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2005 RACIAL RECONCILIATION PRAYER SERVICE—OUR GOD IS MARCHING ON!

Tribute in Prayer, Word and Song Honoring the Life and Legacy of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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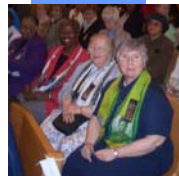
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Sunday April 3, 2005, the Office for Racial Justice paid tribute in Prayer, Word and Song to the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Racial Healing and Reconciliation Prayer Service at Old St. Mary's with Dr. Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King Jr., as the keynote speaker. This year's prayer service was even more special and memorable because it was held the day following the death of Pope John Paul II who took a clear stance against racism during his 1979 visit to Chicago. He recognized racism as a particular "Achilles' heel in Chicago."

This year's theme was based on Dr. King's March 25, 1965 Selma to Montgomery Speech on the steps of the State Capital titled *Our God is Marching On!* Excerpts from Dr. King's speech were recited by three seventh grade students from Posen's St. Stanislaus



Dr. Alveda C. King



Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament



The Holy Name of Mary Liturgical Dancers



Sr. Roland Lagarde, SBS with members of CAR: Ben Chou, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Walter Carter, St. Columbanus.

Bishop and Martyr School: Bianca Lopez, Javonn Shaviers, and Nora Zelek. Mr. Walter Whitman and the Black Catholic Mass Choir filled St. Mary's with joyous songs of praise while everyone was touched by the angelic dance performance titled, "Total Praise" by *The Holy Name of Mary Liturgical Dancers.*

The St. Katharine Drexel Racial Justice Award was presented to three groups that have made a significant contribution to the cause of racial justice along with a very special presentation in this Year of the Eucharist to Sister Monica Loughlin and the

Sisters of The Blessed Sacrament in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the death of Blessed Sacrament foundress, St. Katharine Drexel, and in recognition of the sisters service to the black Catholic community of Chicago since 1912 at the parishes of St. Monica, St. Elizabeth and St. Anselm. ❧

BEST PRACTICES

School Initiatives

COR

Supporting
Members
2004-2005

- De La Salle
- Maria
- Marian Catholic
- Mother McAuley
- Mount Assisi Academy
- Notre Dame for Girls
- Queen of Peace
- St. Francis De Sales
- St. Laurence
- St. Martin De Porres
- St. Rita
- Seton Academy

Calendar of COR Events for 2005-06

September 29, 2005 **COR Supper**
4 p.m. – 7 p.m. *Queen of Peace*

January 18, 2006 **COR in Concert**
7 p.m. *Old St. Patrick's Church*

February 10, 2006 **COR Supper**
4 p.m. – 7 p.m. *TBA*

COR (*Catholic Schools Opposing Racism*) is a network of Catholic secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago collaborating to eradicate racism.

COR is committed to empowering adolescents with experiences that transcend the boundaries of personal, spatial and institutional racism and with the skills to embrace an inclusive world.

The purpose of COR is to bring together the students and teachers of the Archdiocese of Chicago throughout the school year and, in the spirit of the Gospel, to transcend the boundaries of race and neighborhood. As well as providing diversity skills training, COR uses the arts to bring students together: over the years, students have addressed race and racism through the visual arts, music, storytelling and theater. Their web site records the programs of COR and provides a place for students to respond to racism.

COR was established in 1997 to respond to the need to build racial and cultural bridges among Catholic high school students in the Archdiocese of Chicago. COR is sponsored by Queen of Peace High School, Angels Studio, a communications ministry of the Chicago Province of the Society of the Divine Word, and the Sinsinawa Dominican Ministry Fund. COR is also endorsed by the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Catholic Schools. Queen of Peace Principal Patricia Nolan-Fitzgerald is the founding director of COR.

For more information about COR and a calendar of upcoming events, visit www.racebridges.net/cor/index.htm

Members of the Anti-Racism Team go to see the movie, CRASH: and give it 5 STARS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

On Friday, June 3, members of the Anti-Racism Team went to see the movie CRASH followed by an animated discussion over dinner. What motivated the Anti-Racism Team to see the movie together was the great reviews and comments voiced by co-workers. This study of human life and interconnectedness masterfully weaves together stories about people from all walks of life as well as from every racial, ethnic and class background in a poignant and very real

study of racism...American-style. This hard-hitting movie forces the viewer to leave thinking about how all of us at different times and in different situations have experienced the misuse of power and its devastating consequences. The message that CRASH drives home so well is at the heart of the message that the Anti-Racism team tries to convey in the Anti-Racism Workshops (the one-day Introductory and the 2 1/2-day Analysis Workshop.) "This movie," said Sr. Anita

Baird, "is one of the best that I have ever seen and a must see for everyone, especially individuals that have gone through the Anti-Racism Workshops. It is the kind of movie you need to see twice to process it all." *If anyone has the urge or wishes to form a discussion group after viewing the movie, let us know about it by dropping an e-mail to ajuares@archchicago.org.*

The 2005 St. Katharine Drexel Racial Justice Honorees

Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph

St. Bernard Hospital

For their 100 years of ministry at St. Bernard Hospital in the south side Englewood community. The French Canadian religious order, serves the poor and the sick in hospitals, schools and nursing homes in France, Canada, the United States, Peru, Dominican Republic and Mexico.

North and South Lawndale Peace and Unity Walk

St. Agatha
St. Agnes of Bohemia
Epiphany

For their work in organizing the North and South Lawndale Peace and Unity Walk which serve Chicago's west side. Members of these parishes representing diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds come together annually to walk and pray for racial unity.

Catholics Against Racism

St. Andrew
St. Columbanus Our Lady of Lourdes
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Phase III Workshops on Racism Parish Teams
For organizing Catholics Against Racism (CAR), and for taking their proactive message to the streets of Chicago.

SAVE THE DATE



Keynote Speaker
Dick Gregory

**Catholics
United for
Racial
Justice**
Unity Rally

Saturday, October 1, 2005

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Trinity High School

7574 W. Division St.

River Forest, IL

Building Bridges — Uniting People
by taking a stand against racism and intolerance.

For more information call the Office for Racial Justice at 312-751-8336.

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2005 Unity Rally
Building Bridges—Uniting People

Catholics United for Racial Justice
2nd Annual Unity Rally

On Saturday, October 1, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Catholics from across the archdiocese are invited to participate in a unity rally of “Catholics United for Racial Justice” that will be held at Trinity High School’s gymnasium, 7574 West Division Street, River Forest. Catholics of all ages and ethnic groups will come together to celebrate our rich diversity. This year’s theme is “BUILDING BRIDGES—UNITING PEOPLE by taking a stand against racism and intolerance.” **His Eminence Francis Cardinal George** will be joined by civil rights activist **Dick Gregory** who will give the keynote address. ABC-Channel 7 news reporter **John Garcia** will once again be the emcee and will be joined by Catholic school students leading prayer and many different ethnic groups providing the entertainment.



Reader's CORNER

This book brings together key essays and articles that seek to make whiteness visible, to analyze the nature of white privilege, and to offer suggestions for using that privilege in order to combat racism.

In putting this collections together, the goal was to make the classic core readings that are interdisciplinary in nature and highly accessible. The collection is designed to allow educators to initiate conversations about whiteness and white privilege in courses in many disciplines and at different educational levels. This collection is also well suited for use by community-based study groups seeking to create dialogues about racism and privilege. Each section of the book concludes with questions for thinking, writing, and discussion that lend themselves to a variety of uses ranging from group discussion to take-home essay topics. — *This text is an excerpt from the Preface.*

**White Privilege:
Essential Readings
on the Other Side
of Racism**
By Paula S. Rothenberg



Anyone who's been to a high school or college has noted how students of the same race seem to stick together. Beverly Daniel Tatum has noticed it too, and she doesn't think it's so bad. As she explains in this provocative, though not-altogether-convincing book, these students are in the process of establishing and affirming their racial identity. As Tatum sees it, blacks must secure a racial identity free of negative stereotypes. The challenge to whites, on which she expounds, is to give up the privilege that their skin color affords and to work actively to combat injustice in society.

**Why Are All The Black Kids
Sitting Together In The
Cafeteria?**
And Other
Conversations About
Race: A Psychologist
Explains the
Development of Racial
Identity, Revised edition
*By Beverly Daniel Tatum,
Ph.D.*





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Crossroads Corner

Meet us at the crossroads and tell us what you are doing in your parishes and schools to combat the sin of racism. All submitted stories and photos will become the property of the Office for Racial Justice. Photos will not be returned.

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Upcoming General

Saturday, October 2, 2005

Catholics United for Racial Justice Unity Rally

Time: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Location: Trinity High School

7574 W. Division St.

River Forest, IL

For more information please call: (312) 751-8336

2005 Workshops On Racism & Ethnic Sensitivity SCHEDULE

To register for or to host a *Phase I* Workshop, parishes should contact Alicia Juarez at (312) 751-8348. To schedule a *Phase II* Workshop parishes should contact Sr. Lois Prebil, osf at (708) 442-3414.

Phase 1 Workshop Dates

October 29, 2005

St. Francis Xavier Church, Wilmette

2005 Anti-racism Workshop Schedule

To register for an *Anti-Racism Workshop* log on to <http://www.dwellinmylove.org> under the training schedule or call 312-751-8336.

Anti-racism Introductory Workshop

June 15, 2005

Catholic Charities, Vincent Hall
721 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago

August 24, 2005

Queen of All Saints
6230 N. Lemont Ave., Chicago

August 25, 2005

St. Agnes School
1501 Chicago Rd., Chicago Heights

October 31, 2005

St. Ignatius College Prep.
1076 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago

2 1/2 day Anti-racism Analysis Training

August 3, 4, & 5, 2005

Old St. Mary's
1500 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago