



INSTITUTE FOR BLACK CATHOLIC STUDIES *Xavier University of Louisiana*

2021 Continuing Education and Enrichment (C&E) Course Offerings June 28-July 16, 2021

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C&E Programs provide lifelong learning and spiritual formation for, pastoral leaders, clergy, religious, administrators, teachers and others who minister with Black communities or serve in multi-cultural settings. These featured courses offer unique opportunities for students to grow in their understanding of Black Catholicism and its impact on their ministry, community and the Church at-large. Students are graded on a pass/fail basis and will receive 1.5 CEUs for each course successfully completed. There is a limit of 15 students per class; maximum registration for the Elder Retreat is 18. In 2020, the IBCS transitioned to an online learning platform in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic. The administration of Xavier University has not yet announced the teaching format for the 2021 IBCS Summer Session. Please note that all class times are CST.

Week 1: June 28- July 2, 2021

CORE0001F An Introduction to Black Church Studies. This review of the Black Church as it emerged within slavery (with African influences) through the Civil War and after to the present day will reveal the significant role these churches play in the preservation and transformation of African peoples to African Americans, and how they served as both refuges and sites of rebellion. **Diana Hayes, Ph.D.** (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

CORE0004E The Gift of Black Catholic Worship. St. John Paul II affirmed that the Church needs the gift of Blackness (1987). This gift is profoundly expressed, celebrated and nurtured in and through liturgy. We will examine the four pillars of African American Catholic worship: Preaching, Music, Environment and Community; and how the Black Catholic community can enhance the mission of the Church in all communities. **Fr. Manuel Williams, CR, Th.M.** (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

CORE0005 African American Spirituality. This course offers a survey of African American spirituality; namely, from its origin during slavery through its evolution during the Civil War, the Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and the Civil Rights Movements. The course will follow the manifestations of this spirituality in music and in the Black Church, Catholic and Protestant traditions alike. **Cary W. Dabney, Ph.D. Candidate** (M-F, 1:45-4:45pm)

CORE00013 Black Psychology: Black Life Matters. This course will approach the study of human behavior within the social context of the Black community to explore spiritual, cultural and pastoral resources available to strengthen the Christian faithful to address psychological challenges to Black Life. **Fr. Roy A. Lee, Ph.D.** (M-F, 1:45-4:45pm)

Week 2: July 5- July 9, 2021

YUTH0010 "Keep It Real": Working with Today's Black Youth. This course presents a vibrant approach to youth ministry: it highlights the need to meaningfully acknowledge and engage the unique experiences of black youth, as well as the distinct gifts of insight and inquiry they bring to the faith community. It offers practical insights to accompany and mentor these Black believers at this critical time in their faith journey. **Valerie Shields, M.A.R.S.** (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

LDER0035 The Mission of Discipleship—Lay Leaders in the 21st Century. This course is designed to develop leadership skills in potential lay ministry leaders and enhance ministry skills in current parish lay ministers. The course will provide a familiarity with the various elements of the Church's hierarchy and parish administrative processes, including goal setting and achieving, human relations, and group dynamics. **Cary W. Dabney, Ph.D. Candidate** (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

LDER0035 Faith in Action: Catholic Support for BLM and Anti-Racism. This course will explore the serious psychological and spiritual harm caused by racism and ongoing racial stress. It will highlight the appropriateness and urgency of the church engaging in the Black Lives Matter Movement. And, this course will explore practical strategies for doing it! **Eva Marie Lumas, SSS, D.Min.** (M-F, 1:45-4:45PM)

YAFF0011 The "Present Presence" of Young Adults in Our Church. Labeling young adults as the "future" of our Church can be misleading, potentially lulling communities into a crippling apathy in ministering to 18 to 39 years-old. This course affirms the present faith-filled insight and giftedness of young adults, and explores ways to engage them now, including inviting them to ministerial leadership within our faith communities. **Ashley Morris, Th.M.** (M-F, 1:45-4:45PM)

Week 3: July 12-July 16, 2021

LDER0036 Moving Beyond "Us and Them". This interdisciplinary seminar is designed to discuss black cultural representation(s) emerging from the complex relations among people of African descent. We will critically explore and interrogate black people's experience of racial colonialization and slavery in order to grasp its impact on cultural identification, and its implication for the future of black Catholicism in the USA. **Rev. Kwame Assenyoh, Ph.D. Cand.** (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

LDER001D Women and the Principle of Ujima: Development and Preservation of Community. The third principle of Kwanzaa, Ujima, exalts the collective work and responsibility of community building. We will examine the principles and foundations of historical Black women's civic, social and church groups to inform our efforts to create and sustain women's groups that nurture the noble strivings of the many communities to which these women belonged. **Heather Malveaux, M.P.H., M.P.S.** (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

SREP0001B Elders Retreat: Renewed-Revived-Ready! African American Elders (age 55+) are invited to a week of prayer, reflection, discussion, recreation, and renewal. Come celebrate the legacy of elders in the Black Catholic community. Let the Spirit revive, renew, and keep you ready to share the wisdom that continues to sustain our community. **Chaplain Thelma Lucas, Th.M.** (M-F, 9:00-11:45AM; 2:00-4:00PM)

CORE004E Pastor/Pastoral Staff and the Pastoral Musician. The quality of presiding, preaching and music is essential to the vitality of parish liturgies. We will explore ways in which the personal qualities, ministerial skills and professional relationship of the pastor/pastoral team and musician can enrich Eucharistic celebrations, the important interplay between spoken and song Word, and ways to enrich the worship experience. **Fr. Manuel Williams, CR, Th.M.** (M-F, 1:45-4:45PM)

CATF0020 Africentric Catechesis/Religious Education for These Times. This course will facilitate the development of Catechetical/Religious Education goals, objectives, strategies, and resources capable of fostering "mature faith" within the African American community. We will explore "mature faith" as an ongoing process that raises disciple-citizens committed to honoring everyone's dignity, inviting everyone's giftedness, creating right relationships and promoting the common good. **Caleb Buchanan, Th.M.** (M-F, 1:45-4:45PM)

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