

SEASONAL ENGAGEMENTS

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*Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston  
Office of Black Catholics & Native American Ministry*



*DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION RESOURCES*

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# *Culturally Sensitive Halloween Costume Tips:*

*Choose costumes that are not tied to one culture, heritage or disability.*

- Native Americans represent many cultures and diverse tribes; it should never be a costume.
- Latino costumes, such as señorita, should not be used. It stereotypes women and must be avoided.
- Anything with "Black face." Avoid costumes that change the color of your skin!
- Anything that mocks disabilities, such as a wheelchair for people who do not use one.
- Hair styles that you would not normally wear as part of your culture, such as braids, locks or hijabs.

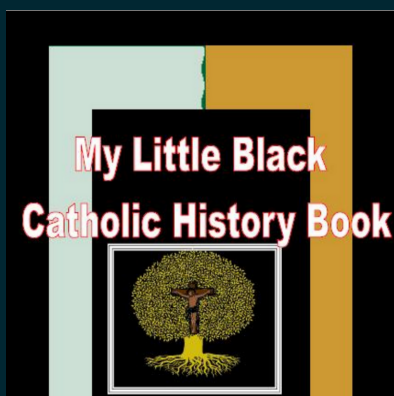


# NOVEMBER IS BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

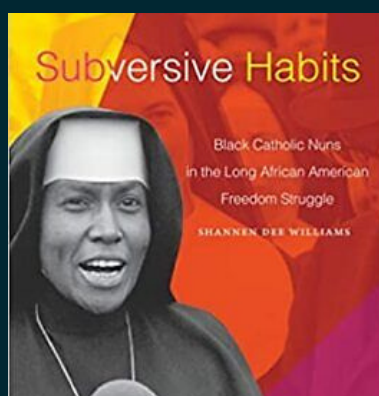
On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. November was chosen because of the significant number of important dates to Catholics of African descent fell within this month. Please visit The Catholic University of America website for Cultural Engagement for a list of the dates and historical facts to share with others:

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

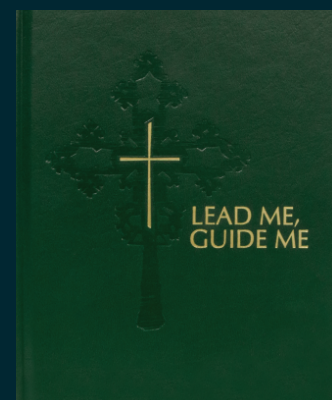
## BOOKS & RESOURCES



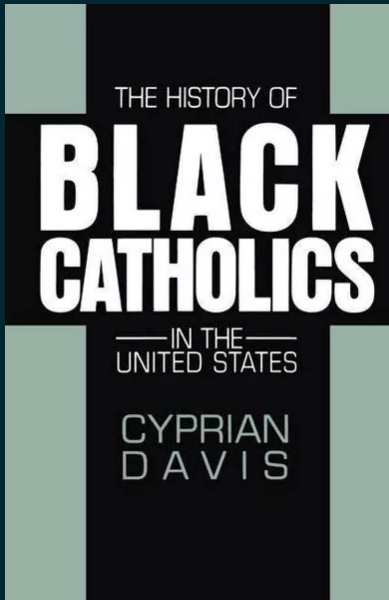
Download free [My \*Little Black Catholic History Book\*](#)



*Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom Struggle*, by Shannen Dee Williams. Available on Amazon.



*Lead Me, Guide Me, Second Edition*. Available on [giamusic.com](http://giamusic.com). Great for Mass and music classes during Black History Month



AVAILABLE ON AMAZON

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/W900A2IOWCK](https://youtu.be/w900a2iowck)



[National Black Catholic Congress  
Black Catholic History Timeline  
https://nbccongress.org/black-  
catholic-history-timeline/](https://nbccongress.org/black-catholic-history-timeline/)

For more resources, Speakers and ways to  
celebrate contact  
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# NOVEMBER IS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

*Below are several College Scholarship Funds available for Native American students, sponsored by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions. Funds are available at four universities around the country. The Black and Indian Mission asked that you contact the admissions office and mention the scholarship funds established by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions. Participating universities:*

**The Catholic University of America (Washington, D.C.) — (800) 673-2772**

**Xavier University of New Orleans — (877) XAVIER-U**

**Heritage University (Topennish, Washington) — (509) 865-8508**

**Wyoming Catholic College (Lander, Wyoming) — (877) 332-2930**

## MORE RESOURCES



[HTTPS://BLACKANDINDIANMISSION.ORG/PUBLICATIONS](https://blackandindianmission.org/publications)



[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3QBPFX3](https://bit.ly/3QBPFX3)



# *WELCOMING GLORIA PURVIS TO THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON*



Gloria Purvis has been hired as Secretary of the Secretariat of Ethnic Ministries for the Diocese of Charleston. Gloria is a consultant for the USCCB committee on religious liberty and host and creator of EWTN television series 'Authentically Free at Last.'

Purvis is a national speaker and has appeared in many television and print media outlets. She hosted "Morning Glory," an international radio show, and in 2020 was named our Sunday Visitor Catholic of the Year.

# THE "BRUNCH CLUB" IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Office of Black Catholics and Native American Ministry collaborated with the Identity Committee at St. Anthony of Padua school in Greenville in forming the "Brunch Club." The club meets three times a year for brunch and conversations on Catholicism. Our goal is for our non-Catholic parents, guardians and friends to know what we are teaching their children about the faith and its richness in diversity. To learn more on how you can start a brunch club, contact [kmerritt@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:kmerritt@charlestdiocese.org).

