2022 Continuing Education and Enrichment (C&E) Course Offerings  
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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 and the required formation 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 2.0 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.

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WEEK 1: JUNE 27 - JULY 1, 2022

YUTH 00011 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.A. (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 Team. (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

CATF 0021 Awakening Gifts: Teaching the Black Child. This course focuses on the 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)

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