Course Offerings

Sis. Dr. Eva Marie Lumas, SSS, DMin

The Continuing Education and Enrichment Programs (C&E) provide ongoing education and formation for laywomen and men as well as pastoral ministers. The areas of study center on the development of the whole person: spiritually, psychologically and emotionally. By offering 1-week courses, the C&E Programs help participants explore new ministry interests; learn new skills; or engage in reflection on life's realities. The C&E Programs offer a unique opportunity for individuals to grow in their understanding of Black Catholicism and its impact, not only on the wider Church, but also on themselves.

JUNE 25 - JUNE 29, 2018

A Taste of the Institute

Allen and Edith Stevens

Discover what the IBCS has to offer through daily prayer, guided-reflections on the legacy of Black Christianity, faith sharing and the annual Ancestor Commemoration.

Fr. Bede & Sr. Thea: Companions on the Journey

C. Vanessa White, DMin

Like St. Francis and St. Clare, Fr. Bede Abram, OFMConv. and Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA were soul friends and companions on the journey promoting full inclusion of African Americans in the Catholic Church. Their teachings and writings offer guidance for living lives of justice, peace and love today.

Black Millennial Narratives: God, Politics, and Social Media

Heather Malveaux, MPH, MPS

Young adult ministry requires an understanding of ways that millennials engage with peers and the world around them. We will explore ways that millennials socially identify, manifest their relationship with God, and engage their politics with their interactions with the Church.

Foundations of Development for Non-Profits

Fr. Manuel Williams, CR, MDiv, ThM, CFRE

Faith based charities depend on the generosity of their supporters. We will explore fundamental principles of philanthropy, Christian themes that inform our fundraising efforts and best practices.

Lent: Looking Toward the Resurrection - Year C

Rawn Harbor, MTS

Lent is a purposeful part of the Church year, especially as it prepares us for celebrating Holy Week/Easter. We will explore the theology, customs, local practices, Initiation preparation, and music of the season-Cycle C.

JULY 2 - JULY 6, 2018

Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers

Donna Grimes, BS and Fr. Gerard Marable, MDiv, ThM

This seminar will address issues of particular interest for cross-cultural ministry, i.e., reaching Black Catholics in multicultural contexts, best practices for ministry within the African diaspora and appreciating the Catholic experience through the culture and spirituality of others.

A Theology of Black Lives Matter

Diana Hayes, PhD, Brian Turner, PhD, Fr. Manuel Williams, CR, MDiv, ThM, Heather Malveaux, MPH, MPS

What do we mean when we say "Black Lives Matter?" That depends on who answers the question. We'll draw on Black theology, psychology, pastoral ministry and community activism to explore the emergence and development of this term into a new Civil Rights Movement. Participants will explore the personal and communal potential of the term to identify resources and strategies that address the challenges of our day.

Skills for Pastoral Leaders

Therese Wilson-Favors, MS and Fr. Gregory Chisholm, SJ, PhD

The web that knits together a faith filled, active parish requires skills of prayerful discernment, building relationships and effective planning in all pastoral endeavors. We will explore best practices

for empowering individuals and faith communities to meet the challenges and seize the opportunities of parish ministry.

Black Catholics in the 1960s

Cecilia Moore, PhD

This course examines the experiences of Black Catholics in the Church and the wider American society during the 1960s. Emphasis is given to Black Catholics in the Civil Rights Movement and the development of the Black Catholic Movement. This history gives inspiration and insight for meeting the challenges of today.

Don't Be Weary: HEALTH and WHOLENESS

C. Vanessa White, DMin

In the midst of our busy lives we do not always take time to care for ourselves, so that we can better take care of others. Looking at our African American Spiritual Tradition, this course offers practical ways to lovingly care for ourselves while meeting the demands of discipleship.

JULY 9 - JULY 13, 2018

The Elders Retreat: Renewed-Revived-Ready

Retreat Director: Thelma Lucas

Elders (age 55+) are invited to a week of prayer, reflection, discussion, recreation, and renewal. Come celebrate the legacy of eldership in the Black Catholic community. Let the Spirit revive, renew, and keep you ready to share the wisdom that continues to sustain our community.

The Psychological Strengths of African Americans

Brian Turner, PhD

An exploration of implied and overt skills many African Americans utilize daily lives to address issues of race and ethnicity. We will critically discuss the function and effectiveness of seven psychological strengths believed to be critical to African American survival and success.

Vacation Bible School for Adults

Theresa Wilson-Favors, MS

Bring Your Bible and your favorite Bible Story to rediscover the unending story of God's love and plan for us. Through prayer, story, song and other activities we will reconnect with the One and The Way that helps us find our way through this broken world.

Going PPLACESS with Catechesis

Sharon Winchester, MA

Africentric catechesis is believed to rest on the foundational goals of LACES (Liberation, Affirming Blackness, Conversion, Evangelization and Synthesizing the Sacred and Secular). We will explore ways to incorporate LACES into existing programs while identifying and/or creating resources to help do it.

Saved But Still Searching: The Spiritual Journey of African-American Youth

Fr. R. Tony Ricard, ThM, MDiv

We have all been given the gift of Salvation. Although they are saved, the faith journey of African Americans is often travelled on a particularly perilous road. This course explores that journey and how we can better assist all of God's children on their faith journey.

2018 Degree Course Offerings

June 25 - July 13, 2018

IBTH 5010 Black Approaches to Theology

This course stresses the nature, methods and sources of Black Theology, the reasons justifying its existence and its relationship to other theologies within the Catholic tradition. (Required for all new students. 3 units) Rev. Dwight Webster, PhD

IBTH 9997 Integrative Colloquium

Students learn to enter more deeply into a way of thinking, reflecting, conversing and writing about questions and issues that emerge from their ministry and ministerial research. They