



# The Black Catholic Theological Symposium

## 2023 PUBLIC LECTURE



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## "THE FIGHT FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH"

"Shortly after the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Black Catholic priests, women religious, religious brothers, and laypeople in the U.S. inaugurated the Black Catholic Movement, a period of prolific theological, liturgical, and institutional development. While it succeeded in developing Black Catholic theology and liturgical inculturation, the Movement's most significant project--the creation of an African American ordinariate, an ecclesial jurisdiction independent of the US Catholic bishops--failed to come to fruition. This lecture examines how the leaders of the Black Catholic Movement, drawing from the teaching of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), engaged in a struggle to create their own self-determining ecclesial structures."

Free and open to the public.  
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A dessert reception will follow this public lecture.



**Thursday,**  
**October 5, 2023**  
7:30PM - 9:00PM

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