Recommitting to Racial Justice and Peace

The following commitments were made by local Catholics who attended the Racial Solidarity event at Immaculate Conception Church marking the anniversary of George Floyd's death.

* Provide warm winter clothes for detainees.
* Visit the immigration detention center in Tacoma.
* Pray, read, and participate in individual and community actions to promote social justice in all arenas of my life including family, friends, neighborhood, city, and country.
* Help any refugees that attend our parish.
* Always be welcoming and open to others who are strangers and need a hug or need of encouragement. Show love at all times.
* Support the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.
* Vote for candidates who reject racism and violence.
* Speak Up! and help when I see any who need help.
* Register Voters.
* Find out about letter writing to detainees and get that started in our parish.
* Work on getting letters to the editor in the paper, protesting the erosion of voting rights that especially affect Black and other minority groups.
* Get White people to make a stand!
* Call/email my members of Congress about ICE & Detention Camps.
* Shelter 2 people I know from adversity by ICE.
* My action is to spread the following message through rallies, and person-to-person connections: "For a Better Tomorrow, Be Kind Today".
* I will treat all in the way I want to be treated.
* Where there is "compliance" let me bring questions. Where there is silence let me be a voice.
* Write to local media about their coverage of the Ebola pandemic in Africa which makes the people of Africa look horrible. We need to extend compassion to them and not make it worse through our reporting.
* Volunteer at asylum and naturalization clinics.
* Speak up when others make rude, unjust and untrue comments.
* Do outreach to families and students with financial challenges, sharing an opportunity to receive an affordable Catholic High School education along with receiving professional work experience to transform their lives on a positive trajectory.
* Take part in activities that challenge the police and authorities when discrimination occurs in public.
* Support those who are directly working with immigrants, documented (green card, dreamers, etc.) and undocumented.
* Participate in peaceful protest, to stand in solidarity with those who have been denied due process.
* Although it may be difficult at times, I will try to understand why some family members & close friends in the Filipino Community have diametrical opinions about the political climate & the leadership in America.
* Become a DOJ-accredited representative.
* I will continue to work toward justice in my work.
* Raise my children to question & challenge systems of oppression and to work toward justice.
* Support those hurt by ICE and offer hospitality with my mom at her coffee table for immigrants.
* That I will profess the teaching of Sr. Thea Bowman to disrupt social injustice, to enhance humanity and repeat that, "Black is Beautiful".
* Become more aware and listen to the news of violence against minorities
* Teach my son and encourage him to be more involved in the violence against minorities.
* Write to local legislators regarding constancies of injustices, crimes committed by law enforcement that blatantly disrespect the dignity of others.

Learn more about the Catholic Church's work to end the sin of racism through the St. James Cathedral Racial Solidarity Team.

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