

**SISTER EVA MARIE LUMAS, SSS, D.Min.**  
**Biographical Statement**

**Sister Eva Marie Lumas** is a Sister of Social Service (1974-Present). She has a Doctorate of Ministry degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C. (1994) and is currently serving as an Interim Co-Director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana. Sister Eva served as a Cultural Mentor for Behavioral Health Care Providers and Co-Directed the Senior Peer Support Services St. Mary's Center in Oakland, CA (2012-July, 2017). She was an Assistant Professor of Faith and Culture at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, CA (1994 to 2012) where she was also Director of Field Education (2006-2012).

Sister Eva was the Co-Director of the Catechist Training Program at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana (1985-1990, 1996-2004) where she also served as an Adjunct Professor of Catechetics (2002-2005) and the Associate Director of Certification and Enrichment Programs (2004-2006, 2015-Present). Since 1986 her ministry has included parish preaching, retreats and catechetical workshops as director of *Sankofa Works: A Ministry Resource Network for the African American Catholic community*. She was also a Co-director of *Godworks: A Liturgy Training Program for the African American Community* (1999-2009). From 1982 to 1986, Sister Eva was Coordinator of Catechetical Programs for the National Black Sisters Conference. She was the Catechetical Consultant to the African American Community for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles (1977-1980) and the Diocese of Oakland (1981-1985). Sister Eva has also served as Associate Pastor of St. Columba Church in Oakland, CA (1980-1982, 1995-1997).

Sister Eva is a well sought after speaker on the topics of faith and culture, inculturation, multiculturalism, faith formation and pastoral ministry. She is also well-known within the African American community for her reflections on Black Spirituality and the faith journey of African American women.

**A Personal Statement:**

My journey has been a mysterious path of twist and turns, jumping hurdles, falling down and getting up again. With every step I discover that I am not the only one experiencing life in a series of starts and stops, nor am I the only one determined to keep on going—learning as we go from honest self-reflection, candid conversation and deep listening with trusted mentors, and the unwavering faith that I am, and we all are, intentional creations that God is working in, through and for to help make the world right!