

## **NDPAAAF 2011 Press Release**

### **National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family 2011**

Archdiocese of New York, New York, New York January 25, 2011 (NBCAL) “Celebrating God’s goodness and mercy” (cf. Psalm 23), is the theme for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family to be held on the First Sunday of Black History Month, February 6, 2011, stated Father James E. Goode, OFM.

Father Goode, who is the founder of the National Day of Prayer and President of the National Black Catholic Apostolate for life, stressed that on that day African American and African families, will be encouraged to rededicate their families to protecting human life at all stages, and upholding the dignity of the family.

“God’s goodness and mercy, and the heavenly protection of the Holy Family, has brought us this far by faith” stated Sr. Eva Regina Martin, SSF, PhD, (Superior General of the Holy Family Sisters in New Orleans, Louisiana), so let us as African American sisters and brothers on the National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family entrust our families and extended families to Jesus, Mary and Joseph”.

The National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family is supported by the three historical Black Religious Communities of Sisters, all the major Black Catholic Organizations in the U.S., the USCCB: SCDC African American Affairs, and the Black and Indian Missions. The materials for the National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family 2011 including the catechetical reflection prepared by Ms. Therese Wilson Favors can be downloaded directly from the website [www.solidgroundministry.com](http://www.solidgroundministry.com) or [www.usccb-\(SAAC\).org](http://www.usccb-(SAAC).org)