

The Call of Our People:

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

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Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church



"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.

***If you do not see it, please click "view entire email"
in your browser.***



We are grateful for our subcommittee members:

Bishop Roy Campbell (Chair)

Archbishop Shelton Fabre

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You can watch Bishop Boxie III's interview with EWTN by clicking on the image above.



Congratulations to Bishop Robert Boxie III !!!

We are joyful, and join you in prayer, as you begin your new role as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington.

You can read about the ordination [here](#).

Learn more about the meaning behind his Coat of Arms via the [Mass Program](#).

**You can view the videos from
Bishop-Elect Boxie III's Ordination Events below:**

National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus Prayer Service - St. Augustine Church, DC

Episcopal Ordination - Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, DC



Ali Mumbach has written a blog focusing on the history of African American Bishops in the United States. You can read it [here](#).





Office of Public Affairs

**Bishop Garcia Underscores the
Significance of the Voting Rights
Act and Encourages Recommitment
to the Work Which Remains**

"May we continue to work together for the common good
and for a society in which all citizens are able to participate
fully and faithfully in our democracy."

**Bishop Daniel Garcia, Chair of the Subcommittee on the
Promotion of Racial Justice and Healing, released a
statement on the significance of the Voting Rights Act.**

You can read the statement [here](#).



**Bishop Edward Braxton (bishop emeritus of the Diocese of
Belleville) wrote an article about the significance of Pope
Leo XIV's apology for slavery in *Magnifica Humanitas*.**

You can find the article [here](#).



Congratulations to Dr. LaShaunda Reese on being named the new Associate Director for Continuing Education and Enrichment at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana.

You can read the press release [here](#).



**Congratulations to Fr. Ray Bomberger SSJ on being elected
the new superior general of the Josephites.**

You can read more about Fr. Bomberger [here](#).





The Lyke House Center in the Archdiocese of Atlanta shares about how they connect with the students in the AUC (Atlanta University Center Consortium).

You can read it [here](#).





Congratulations to Fr. Anthony Bozeman SSJ and Sr. Lynn Marie Ralph SBS on their national awards:

Fr. Anthony Bozeman SSJ - Fr. Joseph M. Davis Lifetime Achievement Award (National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus)

Sr. Lynn Marie Ralph SBS - Harriett Tubman Award (National Black Catholic Sisters Conference)





The Sisters of the Holy Family are using their land in New Orleans to create a solar farm to produce affordable energy for those in need.

You can read more about this project [here](#).





CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

FAITH, JUSTICE, AND THE BLACK CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE

ABOUT THIS COURSE

Taught by leading lay and clergy leaders in the Black Catholic community, this seven-part course explores the principles of Catholic Social Teaching through the lens of the Black Catholic experience. Each session connects one principle to real questions of dignity, justice, and community. It is designed for anyone seeking to deepen their faith and live out the Church's vision of justice.

STARTS
Aug 18, 2026

DURATION
7 weeks

DAY/TIME
Tuesday, 7pm ET

Date	Class	Instructor
Aug 18, 2026	Life and Dignity of the Human Person	Father Bryan Massingale
Aug 25, 2026	Solidarity	Father Manuel Williams, C.R.
Sep 1, 2026	The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers	Mrs. Charlene Howard
Sep 8, 2026	Call to Family, Community, and Participation	Dr. Ansel Augustine
Sep 15, 2026	Option for the Poor and Vulnerable	Mr. Ralph McCloud
Sep 22, 2026	Care for God's Creation	Mrs. Danielle Harrison
Sep 29, 2026	Rights and Responsibilities	Dr. Valerie Lewis-Mosley

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The Josephite Pastoral Center is coordinating a Catholic Social Teaching Series.

You can learn more about it by clicking on the image above.



Norman C. Francis
Xavier University
and the Pursuit of
a New South

BLACK, CATHOLIC & LEADING

Kim Vaz-Deville
Foreword by Walter Isaacson

A new book is coming out documenting the journey of the late Dr. Norman Francis at Xavier University of Louisiana. You can learn more about it [here](#).





Fr. Josh Johnson will host a new podcast. You can learn more about it [here](#).





July 1, 2026 (WEDNESDAY)

8:00 AM EDT

**NBCC Daniel Rudd
Grant Fund Opens for
Applications**

**Deadline to submit applications
is Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026 at 5:00
PM EDT**

**The National Black Catholic Congress's Daniel Rudd Fund
will be accepting grant applications beginning July 1st. You
can find out more information [here](#).**





The Catholic Mobilizing Network is coordinating an Alabama Civil Rights Pilgrimage. To learn more, click [here](#).



Springtide Research Institute has released two reports on the young church. You can view the reports by clicking the links below:

[*Making Sense of Vocations*](#)

[*Catholic Teens and Young Adults*](#)

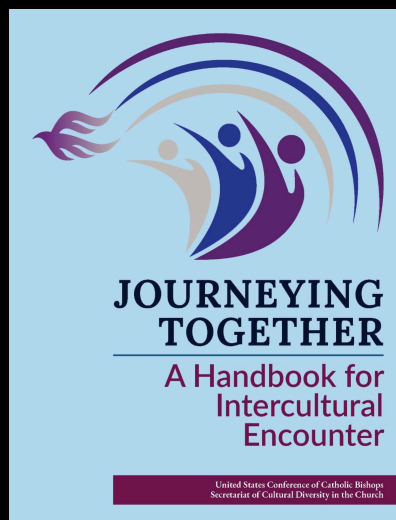


Reframing Black Catholic Life Through *Flourishing*

A national initiative advancing new ways of understanding Black Catholic life—centered in presence, possibility, and lived vitality.



As many of you know, several Black Catholic Leaders have been gathering to work on Black Catholic Flourishing initiative over the past year and a half. A website has been created to detail the work and upcoming opportunities. You can view the website by clicking [here](#).



The website and resources have been updated from the USCCB's gathering of Young Adults several years ago. You can learn more about the Journeying Together Initiative [here](#).

The Leadership Roundtable has also released information about bridging generational gaps in the Catholic Church. You can view the article [here](#).



The Subcommittee on African American Affairs is working with Catholic TV to develop a series that is scheduled to air in November 2026 on Catholic TV stations around the country.

The series will focus on the original "Saintly 6" with sainthood causes coming from US Dioceses.

You can view the trailer [here](#).





CATHOLIC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sister Thea Bowman Foundation provides scholarship opportunities to those African American and Afro-Latino students who might not otherwise have access to quality, Catholic higher education.



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theabowmanfoundation.org

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2025

ADVANCING THE NEEDS OF
**BLACK CATHOLIC
YOUNG ADULTS**

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A YOUNG ADULT GATHERING
AT XAVIER UNIVERSITY IN LOUISIANA

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

Mission Directive

2025-2028

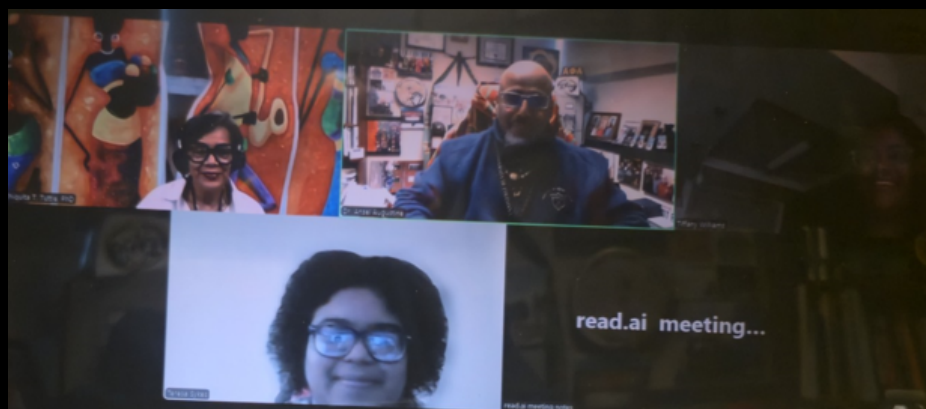
Responding even more deeply to the call of Christ to proclaim the Gospel and form Missionary Disciples, the Committees and Staff of the USCCB, submitting to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, will prioritize the work of the Conference to help equip bishops, clergy, religious, and the laity in evangelizing those who are religiously unaffiliated or disaffiliated from the Church, with special focus on young adults and the youth.



The new Mission Directive, which directs the work of the USCCB, has been affirmed. The Subcommittee on African American Affairs will be working towards initiatives that support this work over the next 4 years. Please pray for the subcommittee as we continue to discern how best to advocate for, and serve, our communities. Our initial focus is the several Black Catholic Young Adult (ages 18-40 years old) listening session that have been, and will be, taking place around the country.













We hosted several Black Catholic Young Adult Listening Sessions around the country. The first took place at **Xavier University of Louisiana** in November 2023. A national report was shared following this gathering, you can view the report [here](#).

In April 2025, we held a listening session in the **Diocese of Birmingham** with a grant from the Catholic Home Missions Collection and support from the diocese itself. You can view an EWTN news report on the gathering by clicking [here](#).

On August 25th and 26th, we held listening sessions at the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** in which a dialogue took place between the young adults and several Executive Directors, along with some local Pastors, here at the USCCB.

During the Summer of 2025 we held listening sessions with **Black Catholic Young Adults** at Yale University, the University of San Francisco, the Archdiocese of New York, the Diocese of Oakland, and at the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary National Convention.

Upcoming Listening Sessions are scheduled for the **Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston**, the **Diocese of Beaumont**, and the **Archdiocese of Los Angeles**.

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.

One of the attendees of the **Black Catholic Young Adult Listening Session** held in Birmingham, AL shares his reflection on the gathering. You can read more [here](#).

Nyle Grimes, daughter of former Assistant Director of African American Affairs - Mrs. Donna Grimes, and one of the team members and attendees of the **Black Catholic Young Adult Listening Session** held at the USCCB, shares her reflection on the gathering. You can read more [here](#).

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.



Job Opportunities:

[USCCB Opportunities](#)

[NBCC Job Bank](#)

[Xavier University of Louisiana Job Bank](#)

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

[Communications Officer \(Georgetown University - Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life\)](#)

Communications Manager (Ignatian Solidarity Network)

Loyola Marymount University (Assistant Professor of Christianity in Late Antiquity)



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 theological 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 ongoing 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 locus 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.Sp., 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. *Cary W Dabney, 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*



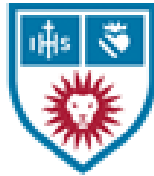
Greetings!

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. Ashe!

Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, D.Min.,
IBCS Director



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



Loyola Marymount University
**Center for Religion
& Spirituality**

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



SANKOFA INSTITUTE
for African American Pastoral Leadership
at Oblate School of Theology

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

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To learn more about the New Frontiers in Preaching
Academy, click [here](#).



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To learn more about the Tolton Scholars Program at Catholic
Theological Union, click [here](#).



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

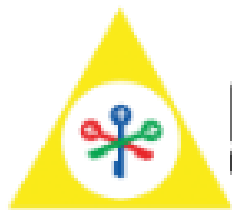
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Sunday

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Sep

1:30 PM
Sunday

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Oct

6:30 PM
Tuesday

Pierre Toussaint

St. Susanna Parish - Meyer Center, 500 Reading Rd., Mason

Mother Mary Lange

Province House of Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur,
699 E Columbia Ave., Reading

Fr. Augustus Tolton

St. Andrew Parish, 552 Main St., Milford

Sr. Thea Bowman

Sisters of the Precious Blood, 4960 Salem Ave., Dayton

Julia Greely

Lehman High School, 2400 St. Mary's Ave., Sidney

Sr. Henriette Delille

St. Benedict the Moor Parish, 519 Liscum Dr., Dayton

Fr. Martin de Porres Ward

Church of the Resurrection Parish,
1619 Resurrection Ave., Cincinnati



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The Saintly Seven

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National Black Catholic Men's Conference
Birmingham, Alabama
October 15th - 18th 2026

THE ROCK

I Stand On

— MATTHEW 7:24-26 —



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October 15th - 18th, 2026

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SCAN TO REGISTER

Fr. Chester P. Smith National Black Catholic Men's Conference Oct2026 - Start Your Reservation

To register, go to the Bowman-Francis Ministry website at:

www.bowmanfrancis.org



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Sunday, October 18th

10:00 a.m. Mass

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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



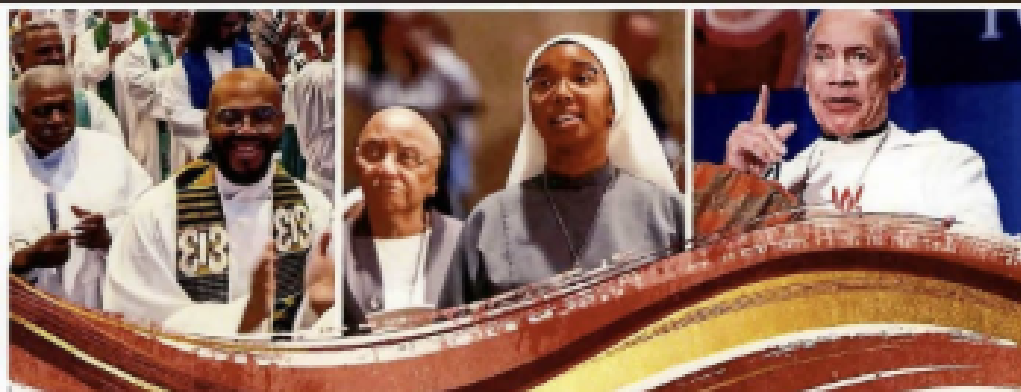
Dr. Valimar Jansen

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!





Save the date

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Black Catholic History Month Prayer Breakfast
**"Nourished by the Word,
Sent to the World"**

Saturday, November 14, 2026 | 9-noon

St. Laurence Catholic Church, 3100 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX

Join us for an inspiring morning of fellowship, deep reflection, and joyful praise. Together, we will honor the courageous Black priests and sisters who built our foundations of faith—and explore how we can foster, support, and encourage a new generation of Black Catholic vocations today.



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Shannen D. Williams
Author, *Subversive Habits: Black Nuns in the Long African American Freedom Struggle*

Featured Presenter: Deacon Phillip Jackson
Director, Office of the Permanent Diaconate
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Registration opens in September!



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SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 21 & 22, 2026



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DR. ANSEL AUGUSTINE
Assistant Director of
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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

Follow the Birmingham Black Catholic Parish Consortium for updates.

Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund presents

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7:30AM

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Black Ministry



The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund of the Archdiocese of New York invites all to join their prayer line on Tuesday's and Thursday's at 7:30am EST.



Other Upcoming Events:

October 15 -17, 2026: *African Americans and the Semi-Quincentennial*
(Coppin State University)

June 22 - 25, 2027: *Archbishop Lyke Conference (New Orleans, LA)*



Black Catholic Resources (continually updated):

For a list of resources and National Partners relevant to the African American Catholic Community, please click [here](#).

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



Introducing the “I’ve Known Rivers” Pin



In 2021 the late **Bishop Fernand Cheri III, OFM**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, worked with **Dr. Ansel Augustine** to create a special **Pectoral Cross for the African American Bishops of the United States**. A replica of the front and back of the cross is merged into this pin.

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.



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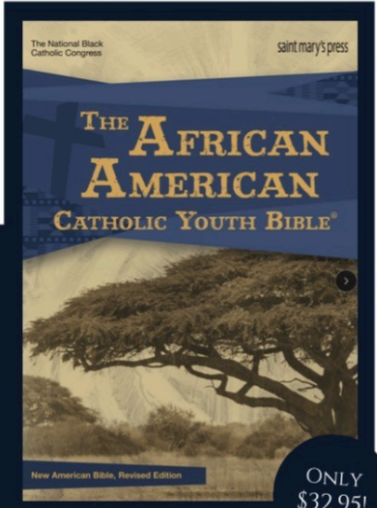
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The press release about the reprinting can be found [here](#).

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



Please continue to pray for vocations





Let us pray for our seminarians.

To learn more about the National Black Catholic
Seminarians Association, click [here](http://www.thenbcsa.org).



A DISCERNMENT GUIDE
FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

A SACRED MOMENT

How to speak with a
young man about
the priesthood



**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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