



# NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CLERGY CAUCUS (NBCCC)



July 15, 2024

The Feast of Saint Bonaventure

Dear Members of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus and Friends of the Caucus,

It is with profound sadness and a heavy heart that I inform you of the untimely passing of our esteemed President, Fr. Norman Fischer. Fr. Fischer departed this world during night or July 15, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of unwavering faith, dedication, and leadership within our Black Catholic community.

Fr. Fischer's commitment to our mission and his tireless work for justice and equality have been a beacon of inspiration for us all. His leadership, compassion, and wisdom guided our organization during this difficult time in our nation's history, and his absence will be deeply felt by everyone whose lives he touched.

As we mourn this immense loss, let us also celebrate the remarkable life and contributions of Fr. Fischer. His passion for our cause and his deep love for our Black Catholic community will continue to inspire us as we move forward.

In these trying times, I urge you all to come together in prayer and solidarity. Let us support one another and honor Fr. Fischer's memory by continuing the important work he championed.

Details regarding the funeral arrangements and any memorial services will be shared as soon as they are available. In the meantime, please join me in extending our deepest sympathies to Fr. Fischer's family and loved ones.

May God grant Fr. Fischer eternal rest, and may his soul find peace in the presence of the Lord.

In solidarity and sorrow,

Fr. Kareem R. Smith  
Vice-President, National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus