



IBTH 5600 Moral Questions in the Black Community.

Establishes 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. **Craig A. Ford, Jr., Ph.D.** (M-F, 8:45 - 11:45 am) Core Course (3 units).

IBTH5090 Church: The Mission. Explores the nature and mission of the Church in contemporary society with particular emphasis on its significance to the evangelization and social justice ministries within and on behalf of the Black Community. **LaReine Marie Mosely, SND, Ph.D.** (M-F, 8:45 - 11:45 am) Area Requirement (3 units).

IBTH 5100 African, Black and Liberation Theologies. Engages in comparative study of the major issues of global theologies as these influence and are influenced by political, sociological, cultural and gender conflicts in various societies. **Simon Ahiokhai, Ph.D.** (M-F, 1:45 - 4:45 pm) Elective (3 units).

IBTH 5425 Slave Narratives. Begins with the earliest documents, tracing most especially the themes of transcendence, self-determination, and cultural transmissions outside the ordinary avenues of traditional culture. From the classic slave narratives to the more recent manifestations of African American imaginative work, there is an unbroken thread of cultural awareness and human dignity that serves as the guide to understanding African American culture and religious sensibilities. **Kim Harris, Ph.D.** (M-F, 1:45 - 4:45 pm) Area Requirement (3 units).

IBTH 5997 Integrative Colloquium. Helps students in the third or fourth summer of study to enter more deeply into the habitués of pastoral theology, that is, a way of thinking, reflecting, conversing, and writing about questions and issues that emerge from their ministry and ministerial research. **Albertina Walker-Hughey, Ph.D.** (M-F, 8:45 - 11:45 am). Advanced Course (3 units).



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Greetings from Xavier University of Louisiana!

Ministry with God's people is a privilege and responsibility that requires work - critical thought, prayer, reflection, and service - that forms the minister more and more in the ways of Christ. Established in 1980, the IBCS is a school of theology and ministry-formation oriented to God's gift of Blackness and rooted in Catholic faith. In the language of today, the IBCS mission is evangelization that promotes equity, justice and inclusion in Church and society. Please check out the IBCS offerings described here and consider participating in the 2022 IBCS summer session. Let us continue to pray, to work for health and peace for all the beloved of God.

**Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, D.Min.,
IBCS Director**





2022 Continuing Education and Enrichment (C&E) Course Offerings

Associate Director,
Sr. Eva Lumas, SSS, D.Min.

June 26-July 15, 2022

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 and 2021, 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 2022 IBCS Summer Session. The IBCS website is currently being updated to provide up-to-date info on IBCS 2022.

WEEK 1: JUNE 27- JULY 1, 2022

YUTH 0001 Black Youth: Media and the Message. Media (tv, movies, music, magazines, computer technologies, e.g., Facebook, Twitter, TikTok) are increasingly influential among Black youth. This course critically assesses the mixed messages of the media through the lens of the Christian faith and explores ways to help Black youth identify and pursue the good.
Valerie Shields, M.A.R.S (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

LDER 0028 Black Identity: Mind, Body and Soul. Being black in America can be a perilous journey requiring a specific set of insights, resources and skills to manage and master the demands of life! This course explores the multiple facets of identity development needed for being a psychologically and spiritually healthy African American.
Brian Turner, Ph.D. (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

CORE 0004 Liturgy: Work of the People. The pastoral purposes of liturgy are profound—it informs and

bears witness to the faith and faithfulness of the worshipping community. Vatican II even said “good liturgy nurtures faith, poor liturgy destroys it.” We will explore foundational principles and characteristics of sound liturgy within the African American Catholic Church.
Fr. Manuel Williams, CR, Th.M. (M-F, 1:45-4:45pm)

LDER 0032 DRAMA: Expressions of Black Belief, Faith and Culture. This course will explore the valuable role of dramatic art in liturgy as well as other ministries. Students will explore the biblical roots of the arts in ministry. They will also learn principles and practices that encourage and inform the use of dramatic arts in ministry today.
Sr. Sandra Helton, SSND (M-F, 1:45-4:45pm)

WEEK 2: JULY 4- JULY 8, 2022

CORE 0001F Black Catholics Working for Justice: Lessons from Past, Guidance for Today. This course explores Black Catholic history to highlight the lives and activism of Black Catholics who worked for justice. In learning their stories, we will consider how their experiences, strategies, successes and failures might serve as a “North Star” for Black Catholics working to advance social justice today.
Cecilia Moore, Ph.D. (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

CORE 0002E African American Catholic Ethics. African American Catholics are rarely acknowledged as contributors to Catholic “thought.” This course exposes the folly of dissociating moral theology, African American political history, and Black religion. We will explore ways Black Catholic moral theology can further ennoble the pastoral principles and practices that dominate the Catholic tradition.
Cary W. Dabney, Ph.D. Cand. (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

YAFF 0011 Ministry on the Millennial Margins. Misinformation, indifference, dysfunction and distractions continue to distort the Church’s prophetic witness among young adults. This course seeks to provide ministerial leaders with practical resources and skills to strengthen their prophetic voice and efforts to overcome these major impediments to evangelization among young adults.
Ashley Morris, Th.M. (M-F, 1:45-4:45PM)

CORE 0003J Seeking Wisdom. “Forming Wisdom through Cultural Rootedness” is the foundation for this course. We will explore: (1) the difference between wisdom and knowledge, (2) varied ways wisdom is manifest in Scripture and Black spirituality, (3) the importance of wisdom for shaping insight,

identity, self-esteem, values, faith and agency, and (4) ways wisdom is/can be taught/shared today.
Rev. John Segun Odeyemi, Ph.D. (M-F, 1:45-4:45PM)

WEEK 3: JULY 10-JULY 15, 2022

SREP 0001 Elders Retreat: Renewed-Revived-Ready! African American Elders (age 55+) spend a week in 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, 9:00-11:00AM; 2:00-4:00PM)

CORE 0002A Intro to Black and Womanist Theologies. Rooted in Africa, African American theology has grown through and in response to Slavery, Reconstruction, The Great Migration, Civil Rights, Black Power, and Black Nationalism Movements to Black Lives Matter. How does/can it inform our efforts to help bring about much needed change in the USA today?
Diana Hayes, Ph.D. (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

LDER 0016 Building Cultural Competence for Ministry in the African Diaspora. Fruitful ministry is achievable in Africa’s Region 6, (aka) the Diaspora. This course brings real talk to real challenges and opportunities affecting culturally diverse Catholics of African descent. We will identify attitudes, knowledge, skills, and strategies for building solidarity as we create the future we will share.
Donna Grimes, B.S. and Valerie Wehiong-Batta, M.A. (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

CATF 0021 Awakening Gifts: Teaching the Black Child. The course focuses on academic, spiritual, and socio-emotional development of the Black Child. The rich cultural history of Black people, and the increasingly complex societal issues will be explored in the context of educating the Black Child to thrive in a learning community that values the humanity of every Black child.
Rita Canton, Th.M. (M-F, 1:45-4:45PM)

CORE 0006B Jesus: King of Peace, Liberator. Justice and peace are core principles of the Gospel. As such, they are necessarily linked to the ongoing development of Catholic social teachings, moral theology and Church tradition. We will explore the essential role of these principles for developing authentically Catholic Christian pastoral responses to engage social problems of today.
Cary W. Dabney, Ph.D. Cand. (M-F, 1:45-4:45PM)



2022 Master of Theology Degree Program

Associate Director,
C. Vanessa White, D.Min.

The IBCS Master of Theology Program (Th.M.) is the only graduate theology program in the USA taught from a Black Catholic perspective. Its curriculum is interdisciplinary; courses focus on Black approaches, critiques, and contributions to systematic and pastoral theologies, youth and pastoral ministry, aesthetics, philosophy, and education. Established in 1980 in historic New Orleans on the campus of Xavier University of Louisiana, the IBCS is dedicated to academic learning, prayer, worship and community-building. The Th.M. program forms students for theologically and culturally competent service as ordained, religious or lay ecclesial ministers in the Black community and church. The IBCS welcomes graduates seeking on-going study, graduate students of other programs and ministers who desire to enrich their general theological studies by exploring the Catholic theological tradition and its particular meaning for the social and spiritual experiences of Black people in the U.S. and beyond. Due to the pandemic, the IBCS was conducted online; the learning format for Summer 2022 has not yet been determined.

2022 DEGREE COURSE OFFERINGS

JUNE 26 - JULY 15, 2022

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.
Modeste Malu Nyimi, Ph.D. (M-F, 1:45 – 4:45pm). Requirement for all new students (3 units).

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.
James Okoye, C.S.Sp., D.Phil. (M-F, 8:45-11:45am) or **Jaime L. Waters, Ph.D.** (M-F, 1:45-4:45pm) Core Course (3 units).