Yankton Sioux Reservation
(Marty, SD)
Our Lady of the Sioux Chapel, St. Joseph’s Indian School (Chamberlain, SD)
Holy Family Cristo Rey School (Birmingham, AL)
Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (Belcourt, ND)
St. Augustine Catholic Church and School (Washington, DC)
Gila River Reservation (Phoenix, AZ)

Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest”
(Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2)

When you have Native Americans doing the ministry they bring an aspect that no one else can bring.”
— Fr. Dale Jamison, OFM
Native American Outreach, Diocese of Phoenix

“Want to find out more about serving the Lord?”

Holy Family Cristo Rey School (Birmingham, AL)

“We want to witness to young people that vocations are possible for Black people in the Catholic Church.”
— Sister Donna Sanford, SJS

Factoids

St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955) dedicated herself and her inheritance to the needs of oppressed Native Americans and African Americans and was a vocal advocate of racial tolerance.

Native American Catholics at the Millennium: A survey report, suggests that dioceses work to identify and then prepare Native people to be ministers-clergy, religious, lay-to serve the needs of the Native Catholic population.

More than 340 parishes in the United States serve predominantly Native American communities. There are less than 5 Native American bishops and approximately 15 priests.

The Tekakwitha Conference began in 1939, when it convened missionaries and Native American laymen to discuss their pastoral concerns about Northern Plains native communities.

30% of U.S. (arch) dioceses have offices or programs targeting Native American Catholics.

You can visit Profiles in Faith at www.blackandindianmission.org to learn more about African American and Native American Catholic witnesses.

There are 3 million African American Catholics in the United States, more than 10 Black Bishops, 200 Black priests, 10 brothers and 250 sisters.

Approximately 20% of all Native Americans residing in the United States consider themselves Roman Catholics. 2.9 million people identified themselves as Native Americans or Alaska Natives. Of this number, it is estimated that 200,000 are Roman Catholics.

The U.S. Catholic Conference authored Keep Your Hand on the Plow, a study of the African American presence in and contributions to the Catholic Church in the U.S.

Almost 100 Black and Indian Catholic Mission schools receive annual grants for their evangelization efforts.

Since 1987, the Black Catholic Congress has met every five years to discern pastoral priorities.

Basic Directions in Native American Ministry Institute is held annually at the Sioux Spiritual Center in South Dakota.

*USCCB Sacerdotiae of Cultural Diversity, USCCB Rapid Vet (backgrounded), Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Catholic Negro American Mission Event

St. Augustine Catholic Church and School (Washington, DC)
prayer for vocations

Creator of all peoples and cultures, lead faith-filled men and women to hear the call to serve your Catholic Church. Bless today’s sisters, priests, brothers and deacons with zeal and perseverance. Rekindle in them the fire of the Holy Spirit. Grant that many will be inspired by their lived faith and lives of service. I earnestly pray for an increase of vocations among African American and Native American communities. Draw to your extravagant and loving heart, O God, Black and Indian candidates to serve not only their own people but also the universal Church. Especially do I pray for ___________ ; may I/she/he hear your call to be a prophetic presence, bringing Christ to an ever-changing world. Bless the evangelization efforts of the Black and Indian Mission Office in its vocation outreach across the United States. Through, with and in our brother, Jesus. Amen.