

RESOURCES

Black Catholic History Month:

<https://cultural.catholic.edu/resources/bchm.html>

November 8: USCCB Pastoral Letter "Brothers and Sisters to Us":
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/african-american-affairs/brothers-and-sisters-us>

November 16: Bishops Pastoral Letter Against Racism, "Open Wide Our Hearts"
https://www.usccb.org/resources/open-wide-our-hearts_0.pdf

November 17: Foundation of the Holy Family Sisters of New Orleans:
<https://www.sistersoftheholymfamily.com/history>

November 23: Black Catholic Statistics:
<https://www.xula.edu/ibcs-black-catholic-statistics>

November 26: It is interesting to note when the Jesuit's divested themselves of their slaves they did not free them but sold them to "good Catholic slaveholders."

November 30: Statement issued by Bishops of the United States on Discrimination and Christian Conscience:

<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/african-american/resources/upload/Discrimination-Christian-Conscience-Nov-14-1958.pdf>

November National Black Catholic History Month

Dear Friends,

This month is National Black Catholic History month. We invite you to celebrate with us the gift of the Black community by using these materials in your prayer and reflection for the month of November. We highlighted in this calendar a few Black holy men and women who through their charity and service in the church made a difference in the world.

"They became our heroes and heroines in times of hardship and discrimination, with faith, love and dedication they knocked down the barriers and brought the new life of Christ to their time. Just imagine what you can do to knock down the barriers of our time and bring new life. Let us go forward Spirit filled and hearts on fire."

~ from the Josephite Calendar

Blessings on your anti-racism journey,
Ingrid Honore-Lallande, Angela Faustina, Diane Smith, and Sally Koch



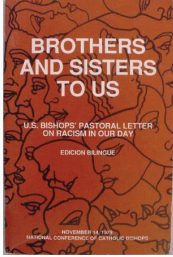







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*July 24, 1990, the National Black Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as National Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics.

Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
<p>Charles Uncles, 1891 broke the color barrie, first Black priest ordained in the US.</p> 	<p>All Saints Day</p> <p><i>In loving remembrance of all saints and all souls of Africa and the African Diaspora</i></p>	<p>All Souls Day</p> <p>A fundamental teaching for Black Christians is equal dignity of all peoples in the signs of God. How do you and your place of worship exemplify this?</p>	 <p>St. Martin de Porres</p>	<p>Black, not the color, but a culture, an experience undergone by the fact that one is of African American origin.</p>	<p>The Black struggle is to say, <i>I am somebody because God made me. I am because I belong to somebody, I am because I am sent.</i></p>	<p>Acts 8:26-40</p> <p>The Ethiopian Eunuch's conversion predates the Conversions of Paul and Cornelius.</p>
<p>7 The Knights of Peter Claver, founded in 1909 in Mobile, Alabama, an organization where Catholic men of color could come together in fraternity and charity. <i>St. Peter Claver, patron and minister to slaves, pray for us.</i></p>	<p>8 U.S. Bishops publish Brothers and Sisters to Us, 1979 pastoral condemning racism (cf Jn 17:21)</p> 	<p>9 <i>If the Catholic Church is to be viable, meaningful, and relevant in 21st century U.S. Society, it must become a proactive force for racial justice.</i> Brian Massingale, <u>Racial Justice and the Catholic Church</u></p>	<p>10 <i>Sometimes people think they have to do big things in order to make changes; but if each one would light a candle, we'd have tremendous light.</i> Thea Bowman Servant of God</p>	<p>11 Xavier University of Louisiana, America's only historically Black Catholic University, was founded in 1915 by St. Katharine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.</p>	<p>12 Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton, first publicly known Black Catholic Priest in the US</p> 	<p>13 First Doctor of the church from North Africa, St. Augustine wrote, <i>You have made us for yourself, Oh Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.</i></p>
<p>14 Jesus said, <i>let the little ones come to me</i> (Mt 19:14) Integration in New Orleans, La. schools introduced Black students into all-white schools. Brown v. Board of Education.</p>	<p>15 Signed into law on this day in 1983, a bill was approved making the third Monday in January a federal holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>	<p>16 Read the Pastoral Letter on racism called <u>Open Wide Our Hearts: The enduring Call to Love</u>. What do you think about it? Have you heard your pastor speak or reference it ever?</p>	<p>17 Venerable Henriette Delille, a free woman of color and foundress of The Sisters of the Holy Family.</p> 	<p>18 Interrupt the pattern of white silence and talk to a friend or family about what you have been learning from this calendar for Black Catholic History Month.</p>	<p>19 <i>Know who you are and whose you are.</i></p> 	<p>Franciscan Sr. Antona Ebo struggled against white supremacy, inside and outside the Catholic Church.</p> 
<p>Julia Greeley 21</p>  <p>Our Model of Mercy</p>	<p>22 There are over 3 million Black Catholics in the US, 250 Black priests, 437 deacons, 75 men of African descent in seminary formation for the priesthood in the US. Do you see them in your church?</p>	<p>23 There are 16 living African American bishops, 6 heads of US dioceses. There are 400 African American religious Sisters and 50 religious Brothers in the US.</p>	<p>24 In 1781 Governor Don Felipe de Neve recruits 11 families to settle on the Porciuncula River, now Los Angeles. The settlers were all Catholic, a mix of Africans, Spanish and American Indians.</p>	<p>25 On this Thanksgiving Day we give thanks for the gifts that the Black community has given to the Catholic Church.</p>	<p>26 In 1781, as a result of the Jesuits evangelizing their slaves, Maryland's Black Catholic population grew to 3,000.</p>	<p>27 In 1829 women from Baltimore's Haitian refugee colony under the direction of Elizabeth Lange educated children in their homes, beginning the foundation of the Oblate Sisters of Providence.</p>

28 1842 the Srs. of the Holy Family in New Orleans was the second religious order of Black women (see 11/17 above).

29 Nov. 28, 2020, Pope Francis appoints Bishop Wilton Gregory to the College of Cardinals, the first African American Cardinal in Catholic history.

30 1958 the National Catholic Welfare Conference issues a statement on discrimination and Christian Conscience.

What struck you the most from reflecting on this month designated as National Black Catholic History Month?