

Conference Meeting Resources

Choose a resource below to read or watch individually or as a group; then spend 10 minutes discussing at your next conference meeting. Bulletin announcements are also provided to raise awareness among parishioners.

Suggested Viewing

Beyond the Home Visit

A Vincentian Look at Fratelli Tutti: Call to Fraternity and Social Friendship If Not Me, Then Who? Video Series and Guides

Hope in the Face of Racism Series

- Session 1: Open Wide Our Vincentian Hearts
- Session 2: Roots of Systemic Racism
- Session 3: Transforming Our Concern Into Action
- Session 4: Where Do We Go From Here

Conversation on Racism with Archbishop Rozanski
The Racial Wealth Gap in the U.S.
Slavery by Another Name

Suggested Activities

Bread for the World Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation

Suggested Reading

Encyclicals and Pastoral Letters

- Economic Justice for All: Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S.
- Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love; study guide

Books

- Toxic Charity by Robert D. Lupton
- One Nation, Underprivileged by Mark Robert Rank
- Evicted by Matthew Desmond

- Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson
- Racial Justice and the Catholic Church by Bryan Massingale
- The Church and the Racial Divide: Reflections of an African American Catholic Bishop by Bishop Edward Braxton

St. Louis Voice of the Poor Committee Articles and Handouts

- Why It's Important to Advocate for Affordable Housing
- The Term Social Justice is Nothing to Fear
- Food Insecurity and its Effects on Neighbors in Need
- VOP Committee Advocates for Policies that Promote Intact Families
- U.S. and St. Louis Poverty Statistics
- Medicaid Expansion Fact Sheet
- Why the Voice of the Poor Committee Supports Medicaid Expansion