

The Racial Justice Committee
St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church
Columbia MD

presents



Honest Conversations
About Racism 2.0

During Lent more than 120 parishioners participated in weekly conversations about racism in the US: its historical roots and ongoing legacy. The series was led by the Racial Justice Circle of Baltimore.

The Racial Justice Committee is now presenting HCAR 2.0 - a six-session continuation of these important conversations - starting October '22 and ending May'23.

Please join us!

The program is open to all.

Participation in the Lenten program is NOT a prerequisite.

Each session will run from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. All sessions will be conducted on Zoom

Please register on the parish website: sjcolumbia.org

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Honest Conversations about Racism 2.0

Presented by St. John's Racial Justice Committee

The Goal

Following the Honest Conversations About Racism (HCAR) program during Lent, HCAR 2.0 aims to continue to open our hearts and minds to people of all races as we work individually and as a community to end the evil of racism. The goal of this program is to continue to engage parishioners of St. John's in a journey to heal the wounds of racism through increased understanding of historical and current injustices against African Americans.

Program Overview

October 5, 2022: Voter Access

How has racism impacted voting in the United States? How can we act to ensure that the right to vote is protected for all citizens? In this session, we will discuss the history of voting rights in the U.S., including how the votes of African American communities have been suppressed through practices such as gerrymandering, voter identification requirements, and reduced access.

November 9, 2022: Catholic Church

How has the Church treated African Americans in the US? What contributions have African Americans made to our faith community? This session will examine the Church's role in slavery and continued discrimination against African Americans. and how we can better recognize the contributions they have made and support all our sisters and brothers who share our faith.

January 4, 2023: Economic Development

What has contributed to the racial wealth gap in the US? In this session, we will be discussing economic disparities in the U.S. The session will explore the historical reasons behind the racial wealth gap and associated differences in economic opportunity based on race.

February 1, 2023: Education

How have national and local policies affected the access to and quality of education of African Americans? In this session we will discuss the history of racism in the field of education. It will include topics such as the court cases Plessy vs Ferguson, Brown vs Board of Education, desegregation, and implications of this both nationally and locally in Howard County.

April 12, 2023: Healthcare

How has the US healthcare system failed African Americans? This session will discuss past and current disparities in the healthcare system, ranging from historical mistrust in medical care to inequalities in treatment and access to care.

May 3, 2023: Criminal Justice

How has inequality in the criminal justice system impacted the African American community? This session discusses the disproportionate racial impact of certain laws and policies, as well as biased decision making by justice system actors which have led to higher rates of arrest and incarceration in communities of color.

To register for the program, go to sjcolumbia.org.

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