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African Americans come to Chicago and other dominantly Catholic cities in large numbers. Neighborhoods that were once white and Catholic become largely black and non-Catholic fairly quickly. White Catholic priests, sisters, and laypeople could leave these big churches behind. And then you have a movement saying, "As black people in America, we can't be truly Catholic unless we can be our true selves." There's a whole range of what that means: integrating African practices and symbols and iconography into Catholic life, or including Afro-Protestant practices like gospel music and liturgical dance. But in the American popular imagination, the notion of the Black Church—capital B, capital C—has largely become equivalent to what it means to be black and religious. African-American Church/Inspiration. Collection by Buwak babay. 106. Black Art African American Art Spiritual Art American Art Culture Art African Art Art Christian Artwork Fine Art America. Spiritual - Michael Owens. ngallery id=5. buwak babay. Many Americans have winced at the sanctimony among the Christian community, as more people steadily move away from church. Recent polls have shown that a fifth of Americans don't have any religious affiliation at all, a number that is steadily growing every decade. Traditional African spirituality is an umbrella term for an assortment of beliefs that may or may not fit into a particular dogma. Spirituality has long been used as a tool by the black community to cope and make sense of the oppression we have endured. She explores why black young women in particular are leaving the church in the article Why Black Millennials Are Leaving The Church. Advertisement.

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