

Sr. Jamie T. Phelps, O.P., Ph.D. IBCS & O E P X F E Scholarship

Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P., Ph. D., is one of the most significant contributors to Black Catholic theology. A charter member of two seminal organizations for the field, the Institute for Black Catholic Studies (IBCS) and the Black Catholic theological Symposium (BCTS), her tenacity and passion helped pave the way for Black Catholic studies.

At the IBCS, she served as Director and as Katherine Professor of Systematic theology for eight years. After the first two meetings of the BCTS in 1978 and 1980, the organization became inactive for more than a decade. It was Sr. Jamie, along with Dr. Shawn Copeland, who reinvigorated it in 1991, serving as convenor and associate convenor respectively, for the next decade. Sr. Jamie's work with the IBCS and the BCTS created space both to educate and support pastoral ministers in Black Catholic history and spirituality, and to foster scholars of Black Catholic theology, providing regular forums to convene, share ideas and ultimately publish their work.

Her books, *Black and Catholic: The Challenge and Gift of Black Folk* and *Stamped in the Image of God*, are foundational to the field. Additionally, Sr. Jamie has published more than 50 articles and chapters that have appeared in some of the most prominent scholarly books and journals in the field, and she has taught and lectured extensively (from "Responding Call: A Conversation with Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P., Ph.D." *Journal of the Black Catholic theological Symposium*, Vol. 13, Article 3. Available at: <https://ecommons.udayton.edu/jbcts/vol13/iss1/3>).

Sr. Jamie has been a member of the Adrian Dominican Sisters since 1959. In 2022, the congregation endowed a scholarship in her honor to provide financial support for full-time students enrolled in the Institute for Black Catholic Studies. The endowment is intended to 1) help support the program that Sr. Jamie helped to establish and that plays a vital role in the Catholic Church and society, 2) "make reparation for the congregation's past participation in structural racism and 3) support new pathways towards racial justice."

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ELIGIBILITY: 1) Recipients shall be students of African American or African descent, enrolled full-time in the IBCS. 2) Degree students must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better 3) Demonstration of financial need will be a consideration.

TO APPLY:

- ENROLL and be accepted as a full-time student in the Degree or C&E Program
- USE his XULA Financial Aid link [YVMB TDIPMBSTIJ](#) The deadline for submission of scholarship materials is March 1, 2022. Incomplete or late applications are not guaranteed consideration for a 2022 award.

- 500-700-word essay, prompt is provided; Copies of applicant's most recent W-2 income tax forms
- three (3) letters of recommendation from parish/school/community colleagues to verify applicant's commitment to Black Catholic community and active involvement in evangelization or other ministry in church, parish or social justice setting
- Degree Students must submit their latest transcript(s) of academic records, including the most recent IBCS transcript.

