



Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Bishops
FROM: Bishop George V. Murry, SJ, Chairman
RE: **Resources on Racism from Various Departments of the USCCB**

Your Eminence/Your Excellency,

As was recently announced, His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB President, has called for the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism. I am honored to serve as Chairman. We are in the process of forming the committee, writing the mandate, and other efforts. In the meantime, staff members of the USCCB in every department have prepared short materials – such as stories and memes – describing work against racism in their respective areas of expertise. I offer these to you as a resource that you may wish to use in Church bulletins, for homily preparation, or on your diocesan website.

I am sure you already have resources in these areas and that every diocese will have its own approach to these issues, but I hope these resources can be of some service.

Please expect regular updates from me regarding the actions of the new Ad Hoc Committee as we move forward. I will also be requesting time to offer a longer report at the Plenary session of our November meeting in Baltimore.

I am deeply grateful to be for all that you are doing in these difficult times to combat racism and build peace.