

Recommendations for Parishes

1. That pastors and pastoral staffs participate in the Archdiocesan workshops and programs on racial and cultural sensitivity, in order to incorporate into parish life and ministry initiatives that foster racial harmony.
2. That parishes (who are not already engaged) consider twinning or similar programs with another parish of different racial or cultural background in order to promote post-Katrina recovery, and inter-parochial fellowship including exchange of choirs, prayer groups, service and social justice projects.
3. That parishes explore effective ways to ensure a welcoming hospitality to those who are racially or culturally different.
4. That parishes regularly offer prayers for racial harmony and consider invoking saints such as St. Martin de Porres, St. Katherine Drexel, St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Peter Claver, St. Paul Miki, the Vietnamese Martyrs, Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha and St. Juan Diego.
5. That parishes assist in identifying and nurturing vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life among African, Hispanic, Asian and Native American peoples.
6. That parishes seek ways to collaborate with civic and interfaith groups to



promote racial and social justice.
7. That the Archdiocese continue its efforts to provide appropriately for cultural and racial needs in future decisions to reopen church parishes and schools

Recommendations for All Catholics

1. That each of us ponder the implications of this teaching and enter into the conversion God calls us to experience.
2. That we confront and reject any racial stereotypes, remarks and prejudices.
3. That we consider inviting persons of other races and cultures into our gatherings and homes.
4. That we participate in Archdiocesan and parish efforts to promote racial and social justice including fair wages, housing and employment.
5. That we refrain from membership in clubs or organizations which are not open to a racially or culturally diverse membership, or that we actively invite as guests and promote as members those currently excluded.
6. That we vote for public officials who are committed to human life, human dignity and racial, cultural and systemic justice.
7. That we support church and community-based initiatives and efforts to correct discriminatory injustices in order to empower and lift up the poor.