Week 1: June 28-July 2, 2021
CORE0016 An Introduction to Black Church Studies. This review of the Black Church as a merged within slavery (African American) influenced through the Civil War and after the present day will reveal the significant role these churches play in the transformation and development of African American spirituality, including its role in 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.

Week 2: July 5-July 9, 2021
YOUTH0101 "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 young adults, 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. Valeria Shields, M.A.R.S. (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

LDR0030 The Mission of Discipleship—Lay Leaders in the 21st Century. This course is designed to develop leadership skills in potential lay ministers and enhance ministry skills in current lay parish leaders. The course will provide a familiarity with the various elements of the Church's theology and parish administrative processes, including goal setting and achieving, human relations, and group dynamics. Cary W. Dobney, Ph.D. Candidate (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

LDR0035 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 Luma, S.S., D.Min. (M-F, 1:45-4:45PM)

Week 3: July 12-July 16, 2021
CORE0001F An Introduction to Black Church Studies. This course will approach the study of human behavior within the context of the Black community to explore spiritual, cultural and pastoral resources available to strengthen the Christian faithfulness to address psychological challenges to Black life. Ph. Roy A. Lee, Ph.D. (M-F, 1:45-4:45PM)

LDR0036 Moving Beyond "Us and Them" (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM). This interdisciplinary seminar is designed to discuss black cultural representations emerging from the complex relations among people of African descent. We will critically explore and interrogate black people's experience of racial colonization and slavery in order to grasp its impact on cultural identification, and its implication for the future of black Catholicism in the USA. Hayes, Ph.D. (M-F, 1:45-4:45PM)

LDR0037 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 black women's civic, social and church groups to inform our efforts to create and sustain women's groups that nurture the noble stirrings of the many communities to which these women belonged. Heather Mackiew, M.P.H., M.P.S. (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

Week 4: July 19-July 23, 2021
CORE0005 African American Spirituality. This course will follow the manifestations of this spirituality in music and in the Black Church, Catholic and Protestant traditions alike. During slavery through its evolution during the Civil War, the Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and the Civil Rights Movements. The third principle of Kwanzaa, Ujima, exalts the collective work and responsibility of community building. We will examine the principles and foundations of black women's civic, social and church groups to inform our efforts to create and sustain women's groups that nurture the noble stirrings of the many communities to which these women belonged. Heather Mackiew, M.P.H., M.P.S. (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

CORE0007 African American Spirituality: From Slavery to the Present. 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)

CORE0008 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)

CORE0011A 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 renew, 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)

CORE0017 Reflections on the Present and Future of the Black Catholic Church. 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, 1:45-4:45PM)

CAT0020 Africentric Catechetical/Religious Education for These Times. This course will facilitate the development of Catechetical/Religious Education programs, strategies, objectives, and resources capable of fostering "mature faith" within the African American community. We will explore "mature faith" as an ongoing process that raises disciples committed to honoring everyone's dignity, inviting everyone's giftedness, creating right relationships and promoting the common good. Caleb Buchman, Th.M. (M-F, 1:45-4:45PM)