**A Very Brief Resource List for information about Black Catholics**

***The History of Black Catholics in the United States*** by Cyprian Davis, OSB. Herder and Herder, NY, 1995.

***Open Wide Our Hearts***: Pastoral Letter Against Racism, USCCB, 2018

***Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*** by Bryan N. Massingale, Orbis Books, NY, 2010.

***Uncommon Faithfulness, The Black Catholic Experience,*** edited by M. Shawn Copeland, Orbis Books, NY, 2009

**What We Have Seen and Heard,** A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization by the Black Bishops of the US, USCCB, 1984

**Here is a list of some important historical Black Catholics**

**Josephine Bakhita (c.1869-1947)** - Sudanese born, a slave; gained her freedom in Italy

**Thea Bowman (1937-1990)** - evangelist, preacher, and a founding member of the Black Sisters Conference

**Henriette Delille (1813-1862)** - foundress of the SIsters of the Holy Family in New Orleans

**Julia Greeley (c.1833-1918) -** born into slavery, and freed, spent her life caring for the poor in Southwestern USA

**Elizabeth Lange (1784-1882)** - foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, Baltimore, MD

**Theresa Maxis (1810-1892) -** co-foundress of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Martin de Porres (1579-1639)**- Peruvian born lay Dominican brother (first canonized Black Saint)

**Daniel Rudd (1854-1933) -** born into slavery; freed and became a journalist and convener of the First Black Catholic Congress

**Pierre Toussaint (1766-1853) -** slave from Haiti brought to the US; supported his master’s family as a hairdresser; and other charitable causes -- helped to fund St. Patrick’s Cathedral

**Augustus Tolton (1854-1897) -** born into slavery, freed and was the first black priest in United States

**Mary Theodore Williams (1868-1931)** - foundress of the Franciscan Handmaids of Mary, Savannah, GA