God used Fr. Jim Goode’s vocation in many grace-filled ways to inspire and improve the lives of thousands. To list just a few: Founding Pastor & first Black pastor of Our Lady of Charity Faith Community of Blacks Catholics – Diocese of Brooklyn; First President – Office of Black Catholics – Diocese of Brooklyn; Elected Member of the New York City School Board District #16 (two terms); First African American Catholic Pastor – Archdiocese of San Francisco – St. Paul of the Shipwreck Catholic Church; Coordinator-Black Catholic Affairs – Archdiocese of San Francisco; President San Francisco Housing Authority Commission; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity – Life Member; Chaplain, Knights & Ladies of Peter Claver Auxiliary #229; Former Commissioner Archdiocese of New York Office of Black Ministry; Member of the Board of Consultants United States Bishops Conference- Secretariat for African American Catholics; National African American Catholic HIV-AIDS Task Force; Distributed food and clothing weekly from St. Clare Friary–Solid Ground Franciscan Ministry to the homeless and needy. He was the recipient of numerous awards and proclamations including the Brother Joseph A. Davis Life Time Achievement Award presented by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus 1995 Detroit, Michigan and 2004 Houston, Texas. At the Knights of Peter Claver Convention 2006 he received the Gold Medal of Merit for his commitment to Pro-Life in the African American community. He was also a recipient of the Ven. Pierre Touissant Medalion from the Black Catholic Ministry of New York.

Above all of his degrees, positions, and honors Fr. Jim Goode was determined to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and Francis by feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, educating the young and old, caring for the sick and those living with HIV-AIDS, restoring hope to the victims of violence and abuse, mending together those who are broken, and standing up boldly for the sacredness of all human life.

ALL OF MY LIFE I HAVE PRAYED TO HIM.
ALL OF MY LIFE I HAVE TRIED HARD TO SERVE HIM Fr. Jim