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## **Ansel J. Augustine, M.P.S.**

**YUTH0003: Psychological and Social Development of Youth**

Mr. Ansel J. Augustine is the Associate Director and Coordinator for the Black Youth & Young Adult Ministry in the CYO Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He has over 10 years of youth ministry experience, six years of which include his work in youth ministry at his home parish, St. Peter Claver Church in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Augustine received his Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University of New Orleans and his Certificate in Youth Ministry from Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies where he is currently a faculty member. He has also published various articles related to ministry and has done various workshops, conferences, and retreats around the country. Mr. Augustine has served on the board for NCYAMA (the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association) and now serves on the board for NFCYM (the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry). He loves the Lord and loves teaching others that Jesus loves them too.

## **Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, D.Min.**

**LDER0013: From Mass to Mission**

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**CATF0008: The Catechist in the Black Community**

Dr. Kathleen Dorsey Bellow served as principal of Sacred Heart/Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Her professional experience represents commitments to various disciplines, including small business management, pastoral ministry and community development. Dr. Bellow is a long-time parishioner of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. She is a member of the faculty/staff of Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies, currently serving as Associate Director for the Certificate and Enrichment Program.

Dr. Bellow completed her Bachelors of Arts in Spanish at Loyola College in Baltimore, MD, her Master's in Business Administration at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and her Master's in Theology at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, Louisiana. In May 2005, she received her Doctorate of Ministry degree in Liturgical Studies from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Bellow, a native of Baltimore, has been married 33 years to Paul Louis Bellow; they have one son.



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## **Timone A. Davis, D.Min.**

**YAFF0006: Discerning Your Place in the Catholic Church  
&  
LDER0011: Pray! Proclaim! Preach!**

Dr. Timone Davis is a “cradle” Catholic and former “pewster”, who has committed her time to the Church. As the RCIA Coordinator in her parish, she not only welcomed others into the Church but also revitalized her own spirituality.

Today, Dr. Davis is the coordinator of ReCiL – Reclaiming Christ in Life, Young Adult Ministry (ReCiL) for the Archdiocese of Chicago, where she continues to express her newfound spiritual renewal in the work that she does. She is the weekly formation director for the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program, a lay scholarship program for African American men and women at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Davis is a certified catechist whose dynamic energy and deep spirituality enhance her brand of teaching and engages one’s spirit. She has taught high school theology and served as Director of Campus Ministry for six years, before moving on to work with ReCiL. She recently earned a doctorate from Catholic Theological Union with a focus on African-American storytelling as a method of catechesis.



## **Therese Wilson Favors, M.A.**

**CATF0009: Catechists with a Vocation Need a Spiritual Sabbath**

Ms. Therese Wilson Favors is the Director of the Office of African American Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Maryland, where she previously served as the Coordinator of Elementary and Family Catechesis program. She served as Director of Evangelization and Community Outreach for Corpus Christi Parish in Baltimore, Maryland and as the Planner for the 1987 National Black Catholic Congress from 1985-1987, before being named the Congress’ Executive Director.

Ms. Favors has extensive experience as an educator in both Catholic Schools and parish religious education programs. She served on the Advisory Board of the U.S. Catholic Conference-National Conference of Catholic Bishops from 1973-76 and as an Adjunct Professor for the DeSales School of Theology, Loyola Marymount, and Xavier University of Louisiana’s Institute for Black Catholic Studies.

Ms. Favors has authored over 100 bible study booklets for African American youth, has written several articles for Catholic periodicals, has co-authored two filmstrips, and has edited several critical reference articles and essays. Ms. Favors holds a Bachelor’s of Science degree from Coppin State University and a Master’s Degree in Religious Education from St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland. In 2000, she launched an evangelization campaign entitled “Operation Faith Lift” to increase parish awareness and evangelization efforts in neighborhoods and communities. In June 2007, Pope Benedict XVI extended Ms. Favors the “Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice” Papal Award.

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## M. Roger Holland, II, M.M.

**LDER0012: Music as Ministry: Engaging the Faithful**

**M. Roger Holland, II** is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music where he received a Master's Degree in Piano Performance. Mr. Holland received his Bachelor's Degree from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, where he majored in Music Education with a concentration in piano and voice. He has toured nationally and internationally with The Boys Choir of Harlem and has worked with them as a conductor, pianist, instructor and arranger for several of their recordings.

Mr. Holland served as Minister of Music at Our Lady of Charity Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, NY for 12 years and is the Liturgical Music Consultant for the New York Archdiocese Office of Black Ministry and the Music Director for their special masses at St. Patrick's Cathedral. His commissioned works include *The Dream and The Dreamer*, *The Tribulation Suite*, and *The Call*. His recent mass, *The Sound of My People*, is published by GIA Publications, Inc. and will be featured in the second edition of *Lead Me, Guide Me*. Mr. Holland has played for the Broadway production of Oprah Winfrey's *The Color Purple* and currently on the Tony award winning show *Memphis*. As a clinician, he has presented workshops at numerous jazz festivals, McDonald's *Gospelfest*, local churches and at the Hampton University Ministers' Conference. Mr. Holland is currently a third year M. Div. student at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.



## Rev. Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R., D.Min.

**Preaching for Priests and Deacons**  
(Week Two: July 2-5, 2012)

**Lay Preaching**  
(Week Three: July 9-12, 2012)

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**CORE0002A: Black Theology**

**Joyful, energetic, Bible-fed and Spirit-led** – these are but a few words that describe the Reverend Maurice J. Nutt!

Born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, Fr. Nutt professed vows in the Redemptorist congregation on July 24, 1983. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 10, 1989.

Fr. Nutt has received numerous awards and citations for his leadership and civic efforts. He holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Preaching from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri; a Master of Theology Degree from Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, Louisiana; a Master of Divinity Degree from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Illinois; and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy and Communication from Holy Redeemer College in Waterford, Wisconsin. In June 2001, Fr. Nutt completed a *Leadership Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government* from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is a proud Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Father Nutt is a member of the Redemptorist Parish Mission Preaching Team based in Chicago, Illinois; and, he is a member of the faculty of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he teaches Preaching. Fr. Nutt has written three books: *Thea Bowman: In My Own Words*, *Advent and Christmas Wisdom from St. Alphonsus Liguori*, and *Lent and Easter Wisdom from St. Alphonsus Liguori*. He is also a contributor to the *African American Catholic Youth Bible*, a collaborative project between the National Black Catholic Congress and St. Mary's Press to be published in 2013. Fr. Nutt has also published articles about preaching, evangelization and stewardship.

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### **The Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, J.C.L., D.D.**

#### **CORE0007: Canon Law for Pastoral Ministers**

Bishop Joseph N. Perry is the Episcopal Vicar for one of the six Vicariates of the Archdiocese of Chicago, a jurisdiction that covers 70 parishes, 2 missions, and an Oratory. Bishop Joseph Perry was appointed, within the pontificate of his Holiness Pope John Paul II, Titular Bishop of Lead and Auxiliary to His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago, on May 5, 1998. His episcopal consecration took place on June 29, 1998 (the feast day of Sts. Peter and Paul) at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois.

Originally a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Bishop Perry was ordained a priest by the late Archbishop William Edward Cousins on May 24, 1975 at St. John Cathedral in Milwaukee, WI. After serving 18 months as associate pastor of St. Nicholas Parish, he was assigned to the Tribunal offices of the Archdiocese in December 1976 and then was sent for graduate studies in Canon Law at The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. His pastoral ministry, concentrated in the area of ecclesiastical law and education, has involved working primarily in the church courts as advocate (then as judge) in the court of appeals and as conciliation and arbitration clerk, serving the suffragan Dioceses of Superior, LaCrosse, Green Bay and Madison. In 1983, Bishop Perry was appointed judicial vicar for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (a post he held in Milwaukee, WI for two six-year terms), until he assumed his appointment as pastor of All Saints Parish in June 1995.

Bishop Perry served as the chaplain of the St. Thomas More Lawyers Society of Wisconsin, until he assumed his appointment as bishop. He was an Adjunct Professor of Canon Law studies at Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee, WI and Sacred Heart Seminary in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. As Auxiliary Bishop, he functions as an Adjunct Professor of Canon Law at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois and Associate Judge in the Second Instance Court of Appeals for the Dioceses of the Province of Chicago.

Bishop Perry served his term as the National Chaplain for the Knights of St. Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary (a position now held by Bishop Martin Holley) and Vice-President of the Board for the National Black Catholic Congress in Baltimore, Maryland, until 2010. On January 28, 2010, Cardinal Francis George appointed him Postulator for the Diocesan Phase of the Cause for Sanctity of Father Augustus Tolton. Fr. Tolton was the first priest of African descent in the United States who labored in the Diocese of Alton (now Springfield, Illinois) and the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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### Vivian Reissland Rouson, M.A.

#### **SREP0001: The Elders Retreat/Seminar**

Ms. Rouson's career experiences include teaching in high school and community college in Florida, Massachusetts and Minnesota. She was elected in Minnesota and volunteered in Florida as a school board member. She was a newspaper columnist in Washington, DC, St. Petersburg, FL, and Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was on the newspaper editorial board at the St. Petersburg Times and was Bloomington Minnesota Community College's Women's Resource Center's interim director. Ms. Rouson has edited several books and poetry publications.

Ms. Rouson has been a summer instructor/coordinator of regional English-writing workshops for the National Association of Black Accountants and for Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies' where she also graduated with a certificate in Catechesis. She was a coordinator of volunteers for the Institute on Black Chemical Abuse and has directed high school journalism programs for Minneapolis, Minnesota The Star and Tribune and The Poynter Institute (owners of the St. Petersburg Times).

Ms. Rouson has received the Archdiocese's of Washington Hearts Aflame certification. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Education from Xavier University of Louisiana and a Master's degree in Administration in Educational Systems from Nova University. Ms. Rouson's "elder" honors include the Outstanding Older Worker in representing Washington D.C. in the national Experience Works Program and an Honoree from the Iona Institute on Aging's recognition of outstanding elder volunteers. Today, Ms. Rouson thoroughly enjoys her experience as a full-time volunteer at The Greater Washington Urban League.



### Eric "Mukasa" Theodore, M.B.A., M.Div.

#### **SREP0002: The Taste of the Institute**

Eric "Mukasa" Theodore was born and raised in Trinidad, West Indies, where he received his faith formation and a strong sense of social justice from his parents. He has spent most of his adult life in the U.S., working as a Master Automotive Technician before joining the Benedictine Abbey of St. Leo in Florida. During his sixteen years as a monk, Mr. Theodore (then Brother Mukasa) earned his B.A. and MBA degrees from St. Leo University. He attended Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies (IBCS) from 1998-2000, where he completed his studies in the IBCS Certificate and Enrichment program's ministerial area of Leadership in the Faith Community and returned several years as the Associate Director for Community Life. He also holds a Master's of Theology degree from St. Meinrad School of Theology.

As a founding member and vice president of the African American Heritage Society, Mr. Theodore works to promote culturally-informed leadership and social justice opportunities in East Pasco County, Florida. He is co-owner and manager

of Sure Value Motors Auto Dealership in Tampa. Recently married, he and his wife, Angela, make their home in Dade City, Florida.

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## **Fr. Freddy Washington, C.S.S.p., D.Min.**

**CORE0001: Introduction to the Black Community:  
Authentically Black, Truly Catholic  
&  
IBTH 8000: Pastoral Leadership in Black  
and Multicultural Parishes**



Fr. Freddy Washington, C.S.S.p. is the pastor of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Ambrose Parishes in Chicago, Illinois. Fr. Washington is a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans). He is the new Chair of the Parish Life Committee of the Presbyterial Council of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Fr. Washington is a native of Charleston, South Carolina. Before his arrival in Chicago, he was a Hospital Chaplain at Harlem Hospital in New York City, a High School Religion teacher, Director of Religious Education, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana (where he also earned his Master's of Theology) and an adjunct instructor of Pastoral Theology at Loyola-Marymount University in Los Angeles, California.

Fr. Washington earned his Bachelor's of Arts from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, his Master's of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Illinois and his Doctorate from the United Theological Seminary.



## **Julie Welborn, M.Div., M.A.**

**CORE0003F: Introduction to the Old Testament  
&**

**YUTH0004: Components of Comprehensive Youth Ministry**

Julie Welborn is an anointed woman of God who has a unique gift for creating peaceful environments where healing and restoration can take place. She has extensive experience in all aspects of ministry, particularly serving youth and young adults.

Ms. Welborn spent ten years as a program director for LINK Unlimited (a spiritually based educational nonprofit that serves African American high school youth in the Chicago area) and seven years as youth minister for the Faith Community of Saint Sabina. It was in these capacities that she honed her retreat implementation and facilitation skills. She has owned and operated a retreat consulting business and has coordinated retreats across the country, where her stirring oratory has touched, challenged, encouraged and moved.

However, Ms. Welborn's passion and gift for creating atmospheres for authentic encounters with God extends beyond retreats. She is a skilled teacher and preacher who has taught confirmation, communication and reconciliation sacramental classes, shared the gospel as a (10-weeks of Old Testament) scripture teacher for the Chicago Catholic Scripture School, preached at churches and conferences of various denominations and has been featured as a guest speaker at schools and various educational organizations.

Ms. Welborn was the founder and co-owner of the café/bakery - Perfect Peace Café & Bakery, where she pursued her love of baking and exercised her gift for creating atmospheres that inspired transformation and healing (through food and fellowship) in a friendly, relaxing, and peaceful environment.

Ms. Welborn has taught in the Certificate and Enrichment Program, during the summer of 2011 at Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies in New Orleans, Louisiana. Her classes included Introduction to the Bible and Jesus and the Gospels. She holds a Master's of Divinity and a Certificate in Biblical Spirituality from Catholic Theological Union and a Master's of Arts in Communication from the University of Illinois both in Chicago, Illinois and a Bachelors of Arts in Theater from Williams College in

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Williamstown, Massachusetts. Ms. Welborn is currently employed with the Archdiocese of Chicago as a Marketing Consultant with Enrollment Management and Catholic School Identity & Mission.



### **C. Vanessa White, SFO, M.T.S., D. Min**

**SREP0001: The Elders Retreat/Seminar**

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**IBTH 5430: Black Spirituality**

Dr. C. Vanessa White, Assistant Professor of Spirituality and the Director of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program at Catholic Theological Union, holds a B.S. in Child Development and Family Services from Northern Illinois University, an M.T.S. from Cross Cultural Studies /Catholic Theological Union, and a D. Min in Spirituality from Catholic Theological Union.

Dr. White is convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium (BCTS) - a National Association of Black Catholic theologians and scholars. As well as her teaching/ministerial responsibilities at CTU, she is a member of the faculty of the Degree and C&E Programs and the Coordinator of Spiritual Formation/Consultant for Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies. She was formerly chair of the Board of Directors of the USCCB Commission on Certification and Accreditation, as well as Catechetical Board Member for St. Anthony Messenger Press.

An experienced workshop presenter, retreat leader, preacher and teacher, Dr. White lectures nationally on issues of Catholic spirituality, women's spirituality, diversity, ministerial leadership, adult faith formation, spiritual formation, catechist development, discernment, youth and young adult ministry and spirituality, intercultural ministry and Black Catholic History and issues pertinent to the spiritual life of Black Catholics. Her publications include *Songs of Our Hearts and Meditations of Our Souls: Prayers for Black Catholics* (co-editor) and *Liturgy and Justice* (contributing author). Dr. White is currently a contributing author for *Give Us This Day* – Daily Prayer Resource, published by Liturgical Press.