

On The Road to Sainthood



Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1776-1853) - Born into slavery in Haiti, Toussaint was a philanthropist and founder of many Catholic charities, including one of New York's first orphanages.



Servant of God **Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange** (1784-1882) - Foundress and first Superior General of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first congregation of African American Women in the Catholic Church.



Venerable **Henriette Delille** (1813-1862) - Foundress of the Congregation of the Holy Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans, helping slaves and people of color throughout her lifetime.



Julia Greeley (1833 and 1848-1918) - Born into slavery, she entered the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Parish in Denver in 1880. In 1901, Julia joined the Secular Franciscan Order, where she remained until her death.



Venerable **Father Augustus Tolton** (1854-1897) - The first black U.S. Roman Catholic priest to be ordained (1886). He was instrumental in the building of St. Monica's Catholic Church which was considered a black "National Parish Church." Born a slave, he formally studied and was ordained in Rome.



Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA (1937-1990) - Converting to Catholicism as a child, she joined the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Canton, Mississippi where she spent her life championing cultural awareness and racial reconciliation.

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