

LECTURE Series

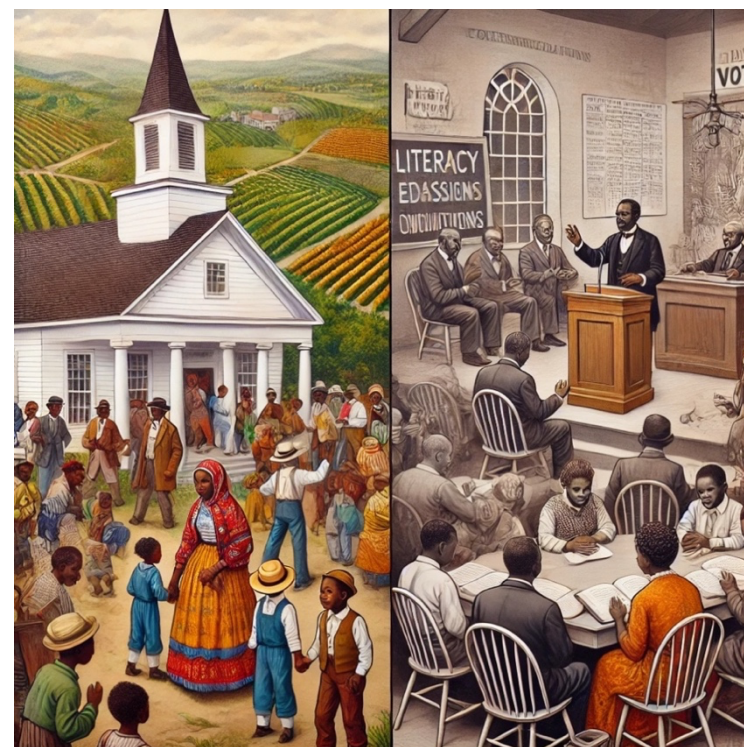
Friday, February 5, 2027

7 pm Eastern / 4 pm Pacific

with **PHILIP CHIVILY**

BLACK CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES: *ANTEBELLUM TO RECONSTRUCTION*

Discover how Black Catholic communities in the vital borderlands between North and South, in Chesapeake cities and towns across Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia, forged a distinctive and enduring place in both American Catholicism and the United States. As we approach the bicentennial of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first Black Catholic religious order for women founded in Baltimore, join us for a vivid journey through their remarkable story. Through dynamic historical analysis and compelling storytelling, we will explore how Black Catholics skillfully navigated their dual identities as Black Americans and faithful Catholics to build thriving communities, claim their rightful place in local society, the nation, and the Church. From the antebellum era through the crucible of the Civil War and into the promise of Reconstruction, witness how these understudied pioneers played foundational roles in shaping American Catholicism and the broader United States. This promises to be a thought-provoking and inspiring encounter with a vital chapter of our shared history.



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