

# MERCY IN ACTION SERIES

7-9pm in-person and on Zoom

January 18—NON-VIOLENCE

February 15—RACISM

March 15—WOMEN

April 19—EARTH

May 17—IMMIGRATION

June 21—INTEGRATION SESSION

\$20-30 per session or  
\$100 for the entire series



**MERCY IN ACTION SERIES:** We are offering a monthly series based on the **Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas:** Nonviolence, Racism, Women, Earth, Immigration. We desire to bring a greater awareness and depth to the works of Mercy and acts of Justice which are part of our vision statement. Our goal with this series is to both educate and then support people on their journey of encountering the God of mercy and sharing that mercy with others.



## **NON-VIOLENCE - January 18**

### **Rev. John Dear**

Rev. John Dear is an internationally known teacher of peace and nonviolence. A priest and activist, he is the author of 40 books on peace and nonviolence, such as *The Beatitudes of Peace*, and is the director of the "Beatitudes Center". [www.thebeatitudescenter.org](http://www.thebeatitudescenter.org). He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Archbishop Tutu. See [www.johndear.org](http://www.johndear.org)



## **RACISM –February 15**

### **Gloria Purvis**

Gloria Purvis is an author, commentator and the host and executive producer of The Gloria Purvis Podcast. Through her media presence, she has been a strong Catholic voice for life issues, religious liberty, and racial justice. She has appeared in numerous media outlets including The New York Times, The Washington Post, PBS Newshour, NPR, Newsweek, and Catholic Answers Live and hosted Morning Glory, an international radio show. She has presented a powerful video series through the Word on Fire Institute.



## **WOMEN—March 15**

### **Dr. Shannen Dee Williams**

Dr. Shannen Dee Williams is Associate Professor of History at the University of Dayton.

She is the author of *Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom Struggle*, which was published by Duke University Press in 2022. *Subversive Habits* was named a top five book published in religion by *Publishers' Weekly* in 2022. It also received the 2022 Letitia Woods Brown Award for Best Book in African American Women's History from the Association of Black Women Historians.



## **EARTH—April 19**

### **Dan Misleh**

Dan is the founder of Catholic Climate Covenant. Previously he worked in the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. After college, he was a Jesuit Volunteer and was stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska. He has a MA in Theology from the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, CA.. He is married and has three children.



## **IMMIGRATION– May 17**

### **David Spicer**

David Spicer is an attorney providing the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, dioceses, organizational partners, government actors, and others with policy analysis and recommendations on migration-related issues and current affairs since 2020. In his present role, David leads MRS' Office of Policy and Advocacy. He earned his Juris Doctor from Notre Dame Law School. David is a member of the Indiana bar and a former fellow of Notre Dame's Program on Church, State, and Society.

## **INTEGRATION SESSION— June 21**

Led by the staff of Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer, this session will provide opportunities to bring together the learnings of the series and to seek next steps for the participants on how they can share Mercy with others.

**Registration is required.**

**Register online at our website:**

**[www.msmhope.org](http://www.msmhope.org)**

**Or call (908)753-2091**

**Most speakers will be Zoom.**