

The Call of Our People:

The Newsletter for the Subcommittee on
African American Affairs of the USCCB

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"I am Black and beautiful"
Song of Songs 1:5

If you have a national event that you would like to share, please e-mail
details to blackcatholics@usccb.org.

****The USCCB has the right to accept or deny any submissions.***



***This newsletter ends with a vocation prayer.
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in your browser.***



We are grateful for our subcommittee members:

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Happy Black Catholic History Month



Black Catholic History Month is an annual observance every November in the United States that celebrates the history, culture, and contributions of Black Catholics.

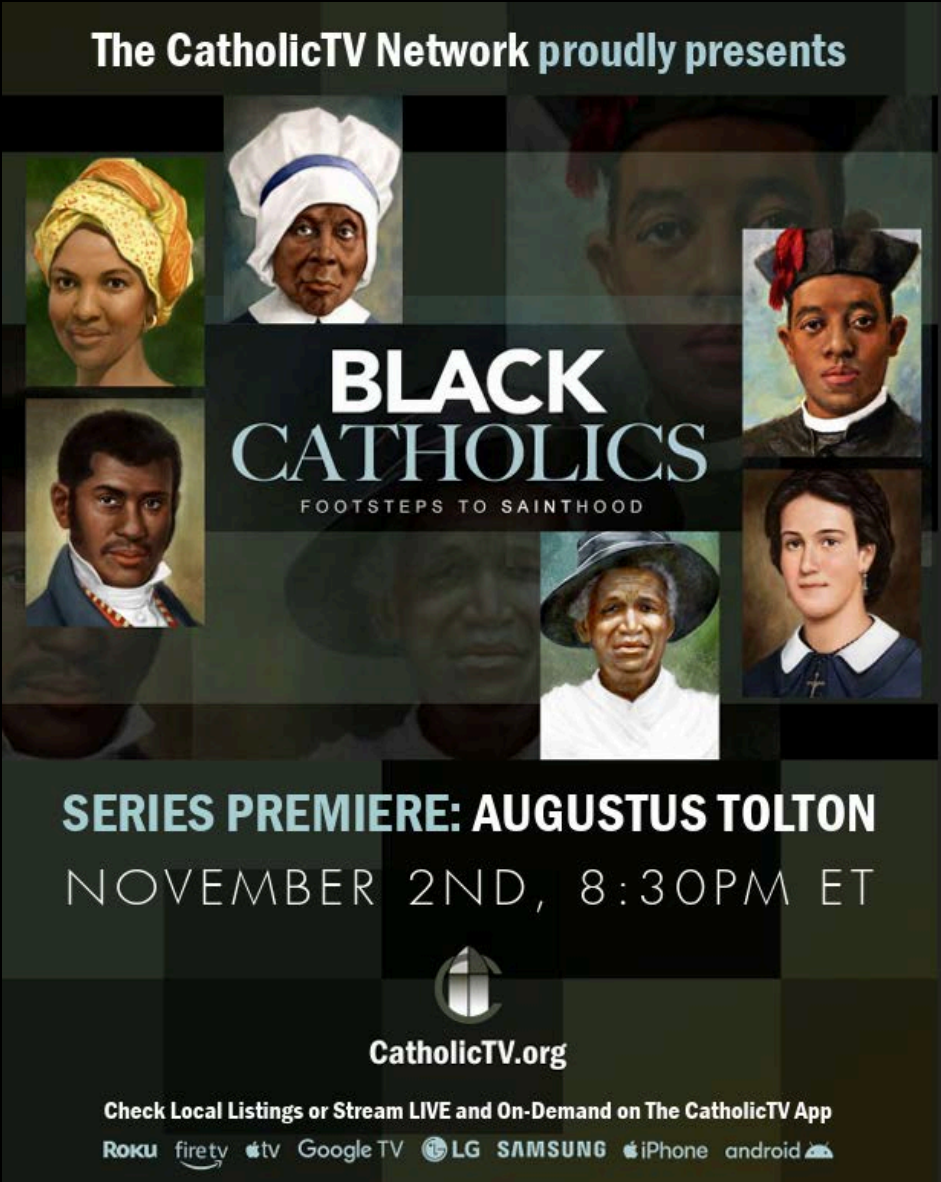
Origins and Significance

Established: Voted on and designated on July 24, 1990, by the [National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus](#).

Why November: The month connects with several key dates, including All Saints' Day (Nov 1), All Souls' Day (Nov 2), the feast of St. Martin de Porres (Nov 3), and the birthday of St. Augustine of Hippo (Nov 13)

You can learn more about this month by clicking [here](#).





Black Catholic Documentary Premier Announcement:

For the past two years, our subcommittee has been collaborating with *CatholicTV* to create a documentary series focusing on the original "Saintly Six" - the Black Catholics with causes for Canonization originating from US Dioceses.

The trailer can be viewed [here](#).

The first episode, which will feature Fr. Augustus Tolton, will air on CatholicTV Networks around the globe this Black Catholic History Month -

Monday, November 2nd at 8:30pm EST (*please note the updated time*).

A new episode is scheduled to air each month following.

A press release is can be found [here](#) with more details and viewing options.



"SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT": THE GIFT OF BLACK CATHOLIC LITURGY

Thursday

| November 12, 2026

| 1:00–2:30 pm ET

PANELISTS:



**Dr. Ansel
Augustine**



Mr. Richard Cheri



Fr. Ajani Gibson



**Dr. Valerie D.
Lewis-Mosley**

During Black Catholic History Month our panelists will discuss the importance of the Black Catholic expressions to Catholic liturgy. Through their own experiences, the panelists will discuss how Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman’s description of Black expressions should be seen as a “gift” to the Church, not as a threat. The panelists will also share present resources that are available so that all can learn more about ways to connect with this important expression of our faith.

REGISTER NOW AT [NPM.ORG](https://www.npm.org)

Co-sponsored by the National Association of Pastoral Musicians; the Lyke Conference; and the USCCB Subcommittee on African American Affairs



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For Black Catholic History Month, the Subcommittee on African American Affairs will collaborate on a webinar with the Archbishop Lyke Foundation, and the National Association for Pastoral Musicians (presently known as the National Association of Catholic Church Musicians) on Black Catholic Liturgy.

You can register for the webinar [here](#).



‘It’s transformational’: Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine is making history and reshaping who gets to become a doctor

In an interview with theGrio, Xavier University's president and the president and founding dean of Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine discuss what's next.

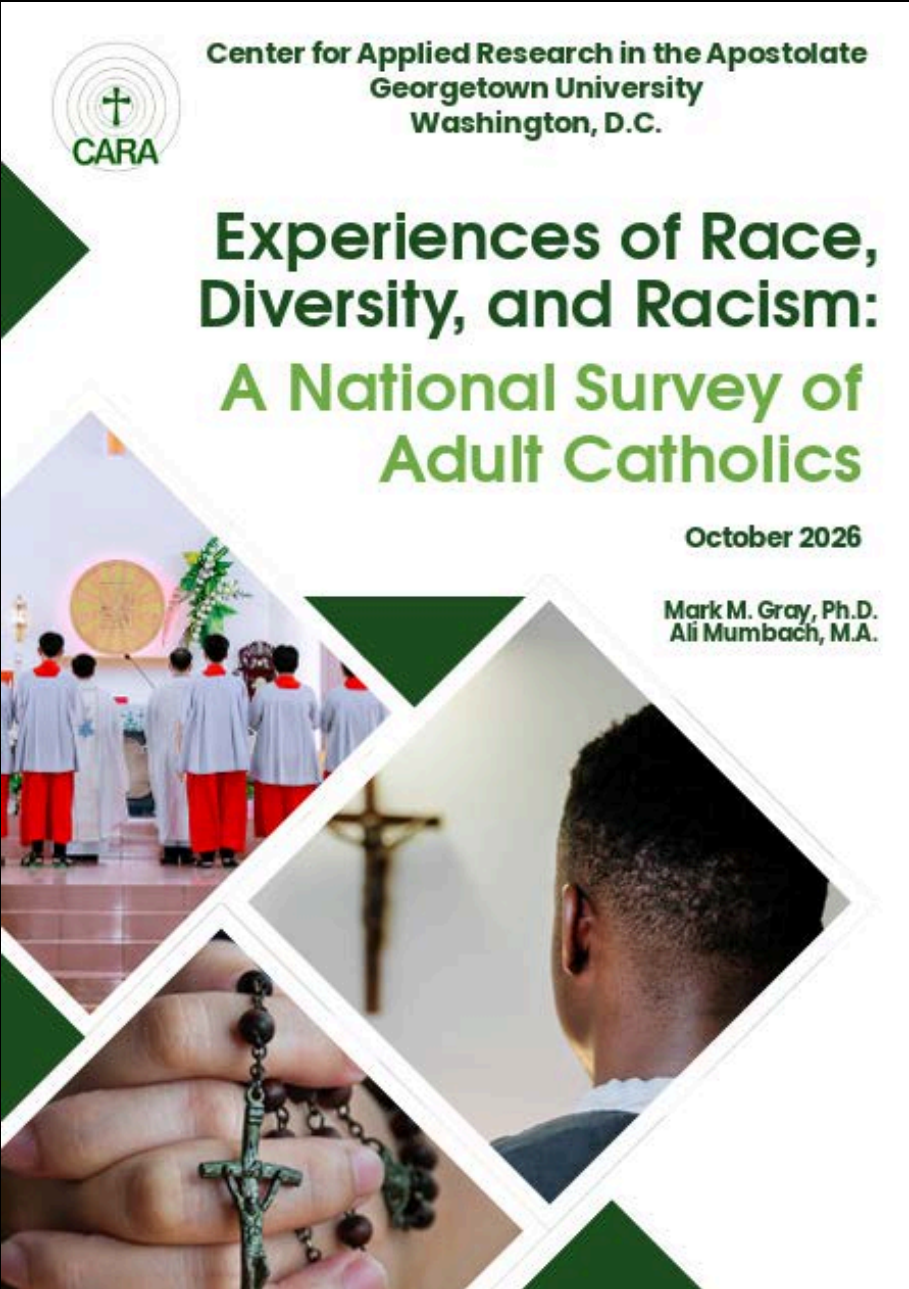
By [KAY WICKER](#)
OCT 14, 2026



Congratulations to Xavier University of Louisiana's Ochsner College of Medicine for being awarded preliminary accreditation.

You can learn more about this historic event [here](#) and [here](#)





CARA (the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) just released their new study on race, diversity, and racism.

You can view the report by clicking on the image above.

CARA would be happy to present the findings to your organization, diocese, parish, etc. whether via Zoom or in person.

**If you are interested in more information, please contact
Fr. Thomas Gaunt by email at tpg9@georgetown.edu or
by phone at (202) 687-0839.**



Thank you to all who participated in the Black Catholic Flourishing webinar.

A recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).





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The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will gather for the 2026 Fall Plenary Assembly, November 16-19. Public sessions of the plenary on November 11 and 12 will be livestreamed. Throughout the meeting, the bishops will have opportunities to spend time in prayer and fraternal dialogue with one another.

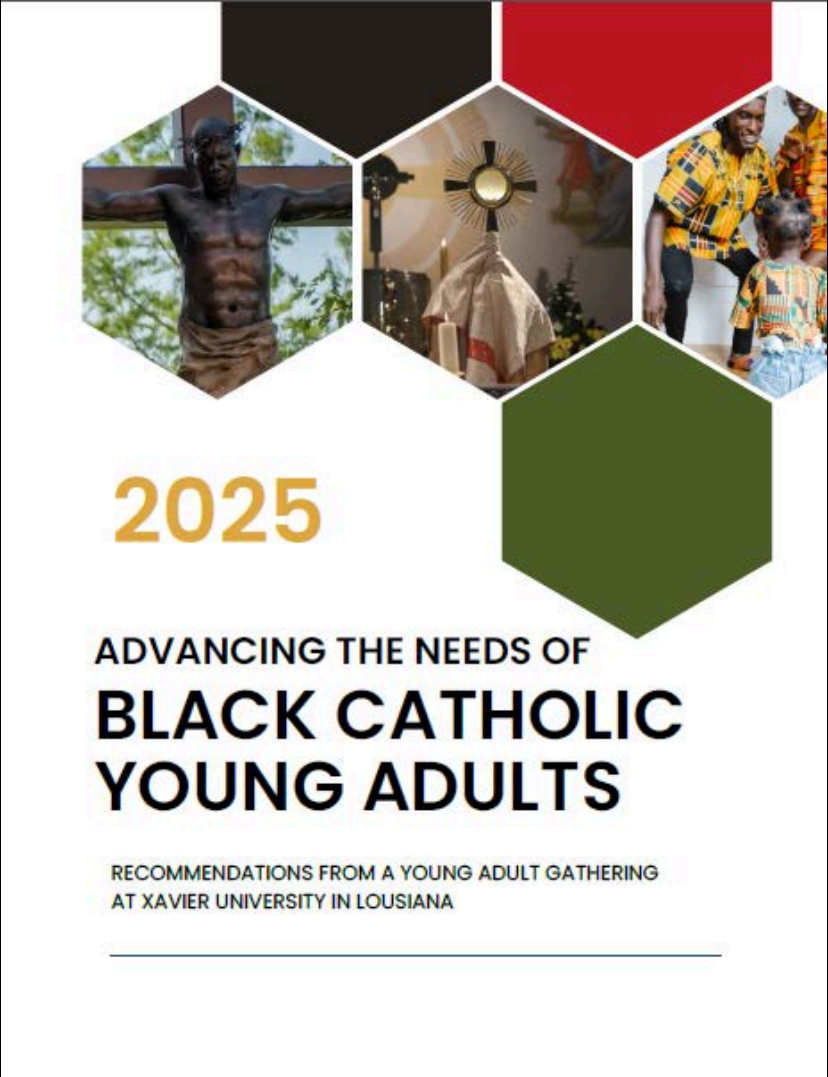
Votes are expected on a number of action items:

- a canonical consultation on causes of beatification and canonization of Maria Middleton and Thomas Steven Vander Woude;
- an update to the USCCB’s Diocesan Financial Reporting Guidelines;
- an update to the USCCB’s Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines;
- new edition of the *Lectionary for Mass* and *Book of the Gospels*;
- annual observance of a Day of Prayer for Racial Justice
- approval from the body of bishops to review and begin updating the pastoral plan for the Secretariat on Pro-Life Activities;
- the USCCB budget for 2027
- a special presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place on 11/17 after 3:15pm

The livestream of the public portions of the plenary on November 17 and 18 will be available at:
www.usccb.org/meetings.

Those wishing to follow the meeting on social media may use the hashtag **#USCCB26** follow on Instagram ([@USCCB](#)), Facebook ([@USCCB](#)), TikTok ([@USBishops](#)), Threads ([@USCCB](#)), Bluesky ([@usccbofficial.bsky.social](#)) and X ([@USCCB](#)).





The updated report from our ongoing Black Catholic Young Adult Listening Sessions can be found [here](#).



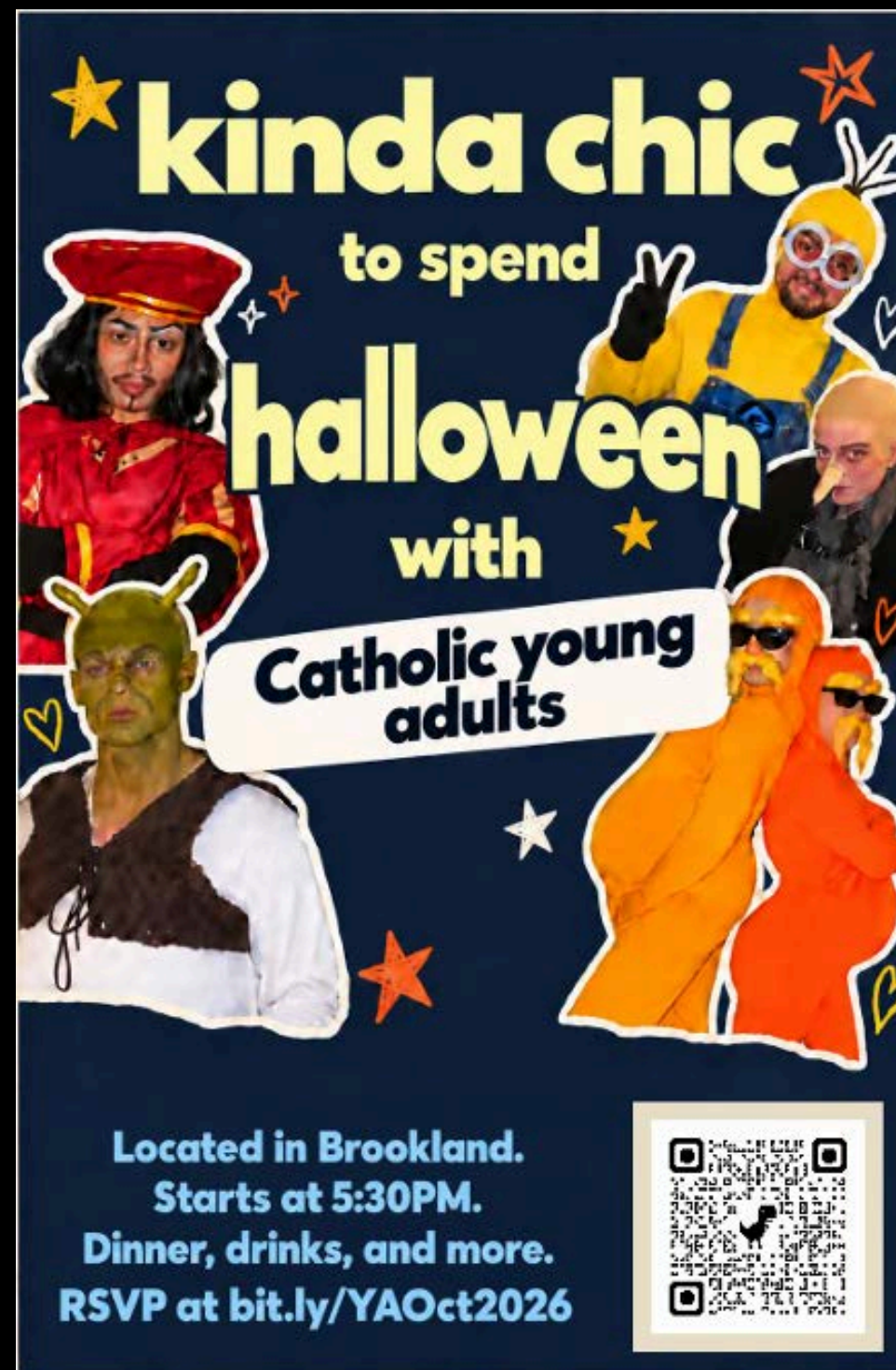
We hosted several Black Catholic Young Adult Listening Sessions around the country. The first took place at Xavier University of Louisiana in November 2023.

Thank you to the Dioceses that have organized past, and future, Black Catholic Young Adult Listening Sessions in their regions. We are very excited about the fruit that these will bring to our Church.

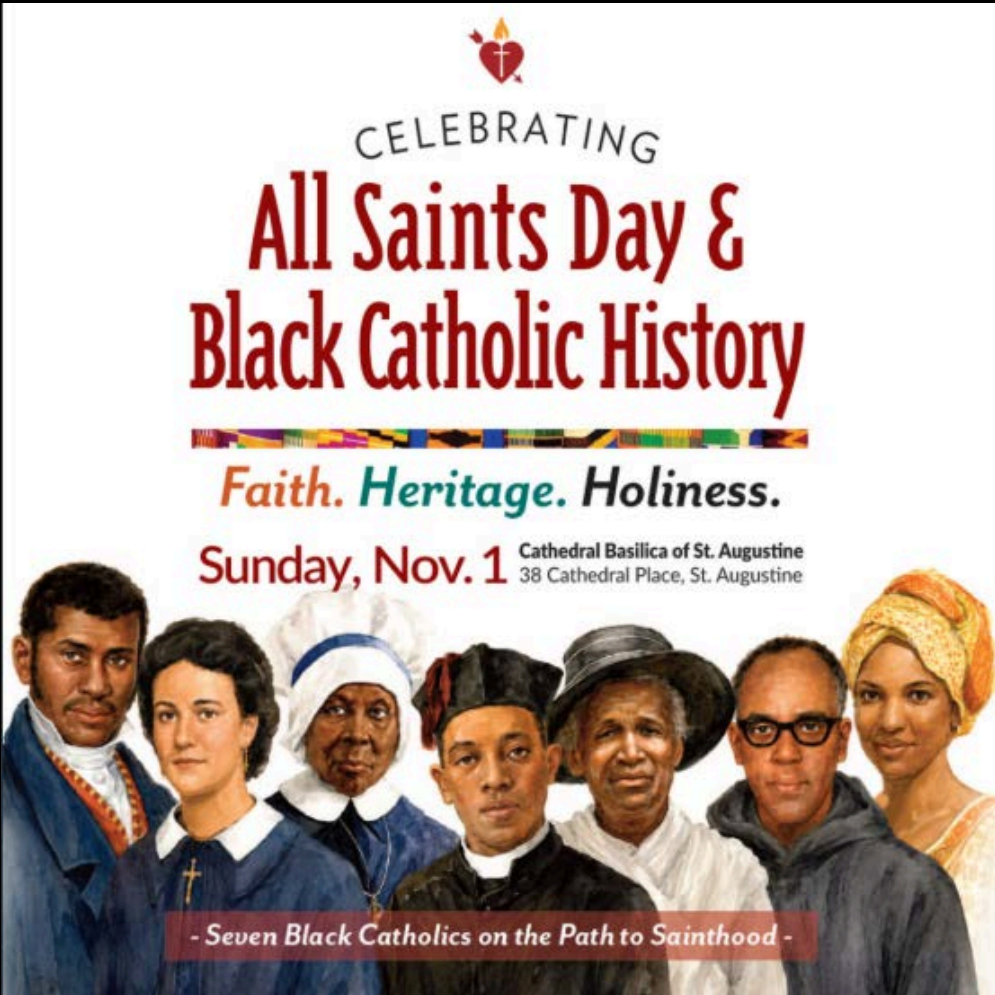
If your diocese is interested (must have written support of your bishop) in sponsoring (diocese must cover the cost of the session) a local Black Catholic Young Adult Gathering, please e-mail blackcatholics@usccb.org to discuss logistics.



Upcoming Events:



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A religious painting of St. Martin de Porres, a Black man in a grey habit, holding a wooden cross and a string of prayer beads. The image is set within a circular frame with a gold border.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND THE OFFICE FOR BLACK CATHOLICS PRESENTS

St. Martin de Porres Mass

with Confirmation of candidates from The Black Catholic Apostolate

Sunday, November 1, 2026

3pm

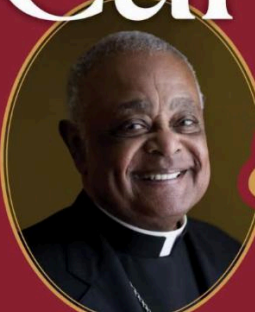
Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral
18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

All Are Welcome

A logo featuring a stylized cross with a central circle, set within a decorative arch.

THE CANIZARO CENTER
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A Conversation *-with the-* Cardinal

A portrait of Cardinal Wilton Gregory, an older Black man with white hair, wearing a black clerical suit and a white collar. The portrait is set within an oval frame.A portrait of Xavier A. Cole, a Black man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie. The portrait is set within an oval frame.

HIS EMINENCE
CARDINAL WILTON GREGORY

LOYOLA PRESIDENT
XAVIER A. COLE, Ed.D.

THURSDAY
NOV. 5
4:30-6:30 P.M.

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HISTORY OF THE FEW AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Free Food and Lecture Night to
Celebrate Black Catholic History Month

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2026

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Lecture/Q&A

Light reception to follow immediately

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
6701 Muncaster Mill Rd. Derwood, MD 20855

Come hear Ms. Ali Mumbach, M.A., Research Assistant with Georgetown University's CARA research center, discuss the history of African American Catholic Bishops (including the newest prelate, former St. Francis of Assisi-Derwood Parochial Vicar, **Bishop Robert Boxie III**) and the African American Bishops' 1984 letter "What We Have Seen and Heard."

All Are Welcome

Please join us for a light reception after the lecture.
Please **RSVP** by **November 3, 2026** to help us with food count.
RSVP at <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/279773>
or call the Parish Office: 301-840-1407.
Contact Mary Hammond
(mhammond1945@gmail.com or 240-472-4203) for questions.

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BLACK SAINTS
Celebration

THEME:
*"Honoring Our Roots,
Celebrating Our Faith:
MANY TRIBES, ONE SPIRIT"*

Honoring the Connection Between
the Indians and the Catholic Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

10:00AM
PARADE
Starts at
Brother Martin High School
ends at
St. Martin de Porres Church

PRESIDER:
Archbishop
James F. Checchio

1866

The First
Eight Sisters
of St. Joseph
of St. Augustine



THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH
AND
BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY
IN THE DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Presented by St. Joseph Ministries

Join us for a meaningful presentation highlighting the rich history and enduring legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the important role of Black Catholics in the Diocese of St. Augustine.





SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026
Mass at 2:00 p.m.



St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church
86 Martin Luther King Ave.,
St. Augustine, FL 32084



St. Joseph Neighborhood Center
90 Martin Luther King Avenue, St. Augustine, FL
Lunch and presentation at 3:00 p.m.



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Tolton

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The Story of
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Friday, November 13 at 7:00 PM

Christ Cathedral - Freed Theater

MOVIE | Q&A PANEL DISCUSSION | GOSPEL MUSIC

\$20 suggested donation per ticket

All proceeds go to Saint Luke Productions for outreach of the Tolton movie with a portion going towards The Shrine for Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton in Quincy, IL.

Suitable for Ages 10 & Up

Diocese of Orange
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BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

Black Catholic
Flourishing

Our faith. Our stories. Our shared future.

Presentation & Dialogue on The Black Catholic Flourishing Initiative

FEATURED PANELISTS



Fr. Manuel B. Williams, C.R.



Andrea Pannell, OPA



Dr. David W. Robinson-Morris



Sr. Addie Lorraine Walker, SSND

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14
2026

9:00 AM–NOON CT
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church Hall
San Antonio, Texas

Join in person, watch the livestream, or participate by Zoom.
Please register at: <https://events.humanitix.com/black-catholic-flourishing>

For more information on the Black Catholic Flourishing Initiative, please visit
www.centerforthehumanspirit.org/blackcatholicflourishing





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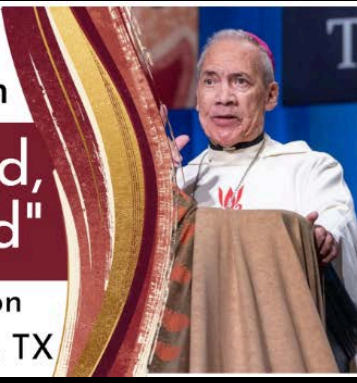


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Black Catholic History Month
Morning of Reflection

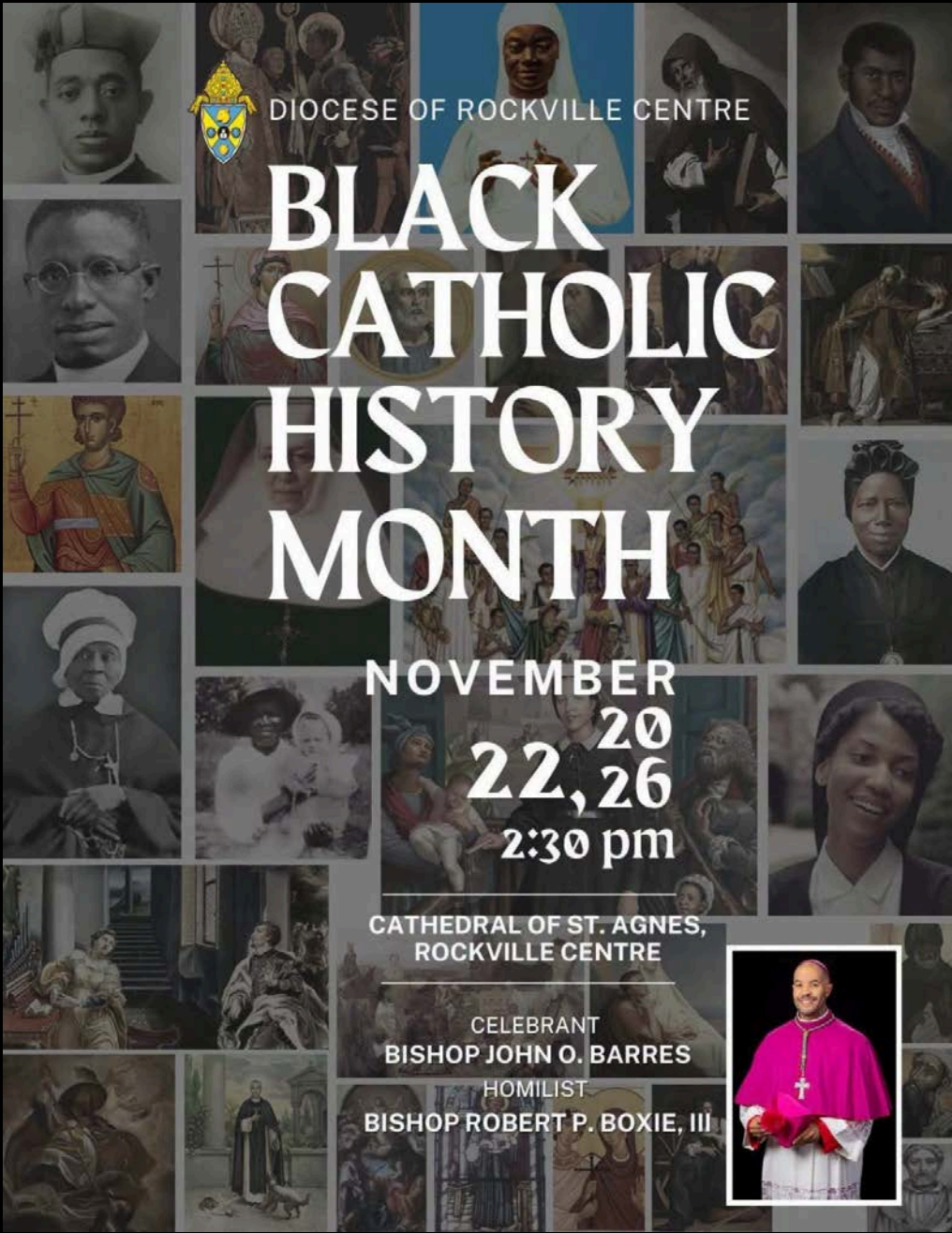
"Nourished by the Word,
Sent to the World"

Saturday, November 14, 2026 | 9am-noon
St. Laurence Catholic Church | Sugarland, TX



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Diocese of Rockville Centre

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

NOVEMBER 2022, 26 2:30 pm

CATHEDRAL OF ST. AGNES, ROCKVILLE CENTRE

CELEBRANT BISHOP JOHN O. BARRES
HOMILIST BISHOP ROBERT P. BOXIE, III



EAT THE SCROLL MINISTRY

Fall in Love with Psalms

Course Number I: "What Good Is A Psalm If It Does Not Inspire?"



Evangelist/Professor Michael Howard invites you to *Fall in Love with the Psalms*. Beginning on October 19, 2026, and continuing until November 23, 2026, join this Bible study on the Book of Psalms.

This course is a prerequisite for Course II which will be available in 2027 during the Lenten Season. All sessions are conducted online, starting at 8:00 am Eastern Standard Time.

Special guest recordings



Rawn Harper



Dr. Valimar Jansen

Cost: Suggested Registration cost is \$50.00 (Please add a \$ 3.00 processing fee) which covers all reading materials.

Registration Link: <https://www.eatthescrollministry.com/onlinebiblestudy>

Registration begins: August 28, 2026

This course is limited to 25 participants; so, register soon!



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SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 21, 2026



PROGRAM
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM



MASS
4:00 PM



St. Mary's Catholic Church
6101 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Fairfield, AL 35064

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BLACK CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

THEME:

Empowering Black Catholic Men: NEW EVANGELIZATION

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Rev. Stephen
Thorne, Ed D



Rev. Wilfred
Emeh



Rev. Kevin
Okafor



Rev. Msgr.
Federico Britto



**DECEMBER 5
2026**



St. Cyprian Church
525 Cobbs Creek Pkwy



9:00 AM Registration
9:30 – 3:00 PM Program
Lunch will be provided



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For links to various other entities, please click [here](#).

For a list of where Black Catholic Parishes are located (constantly being updated), please click [here](#).

[***National Urban League State of Black American 2026 Report***](#)



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[***Loyola Institute for Ministry Job Bank \(other organization links included\)***](#)



Black Catholic Formation and Educational Opportunities



IBCS SUMMER SESSION 2026
JUNE 28 - JULY 17, 2026

2026 Master of Theology Degree Program
Associate Director, C. Vanessa White, D.Min.

The Master of Theology Program (Th.M.) is the one graduate theology program in the USA taught from Black Catholic perspectives. Its interdisciplinary curriculum focuses on Black approaches, critiques, and contributions to systematic and pastoral theologies, ministries, aesthetics, philosophy, and education. Established in 1980 on the campus of Xavier University of Louisiana, the IBCS is dedicated to scholarship, prayer, worship, and community-building. The Th.M. program forms students for theologically and culturally competent service as ordained, religious or lay ecclesial ministers in the Black community, church and community at-large. The Degree program welcomes scholars seeking on-going religious study, visiting graduate students and ministers who desire to enhance their general theological studies by exploring the Catholic tradition and its particular meaning for the social and spiritual experiences of Black people in the U.S. and beyond.

MORNING COURSES

IBTH 5030 Black Approaches to Scripture. Presents Black history, culture, and experience as a focus for responding to the Word of Scripture. Methods and tools of biblical exegesis are introduced; similarities between biblical mentality and Black mentality, and problem texts are also

discussed. **Mark Enemoff, C.S.S.p., Ph.D.** (M-F, 8:45am – 11:45am) Core Course. (3 units).

IBTH 5081 Christology. Studies the Kingdom of God as announced in the teaching, healing ministry, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, particularly as these are understood in the African American community from the perspective of liberation and black theologies. **Byron Wrotee, Ph.D.** (M-F, 8:45am – 11:45am) Area Requirement. (3 units).

IBTH 5430 Spirituality of Black Literature. Uses selected works of African American literature as a resource for the study of the spirituality of a people. It attempts to understand and articulate the spirituality expressed in the words, songs, prayers, relationships, and daily lives of Black people, as they are found in imaginative works. **Ernest Gibson, Ph.D.** (M-F, 8:45am – 11:45 am) Area Requirement. (3 units).

AFTERNOON COURSES

IBTH 5010 Black Approaches to Theology. Stresses the nature, methods and sources of Black Theology; the reasons justifying its existence and its relationship to other theologies within the Roman Catholic Tradition. **Cory W. Doherty, Ph.D.** (M-F, 1:45pm – 4:45pm) Introduction. (3 units).

IBTH 5600 Moral Questions in the Black Community. Intends to establish a dialogue (a mutual critique and enrichment) between African American and Roman Catholic approaches to ethical issues, focusing on matters of particular concern to African Americans. **Nicole Symmonds, Ph.D.** (M-F, 1:45pm – 4:45pm) Core Course. (3 units).





IBCS SUMMER SESSION 2026
Institute for Black Catholic Studies
Xavier University of Louisiana
1 Drexel Drive ~ Box 49
New Orleans, LA 70125
504-520-7691
www.xula.edu/ibcs



"...those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength..." ~ Is 40:31

Greetings!
The Institute for Black Catholic Studies is a school of pastoral theology and ministry established in 1980 at Xavier University of Louisiana. The Institute's mission is to form Christian disciples for evangelization in today's Church and society. Participants are immersed in the faith through graduate and continuing education scholarship supported by a rich community life of prayer, worship, and cultural activities. In 2026, the Institute will focus on Catholic principles of synodality, promoted by the late Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV to form a more inclusive Church, a more collaborative people of God! Consider joining us this summer in historic New Orleans where together, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we will learn and practice synodal values of communion, mission and participation to build up the 21st century Body of Christ. Use the QR code to learn more. Ashal!

Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, D.Min.,
IBCS Director



To learn more about the Institute for Black Catholics Studies, click [here](#).



Loyola Marymount University is offering several courses on Black Catholic Spirituality. You can learn more about this program by clicking [here](#).



To learn more about the SANKOFA INSTITUTE at the Oblate School of Theology, click [here](#).



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The term “I’ve Known Rivers” symbolizes the unique, and frequently, toilsome, journey that our African American shepherds – as well as many Black Catholics, experience in our Church and country. This is also encompassed within the Langston Hughes Poem that begins with this phrase.



Learn more / order online at: www.kofpc.org/rivers

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*The funds raised by the sale of these pins will benefit the **Collegiate Units of the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary**.

We are grateful to the **Flaherty Family Foundation** for their generous sponsorship in the creation of these pins.

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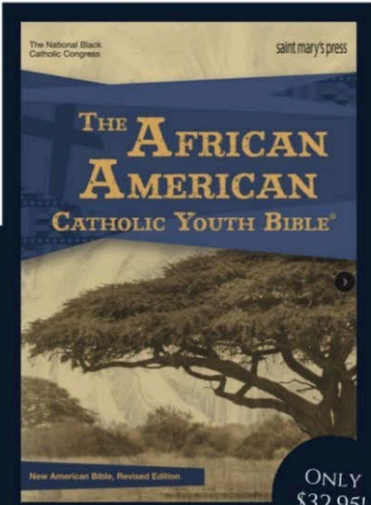
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The press release about the reprinting can be found [here](#).

This will be sold exclusively through the Josephite Pastoral Center and can be ordered by clicking [here](#).



Please continue to pray for vocations



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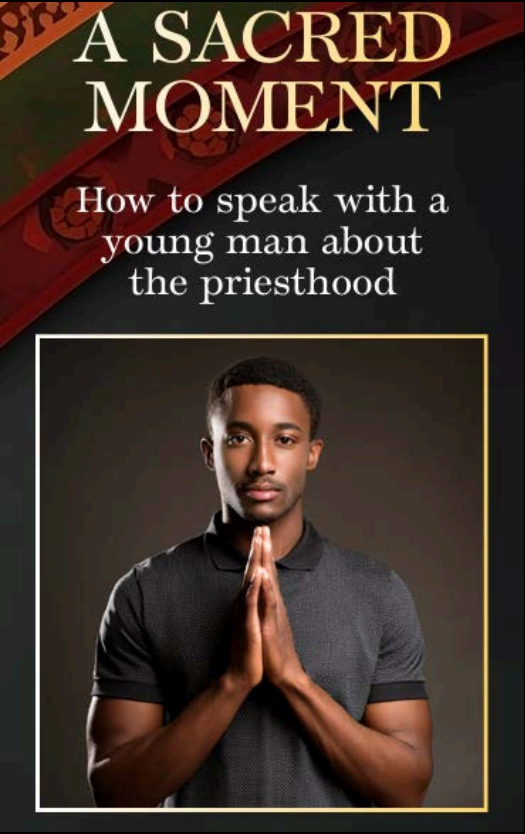
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Let us pray for our seminarians.

To learn more about the National Black Catholic Seminarians Association, click [here](#).

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20/22



The National Black Catholic Congress has produced some new Vocation resources.

You can view these brochures on the NBCC [homepage](#).

Lord Jesus Christ, people of African descent have been an integral part of your Church since its beginning. They have joined people of every race, ethnicity, and nation to proclaim your Gospel and to build your Church.

We thank you for those who have accepted their vocation from you to serve as consecrated religious women and men, deacons, and priests.

With the intercession of the Servants of God Mother Mary Lange, Sister Thea Bowman, and Julia Greeley, and the Venerables Mother Henriette Dellille, Father Augustus Tolton, and Pierre Toussaint, we pray that those whom you are calling to holy orders and the consecrated religious life will recognize it and accept it. Raise us up to support them.

You live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

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