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Catholics Host Second Annual Pilgrimage Across “Delmar Divide”

ST. LOUIS – The North City Deanery Interracial Relations Committee of the Archdiocese of St. Louis will host a second annual pilgrimage across Delmar Boulevard on Saturday, September 9, at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the event is to build relationships and combat racism within the Archdiocese of St. Louis and our region. The theme of the event is “A Cloud of Witnesses: Past and Present” as it will highlight local leaders, past and present, who embolden us to imagine a community without racism.

The pilgrimage will begin at the clock tower on the campus of Saint Louis University and conclude at St. Alphonsus “Rock” Church (1118 N. Grand Blvd), with several stops along the way, including Juvenile Justice Center (Enright & Vandeventer), Cardinal Ritter Prep High School (Grandel Square & Spring), and St. Louis Urban League (3701 Grandel Square). Speakers at the various stops include: Fr. Chris Collins, SJ, SLU Assistant to the President, Mission & Identity; Dr. Jonathan Smith, SLU Vice President, Diversity & Community Engagement; Judge Jimmie Edwards, Circuit Court Judge; Ms. Marie Kenyon, Peace & Justice Commission, Archdiocese of St. Louis; Mrs. Jeanne Trevor, St. Louis’ “First Lady of Jazz”; and Norman White, PhD, Associate Professor Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Both the Archdiocese and the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops have named racism as “a sin that divides the human family, blots out the image of God among specific members of that family, and violates the fundamental human dignity of those called to be children of the same Father.”

“Encounters with people who look different than us compel us to look more deeply among ourselves, in our pews and our neighborhoods, for evidence of the sin of racism,” Marie Kenyon, director of the Peace & Justice Commission of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, said. “We pledge to pray and work always for reconciliation and transformation. We would like to extend this challenge to the St. Louis region and the entire archdiocese because we all must work to intentionally build a community that truly values the dignity and worth of each human person.”

DETAILS

Saturday, September 9

9:30 a.m. - Gather at clock tower on campus of Saint Louis University (Lindell & Spring)

9:40 a.m. - Pilgrimage begins; stops include:

- Juvenile Justice Center (Enright & Vandeventer)
- Gateway Greening (Windsor & Spring)
- Cardinal Ritter Prep High School (Grandel Square & Spring)
- St. Louis Urban League (3701 Grandel Square)
- Jazz at the Bistro (3536 Washington Avenue)
- Clyde C. Miler Academy (Bell & Grand)
- St. Alphonsus “Rock” Ligouri Catholic Church

North City Deanery Interracial Relations committee Mission Statement:

Grounded in our shared Catholic faith we want to build relationships across racial lines. We are committed to understanding the reality and history of racism and how it has affected our parish communities. We seek to live out more fully Jesus’ universal prayer: ‘that they may be one.’

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