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"There is a richness in our Black experience that we must share with the entire People of God. These are gifts that are part of an African past. For we have heard with Black ears, and we have seen with Black eyes, and we have understood with an African heart. We thank God for the gifts of our Catholic faith, and we give thanks for the gifts of our Blackness. In all humility we turn to the whole Church that it might share our gifts so that 'our joy may be complete.'"

—*What We Have Seen and Heard: A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization From the Black Bishops of the United States (1984)*

Black Catholic History Month

November is **Black Catholic History** month. The conversation with Rev. Manuel Williams, CR celebrates four gifts that African Americans bring to the Catholic Church: Contemplation, Joy, Christo-centricity and Hope. Father also comments on topics that are central to the African American experience in our country today. This YouTube video is entitled: **African American Catholicism** . . . https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuuERy_00Kk

Gun Violence

Advocates for gun violence prevention have been asking Congress to pass a set of gun laws that are a matter of common sense. One of these laws asks for universal background checks. This would remove all exceptions to the requirement of a background check for the purchase of a firearm. Please ask your senators to support these background checks nationwide.

<https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/37652/action/1?locale=en-US>

DACA Update by Interfaith Immigration Coalition

Multiple court decisions on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) have occurred in October. These decisions will deeply impact the lives of thousands of immigrant youth and families, and we have a responsibility, as people of faith, to stand in solidarity with them.

DACA has been repeatedly subjected to legal challenges that have put the lives of all undocumented immigrants in limbo. Losing DACA would irrevocably harm these immigrant communities, setting off a cascading effect of negative consequences not only on those who depend on DACA to support their families, but also on businesses and key industries across the economy. Congress must address DACA now, while at the same time investing in legislative solutions for the 11 million immigrants who call this country their home.

Prayer for after an Election USCCB (excerpt)

We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants,
those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges,
those in the military and law enforcement.
Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord,
with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice
in the years ahead for all people,
and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-after-election>

Actions

1. Support **Moms Rising** asking for permanent status for DACA recipients:
<https://action.momsrising.org/sign/DACA-2022>
2. Pray for an end to racism in our nation.