



August 30, 2020

1. Statement by Cardinal Blase Cupich

https://www.archchicago.org/statement/-/article/2020/08/28/statement-of-cardinal-blase-jcupich-archbishop-of-chicago-on-jacob-blakeshooting?fbclid=IwAR3It_IsvyWki9IZa7R2cWNWB9hjIKebY30Z7rXqoEhbx3IbvCZLtBWXSvg

2. 21-Day Ignatian Racial Equity Challenge | Ignatian Solidarity Network

https://ignatiansolidarity.net/ignatian-racial-equity-challenge/

3. An Examen for Racism – Conference

https://www.jesuits.org/stories/an-examen-for-racism/

4. Engaging in a 'racial examination of conscience' – The Witness

https://www.thewitnessonline.org/national-international/engaging-in-a-racial-examination-ofconscience/

5. An Examen for White Allies | Ignatian Solidarity Network

https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2020/06/03/an-examen-for-white-allies-2/

6. Prayer for Examen

https://image.jesuits.org/UCSPROV/media/LentenExamen1.pdf

7. USCCB Statement on Kenosha Uprising

https://www.usccb.org/news/2020/wake-kenosha-violence-us-bishops-chairman-committeeagainst-racism-urges-day-prayer-and

8. How Milwaukee-area Catholic leaders are responding to the Jacob Blake shooting and protests | America Magazine

https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2020/08/28/how-milwaukee-area-catholicleaders-are-responding-jacob-blake-shooting

9. Catholic Resources for Racial Justice | Millennial

https://millennialjournal.com/2020/08/26/catholic-resources-for-racial-justice/

10. White Privelege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack by Peggy McIntosh

http://www.nymbp.org/uploads/2/6/6/0/26609299/whiteprivilege.pdf

Benedict Center, collaborative ministry with the US Province, Condemns the Shooting of Jacob Blake

Enough is enough. We were horrified to see the video of Jacob Blake being shot multiple times in the back by Kenosha Police, and to learn that his three young children witnessed the shooting. The fact that these horrific and unnecessary shootings continue to occur serves as proof that we desperately need to reform the way law enforcement agencies operate, especially in communities of color.

And the brutal and senseless murder of two protestors and shooting of a third on Tuesday, August 25 in Kenosha is repugnant to the rule of law and should outrage and sadden everyone. We ask all to join us in prayer for those who were murdered and injured, and for continued prayers for Jacob Blake, who might be paralyzed for life.

This inhumane treatment of another person of color, in the shadow of the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, the recent shooting death by police of Trayford Pellerin in Lafayette, Louisiana, and so many others over the years are more examples of the cruelty and insensitivity inflicted on people of color across the country.

The Benedict Center unequivocally condemns such murders at the hands of the police. For too long, excessive use of force by police has been swept under the carpet and too easily dismissed by those who have the privilege to go about their daily lives without fearing they or their loved ones could be next.

As a community justice agency, the Benedict Center will not be complicit with silence in the face of injustice. We must be visible and audible in the condemnation of police violence and the call for change. We must be active in the movement to end structural violence against communities of color in America.

United together, we can ensure these murders and shootings are not merely a flashpoint in history, but rather a tipping point for lasting change, racial justice, and human dignity.

Sincerely,

Margaret Bailey-Stewart

President, Benedict Center Board of Directors

Celebrate 30 Years of the African American Art: Current Exhibition at the Milwaukee Art Museum

The African American Art Alliance (AAAA) was established in 1990 when Dorothy Nelle Sanders answered the Museum's call for ideas to accompany a major exhibition of African American art. Mrs. Sanders enlisted the assistance of Mrs. Lucinda J. Gordon and Mrs. Gloria Wright to form this Milwaukee Art Museum support group.

Together, these local Milwaukee women launched a committee that continues to raise money for the acquisition of African American art for the Collection of the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Anti-racism

Read

How to move from non-racist to anti-racist Trauma-informed practice must integrate anti-racist work Anti-racism for social workers and therapists White Anti-Racism – Living the Legacy How can Catholics help lead fight against racism?

• Watch

Ibram X. Kendi's Ted Talk, <u>"The difference between being not racist and antiracist"</u> Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's Ted Talk, <u>"The danger of a single story"</u>

• Listen

<u>Podcast interview with Robin DiAngelo</u>, author of "White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism"

• Act

Sign a petition

Support Black-owned businesses

<u>Follow Black artists, businesspeople, writers, and journalists</u> on social media to broaden your perspective

What Now in Race Work?