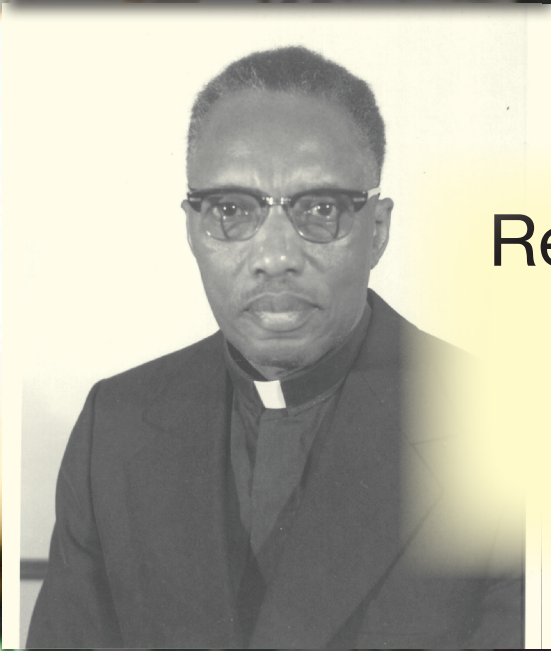


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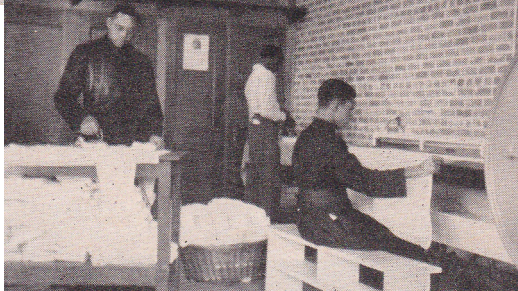
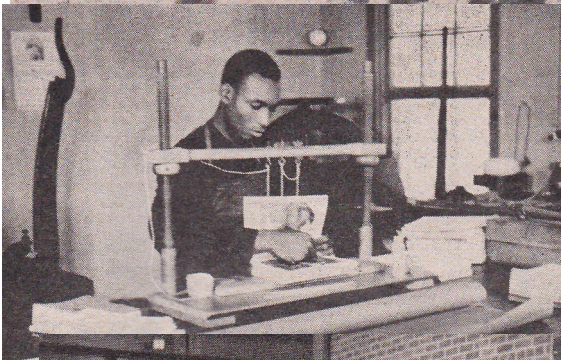
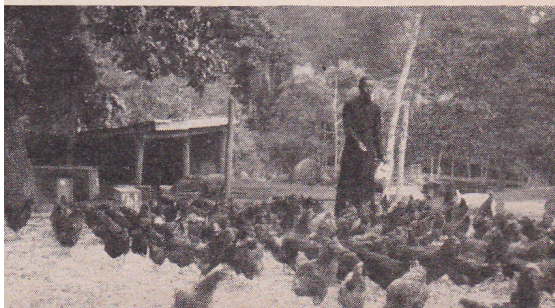
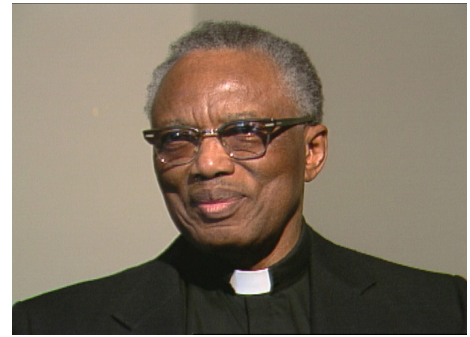
Remembering the unsung heroes  
of St. Augustine Seminary.  
They are the Brothers of the  
Society of Divine Word.



# Prayer for Black History Month

Spirit of Abundance, God of Grace, Mother of Hope,  
We pause now to remember those stories that are all  
around us,  
But so often passed over,  
Those stories that when told are shared because  
Of what someone is, not who they are.  
This month in our nation's character  
Is Black History month.  
Help us to realize that Black history is  
All our histories.  
May the day come when these stories  
Are so wildly taught that no month need  
Be separately divided.  
We know this day will not come until we as a people  
Make different choices.  
We pray now for those new choices.  
May we come to see a day where the prison system  
Becomes redemptive, not punitive.  
A day where the legal system learns to focus more squarely on the facts,  
And not the colors of our skin.  
A day where our schools are as well funded, as the needs demand.  
May our role models be allowed to excel when they thrive,  
And not be taken down for their rich heritage.  
We know this will require a shift in power.  
And this can be scary for some.  
Give those full of fear - hope.  
May we come to know grace,  
So that our hearts will not be hardened to the pain around us.  
There are so many beautiful stories needing to be told.  
And we need to get the chance to hear them.  
Widen our vision so that the history that is shared this month,  
And every month,  
Come to be known as our history too.  
We are most human when we see the humanity in others.

- Author Unknown



## THE UNSUNG HEROES OF ST. AUGUSTINE SEMINARY

In life there are a number of unsung heroes. For the Seminary at Bay Saint Louis, MS as it remembers its 100 years those unsung heroes are the Brothers of the Society of the Divine Word.

Throughout the years the brothers were there working quietly to provide the basic necessities to provide for the staff, faculty and seminarians who studied there.

We remember notable individuals like Brother Lawrence Morton, SVD, Brother Theophane Alles, SVD, Brother Joseph Maddox, SVD, Brother Bonaventure Chenevert, SVD, Brother James Balthazar, SVD, Brother James Heeb, SVD. Brother Richard Chambers, SVD and many others.

These brothers need to be remembered and celebrated as St. Augustine celebrates its centennial. Without the brothers it is safe to say that without them in the past and even today St. Augustine would never have succeeded.

The brothers of the Society of the Divine Word deserve to be remembered as the unsung heroes of St. Augustine.



# in a word or two



*Join our distinguished panel  
as they discuss methods to  
dismantle racism in our country!*



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Father Louis Vernon LeDoux, a retired priest of the Diocese of Lafayette, died on Sunday, January 22, 2023, in Tacoma, Washington. He was 96 years old. Father LeDoux had recently celebrated 70 years of priestly ministry. His first assignment was at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Port Barre, thereafter, in 1957 he began military service as a Chaplain in the Armed Forces until his retirement in 1989. He was the brother of Fr. Jerome LeDoux, SVD. Please pray for the repose of Father Vernon LeDoux and for those who mourn his absence.

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## A New Serenity Prayer

by

Father James Martin SJ

God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the people I cannot change,  
which is pretty much everyone,  
since I'm clearly not you, God.  
At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God,  
please give me the courage  
to change what I need to change about  
myself,  
which is frankly a lot, since, once again,  
I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.

It's better for me to focus on changing myself  
than to worry about changing other people,  
who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying,  
I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up  
whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter  
than everyone else in the room,  
that no one knows what they're talking about  
except me,  
or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God,  
grant me the wisdom  
to remember that I'm  
not you.  
Amen.

Fr. James Martin, SJ, is a Jesuit priest, editor at large of America, consultant to the Vatican's Dicastery for Communication and the author of many books, including the New York Times bestsellers "The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything," "Jesus: A Pilgrimage" and "Learning to Pray."

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