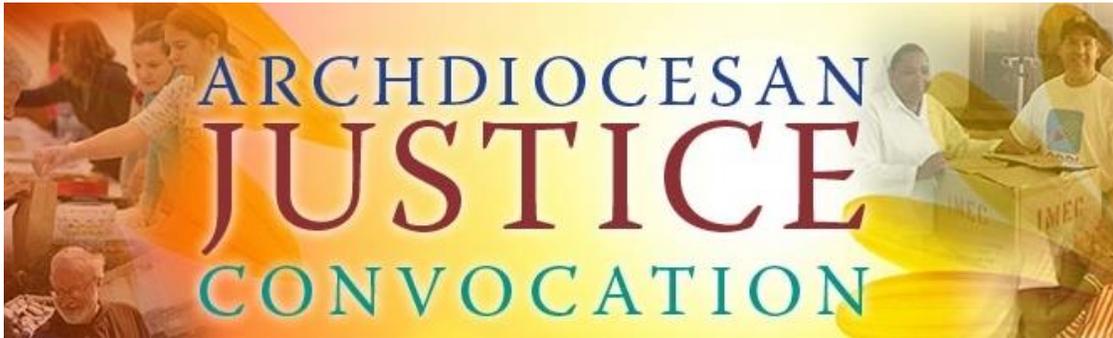


## SAVE THE DATE: ARCHDIOCESAN JUSTICE CONVOCATION 11/7/2020



### RACIAL JUSTICE – WHAT CAN WE DO?

We are called by Baptism and Catholic Social Teaching to help eradicate the deep roots of racial injustice and inequities that are so painfully and relentlessly evident in our world today. We must act now to make sure that these individual and systemic injustices and inequities, that have severely disadvantaged so many people, especially African-Americans, generation after generation, for over 401 years, do not persist.

We have decided to focus the Convocation on Racial Justice. As Cardinal Sean O'Malley said recently at the Mass he con-celebrated with Father Oscar Pratt at Castle Island: "We need reconciliation, solidarity and commitment to anti-racism. We need to be a real community.... This cannot be about partisan politics."

Aware that many parishes and social justice organizations, including interfaith community groups are already taking action, we will be updating and expanding the Social Justice Ministry website with resources that people can use NOW. And then, we will showcase some of the examples at the Convocation. Furthermore, since our Convocation occurs at the beginning of Black Catholic History Month (followed in February 2021 by Black History Month), we will be featuring some educational webinars with expert speakers.

This year we will have a more diverse Planning Committee, comprised of people who are deeply aware and affected by racial injustice and inequities.

We will be providing an update in a few weeks with more information about the Convocation and preparatory activities. In view of uncertainty about the coronavirus crisis, we do not know at this time whether the Convocation will be held in-person at BC High School, or via ZOOM calls or in parish centers, or a combination of these options and will keep you posted.

If you have questions and/or suggestions and want to get involved in our Social Justice Ministry, please contact us at [socialjustice@rcab.org](mailto:socialjustice@rcab.org), or call 617-746-5730. Thank you.