

ANTI-RACISM COMMITTEE

WHAT WE DO

We raise awareness about Indigenous histories and advocacy—during Native American Heritage Month (November) we showed a documentary about tribal recognition, gathered signatures for the removal of the Snake River dams, and shared the new Parish Land Acknowledgment.

We lift up stories of Black Catholic leaders like Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA—we hosted a gathering to watch videos and learn about Sr. Thea Bowman, who challenged her church to accept her as “fully black and fully Catholic.” She is currently a Servant of God (a candidate for sainthood). In addition, we have facilitated book groups and JustFaith modules, set up the Say Their Names project, as well as marched in Black Lives Matter demonstrations.

We facilitate open discussions about parish culture, art, iconography, and representation in the church building — last year, we organized an Anti-Bias Training for parish staff and volunteers, focusing on what it means to be an inclusive place. We plan on continuing these conversations, along with other topics, during Allyship Trainings later this year that will be open to the parish. This year, we engaged in conversation with Fr. Matthew about how to contextualize some of the icons and artworks in the church, and also about ways to bring greater diversity and representation.

We engage in regular discernment about areas of focus — the decision to focus on one project at a time is the result of a thoughtful conversation about how best to maintain focus and direct our energy. If you’re interested in shaping the direction of our next area of focus, please reach out! You can contact us at antiracism@stjosephparish.org



St. Joseph Parish Anti-Racism Committee Mission Statement: “Confronting white supremacy and dismantling institutional racism in our Parish and our community.”

Organizational Statement: “The St. Joseph Parish Anti-Racism Committee is a committee of the Faith Justice Commission that organizes in support of the St. Joseph Parish mission statement: Ignited by the Eucharist to Love and Serve.”

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ADVOCACY ACTION



We stand with our indigenous siblings in the Northwest to honor the original treaties by creating free flowing natural rivers, and protecting salmon, a keystone species central to Northwest life and indigenous livelihood. Led by the Nez Perce tribe, we call for the removal of the four Lower Snake River dams and the passage of the Northwest Energy and Salmon Plan.

Take action now using the QR code:



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