



US Conference of Catholic Bishops

Pastoral Letters/ Documents:

All of these documents and more resources are available on the web or at the USCCB website: www.usccb.org

Racism: Confronting the Poison in Our Common Home

USCCB: Dept. of Justice, Peace and Human Development
January, 2016

The Racial Divide in the United State: A Reflection for the World Day of Peace 2015

A Pastoral Letter

Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Belleville, IL
January 1, 2015

Statement of Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, of Louisville, KY, President of the USCCB
to the Spring General Assembly, June 10, 2015

25th Anniversary: U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Racism

October 2004

In God's Image: Pastoral Letter on Racism

Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn, Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, MN
September 12, 2003

Created in God's Image: A Pastoral Letter on the Sin of Racism and a Call to Conversion

Most Rev. Dale J. Melczek, Bishop of the Diocese of Gary, IN, Aug. 6, 2003

Dwell in My Love: A Pastoral Letter on Racism

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago, IL
April 4, 2001 (33rd Anniv. of the Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.)

On Racial Harmony

A Statement Approved by the Administrative Board,

National Catholic Welfare Conference, Aug. 23, 1963

[Brothers and Sisters to Us](#)

US Catholic Bishops Pastoral Letter on Racism, 1979

[The Ghost of the Legacy of Racial Inequity Continues to Haunt Us](#)

Bishop Michael Pfeifer, O.M.J.

Diversity and Racial Justice Resources

www.wearesaltandlight.org

Resources on Racism for Youth Ministry Leaders

<http://www.nfcym.org/racism.htm>

Books:

[Racial Justice and the Catholic Church](#)

Bryan Massingale, S.T.D. (a must read!)

[America's Original Sin](#)

Jim Wallis

[Dear White Christians: For Those Still
Longing for Racial Reconciliation](#)

Jennifer Harvey

[Everyday White People Confront Racial
and Social Justice: 15 Stories](#)

Eddie Moore, Jr, Ali Michael,
Marguerite W. Penick-Parks, Editors

[Understanding & Dismantling Racism](#)

Joseph Barndt

[The New Jim Crow](#)

Michelle Alexander

[Just Mercy](#)

Bryan Stevenson

[Between The World and Me](#)

Ta-Nehisi Coates

[Nobody](#)

Marc Lamont Hill

[Race Matters](#)

Cornel West

[The Cross and The Lynching Tree](#)

James H. Cone

[White Like Me](#)

Tim Wise

[Waking Up White](#)

Debbie Irvin

[Witnessing Whiteness](#)

Shelly Tochluk

[Race is a Nice Thing to Have](#)

Janet Helms

[Lies My Teacher Told Me](#)

James Loewen

[People's History of the US](#)

Howard Zinn

[Uprooting Racism: How White People
Can Work for Racial Justice](#)

Paul Kivel

Movies:

13th XII (on Netflix)

Loving

12 Years a Slave

The Help

Selma

Birth of a Nation

Articles:

[*Still Separate, Still Unequal: White Catholics and the Perduring Sin of Racism*](#)

America Magazine Aug. 29-Sept. 6, 2016

[*Breaking Silence on Racism*](#)

America Magazine Nov. 30, 2015

Editorial: [*New Dialogue on the Old Problem of Racism*](#)

National Catholic Reporter March 24, 2016

[*As Church Demographics Shift, Catholics Urged to Address the "Sin of Racism."*](#)

National Catholic Reporter Nov. 10, 2015

[*Blind Spots: Reckoning with Racism*](#)

Commonweal Magazine Oct. 5, 2016

[*Racism: Will We Ever Overcome?*](#)

U.S. Catholic Magazine July 13, 2016

[*Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack*](#) (A classic in literature about race)

Peggy McIntosh, Ph.D.

nationalseedproject.org/white-privilege-unpacking-the-invisible-knapsack

[*Race/Related: New York Times*](#) – on-going series

When Whites Just Don't Get It: Parts 1 -7

Nicholas Kristof, New York Times Sunday Review

[Part 1 - 8/30/14](#); [Part 2 - 9/6/14](#); [Part 3 - 10/11/14](#); [Part 4 - 11/15/14](#); [Part 5 - 11/29/14](#);

[Part 6 - 4/2/16](#); [Part 7 - 10/1/16](#)

[*Is Everyone a Little Bit Racist?*](#)

Nicholas Kristof, New York Times Opinion Pages

Aug. 27, 2014

[*Why Talk About Whiteness?: We Can't Talk about Racism Without It*](#)

Emily Chiariello

[Toolkit for Why Talk About Whiteness](#) - Teaching Tolerance, Summer 2016

[*Confronting White Privilege*](#)

Katy Walwell

Teaching Tolerance, Fall 2012

[*Can We? A Brief History of American Racism*](#)

Melissa Harris-Perry

The Nation, Sept. 1, 2009

[*Black as We Wanna Be*](#)

Matthew McKnight

The Nation, Sept. 15, 2016

Internet:

youtube: [Jim Crow Explained – Keith Hughes](#)

youtube: [A Poem for My White Friends: What I Didn't Tell](#) You by Norma L. Johnson

TED Talks: [Talks to Help You Understand Racism in America \(9 talks\)](#)

- Color blind or color brave? – Mellody Hobson
- How to Raise A Black Son in America – Clint Smith
- My road trip through the whitest towns in America – Rich Benjamin
- Does racism affect how you vote? – Nate Silver
- How to overcome our biases? Walk boldly from them. – Verna Myers
- The little problem I had renting a house – James A. White, Sr.
- We need to talk about an injustice – Bryan Stevenson
- How we're priming some kids for college – and others for prison – Alice Goffman
- Black men ski – Stew

Ideas.Ted.Com: [My Hopes, Dreams, Fears for My Future Son](#)
Clint Smith May 1, 2015

[The New Jim Crow](#) – Michelle Alexander speaking at Union Theological Seminary

[Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia](#) at Ferris State University

[Embrace Race](#): Raising Kids in a World Where Race Matters