

Am I My Brother's Keeper: The Racialization of America

West County Collaborative & Social Justice 4 All Team: Jan. 21 & 28, 2021

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Zoom Presentation

Presented By:

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Course Description

The Racialization of America is a workshop designed to bring awareness to the sin of racism by defining the terms racialization and racism. The course will provide avenues for discussion of this difficult topic on the day of the course and provide resources so that discussions can continue into the future. Part II of the workshop will explore the history of discrimination in housing in the United States.

Participants in this workshop will examine the sin of racism through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching which speaks to the dignity of the human person and asserts that we are one human family regardless of our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences.

Workshop Agenda

7:00 – 7:15	Meet and Greet
7:15 - 7:20	Opening Song
7:20 – 7:35	Presentation
7:35 – 7:55	Discussion (20min)
7:55 – 8:10	Presentation
8:10 – 8:30	Discussion (20min)
8:30 – 8:40	Next Steps
8:40	Closing Prayer
8:40-9:00	General Discussion

RSVP LINKS

Part 1 RSVP link:

<https://www.parishsupportstl.com/event-details/am-i-my-brothers-keeper-the-racialization-of-america-part-1>

Part 2 RSVP link:

<https://www.parishsupportstl.com/event-details/am-i-my-brothers-keeper-the-racialization-of-america-part-2-1>

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82439503924>; Meeting ID: 824 3950 3924

Connect by audio (phone): 346 248 7799

Presenters Background

Joyce Jones, a native of St. Louis, Missouri is the Program Director for Racial Harmony in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Joyce was working in the field of nursing when she received the call from God to teach His Word. She fervently responded to that call and began working for the Church as Business Manager at her home parish, St. Alphonsus "Rock" which ultimately led to her leading Sacred Scripture Study at St. Alphonsus and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.

Joyce is co-chair of the North City Deanery Interracial Relations Committee which holds a yearly pilgrimage through neighborhoods and points of interest in the City of St. Louis. She is also the chair of the Racial Equity Task Force of the Peace and Justice Commission of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and sits on the Executive Board of Good Shepherd Children and Family Services.

In her role as Program Director for Racial Harmony Joyce hopes to provide an avenue that will foster conversations among the faithful with the ultimate goal of improving race relations. Relationship building centered around prayer, education and dialogue in turn fosters racial harmony where people of God love each other as commanded by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Joyce holds a Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry. She is currently pursuing a Master of Theology degree at the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University New Orleans. Joyce loves spending time with her family. She is a wife, mother and grandmother.

Jeff Schulenberg and his wife, Terri, are parishioners at Sacred Heart parish in Valley Park, MO. They have 2 grown children and twin grandchildren, who reside, unfortunately in Seattle, WA. Jeff and Terri have been at Sacred Heart since 1991, and have been heavily involved in parish ministries such as Engaged Couple Marriage Prep, RCIA, ACTS Retreats, youth ministry, and several other areas. Jeff has also participated with the St. Louis area ACTS Missions Chapter, and has conducted multiple retreats for parish staff and other organizations.

Jeff retired in August of 2014 after a 35-year career with Nestlé Purina, where his last position was Director of Analytics Training, CDG North America. In retirement, he has pursued social justice initiatives on several fronts. He is the Facilitator of his parish's Peace & Justice Commission, which is active in developing education, awareness and engagement opportunities for parishioners in the social justice arena. Jeff is also a Liaison for an organization called Mobilizing the Faithful, which presents workshops on housing segregation and health and wellness disparities between African Americans and whites in St. Louis. He has facilitated several sessions of various JustFaith programs at the parish. And most recently, Jeff signed up with Joyce Jones to assist in developing and presenting racial harmony programming on behalf of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.