

NATIONAL OFFICE FOR BLACK CATHOLIC RECORDS, 1968-2004



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SUMMARY:

Title: National Office for Black Catholics Records
Dates: 1968-2004 (bulk 1970-1990)
Extent: 165 cubic feet
Access: This collection is open for research.
Cite as: National Office for Black Catholics Records, 1968-2004, St. Thomas University Library, Miami Gardens, FL.

ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY:

The National Office for Black Catholics (NOBC) was an organization of Black Catholics in the United States, headquartered in Washington, DC. Its mission was “to make the Church relevant to the needs of the black community; to assist generally in the black liberation movement; to assist black Catholics in their efforts to become self-determining and to become an effective voice in the whole of Church government.”

NOBC was founded in 1970, as an umbrella group for the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus (NBCCC), the National Black Sisters Conference (NBSC), and the National Black Lay Catholic Caucus (NBLCC). However, tension over the mission and organizational structure of the organization led to the formal withdrawal of the NBSC and NBCCC in the early 1980s. Funding for the NOBC came primarily from an annual collection taken at Catholic churches around the country, called “Black Catholics Concerned.” The organization was endorsed by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, which maintained an Ad Hoc Committee as a liaison with NOBC.

NOBC’s major departments included the Office of Culture and Worship, Office of Evangelization, Department of Church Vocations, and Education Department. The organization’s work included promoting black clerical leadership, supporting the development of African-rooted liturgy and ministries, contributing to the revitalization of black parishes, and strengthening black Catholic education. The organization also worked with the American

Catholic hierarchy to bring issues around race to the forefront and participated in the 1976 “Call to Action” conference held by the U.S. bishops.

NOBC sponsored many conferences and events throughout the 1970s and 1980s. Among its most successful events was a regular conference on African American Culture and Worship (AACW). Beginning in 1980, it also hosted a Biennial Conference for the organization’s members. In 1988 and 1989, NOBC and NBLCC hosted two Lay Leadership Symposiums in Belleville, Illinois. The Office of Evangelization also sponsored revival events throughout the country in the early 1980s.

The NOBC’s publications included its newsletter, *Impact!*, as well as *Freeing the Spirit*, a newsletter of the Office of Culture and Worship. *Freeing the Spirit* ceased publication in 1983, but *Impact!* continued sporadic publication through the 1980s.

Executive directors of the NOBC included: Br. Joseph Davis, S.M. (1970-1977), Fr. Cyprian Lamar Rowe, F.M.S. (1978-1980), James Henderson (1981-1987), Penelope Taylor Powell (1978 [acting director], 1987-1988), and Walter Hubbard (1988-??).

Although the NOBC continued its activity through the 1990s and early 2000s, its level of activity seems to have decreased.

Sources:

Davis, Joseph M., and Cyprian Rowe, “The Development of the National Office for Black Catholics,” *U.S. Catholic Historian* 7.2-3 (1988): 265-289.

Yockey, Roger. *“I Never Stopped Believing”: The Life of Walter Hubbard*. [Philadelphia]: Xlibris, 2007.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS:

This collection documents NOBC’s major activities and administrative operations. The majority of the records originated with the organization’s office in Washington, DC, although some come from members of the Board of Directors. Also included are some records from NOBC’s affiliated organizations, including the National Black Lay Catholic Caucus (NBLCC), National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus (NBCCC), and National Black Sisters Conference (NBSC). Finally, some records are included from the American Catholic Lay Network (ACLN), an organization which shared office space with NOBC in the 1980s.

Organizational Records found throughout the collection document NOBC’s programmatic activities, including events and conferences, correspondence with individuals and organizations, gathering information about relevant issues, and other activities. Records of this type are present from all levels of the organization, including the Executive Director’s office, NOBC departments, and affiliated organizations, particularly NBLCC.

Administrative and Financial Records relate to the operation and management of the organization. These records deal with personnel, accounting, memoranda, and the day-to-day operations of the NOBC office. Records relating to the annual Black Catholics Concerned (BCC)

fundraising collection are also present, including a large volume of letters and receipts acknowledging individual donations.

Some boxes and groups of records have been identified as originating with one individual, and are described as such in the inventory below. These records often include correspondence, topical files, notes and drafts, and records relating to the activities of their department. Materials not relating to NOBC may also be included. Individuals with identifiable groups of records include Br. Joseph Davis, Fr. Cyprian Rowe, Penelope Taylor Powell, James Henderson, and Walter Hubbard (all Executive Directors), as well as Fr. Giles Conwill (Department of Church Vocations), Gertrude Morris (Office of Evangelization), Ronald Sharps (Office of Culture and Worship), James McConduit (board president), Angelique Butler (editor of *Impact!*), and Robert Robinson (NBLCC coordinator).

Other material types found throughout the collection include:

- Board of Directors records - transcripts, minutes, and correspondence between board members, staff, and legal counsel
- Printed material, clippings, and topical files - particularly relating to religious organizations and civil rights issues
- Correspondence - incoming and outgoing
- Publications - NOBC-produced reports, pamphlets, and other documents relating to the organization's work and issues of concern
- Audiovisual material - audiocassettes, VHS tapes, and vinyl records, including recordings of NOBC meetings and events, NOBC-produced material, and commercially published items. Digital copies of VHS tapes are available.
- Photographs - prints, negatives, and contact sheets. Most photos are unidentified.

Materials are in English.

PROCESSING INFORMATION:

Inventory and finding aid created by Jonathan Best and Elliot Williams, Summer 2014.

Materials have not been rearranged and, for the most part, are still in their original folders. Audiovisual materials have been separated for digitization and storage. Some duplicate materials have been weeded.

INVENTORY:

- Box 1** Financial records, 1988-1990
 Black Catholics Concerned (BCC) receipts and thank-you letters
- Box 2** Board of Directors records, 1973-1986
 Minutes, transcripts, financial audit reports, departmental reports
- Box 3** Correspondence, 1982-1984
 Most arranged chronologically, with a few topical folders

- Box 4** Correspondence and topical files, 1984-1987
1984 Biennial Conference
African American Culture & Worship (AACW) workshops
- Box 5** Office of Culture and Worship, Ronald Sharps, records, 1977-1983
AACW workshop records
Correspondence
Clippings and printed material
Freeing the Spirit drafts
- Box 6** Administrative and organizational records, 1978-1981
Public relations, board minutes, accounting, Assistant Executive Director,
program files
- Box 7** Administrative and financial records, 1984-1985
Correspondence
Most arranged chronologically
- Box 8** Financial records, 1981-1990
Payroll, bank and Social Security records, budgets
- Box 9** Correspondence and administrative files, 1989-1990
1989 Belleville Lay Leadership Symposium
- Box 10** Administrative and program files, 1973-1994 (bulk 1973-1985)
- Box 11** James Henderson records, 1982-1983
Correspondence, topical files, administrative records
Accounting papers,
Pastoral information needs survey
Holy Land Pilgrimage information
Procedures: How to Change Things
Correspondence on Haitian Refugees, 1982
Letters to *Impact!* subscribers, 1983
International Liaison letters, 1983
Letters, correspondence, diocesan letters, reports, 1982-1983
Public accountant, audit service proposals, legal material, office documents, 1982
Travel information on Cincinnati, OH, 1980s
- Box 12** Financial records, 1984-1985
Payroll and operations checks
- Box 13** Walter Hubbard files, 1973-1994
Correspondence, printed material, Board of Directors records, organizational
records

- Box 14** Administrative and organizational records, 1973-1980
Correspondence, topical files, administrative records
- Box 15** Department of Church Vocations, 1973-1975
National Conference on Development of Black Vocations transcripts, 1973
Topical files, 1973-1975
- Box 16** Vinyl LPs
“Freeing the Spirit,” NOBC, 1971 (multiple copies)
“Testimony: The Universal Mass Choir,” [1984]
“Introducing Robert Lawrence Williams”
- Box 17** Black Catholics Concerned (BCC) records, 1972
Catholic Committee on Urban Ministry Summer Institute 1979 pamphlet
Board of Directors records, minutes & financial statements, November 1975
Financial records, 1983-1986
Donation acknowledgements, 1985
- Box 18** Department of Church Vocations, Giles Conwill, records, 1976-1979
Correspondence, events, topical files
- Box 19** Office of Evangelization, Gertrude Morris, records, 1981-1984
American Board of Catholic Missions grant records
Correspondence and memos
Expenditure records
- Box 20** Office of Evangelization, 1979-1984
Administrative files
Evangelization survey responses
National Council for Catholic Evangelization material
United States Catholic Conference (USCC) material
Speaker information
Photographs
- Box 21** Financial records, 1983-1986
Cancelled checks, 1986
Donations and acknowledgements, 1985
- Box 22** Department of Church Vocations, Giles Conwill, 1976-1979
Topical files, drafts of talks, correspondence
- Box 23** Financial and personnel records, 1979-1988
Financial records, 1984-1988
Personnel records, 1979-1988

- Box 24** Financial and Board of Directors records, 1970-1990
Board of Directors records, 1970-1971, 1985, 1989
Vendor files, 1990
Institute Advisory Committee, 1989
- Box 25** Administrative records, 1978-1990 (bulk 1988-1990)
- Box 26** Financial records, 1983-1990
- Box 27** Financial records, 1986-1987
Income reports and receipts
IRS forms and applications
Financial papers and expenses
Employee W-4 forms and payroll documents
- Box 28** Office of Culture and Worship, Ronald Sharps, records, 1972-1981
Personal papers, including class notes
ADAPT (arts organization) records
Correspondence
Printed material, including photocopies of book chapters
Articles on Mary Lou Williams
- Box 29** James Henderson files, 1979-1983
Correspondence, printed material, notes, memoranda
Freeing the Spirit files
- Box 30** Fundraising records, 1980-1988
- Box 31** National Black Lay Catholic Caucus (NBLCC) records, 1982-1987
Administrative and personnel records, 1972-1978
Board of Directors records, April 1978
- Box 32** Office of Culture and Worship, Ronald Sharps, 1977-1983
Handwritten notes, correspondence, printed material
Impact! publication records
NBLCC records
Newspaper clippings
Joseph Davis records
NCCIJ materials
General correspondence
- Box 33** NBLCC records, 1974-1988
Bylaws, documents, resolutions, and meetings
Mailing lists and communications
- Box 34** Board of Directors meeting (Joseph Davis notes), 1975

- Administrative correspondence, 1976-1983
 Copies of *Impact!*, 1978
 “This Far by Faith: American Black Worship and its African Roots” (NOBC publication), 1977
 Department of Church Vocations, Giles Conwill, records, 1976-1979
 Topical files, correspondence, printed material, prayer and hymn booklets
 NOBC annual report, 1986
- Box 35** Printed material and drafts of articles [for *Freeing the Spirit?*], 1979-1981
 AACW workshops planning materials, 1985-1987
 Penelope Powell correspondence, 1987
- Box 36** Communication records, 1978-1987
 Newspaper clippings (religion, politics, social issues, African American issues)
- Box 37** Department of Culture and Worship, Gertrude Morris, records, 1973-1978
- Box 38** *Impact!* records, 1982-1984
 Printed material, correspondence
 Haitian refugee materials
- Box 39** Events, 1986-1989
Impact! records, 1974, 1978
 Phone bills, 1989
- Box 40** Financial and fundraising records, 1981-1986
 Penelope Powell correspondence, 1986-1987
 AACW workshops, 1987-1988
 BCC records, 1988
 Clippings, organizational records, and correspondence, 1977-1983
- Box 41** AACW workshop, 1983
 Mailing lists, undated
 Annual meetings and conference papers, 1983-1987
 Organization records (“impasse”), 1983-1984
 Youth caucus and meetings, 1985-1986
 Photo proof pages [scattered throughout], ca. 1974-1975
 Correspondence and printed material, 1980-1988
- Box 42** Correspondence (outgoing), 1986-1987
 Organizational records, 1971-1976
- Box 43** Correspondence and organizational records (Joseph Davis, James McNeil, Cyprian Rowe, Walter Hubbard), 1971-1979
 Donation acknowledgements, 1976-1977

- Box 44** Department of Church Vocations, Giles Conwill, records, 1977-1979
Topical files and correspondence
- Box 45** Board of Directors records, 1976-1982
Joseph Davis records, 1970-1978
Topical files
- Box 46** Roman Pontifical (6 copies), 1978
- Box 47** Conferences, 1980-1981
Gertrude Morris records, 1979-1982
Topical files
- Box 48** Organizational and personnel records, 1980-1986
Includes scattered Board of Directors records
- Box 49** Financial and personnel records, 1978-1991
- Box 50** Organizational records, topical files, and correspondence, 1973-1986
- Box 51** Correspondence, printed material, clippings, 1975-1978
Includes correspondence from Walter Hubbard, Joseph Davis, Cyprian Rowe, and
Penelope Taylor
Soulful Worship by Clarence Rivers
- Box 52** Financial records, 1985-1986
- Box 53** Ronald Sharps correspondence and notes, 1981-1988
Primarily arts-related, not NOBC material
Conference location materials, 1988
Impact! publication records, 1974-1977
- Box 54** Subject files, 1980-1987 (bulk 1982-1983)
- Box 55** Office of Evangelization, Gertrude Morris, records, 1980-1984
Correspondence, drafts, topical files
Includes files on prison ministry and youth ministry
Evangelization revival programs, 1983
- Box 56** Financial records, 1980-1990
Bank memos, 1980
Black Catholics Concerned records, 1987-1988
AACW workshops planning and financial records, 1987-1989
Donation acknowledgements and deposit slips, 1989
Payroll records, 1990
Blank forms, undated

- Box 57** American Catholic Lay Network (ACLN) publications sales records, 1986-1987
- Box 58** Correspondence, outgoing, 1984-1987
Arranged alphabetically by year
- Box 59** Office of Evangelization, Gertrude Morris, records, 1980-1984
Correspondence, 1981-1984 (arranged by individual)
Organizational records and memos, 1980-1984
- Box 60** Board of Directors records, minutes of board meetings, 1979-1980
Department of Culture and Worship conference on worship in spirituality in the African American community, 1977
AACW workshop planning materials, 1985-1987
Belleville Lay Leadership Symposium planning and financial records, 1988
National Black Catholic Congress, 1987
Correspondence and organizational records, 1987
- Box 61** Office of Culture and Worship, Ronald Sharps, records, 1971-1984 (bulk 1977-1984)
Correspondence and topical files
AACW workshop records, 1978-1984
- Box 62** Correspondence, outgoing, 1983-1985
Arranged alphabetically by year and chronologically
- Box 63** Organizational records and correspondence (James Henderson and Penelope Taylor), 1979-1987
Office of Culture and Worship, Ronald Sharps, 1982-1985
Includes AACW workshop records, 1984-1985
NBLCC records, 1982-1983
- Box 64** Donation acknowledgements, 1984-1985
- Box 65** Organizational records, 1979-1983
Includes Board of Directors and fundraising records
Correspondence, outgoing, 1986-1988 (arranged alphabetically by year)
- Box 66** Correspondence and administrative records, 1970-1980s
American Board Catholic Mission report, 1983
Grant
By-Laws, 1978
Articles of Incorporation, 1970
Memoranda, 1981-1985
Board correspondence
Directory of the Black Catholic Organizations, 1973
Telegrams, 1983-1984

- Various correspondence, 1980s
- Financial records, 1982-1986
- BCC records, 1982-1983
- IRS/Tax Report, 1980s
- Budget reports, 1986
- Employee time sheets, 1983

- Box 67** Organizational and administrative records, 1984-1986
Office of Evangelization, Department of Education, and Executive Director

- Box 68** Organizational records, 1972-1975
Angelique Butler, editor of *Impact!*, records, 1981-1983
Administrative records, printed material, and correspondence

- Box 69** Office of Evangelization records, 1979- 1984
Evangelization workshop and revival records
Papers for: Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey
Photographs and negatives from unidentified event
Photographs, negatives, and negative contact sheet from Detroit event
Newspaper clippings Detroit

- Box 70** Robert Robinson, NBLCC coordinator, records, 1973-1985
Correspondence and organizational records

- Box 71** Financial records, 1986-1988
“Gen. Journal” ledgers

- Box 72** Department of Church Vocations, 1973-1976
Proposals and funding
Interoffice correspondence
Plans and programs
Publications and brochures
Photographs
Black Perspectives on Evangelization of the Modern World, 1974
"Doin" Jesus: Ministries in the Catholic Church, 1976
Lilly Endowment, 1976

- Box 73** Educational Resources
Cultural Issues in Contemporary Psychiatry, volumes 1 and 2, audiocassettes
Artwork photo slides in archival binders (four binders)
Vital History audiocassettes (three binders)

- Box 74** Educational Resources, 1971-1972
Overhead projector slides, labeled: “Oklahoma City Public Schools 900 N. Klein Street Oklahoma City, OKLA, 4-22-1971”

Four volumes of *The Roberts English Series*, labeled “Sr. Callista Armand
Department of Education Ser.”
“Tri-Ethnic: Curriculum Project by the Michigan Catholic Conference”
Education U.S.A. newsletter, 1972
Oral English: Keys to Reading textbook
Hildegard of Bingen study guide

- Box 75** Financial records, 1982-1986
Photograph prints, negatives, and contact sheets, 1984 and undated
AACW workshop prints, 1984
Organizational records and correspondence, 1982-1988
NBLCC records, 1979-1982
BCC records, 1976-1984
- Box 76** *Impact!* issues, 1974-1975, 1979-1981
Newspaper clippings (arranged by subject), 1979-1984
- Box 77** Walter Hubbard records, 1972-1997, 2004
Correspondence, printed material, periodicals, clippings
Includes NOBC Board of Directors and NBLCC records
- Box 78** Correspondence, general incoming, 1981
Department of Church Vocations records, 1975
Drafts, copies of handouts, correspondence
Black Student Assessment of Priesthood and Religious Life, 1975
BCC records, posters and pamphlets, 1975-1976, undated
AACW workshop records, 1980
- Box 79** BCC records, 1973
Joseph Davis records, 1973-1975
Topical files (S-U)
- Box 80** Penelope Powell records, 1976-1987 (bulk 1981-1987)
DC tax records, 1978-1987
Folders on individual staff members (Gertrude Morris, Ronald Sharps, and Sr.
Mary Roger Thibodeaux), 1979-1985
NOBC and NBLCC boards of directors records, 1976-1987
- Box 81** Executive Director’s office records (Joseph Davis and Penelope Powell), 1971-1981
(bulk 1971-1978)
Correspondence, topical files, Board of Directors records
- Box 82** Correspondence and printed material, 1981-1989
National Association of Black Catholic Administrators, 1984-1987
NOBC newsletters, 1986-1987
NOBC conferences, 1984, 1986 (youth conference)

- NBLCC records, 1980-1989
- Box 83** Correspondence, 1985-1988
Administrative records, 1987-1988
Office memos and forms, accounting logs, workshop forms, expense vouchers,
and application to the Raskob foundation
Telephone and travel logs
Handwritten notes, undated
- Box 84** Organizational and administrative records, 1974-1983
Conferences and convention papers, 1974, 1983
Questionnaire responses, 1983
Checks, 1980
NOBC Biennial Conference, 1982
Communications, 1984
NOBC action agenda, 1983
NOBC administration rosters, 1982
Board of Directors meeting, October 16, 1982
Financial records, 1979
- Box 85** *Freeing the Spirit*, newsletters, and journals, 1971- 1981
Newsletters, programs, and journals
Freeing the Spirit: The Magazine of Black Liturgy and Faith, 1971-1979
Title index, 1971-1979
Photocopies of Summer 1972 issue
Publications records, including articles and sheet music
- Box 86** Joseph Davis records, 1970-1977
Budget and financial records, 1970-1973
Memos, correspondence, and handwritten notes
- Box 87** Walter Hubbard records, 1973-1995
NOBC, NBLCC, Seattle Black Lay Catholic Caucus, and other organizations
Correspondence, clippings, newspapers, pamphlets, and printed material
Event materials (flyers, programs, etc.)
NOBC board meeting, November 1973
"Do you have the strength" NOBC pinback button pin
- Box 88** American Catholic Lay Network (ACLN) records, 1985-1987
Board of directors, center policy, by-laws, and other documents
Personnel files
- Box 89** ACLN records, 1986-1987
Synod on the Laity correspondence, reports, and orders
Financial records and correspondence

- Box 90** Topical files, 1968-1974
BCC records, ca. 1973
Files on black parishes by state and city
Board of Directors records, transcripts and minutes, 1972-1973
- Box 91** ACLN records, 1985-1987
Correspondence and organizational records,
1987 Leadership Conference records
- Box 92** ACLN records, 1985-1987
Gathering (ACLN newsletter), 1986-1987
Administrative and financial records, 1986-1987
Correspondence, 1986-1987 (arranged alphabetically)
- Box 93** *Origins*, 1981-1982, 1990
Correspondence and printed material, 1982-1986
Includes *Impact!* publication records
- Box 94** Organizational and Board of Directors records, 1973-1987
Correspondence, outgoing, 1986-1988
AACW workshop records, 1986
1986 Biennial Conference records, 1986
- Box 95** Office of Culture and Worship, Ronald Sharps, records, 1978-1984
Includes *Freeing the Spirit* records
- Box 96** Topical files, 1985-1990
- Box 97** Administrative and Financial records, 1985-1991
Personnel records, 1979-1990
- Box 98** Financial records, 1987-1992
Photocopies of *The Quarterly*, Winter 1988.
Seminar paper titled "Authentically Black - Truly Catholic," November 1988
- Box 99** Joseph Davis records, 1971-1980
Subject files (U-Y)
NOBC Lay Caucus
Papers presented at the Black Catholic Theological Symposium, Baltimore,
Maryland, October 14, 1978
"Black-Self Concept: Black Articulation of the Christian Faith" by Sister
Jamie Phelps, O.P.
"Christian Catechesis and its General Inclusion of the Black Experience" by
Charles D. Burns, S.V.D.
"Developing Black Catholic Belief: Catechesis as a Black Articulation of
the Faith" by Toinette Eugene, P.B.V.M.

- Box 100** Office of Evangelization, 1981-1985
Evangelization workshop and revival records
Paper for: North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina,
Tennessee, Texas
Photographs from Raleigh, NC, photo credit: Gerard Wooten
- Box 101** Periodicals, books, and reports, 1974-1982
Includes National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) and United States
Catholic Conference (USCC) publications
- Box 102** Conference records, 1980-1989
Planning records, correspondence, and conference programs
Belleville Symposium, 1988
Miscellaneous magazines, newspapers, and journals
- Box 103** Subject files, reports, and printed material, 1978-1990
Conference on the Apostolate of the Church in the Black Community Papers and
other reports, 1978-1990
"Development of Black Religious Vocations: Analyses and Strategies," by
Fr. Giles A. Conwill
"Thank God We Ain't What We Was: The State of the Liturgy in the Black
Catholic Community," by Fr. Clarence Jos. Rivers
"The Catholic Church and Correctional Institutions: Ministry to Black
Persons," by Fr. John Ford, S.T.
"The Church's Ministry Among Black Youth," by Fr. Jerome LeDoux,
S.V.D.
"The Church and Social Issues in the Black Community," by Br. Booker
Ashe, Cap.
Papers on the purpose and mission of Black Catholics
Sample Comments from Black Catholic Church Life Survey, November 1986
Search for Black Christian heritage folder
Statistics:
Profile of Black Catholics, 1984
Black Catholic Population, 1860-1984
"The Black Man and the Catholic Church"
"Africa Recovery," 1988
"Amistad Reports," 1990
- Box 104** Board of Directors records, 1974-1982
Agenda and reports, December 14-15, 1974
Transcripts, October 9-10, 1976; October 16-17, 1982; March 12, 1977
- Box 105** Organizational records, 1978-1981
Board of Directors letters and statements, 1978-1979
NOBC personnel policy, 1978

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights correspondence, 1979-1980
NOBC mailing list and general information, 1978
Correspondence and subject files

- Box 106** Department of Church Vocations, Kenneth Stewart, 1974-1976
Impact! issues, 1971-1982, 1989
Eyes on the Prize viewing guide, 1990
- Box 107** Office of Evangelization forms, undated
"Prison Ministry in the Black Community: A Guide for Catholic Evangelists,"
undated
Crux of the News, 1980-1984
Cards and invitations, 1973-1974
Newsletters, 1982-1983
- Box 108** AACW planning records, 1984
James Henderson correspondence, 1984
Patricia Butler correspondence, 1990
National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus (NBCCC) directory, Spring 1985
The Question and Answer Catholic Catechism by John A. Hardon, 1981
"What is NOBC" document published by the NOBC, undated
NOBC special statement, "The Crisis of Catholic Education in the Black Community"
"Catholic Schools: Education in the Black Community," by Sister Delores Harroll,
S.N.D., Conference on the Apostolate of the Church in the Black Community
Order of Celebration: National Day of Prayer, The National Office for Black
Catholics at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC,
February 3, 1990
1986 Biennial conference schedule
Financial records, 1984-1985
- Box 109** Pamphlets, 1978-1983, undated
Photographs, mostly unidentified, undated
"Proposal for the National Office for Black Catholics (NOBC)" Submitted to: The
National Conference of Catholic Bishops. By: The Black Catholic Clergy Caucus,
The National Black Sisters Conference, ca. 1968
A Proposal for Organizational and Lay Leadership Development, prepared for
National Black Lay Catholic Caucus, 1979
- Box 110** Printed material, 1972-1982
Topics include Black Catholics, other minority Catholic groups, Catholic Church
& social justice, and worship
- Box 111** Biennial conference records and programs, 1980-1985
1984 NOBC Biennial conference planning records (hotel rates and information)
Letters, committee papers, and NOBC conference information 1980-1984
NOBC Biennial Conference program, 1982

NOBC youth conference letters, 1985
Other conference information
Newspaper clippings
NOBC Biennial Conference Mass program, August 1984
Donations and receipts
Workshop evaluation sheets, AACW workshop, Belleville, IL, July 13-19, 1986.
Conference program letter draft, 1982

- Box 112** *Impact!* research materials, drafts, and correspondence, 1977, 1982-1983
Audit Committee minutes, 1977
- Box 113** Correspondence and topical files, 1977, 1984-1990
Papal visit to the US files, 1987
- Box 114** Topical files, 1978-1990
Subjects include civil rights and international affairs issues
- Box 115** 1986 Biennial conference planning & registration records, 1986
Impact! research materials and drafts, 1982-1983
Photographs and contact sheets, undated
NCCB "Call to Action" Detroit conference, 1976
Organizational records, 1981, 1986-1987
Joseph Davis correspondence, 1968-1977
NBCCC, NBLCC, early years of NOBC, Executive Director
- Box 116** Joseph Davis teaching materials, 1972-1975
Topical files and organizational records, 1973-1982
Includes National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, Black Married Life filmstrip project
Printed material (including Divine Word Messenger), 1943, 1964-1972
- Box 117** Black Catholic Church Life Survey responses, 1986
Cyprian Rowe correspondence, 1979
Organizational records, 1973-1974, 1980-1984
Financial audit records, 1985-1986
- Box 118** Pastoral ministry institute, 1974-1981, 1987
"White Priest: Black Parish" institute, 1971
Patricia Butler correspondence, 1989-1990
Southern African Council of Catholic Laity letters to NOBC, 1987
NOBC Christmas cards, 1980
Newspapers and bulletins
- Box 119** Financial and fundraising records, 1982-1987
Statement of accounts and tax information, 1986-1987

- Box 120** Post office mailing statements, 1991-1993
Printed material
Administrative & financial records, 1978-1990
Catholic Seminary Foundation Basic Corporation Papers, ca. 1960s
- Box 121** James McConduit correspondence, 1984-1985.
Correspondence, newsletters, and programs
 Twenty-Ninth Annual Equal Opportunity Day Dinner material, 1985
 The Black Coalition for 1984
BCC records, 1986-1987
Administrative records, 1981-1985
Penelope Powell, personal papers, 1981
- Box 122** 1986 Biennial Conference planning records, 1986
Walter Hubbard correspondence and organizational records, 1973-1976, 1981-1991
 Includes BCC and Board of Directors records
- Box 123** Department of Church Vocations, Kenneth Stewart and Giles Conwill, records, 1974-1979
 Topical files, correspondence, printed material, BCC records
General correspondence, 1980-1981
- Box 124** Office of Evangelization records, 1981-1984
 Evangelization workshop and revival records
 Includes photographs
- Box 125** NOBC and NBLCC correspondence, 1982-1988
- Box 126** Correspondence and administrative records, 1980-1982
Financial records, 1984-1991
- Box 127** NOBC publications, 1974-1989
 Evangelization pamphlets, 1974, 1981
 “Black Lay Leadership: Development and Participation in the Church,” undated
 “The Black Catholic Family: A Change Agent for the Church,” undated
 “The Crisis of Catholic Education in the Black Community,” 1976
 “Thank God We Ain’t What We Was: The State of the Liturgy in the Black Catholic Community,” undated
 “Black Catholicism in the United States: A Historical Chronology,” 1985
 National Survey on Black Catholic Life report, 1986
 “Catholic Schools: Education in the Black Community,” undated
 NOBC/NBLCC newsletter, 1987-1989
 Black Catholic Lay Leadership Symposium promotional material, 1987-1988
 Other printed material (books, reports, directories, etc.), 1963, 1969-1982, 1986-1990
- Box 128** Biennial Conference records, 1989

- Interim Congress Meeting, National Black Congress, 1988
Topical files, 1988-1989
Miscellaneous news, political information, and material from other organizations
- Box 129** Department of Church Vocations, Office of Evangelization, and miscellaneous material
NOBC conference on vocations
Proceedings: National Conference on Development of Black Vocations, Nov. 25-28, 1973
NOBC Surveys: Survey for Development of Recruitment Office
Evangelization workshop, 1978
Sermon notes, 1979
Material from other Catholic organizations
- Box 130** American Catholic Lay Network (ACLN) correspondence, 1985-1987
Joe Holland director of the ACLN, correspondence, 1986-1987
NBLCC Board of Directors records, 1985-1986
NOBC 1985 Annual meeting summary notes, 1985
NOBC 1986 Annual meeting minutes, 1986
Budget reports, 1986-1987
Pastoral Ministry Institute registrations, 1983
1982 Biennial Conference souvenir booklet records, 1982
- Box 131** Photographs (most unidentified), prints, negatives, contact sheets, undated
Correspondence with other organizations, 1979-1983
NBLCC records, 1973-1986
Financial records, 1976-1979
Board of Directors records, 1986
Printed material and reports, 1973-1983
- Box 132** Black Catholic Awards Program, Archdiocese of Washington, September 28, 1985.
Printed material related to Black issues and/or Catholicism, 1979-1984
Issues of the journal *Cross Currents*
NOBC Biennial Conference Follow-up Packet, February 1983
"NOBC: An Action Agenda for the 80s" conference program, 1980
Black Catholic Lay Caucus
Institute for Pastoral Ministry brochure, 1983
- Box 133** BCC records, donation acknowledgements, 1987-1986
James McConduit, Board president, correspondence and organizational records, 1987-1988
"This Far by Faith: American Black Worship & Its African Roots," 1977
Board of Directors records, 1987-1988
General correspondence, 1986-1988
- Box 134** Registrant list from AACW workshop, 1988

- Donation letters and acknowledgements, 1988-1990
- Correspondence, 1988-1990
- Lay Leadership contributions 1988-1989
- Curriculum proposal for the Institute for the Development of Black Catholic Lay Leadership by Clorice G. Walker, October 1988
- Financial records, 1979-1990
 - Bank statements and financial reports

- Box 135** Topical files, 1971-1981
 - USCC, NOBC events, other organizations

- Box 136** Robert Robinson, NBLCC coordinator, records, 1977-1979
 - Correspondence, clippings, topical files
 - Organizational records and correspondence, 1983-1989

- Box 137** Board of Directors records, 1981, 1987
 - Financial and administrative records, 1978-1987
 - 1987 Synod on the Laity, 1987

- Box 138** Publications
 - "This Far By Faith: American Black Worship and Its African Roots," 1977
 - NOBC Report to the World Synod of Bishops, 1987 (several copies)
 - Freeing the Spirit* issues, 1972-1981 (incomplete)
 - Impact!* issues, 1975-1981 (incomplete)

- Box 139** Walter Hubbard records, 1974-1987
 - Correspondence, financial statements, and literature, 1974-1985
 - "The Black Catholic Family: A Change for the Church" by Edwin J Nichols, PhD,
 - Conference on the Apostolate of the Church in the Black Community
 - 1986 NOBC Joint Biennial Conference program
 - Preliminary report of the NOBC Commission, 1987 Synod, March 27, 1987
 - Correspondence, 1974 -1985
 - National Survey on Black Catholic Life, 1986

- Box 140** Financial records, 1980-1990
 - Youth conference registration receipts, 1986
 - AACW workshop registration receipts, 1984
 - Donation acknowledgements, 1988-1989

- Box 141** [unboxed]
 - Financial records, ledgers, 1978-1984

- Box 142** Joseph Davis correspondence, 1971-1972
 - General correspondence, 1971-1972

- Box 143** Joseph Davis correspondence, outgoing, 1971-1973

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- Box 144** Administrative and financial records, 1988-1990
BCC & Special Appeal records, donation acknowledgments, 1988-1989
1989 Biennial Conference records, 1989
- Box 145** Financial records, ledgers, 1983-1986
- Box 146** Photographs (some identified), 1980, undated
Conference materials, 1979-1986
Organizational records, 1970-1990
Clippings, 1976-1993
Miscellaneous organizational records, 1970-1983
Board of Directors records, 1982, 1999-2000
Walt Hubbard response to U.S. Catholic Historian article, 1998
- Box 147** *Freeing the Spirit* issues, 1971-1981
Negro History Bulletin issue, May-June 1977
NOBC Report to the World Synod of Bishops, 1987
Publications from other organizations
- Box 148** Office of Culture & Worship, Ronald Sharps, records, 1974-1981
Correspondence and pictures, 1980
AACW workshop planning records, 1974-1980
Freeing the Spirit publishing records, 1978-1981
Conference papers, Conference on the Apostolate of the Church in the Black Community
National Conference on Development of Black Vocation proceedings, November 25-28, 1973
Chapter nine of an unknown manuscript
Pontifical Commission Justice and Peace, Colloquy on racial discrimination, 1972
Monthly reports, 1973
Pastoral Ministry Institute folder, 1981
The Prayers of African Religion by John S. Mbiti, 1975
- Box 149** Walter Hubbard records, 1973-1990s
Correspondence, 1990s
One binder including correspondence, articles, and unidentified pictures
Walter T. Hubbard Civic Appreciation Dinner, May 20, 1973
Black Catholic Lay Leadership Symposium, Belleville, Illinois, March 25-27, 1988
Fundraising program from Joseph M. Davis to the NOBC board of directors, ca. 1972
Correspondence related to the Raskob foundation
Miscellaneous material related to Walter T. Hubbard

- Box 150** Topical files (correspondence and printed material), 1972-1981
Clippings, 1982-1983
Thesis: *Jim Crow Comes to Church: The Establishment of Segregated Catholic Parishes in South Louisiana*, by Dolores Egger, 1965
- Box 151** Correspondence and printed material, 1989
Memoranda, 1971-1974
"For My People" newsletter, 1975-1976
Black Catholic Lay Leadership Symposium planning records, 1988
NBLCC records, 1974-1982
 Board of Directors minutes, 1974
 Financial records, 1981-1982
Daily transaction reports, 1985
- Box 152** Office of Evangelization, 1980-1983
 Evangelization workshop and revival records
National Catholic Education Society material, 1972-1990
Correspondence and organizational records, 1987-1990
Folder: "What is NOBC?", undated
- Box 153** Conference planning records, 1984-1986
 1984 & 1986 Biennial conferences, AACW 1986
USCC Commission on Marriage and Family Life, 1985
Miscellaneous papers and printed material, 1977-1983
- Box 154** Topical files, 1974-1984
Walter Hubbard correspondence, 1974-1980
Organizational & Board of Directors records, 1970-1981
 Includes NBCCC and NBLCC records
- Box 155** Miscellaneous correspondence and printed material, 1978-1987
Unidentified presentations, undated
Address labels, undated
Board of Directors minutes, 1980
General & Administrative correspondence, 1987
- Box 156** Administrative and fundraising records, 1983-1986
NOBC executive committee meeting folder, November 7-8, 1981
Joint Biennial Conference material, 1986
National Black Catholic Youth Caucus workshop, 1986
- Box 157** Financial records, checks and ledgers, 1986-1987
Photographs and negatives (unidentified), undated
- Box 158** VHS tapes
(*Note: These tapes have been digitized, and digital versions are available.*)

“Here Am I Lord, Send Me!: The 1987 National Black Catholic Congress,” Parts 2 and 3

“1989 Phase II Symposium, ‘Building Black Catholic Lay Leadership,’ Belleville, Illinois,” April 15-16, 1989 (4 tapes)

- Box 159** Mounted photograph of Walter Hubbard, undated
2 framed covers of *Freeing the Spirit*, 1972
Art print (removed from frame), undated
Melba Moore radio spots record (33½ rpm), ca. 1970s
“Beatitude People” audiocassette and study guide, 1982
Reel-to-reel tapes
 “Contrasts” program on NBLCC, undated
 NBLCC meeting, November 17, 1972
 “Dr. Martin Luther King Addresses the Capitol Press Club, 6/10/67”
- Box 160** Office of Evangelization, 1981-1983
Audiocassettes, many recorded at revivals, 1981-1983
 “Come and Go Black Catholic Evangelization” filmstrips and audiocassettes
 “Tell My Story, Sing My Song: Black Catholic Sounds” audiocassettes
- Box 161** Audiocassettes
 Board of Directors recordings, 1981-1987
 Lectures on theology and evangelization (18 tapes, each with handwritten description), July 1983
 AACW workshop souvenir tapes & photograph (2 tapes), 1983
 National Conference for Development of Black Vocations (2 tapes), 1973
 Miscellaneous audiocassettes, undated
- Box 162** NOBC documents, from papers of Father C. Davis, OSB
 Miscellaneous materials from the National Office of Black Catholics, ranges from 1971-1982.
 1972 Black Political Convention
 The Spring Institute: April 23-28, 1973
 NOBC Board Meeting, Feb.11-12, 1972
 Issues of *the Impact* (c. 1977-1982)
 Miscellaneous letters, articles, vouchers