

## **African American Catholic Leadership September 2006**

### **Ambassadors of the Word**

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Ambassadors of the Word is a peer-group ministry program that has taken African American youth to West Africa, the Caribbean islands, Belize, Brazil and Trinidad. Ambassadors of the Word also host an annual Sankofa Youth Summit.

### **Black Catholic Catechetical Network**

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The Black Catholic Catechetical Network's purpose is to articulate, enhance and revitalize catechesis for Black Catholics throughout the United States.

### **Black Catholic Theological Symposium**

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The Black Catholic Theological Symposium is a national interdisciplinary theological society of the Roman Catholic tradition. The Symposium was established to foster among Black Catholics an ethical community of scholarly dialogue; to publish reports, the Symposium's discussions, and the research of Symposium members; to encourage the teaching and discussion of Black Catholic religious and cultural experiences though and within the theology and/or religious studies curriculum of colleges, universities, and seminaries; to encourage the identification and development of Black Catholic scholars in the fields of theology, liturgy, ethics, canon law, church history, biblical studies; to enable the identification and development of practitioners in the fields of pastoral ministry and religious education.

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## **Institute for Black Catholic Studies**

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Founded in 1980, the Institute for Black Catholic Studies (IBCS) of Xavier University of Louisiana offers programs in pastoral ministries, religious education and pastoral theology taught from the perspective of the Christian faith expressed in the Black religious community. In particular, the Institute critically engages, explores and celebrates the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and addresses the reality of being Black and Catholic from historical, philosophical, aesthetical, psychological and theological perspectives as these affect contemporary pastoral practice.

## **Josephite Fathers and Brothers**

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The Josephites are an interracial, intercultural community of priests and brothers who work in the African American community. It is the only community of men in the U.S. Catholic Church engaged exclusively in this ministry. Most Josephites work and live in the parish setting, but they may also be found in the parish school, religious education or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programs, counseling or involved with parish youth. They are also active in hospital and prison work, full-time evangelization and drug and alcohol treatment programs. Established in 1968, the Josephite Pastoral Center is the educational and research arm of the Josephite Society. It offers Black-oriented publications, videos, calendars and service development programs.

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### **Knights/Ladies of St. Peter Claver**

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In the 1900's when Black Catholics could not join fraternal organizations, the Josephite Fathers and Brothers organized the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver in Alabama. Since that time, this order of men and women has become the largest Black Catholic organization in the United States. The ladies Auxiliary was authorized and their constitution adopted in August 1922; it was recognized as a Division of the National Council in 1926. The Junior Daughters was established in 1930 and the Junior Knights were established in 1935.

The order has participated in the charitable appeals of many Catholic churches and institutions and made noteworthy contributions to various local, state and national organizations, such as the NAACP, National Council of Catholic Women, Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, Xavier University and others.

The Junior Division, comprised of the Junior Daughters and the Junior Knights, is intended for Catholic youth between the ages of 7 and 19 years. The program strives to build good character and leadership qualities. The Junior Division has a Junior Supreme Knight and Junior Supreme Lady.

### **National African American Catholic Youth Ministry Network**

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The National African American Catholic Youth Ministry Network was founded in 1986 in response to the needs of African American youth ministers and youth. As an affiliate of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, NAACYMN provides a collective voice for its members, in addressing the growing needs and diversity of youth and youth ministers in the African American community.

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## **National Association of African American Catholic Deacons**

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The National Association of African American Catholic Deacons (NAAACD) was founded on July 25, 1993, and was incorporated under the laws of Illinois. The purposes of the Association are:

- to promote unity among African American deacons, further the professional spiritual growth of its members;
- to be proactive in promoting the, future of African American families; and
- to develop relationships with the National Black Catholic Congress, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus and the Bishops' Committee on the Diaconate in matters that affect African American deacons and their families.

## **National Association of Black Catholic Administrators**

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The National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA) was established in 1976. Members of NABCA share resources to address issues and concerns facing African American communities. They assist implementation of the National Black Catholic Congress Agenda and Pastoral Plan, and the Bishops' 1979 Pastoral Letter on Racism. They promote, develop and support African American leaders and leaders who embrace ministry among African Americans.

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## **The National Black Catholic Apostolate for Life**

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The National Black Catholic Apostolate for Life is a ministry committed to witness the gift of life in the Black community and to defending unconditionally human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Sponsored by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus and the Franciscan Solid Ground Ministry, the NBCAL was inaugurated by Franciscan Father James E. Goode in the fall of 1997 with the support of the late Cardinal John O'Connor of New York and the archdiocese's Office of Black Ministry.

## **National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus**

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The National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus serves as a fraternity for Black Catholic clergy and religious to support the spiritual, theological, educational, and ministerial growth of its members. It is a vehicle to bring the contributions of the Black community to fruition within the Catholic Church. It wages an attack on the institutional racism within the Catholic Church and on the Church's support of white racism overall in the American society.

## **National Black Catholic Congress**

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The National Black Catholic Congress, comprised of member organizations, represents African American Catholics, working in collaboration with national Roman Catholic organizations. It is committed to establishing an agenda for the evangelization of African Americans and to improving the spiritual, mental, and physical conditions of African Americans. The Congress is

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likewise committed to the freedom and growth of African Americans as full participants in the church and society.

## **National Black Catholic Seminarians Association**

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The National Black Catholic Seminarians Association (NBCSA) prides itself on capitalizing on the bonds of brotherhood its members share among themselves and with their confreres in their respective houses of formation. They seek to discern, identify and accentuate the spiritual, cultural and ecclesial experiences in which they share. The apostolic focus is on vocations of Black men and those who work with Black persons.

## **National Black Sisters' Conference**

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The National Black Sisters' Conference (NBSC) provides support to its membership of Black Catholic women religious through prayer, study, solidarity, and programs. It provides a strong voice supporting women and confronting individual racism found in society and in the Church, and speaks and acts on conditions and issues in the social, economic and educational milieu.

## **National Office for Black Catholics**

The Paulist Center

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The National Office for Black Catholics, organized in 1970, is a central agency with the general purpose of promoting active and full participation by Black Catholics in the Church and of making more effective the presence and ministry of the Church in the Black community. Its operations support the aspirations of Black Catholics for objectives that include:

- representation and voice among Bishops and other leaders of the Church;
- promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life;

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- sponsorship of programs of evangelization, pastoral ministry, education, and liturgy on national and regional levels;
- recognition of Black heritage in liturgy, community life, theology, and education; and
- establishment of an Institute for Leadership Training Formation and Development.

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Xavier University of Louisiana is Catholic and historically Black. Xavier University is the only predominately Black Catholic university in the world. Founded by Saint Katherine Drexel and the Sisters of Blessed Sacrament in 1925, Xavier has 19 departments in its College of Arts and Sciences and offers courses in 43 major areas of studies. To this end, Xavier prepares its students to assume roles of leadership and service in society. This preparation takes place in a pluralistic teaching and learning environment that incorporates all relevant educational means, including research and community service.