

"We stand against the evil of racism, white supremacy and neo-nazism. We stand with our sisters and brothers united in the sacrifice of Jesus, by which love's victory over every form of evil is assured."

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops  
[Statement on Charlottesville](#), August 13, 2017

Last weekend, Americans and the world witnessed the realities of racism, bigotry, and white supremacy that continue to plague our nation, through the events in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Why does racism persist in our society, and even within our own network?

How can we live up to the values of dignity and equality for all people?

There are no easy answers, but our faith can be an important lens through which to analyze these realities and inform our efforts to respond as an Ignatian family and as individual people of faith. The U.S. Catholic Bishops have offered us a good start in light of Charlottesville, but the road is long and there is much to be done.

ISN has compiled these resources to help inform and mobilize you and your communities:

### **The Ignatian Witness to Truth in a Climate of Injustice**

In the latest issue of [Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education](#),

**Fr. Bryan Massingale**, professor of theological and social ethics at Fordham University, analyzes the state of American racism. He offers four key ways Jesuit colleges and universities can respond to this reality, ideas that can be applied in nearly any faith context.



We are excited that Fr. Massingale will be a keynote speaker at this year's Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice this November in Washington D.C., you can read more about that [here](#).

### **Faith in Action: Responding to Racial Injustice**

Explore ISN's [resource on racial justice page](#) for a wealth of resources from a Catholic, Jesuit perspective. This list is not exhaustive; please feel free to share ideas for additional items with us (articles, exercises, toolkits, book titles, etc.), so that we can add them and develop a more robust collection.

### **Ignatian Network Leaders Respond to Charlottesville**

ISN has compiled [brief quotations from broader statements made by leaders of many institutions in our Ignatian family](#) across the U.S., particularly Jesuit colleges and universities. In the coming weeks and months, we will be featuring a variety of voices in the Ignatian family engaged in work for racial equality (students, faculty, administrators, parishioners, alumni, supporters, etc.). If you would like to share your thoughts, please reach out to us at [info@ignatiansolidarity.net](mailto:info@ignatiansolidarity.net).



From America Magazine

<https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2017/08/14/how-catholic-response-charlottesville-moved-pleas-unity-condemnations>

<https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2017/08/14/fr-james-martin-charlottesville-white-supremacy-opposite-jesus-message>

<https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2017/08/16/charlottesville-and-trump-spiritual-exercise-overwhelmed-and-exhausted>

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2017/08/20/pope-francis-pray-god-free-us-inhuman-violence-terrorism>

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2017/07/12/when-kkk-came-town-catholics-prayed-now-what>

## Catholic Resources

### On Catholicism and Racism:

- [Catholic Social Teaching & Racism](#) | Fred Kammer, S.J., Jesuit Social Research Institute

### On Secondary and Higher Education:

- [The Ignatian Witness to Truth in a Climate of Injustice](#), Fr. Bryan Massingale, *Conversations in Jesuit Higher Education Magazine*
- [As UVa's Leaders Equivocate, Professors Shine an Ethical Light](#), Fr. James Keenan, S.J., *Chronicle of Higher Education*
- [Breathing Space: Jesuit Institutions Must Do More to Confront Racism](#), Alex Mikulich, Ph.D., *America Magazine* (10.26.15)
- [Separate and Unequal: How Higher Education Reinforces the Intergenerational Reproduction of White Privilege](#), Anthony P. Carnevale and Jeff Strohl (Georgetown University Public Policy Institute)
- [Explore: Engaging Racial Justice](#), Multiple articles from Cornel West, Brett Johnson Solomon (Santa Clara University), Jade Agua (Santa Clara University), Karla Scott (St. Louis University), *Explore Magazine* (Santa Clara University, Spring 2015)

### Articles and Reflections:

- [FEATURED: 2015 Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice Keynote on Racial Justice \(Includes Footnotes\)](#)  
Maureen O'Connell, La Salle University
- [FEATURED: Lift Every Voice: A Lenten Journey Toward Racial Justice](#)  
Edited by Ignatian Solidarity Network; Over 25 Authors from the Ignatian Network
- [Unpacking the "Soul-Sickness" of Racism](#)  
Fr. Brian Massingale, *Our Sunday Visitor* (07.13.16)
- [Black Lives Matter and the Catholic Church Podcast](#)  
Bishop Edward K. Braxton, *America* (5.5.16)
- [Time to talk: African-American Panelists Share Their Stories of Dealing with Racism and Prejudice](#)  
(Note: Panel took place at DeSmet Jesuit) *St. Louis Review* (4.7.16)
- [African American Catholics and the Quest for Racial Justice](#)  
Fr. Brian Massingale, *U.S. Catholic* (1.18.15)
- [Trumping Up Racism](#)  
Andrés Arteaga, S.J., *The Jesuit Post* (11.12.15)
- [As church demographics shift, Catholics urged to address 'sin of racism'](#)  
*National Catholic Reporter* (11.10.15)
- [St. Louis University Medical School Faculty Reflection on Ferguson](#)  
St. Louis University (8.12.14)
- [Seeking Justice, Speaking Up](#)  
*Young Adult Catholics Blog* (7.17.14)

- [Revisiting Racism](#)  
M. Shawn Copeland, Ph.D. (Boston College), *America* (7.7.14)
- [“Just Parenting” Reflection on Trayvon Martin](#)  
Ignatian Solidarity Network (7.21.13)
- [Confronting Inner Prejudices](#)  
Lucas Sharma, S.J., *The Jesuit Post* (4.20.15)
- [The 2nd Inauguration: Now Can We Say Racism Is Dead?](#)  
Mario Powell, S.J., *The Jesuit Post* (1.28.13)

#### Statements and Pastoral Letters:

- [Statement of Catholic Theologians on Racial Justice and Police Reform](#) | 2014
- [“Brothers and Sisters To Us”](#) | U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Pastoral Letter, 1979
- [Pastoral Letter on Racism](#) | Archdiocese of Chicago, 2001
- [Statement on the killing of Michael Brown by police in Ferguson, MO](#) | Pax Christi USA
- [President’s Statement](#) | St. Louis University Response to Ferguson
- [Archbishop William E. Lori’s Statement of Protests](#) | Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore
- [What We Have Seen And Heard: A Pastoral Letter On Evangelization From The Black Bishops Of The United States](#) | 1984
- [Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself: U.S. Catholic Bishops Speak Against Racism](#) | 2014
- [The Racial Divide in the United States: A Reflection for the World Day of Peace 2015 \(Includes Study Guide\)](#) | Pastoral letter by Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D.

<https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/summer-2017/standing-up-against-hate>

Online at St. Mary’s website. Christian Service. Study Guides