

BOOKS ON FR. AUGUSTUS TOLTON

Hemeseth, Caroline. *From Slave to Priest*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006. Originally published by Franciscan Herald Press, 1973.

This is still considered the definitive book on the life of Fr. Augustus Tolton. While it was originally published by Franciscan Herald Press, it was resissued by Ignatius Press with a new introduction.

Ochs, Stephen. *Desegregating the Altar: The Josephites and the Struggle for Black Priests – 1871-1960*. Louisiana State University Press, 1993.

Dr. Ochs has written an extensive book on the struggle of to have an indigenous African American Roman Catholic priesthood in the United States. While a majority of the book focuses on the Josephites, there is a section on Fr. Augustus Tolton.

Penn, Sabrina. *A Place For My Children: Family Memoir*. (grandniece of Fr. Augustus Tolton). Chicago: Penn Ink, 2006.

The book is written by the great grandniece of Fr. Augustus Tolton. It is a memoir of her journey on discovering she is related to the first known African American Catholic priest – Fr. Augustus Tolton and gives a family history of Fr. Tolton.

Davis, Cyprian. *The History of Black Catholics in the United States*. New York: Crossroads, 1990.

Chapter 6 is entitled “Shepherds with Black Skins” and focuses on the first African American priests including Fr. Augustus Tolton, the Healey Brothers and the Josephites.

Film:

ENDURING FAITH – produced by the Diocese of Buffalo, NY focuses on Josephite sand their struggle to have an indigineous black priesthood. A section of the film focuses on the life of Fr. Augustus Tolton.