

November is National Black Catholic History Month—a perfect opportunity for teachers to give your students a “Question of the Day” geared toward developing the idea that the Catholic Church is universal, and that people’s different cultural and ethnic backgrounds enrich the Church. Here are 30 questions to use this month:

What’s a one-word definition for <i>Catholic</i> ?	Universal.
About how many adult African-American Catholics are there in the U.S.?	2 million
About how many African-American Catholics are there in the ten-county Archdiocese of Milwaukee?	267,450
In what year was the first Black priest born in Milwaukee ordained?	1964
In which state were slaves who converted to Catholicism offered their freedom in Colonial times?	Florida.
Who is likely to become the first Black American saint?	Pierre Toussaint.
How many popes have been of African descent?	Three.
When was the first Black diocesan priest ordained in the U.S.?	Fr. Stephen Louis Theobald was ordained in 1910.
How many Black bishops do we currently have in the U.S.?	Thirteen.
Who is the only Black saint from the western hemisphere to date?	St. Martin de Porres.
How many Black diocesan priests are currently active in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee?	Three.
Who was the first Black bishop in the U.S.?	Bishop James Augustine Healy, who was ordained bishop in 1875.
During World War I, an organization was formed for Black Catholic servicemen. What was the name of this organization?	The Committee for the Advancement of Colored Catholics.
The first pope of African descent made what language the official language of the Catholic Church?	Latin.
Where is the first Black Catholic seminary?	St. Augustine Seminary is in Greenville, Mississippi.
In what year did the American bishops declare that racism is immoral?	1958.
About how many Black Catholics are there worldwide?	200 million.
When was National Black Catholic History Month celebrated for the first time?	1990.
Which saint was the first Doctor of the Church from North Africa?	St. Augustine.
Where is the tallest Catholic church in the	Our Lady of Peace Basilica is on the Ivory

world?	Coast in West Africa and is 525 feet tall.
How many predominantly African-American Catholic parishes are there in the U.S.?	1300.
About how many African-American Catholic priests are there in the U.S.?	250.
About how many African-American Catholic religious sisters are there in the U.S.?	300.
Who was the first Black African to become a canonized a saint?	St. Moses the Black.
What blood relationship did the first three Black priests ordained in the U.S. have?	They were brothers.
James, Alexander, and Patrick Healy were the first three Black priests in the U.S., but they did not publicly acknowledge that they were Black. Who was the first U.S. priest to be publicly known as Black?	Fr. Augustus Tolton.
When was the first Black priest ordained in the U.S.?	Fr. Charles Uncles, SSJ, was ordained in 1891.
Who was the first African-American archbishop in the U.S.?	Archbishop Eugene Marino, who was Archbishop of Atlanta, GA.
In what city was the first permanent Black parish in the U.S. located?	Baltimore. St. Francis Xavier Parish still exists today.
In what book of the Bible do we read about the first Black person converted to Christianity?	The Acts of the Apostles.