

Rev. Christopher S. Rhodes, as of 26 May 2012, is a newly ordained priest for the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky and the Archdiocese of Military Service. Upon his ordination to the priesthood, Chris was distinguished to be the first if not only in history to achieve several accomplishments within various institutions and organizations. Father Rhodes is first and only African American to be ordained to the priesthood within the Archdiocese of Louisville for more than twenty years, the first African American priest to serve as Associate Pastor of Saint Augustine in Lebanon, KY and Holy Name of Mary in Calvary, KY, the only African American priest ordained in the entire United States within the past two years, the first and only Morehouse College Alumnus to be ordained to the priesthood since the founding of the college 146 years ago, and the first and only African American Catholic Clergymen to serve as Chaplain for the Kentucky Army National Guard.

In the summer of 2012, five weeks after his ordination, Fr. Chris is the first priest given the privilege to preach to an audience of over 2500, at the National Black Catholic Congress, which included over a hundred priests, deacons, religious brothers, monks, nuns, seminarians, in the presence of eight bishops, an honor usually extended solely to bishops.

During his seminary studies toward the priesthood from 2005 - 2012, various Catholic Organizations, Parishes, and news agency around the country have called upon Father Chris to speak on issues of faith, priestly vocations, particularly in the African - American Community. Also, as a young seminarian, Chris served as President of the National Black Catholic Seminarians Association (2010 - 2011) renewing the organization's 40 year old mission by establishing its first widely read newsletter (Pastores Dabo Vobis), first Annual National Day of Prayer for Vocations in the Black Catholic Community, and increased its presence and mission through various forms of media. He has served as Chapel Assistant for Morehouse College's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel, and Ministry Assistant for Catholic Campus Ministry named after the first Black Archbishop of Atlanta, Archbishop James P. Lyke under the leadership / direction of Louisville's first Black Catholic Priest Rev. Dr. Edward B. Branch. Chris was not born or raised catholic, but decided in the year 2000 to depart his Missionary Baptist roots and enter into full communion within the Roman Catholic Church.

Rev. Christopher Rhodes, is a native of Dallas, Texas. Holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Morehouse College, Master's of Arts in Philosophy

from Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Master's of Divinity from The Catholic University of America, and is a licensed Family and Marriage Counselor. Before entering formal seminary training in 2006, he served actively in the U.S. Army as an Infantry Officer and Finance Officer for the Department of Defense, specializing in training operations, military intelligence, logistics, personnel management, and obtained the rank of Commander and Captain. Currently he is the associate pastor of Saint Augustine Catholic Community in Lebanon and Holy Name of Mary Catholic Community in Calvary, as well as the only Catholic Chaplain currently assigned to the Kentucky Army National Guard with the responsibility to serve the Kentucky's best and brightest Army men and women across the entire state. In March 2013, Father Chris was proclaimed by the Kentucky State Senate and recognized as a Faithful Servant of God. If you ask him how he is doing any given day, his response will always be, "I'm living a dream, just don't wake me."