



**Society of the Sacred Heart™**  
United States – Canada

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### **Statement on Racism**

The Society of the Sacred Heart in the United States and Canada strongly condemns the gross violation of human dignity that we, along with millions of others, witnessed in the video of George Floyd's last minutes. We are outraged at yet another killing of an unarmed African-American man, and stand in solidarity with all people of color who are at risk of violence in our country. We also call for a quick and fair legal process to ensure accountability and justice.

Each of us is created in the image of God, brothers and sisters, united and equal in God's eyes. The reality is that people of color in the United States are living every day with what all of us watched in the George Floyd video. We pledge to raise our voice in opposition to acts of racial discrimination and to fight tirelessly against the sin of racism.

We stand with the U.S. bishops' pastoral, *Open Wide Our Hearts*, in calling for a "genuine conversion of heart, a conversion that will compel change, and the reform of our institutions and society."

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