

National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA) Response to Protests
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The horrible death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, caught on video for the world to see, has incensed our nation. His death and other recent incidents around the country have brought a piercing light on deep-seated problems in our country that need to be answered by each of us in a spirit of love and conversion of heart, as we embrace a culture of life and respect for all, remembering that every one of us is made in the image and likeness of God.

Saint Paul tells us, “God has reconciled the world to himself in Christ... entrusting to us the message of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). As racism continues to manifest itself throughout our country, we must strengthen our efforts in continuing Christ’s work of reconciliation. Our Christian faith calls us to see each other universally as members of God’s family; therefore, our faith also calls us to confront and overcome racism. While we pray for peaceful and non-violent methods to confront this sin, we also stand in passionate support of our communities that are understandably outraged. We, as a Church, must find ways to understand the pain of our brothers and sisters and respond to the hurt with the love that Christ demonstrates to us.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have called upon all Catholics to, “Pray and work toward a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth to touch the hearts of all in the United States and to come down upon our criminal justice and law enforcement systems.” Let us step up and be the Church of love, compassion, mercy, and understanding that Christ created us to be as we join those who are marginalized and on the peripheries in the pursuit of justice.

May the spirit of God unite us in love and respect and heal our broken society.