



The following is the finding aid for the African American Ministry Office collection located at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Archives. A finding aid is a catalog tool used in archives that briefly describes the material found in a collection. These records are not available digitally unless otherwise noted. [Researchers must make an appointment with an archivist to view the material.](#)

**African American Ministry Office
Records, 1988-2008
AS 218**

Volume
0.7 cubic feet

Access
Open/Unrestricted

Administrative Note

The African American Ministry Office was established in 1981 as “The Office for Black Catholic Concerns for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee” by Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. in order to oversee the development and growth of the African American Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. By 1993, the office’s name is changed to “African American Ministry” as the organization continued to grow in size and influence. By 1999, the ministry was well-established as a strong representation of African American Catholics among congregational events like the African World Festival, and national gatherings of African American Catholics. Eventually, the ministry was integrated into the Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s Office of Multicultural Affairs to help manage the ministry’s operation, until the office was dissolved in 2004, thereby ending the ministry’s existence as a formal organization. Today, the Black Catholic Ministry Commission operates under the archdiocesan Intercultural Ministries Office.

Scope and Content *a brief description of the types of materials in the collection.*

This series includes a report on the state of African American Ministries, records from the African World Festival, general correspondences within the ministry, meeting agendas and written documents depicting the history of the ministry’s organization. Also, this collection features a significant amount of materials addressing the issue of racism, in the form of racism education records, racism inservice records, and records from an appointed task force on racism. Lastly, the collection includes various materials focused on religious education in the form of evangelization within the ministry, and pastoral care consultation.

Box and Folder List *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders have been arranged alphabetically. “B” is an abbreviation for box and “F” is an abbreviation for folder. This list will help the researcher narrow down exactly what folder they want to look at.*

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 1	F 1	African American Ministry Status Report and Recommendations, 2002
B 1	F 2	African World Festival - correspondence, 2002-2005
B 1	F 3-5	African World Festival - programs, 1999-2007
B 1	F 6	Black Catholic Community Summit with Archbishop Timothy Dolan, 2007
B 1	F 7	Correspondences, 1995, 2004
B 1	F 8	Evangelization is A Call A Response - instructor materials, n.d.

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 1	F 9	Evangelization is A Call A Response - sample workbook, n.d.
B 1	F 11	History, 2007, n.d.
B 2	F 1	Meeting agendas, 1995, 1997, 2007
B 2	F 2	Pastoral Care Consultation Evening, 2007
B 2	F 3	Racism education materials, 1988-1995
B 2	F 4	Racism inservice materials, 1988-1997
B 2	F 5	Task Force on Racism, 1989, 1992-1993, n.d.
B 2	F 6	Vision 21 Committee, 2007-2008
B 2	F 7	VHS tape - Evangelization is A Call A Response, n.d.