

All Saints Parish Commitment of Anti-Racism

*As disciples of Jesus Christ and members of the Catholic Christian Parish of All Saints, Syracuse, NY, at this moment in history we are called to state our unreserved rejection of systemic racism in our Church, Parish and society. We admit to conscious and unconscious enabling of the creation of and support for oppressive systems and racist policies at the community, societal, and institutional Church levels. We pledge to work with others to dismantle these oppressive systems and racist policies and **to** be proactive in our antiracist actions. Furthermore, we give thanks to those voices that lead us towards recognition of the sin and effects of racism, most especially the women and men in historic black churches for their prophetic role in calling us to a more faithful adherence to the Gospel.*

We, as followers of Jesus

- **reject** white privilege,
- **reject** white supremacy, and
- **reject** the use of racial bigotry.

*Therefore, we **commit** to becoming antiracist by dedicating ourselves to the following action steps:*

1. *work to reform oppressive systems and racist policies (e.g. segregation, red-lining, injustice by the police and judicial system, I-81 Project, voter suppression, etc.);*
2. *recognize our own conscious and unconscious racism and exclusionary actions (e.g. language used, history learned, statues honored, unexamined thoughts, beliefs and attitudes, etc.);*
3. *embrace our Baptismal responsibility of speaking up and speaking out as a moral conscience.*

Finally, we commit to making the work of anti-racism and developing the attitude of anti-racism integral to our Parish Mission, infusing it in all that we do.

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