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## **The Rev. Dr. John Segun Odeyemi joins Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies and Theology Department**

**New Orleans, La-** The Rev. Dr. John Segun Odeyemi has joined Xavier's Institute for Black Catholic Studies (IBCS) and is the newest member of the university's Theology Department. Dr. Odeyemi will collaborate with IBCS Director Kathleen Dorsey Bellow to establish an initiative devoted to the study of Black Catholic Holiness throughout the diaspora, highlighting the legacy of the six African American candidates for sainthood and traditions of Black Christian believers from ancient times to today.

Dr. Odeyemi is a Catholic priest ordained for the Diocese of New Orleans.

