



Therese Wilson Favors

Therese Wilson Favors is the former Director of the Office of African American Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, having served in that role for nineteen (19) years. At the moment of her retirement, Ms. Favors had accumulated 43 years of service in ministry within the Archdiocese of Baltimore. She has served as both Program Director and Executive Director of the National Black Catholic Congress, Director of Evangelization at Corpus Christi Catholic Church and Coordinator of Elementary Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Her ministry also extended to over five (5) years as a Catholic School teacher at both St. Cecilia and Fr. Charles A. Hall Schools.

She is a Professor at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans and Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Mrs. Favors lectures throughout the country and prepares programs that focus on African-American issues surrounding catechesis, evangelization, and spirituality. Along with many Black Catholic leaders in Baltimore, Therese launched a campaign of street evangelization titled, "Operation Faith Lift" in year 2000. She has contributed to several books, serving as editor for "What We Have Seen and Heard: Essays and Stories of Black Catholics in Baltimore," published in 2006, twenty (20) issues of "Keep On Teaching," an Africentric catechetical resource and "God Bless Them Who Have Their Own: African American Catechetical Camp Meetin' Proceedings" (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops).

Additionally she has been a contributing writer for resources discussing HIV and AIDS, as well as the National Day of Prayer for African American and African Families. Mrs. Favors is the author of "Rise Up and Re-Build" a resource for African American Families issued by the National Black Catholic Congress. In 2007, she was awarded the Papal Honor of *Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice* by Pope Benedict XVI.

For 34 years, Therese has been married to Andrew Favors who is a tremendous blessing; lending enormous support and love. Ms. Favors holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Coppin State University and a Master's Degree in Religious Education from St. Mary's Seminary, both of Baltimore, Maryland.