



Daughters of
Mary Immaculate
Marianists

Province of the United States Statement on Anti-Racism

We, Marianist Sisters in the Province of the United States, are members of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (Marianists) and the global Marianist Family, a community of communities that treasures the richness of our cultural diversity, a family that is committed to union, communion, and inclusion of all races, cultures, and ethnicities.

Our hearts are deeply troubled by the acts of hate, discrimination, inequity, oppression and violence that people of color have encountered in our nation. We seek the grace and understanding to be converted from the sin of racism that has infected our society's traditions and institutions for centuries, to speak against the power systems that privilege some at the expense of others.

Dedicated to Mary's mission of making Jesus' way known, we recognize Jesus and Mary's example of inclusive welcome to poor shepherds and kings of many nations. Our Foundress, Blessed Adele de Batz de Trenquelleon, stepped out of her own privilege and wealth to embrace the needs of those around her by generously sharing with those in need. Inspired by them, we recognize that our small hearts must expand to reflect the expansive love of God for all peoples.

We commit ourselves to face racism and promote the adaptation and change needed to build a society where all are welcome in our common home. Keeping in mind the three-fold call to prayer, learning, and advocacy, we commit:

- To listen, pray, reflect and dialogue on the sin of racial injustice plaguing our nation, as well as to discover our own biases, in order to bring about conversion of heart—individually and communally.
- To work to eliminate the evil of injustice, inequity and oppression in systems we participate in by using our power and influence in our communities, families, places of ministry, the Church, and other institutions to foster appreciation and respect for all races and cultures.
- To interrupt the sinful system of racism and other forms of injustice and oppression around us by advocating for changes in our laws, policies and traditions.
- To participate in anti-racism initiatives in our civic communities (of Dayton and San Antonio) and through our Marianist institutions and networks, as well as in church and vowed religious networks and in partnership with other people of faith.

Through all this, we rededicate ourselves to building God's beloved family, where all hearts may beat as one.

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