

XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
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INSTITUTE for BLACK CATHOLIC STUDIES

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Master Degree Program



The IBCS Degree program is the only graduate program in pastoral theology in the United States that is taught from a Black Catholic perspective. The mission of the Degree Program is to develop interdisciplinary theologically grounded ecclesial ministers who will embody and promote effective ministry of the Church in the African American Community in the light of Roman Catholic and African American religious and cultural traditions. Internationally and nationally known Black Catholic theologians, biblical scholars, historians, and scholars in various fields in the arts and sciences comprise the faculty of the IBCS. Hence, the curriculum of the IBCS both experiments with the best in new research in Black historical, philosophical, cultural studies and critiques and integrates that knowledge for the enrichment of Catholic systematic, moral, and pastoral theologies and pastoral ministry.

Communal life is integral to the IBCS program – daily prayer, daily Eucharist, liturgical experiences, theological reflection, shared meals, social events and collaborative study – contribute to a holistic environment.



**Gye nyame – West African symbol of the supremacy of GOD (The Institute's logo)*



Xavier's proud and legendary commitment to intellectual excellence creates an atmosphere conducive to critical thought, historical retrieval, collaboration, and spiritual renewal. As Dr. Jamie T. Phelps, O.P., Director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies has said, "the Institute is a school that meets in the summer." Rigorous, yet exhilarating, the intensive three-week summer session focuses on assisting those engaged or preparing to engage in highly effective ministry in Black Catholic or multi-cultural and multi-racial parishes. The multi-cultural and international faculty and student body create a variety of opportunities for intellectual, cultural and spiritual growth that integrate the major teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church and Black religious experience. At the same time, each summer, New Orleans, the most African and Catholic of North American cities inspires both students and faculty alike.



MORNING COURSES

IBTH 5010 – Black Approaches to Theology explores the nature, methods and sources of Black Theology, the reasons for its existence, and the relationship of Black Theology to other theologies within the Roman Catholic tradition.

Dr. Enrico Joseph

IBTH 5020 – History of Black Catholicism – The course focuses on the historical roles Black people have played in shaping Catholicism from the foundation of the Church to the present. Special emphasis is placed on contributions of Blacks to Roman Catholicism in the United States.

Fr. Dr. Cyprian Davis, OSB

IBTH 5440 – The Spirituals studies the broad range of black sacred songs known as the "Spirituals." The focus is the origins, meanings, and purposes of the Spirituals and their importance in the foundation of Black Christian culture and their possible uses in Catholic worship, catechesis, and pastoral ministry.

Dr. Cheryl Kirk Duggan

IBTH 5620 - Urban Education in the Black Community is designed to enhance scholars' knowledge of urban schooling as it relates to the dynamics of race, class and culture. Scholars will develop analysis of the historical, socioeconomic, and political factors influencing urban education; effective instructional and organizational practices that close the achievement gap, including multicultural education, the development of positive school cultures, and the use of the Catholic Church and local community resources.

Dr. Kirk Gaddy

AFTERNOON COURSES

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 from the perspectives of liberation and black theologies.

Fr. Dr. Yvon Elega, S. J.

IBTH 5120 – Principles of Liturgy/Black Celebration – This course provides a survey of the history and principles of African, Black Church, and Roman Catholic liturgical celebrations.

Dr. Kathleen Dorsey Bellow

IBTH 5640 – Black Approaches to Medical Ethics employs Catholic social teaching and medical ethics to address health issues, concerns, and policies that have particular significance in Black communities.

Dr. Shawnee Daniels Sykes, SSND

IBTH 8000-Pastoral Leadership in Black Catholic & Multicultural Parishes. (2 sem. hr.) This one week degree seminar for cross-cultural and indigenous priests and pastors explores theological and practical pastoral issues that arise in the dynamics of the pastor's role in Black or multicultural Catholic Parishes. The Institute and this course is an ideal context for missionaries, cross-cultural priests and indigenous pastors to explore the historical and cultural realities of Black Catholics in the Roman Catholic Church in the United States as these impact planning effective pastoral strategies.

Fr. Gerard Marable, M.Div., Th.M.

Fr. Dr. Freddy Washington, C. S. Sp., D. Min.

ADVANCED COURSES

Dr. Cecilia Moore,

Assoc. Director for the Degree Program and Degree Faculty

EVENING COURSE

IBTH 5000 – Pro-Seminar – This course introduces students to Black Catholic Studies as a constituent component of African American religious studies. It presents the methods of the disciplines that form the core of the degree curriculum and, in particular, it assists students to become familiar with pertinent theological issues, vocabulary, and traditions.

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