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Inspired by his research
 Informed as a reader of his books and articles
 Transformed as his student
 The man, the monk, the historian, the holy man of God
 Dom. Cyprian Davis, OSB
 A scholar, a man of faith, and a historian beyond measure,
 A detective who uncovered hidden resources and treasures that filled a
 historical and spiritual void within a people
 In the beginning . . . Africa
 In the beginning . . . there were Black Catholics

THE BOOK/THE CLASSIC TEXT: *The History of Black Catholics in the United States*

African Roots: Kush, Nubians, Ethiopia; Frumentius, Afonso, Anthony of Egypt, Catherine of Alexandria, Benedict the Moor, Afro-Latino – Martin DePorres, St. Monica and St. Augustine,

A Church in Chains,: Esteban, The Enslaved – The Institution of Slavery, Saint Augustine, Florida, Louisiana, Florida, Maryland

Christ’s Image in Black, The Builders of the Faith/Women Religious/Shepherds with Black Skins/The Laity: Henriette Delille, Elizabeth Lange, Mother Matilda Beasley, The Healy Brothers: James, Patrick and Alexander, Charles Uncles, Charles Dorsey, Augustus Tolton, Pierre Toussaint, Jean Baptiste DuSable, Harriet, Thompson, Charles Butler, Federation of Colored Catholics, Daniel Rudd, *The American Catholic Tribune*, The Congress of Colored Catholics, Thomas Wyatt Turner, and so many more

Black and Catholic, Coming of Age: Lena Edwards, Mother Theodore Williams, Harold Perry, SVD, National Black Clergy Caucus, National Black Sisters Conference, Black Catholic Seminarians Association, The Black Catholic Theological Symposium, The Institute for Black Catholic Studies, *What We Have Seen and Heard* and *Brothers and Sisters to Us*

We have a testimony to give,
 We have a spirituality to share,
 We have a history to teach,
 To know your history, is to know your greatness.
 Thank you Fr. Cyprian.

