

PARISH LISTENING SESSION

ON THE NEW PASTORAL LETTER AGAINST RACISM

In November 2018 the Catholic bishops of the United States released a Pastoral Letter Against Racism called, “*Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love.*” The letter is a powerful invitation for all the people of God to “face courageously the vice of racism, . . . to reach out generously to the victims of this evil, to assist the conversion needed in those who still harbor racism, and to begin to change policies and structures that allow racism to persist.”



The Office of Racial Harmony (ORH) is offering to all parishes a Parish Listening Session on the new ***Pastoral Letter Against Racism,***

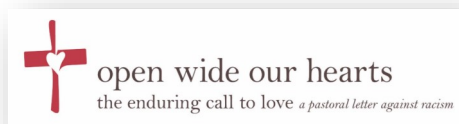
***“Open Wide Our Hearts:
The Enduring Call to Love”***

- Racism is the number one hate crime in America
- Racism is “America’s Original Sin”
- Racism is taught through generations
- We must take a theological approach to promote racial harmony through the social teachings of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior

The Parish Listening Session is the first step the ORH is taking to promote the new pastoral letter against racism and racial harmony in your parish.

STEP 1: Review the New Pastoral Letter Against Racism

Click the Open Wide Our Hearts icon to review the pastoral letter:



STEP 2: Contact Wayne to schedule a time and date for the event.

- The session should be scheduled for 2 hours
- A member or members of the ORH will facilitate the session
- The session can be held with other parishes or as a deanery
- The Parish is asked to provide water, coffee, and light refreshments

STEP 3: Announce the Listening Session to your Parishioners

- Announce the Parish Listening Session in your weekly bulletin at least 3 weeks prior to the session
- Announce the Parish Listening Session during Mass at least 3 weeks prior to the session
- Announce the Parish Listening Session on your website
- Leave flyers at the back of your church (the ORH can create the flyer for you - [CLICK HERE](#))

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