

Norms

- Make space for growth of your current knowledge
- Tell the truth as you know it
- Recognition that this isn't the first or the last discussion we will have on the topic

Timeline

Invite you to share any reflections from the first town hall

Talk about terminology

Talk about Identity and Culture

Addressing some of the questions asked in the survey

Panel

Close with some practical action steps you can take

Town Hall 1: Justice

- Justice and rights function in a context of relationships, firmly rooted in the common good.
- Rooted in the collective, corporal Body of Christ; where we all have our individual duties and roles meant to aid and support the whole.
- Justice is a virtue. A habit by which a man or a woman has the constant and perpetual will to render to everyone what is due to him or her; it observes the rights of all
- We are called beyond justice into charity (to will the good of the other for their own sake)
- Race is real in its effects
- The Mystical Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 13)

Terminology

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Racism	Colorism
<p>Prejudiced attitudes and/or discriminatory acts against people based on their actual or perceived racial status</p> <p>More prevalent in the United States because it is a country founded by multiple nations, cultures</p>	<p>Prejudiced attitudes and/or discriminatory acts against people based on the color (shade or tone) of their skin</p> <p>Present all over the world</p>

Color-Blind	Color-Affluent
<p>“I don’t see a person’s race, I see all people as the same.”</p> <p>Fails to recognize how a person’s race shapes their world, identity, and lived experiences</p>	<p>“I see a person’s race and seek to understand how their race shapes their lived experiences”</p> <p>Recognizes the impact of race on a person’s life, and looks beyond race to the person within; looks at multiple factors not just one</p>

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“Black Lives Matter”	“All Lives Matter”
<p>A response to the current social injustices in this country where black communities are treated and looked at as if they don’t matter.</p>	<p>Yes all lives do matter.</p> <p>This phrase however fails to recognize the current social and political climate that marginalizes communities of color and regards them as inferior.</p>

“Black Lives Matter” Phrase	“Black Lives Matter” Movement
<p>Yes, you can say the phrase Black lives matter, because they do.</p> <p>There is a difference in agreeing with a true statement and an organization’s beliefs</p>	<p>Actively work towards rehumanizing the black community, pushing against common narratives and stereotypes</p> <p>LGBTQIA+ Expression, contraception, family views.</p>

Culture

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CCC 1200-1209

(1200) “The mystery celebrated in the liturgy is one, but the forms of its celebration are diverse.”

(1202) “The Church is catholic, capable of integrating into her unity, while purifying them, all the authentic riches of cultures.”

(1203) “In faithful obedience to tradition, the sacred Council declares that Holy Mother Church holds all lawfully recognized rites to be of **equal right and dignity**, and that she wishes to preserve them in the future and to foster them in every way.”

Culture

(1204) “The celebration of the liturgy, therefore, **should correspond to the genius and culture of the different peoples.** In order that the mystery of Christ be "made known to all the nations . . . to bring about the obedience of faith," it must be proclaimed, celebrated, and lived in all cultures **in such a way that they themselves are not abolished by it, but redeemed and fulfilled:** It is with and through their own human culture, assumed and transfigured by Christ, that the multitude of God's children has access to the Father, in order to glorify him in the one Spirit.”

(1208) “The diverse liturgical traditions or rites, legitimately recognized, manifest the catholicity of the Church, because they signify and communicate **the same mystery of Christ.**”

Identity

Identity

"We are all Christians/Catholics, nothing else really matters"

- Yes, but only a part of the story.
- Our other "i"dentities contribute to our identity as Catholics

Race and Culture as a gift

- Need to shed truth to the world of our true identity as children of God
 - This doesn't mean we should ignore individuals' other identities
- Matthew 25:14-30 (The Parable of the Talents)

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“For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’

Our Lady of Guadalupe- Patroness of the Americas



Panel

Mission- What can I do?

“Do small things with great love” - St. Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa)

From the USCCB’s Letter Against Racism: Open Wide our Hearts. The Enduring Call to Love

1. Acknowledging Sin
2. Being Open to Encounter and New Relationships
3. Resolving to Work for Justice (... and doing it)
4. Educating Ourselves
5. Working in our Churches
6. Changing Structures
7. Conversion of all