

An OMM Selection of Resources to Address Racism and Racial Injustice

In response to the spotlight on racial injustice in our communities and institutions, the Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM) has compiled a sampling of resources for those who wish to deepen their understanding of racism so that they may engage more fully in the dismantling it. Included are articles, videos, books, and programs that the OMM developed and continues to lead for schools, parishes, youth, adults, and any group interested in addressing the reality of racial injustice.

Programs

Dismantling Racism (Young Adults and Adults)
Moving Towards Oneness (Focus on Racism) Youth, Young Adults and Adults)
Walking In My Shoes (Focus on Racism) (Youth , Young Adults and Adults)
Bridging the Divide (Multicultural Reality) Youth, Young Adults and Adults)
Open Wide Your Heart Program (Young Adults/Adults)
J-Car (Jr. Cultural Awareness Retreat 6-8th)
H-Car (High School Cultural Awareness Retreat)

Resources to Explore

Prayer to Overcome Racism (2020)
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/Prayer-to-Overcome-Racism.pdf>

Archbishop Kurtz: Uphold Human Dignity and Reject Racism (2020)
<https://www.archlou.org/uphold-human-dignity-and-reject-racism/>

Open Wide Our Hearts – US Catholic Bishops Pastoral Letter - 2018
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/open-wide-our-hearts.pdf>

Brothers and Sisters to Us – US Catholic Bishops Pastoral Letter on Racism 1979
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/african-american/brothers-and-sisters-to-us.cfm>

Rev. Bryan Massingale: “Assumptions about White Privilege and What We Can Do About It.” - National Catholic Reporter (2020)
<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/assumptions-white-privilege-and-what-we-can-do-about-it>

Joseph A. Brown: “Black in America: I am so tired”- National Catholic Reporter (2020)
<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/black-america-i-am-tired>

Reaction: US sisters acknowledge systemic racism, join call for fundamental police reform (2020)
<https://www.globalsistersreport.org/news/justice/news/news/reaction-us-sisters-acknowledge-systemic-racism-call-fundamental-police>

El Paso's Bishop Mark Seitz: "Black lives matter" - National Catholic Reporter (2020)
<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/el-pasos-bishop-mark-seitz-black-lives-matter>

Heidi Schlumpf: "White People, Let's Do Our Homework" - National Catholic Reporter (2020)
<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/ncr-connections/white-people-lets-do-our-homework>
[White People, Let's Do Our Homework](#)

75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice (2017)
<https://medium.com/equality-includes-you/what-white-people-can-do-for-racial-justice-f2d18b0e0234>

How to Make This Moment the Turning Point for Real Change (2020)
<https://medium.com/@BarackObama/how-to-make-this-moment-the-turning-point-for-real-change-9fa209806067>

Videos

Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman Speech to the US Catholic Bishops 1989
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=l2S0tD6qFIA> (start at 7:15 mark)

Facing an Uncomfortable Truth – Explores the role of African Americans in the early Catholic Church in Kentucky
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5ifKFhLzGA>

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption – Free on Amazon Prime in June

13th – Documentary examining racial inequity in the U.S. prison system
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krfcq5pF8u8>

Selection of Books

White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide by Carol Anderson
One Read Louisville 2017; 9th Annual Anne Braden Memorial Lecture 2015

The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin

Between the World and Me by Ta-nehisi Coates
2015 National Book Award Winner

Authentically Black and Truly Catholic: The Rise of Black Catholicism in the Great Migration by Matthew Cressler

The History of Black Catholics in the United States by Cyprian Davis

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism by Robin DiAngelo

Fugitive Saints: Catholicism and the Politics of Slavery by Katie Grimes

Racial Justice and the Catholic Church by Bryan N. Massingale (call to get a copy at OMM)

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson (call to get a copy at OMM)
Also, a film (free on Amazon Prime during the month June)

America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America by Jim Wallis
The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson
2010 National Book Critics Circle Award Winner; One Read Louisville 2016

Parenting resources

Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America by Jennifer Harvey (Abingdon Press, 2019) In this book, Harvey offers age-appropriate suggestions for teaching children how to address racism and engage with racial justice movements.

“Talking about Race”

This resource, published by the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, offers tools and guidance for talking with kids of all ages about race.

@theconsciouskid

This Instagram account offers suggestions for parenting and education through a racial justice lens.

Books and resources for kids

Holy Troublemakers and Unconventional Saints by Daneen Akers (Watchfire Media, 2019)

Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis by Jabari Asim (Nancy Paulsen Books, 2016)

Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story About Racial Injustice by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard (Magination Press, 2018)

This Book is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do The Work by Tiffany Jewell (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2020)

Please contact the OMM at 502.636.0296 or omm@archlou.org to learn about additional programs, resources, how to get involved, or to obtain a copy of Racial Justice and the Catholic Church and/or Just Mercy.