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Shannen Dee Williams is the Albert LePage Assistant Professor of History at Villanova University. She is completing her first book, *Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom Struggle* with Duke University Press. She has written for Global Sisters Report before. Today, NCR brings you [this essay](#). In it: "That it has taken so long for the institutional church and many non-Black Catholics to embrace the rally cry of #BlackLivesMatter, however, cannot be ignored. It must be said, too, that the recent Catholic statements on racism and rising protests fall way short when it comes to acknowledging the church's role in the contemporary crisis and direct complicity in the sins of anti-Black racism, slavery and segregation in the modern era." [Read more.](#)

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