

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO SR. SHAWNEE DANIELS-SYKES, SSND, PH.D**

On November 8, 2011, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee honored Sr. Shawnee Daniels-Sykes SSND, Ph.D., an adjunct professor at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies, with the 2011 Vatican II Award for Distinguished Service for her outstanding contributions to the Church and society. The first and only female African-American Catholic bioethicist in the nation, Sr. Shawnee works to address problems that plague racial minorities and lower-income patients. Her training as a nurse and a theologian has informed her philosophy. “Ethics and healthcare – what’s right, what is questionable, and what is wrong – have lead [sic] me on my journey as a nurse, a teacher, and a Sister.” Sr. Shawnee is a member of St. Martin de Porres Parish, Milwaukee and an Assistant Professor of Theology at Mount Mary College, Milwaukee.

For the IBCS 2012 summer session, Sr. Shawnee will be teaching “Moral Questions in the Black Community”, a course listed in the Master’s of Theology program.

**The following announcement has been approved by  
Xavier University of Louisiana**