

Black Preaching for Priest and Deacons in the Black Community (Evening Courses)

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COURSE OBJECTIVE:

This one-week course, held Monday through Thursday from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Xavier University, is designed to assist preachers presently ministering in African American Catholic parishes to effectively preach to this particular ethnic group. The course explores the foundations of African American spirituality as it relates to the black preaching style. It is the specific aim of this course to examine the nature of a biblical homily and its place in the Liturgy. Techniques of the black preaching style will be studied as well as the origins of the black preaching style. Students will be expected to compose and deliver homilies incorporating sound biblical exegesis and theological content while utilizing the tenets of the black preaching style. To sign up for a course or program at the Institute of Black Catholic Studies go to the website: <http://newsite.xula.edu/ibcs/index.php>.