

Our Mission

The Commission on Racism works within and through the Diocese of Pittsburgh to witness to the equality of persons before God and to raise awareness of racism and how to counteract it.

Because racism, both overt and hidden, continues to harm our communities and parishes, the Commission suggests that prayer and practical actions to combat racism be a part of every parish's program



Our Vision

- To seek and serve Christ in all persons
- To love your neighbor as yourself
- To strive for peace and justice among all people
- To respect the dignity of every human being
- To encourage all parishes in the diocese to implement this vision

Our Goals and Objectives

- To identify institutional racism in our church and in our society
- To identify our own individual racism
- To offer help to parishes in our diocese to eliminate racism
- To provide anti-racism training in our parishes
- To participate in efforts of other dioceses and the National Church to combat racism

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave nor free, male and female; for all of you are one in Christ." Galatians 3:28



History and Activities

1980-1989

- Interfaith group, *One Voice Against Racism*, formed

1990 and Forward

- Commission on Racism, Diocese of Pittsburgh, formed
- Joint dialog with Church of the Holy Cross (Homewood) and St. Andrew's (Highland Park) culminates in 2 public meetings addressing racism in the media
- House of Bishops Pastoral Letter on the *Sin of Racism* adopted
- Episcopal Church General Convention, Denver, CO adopts resolution requiring anti-racism training for all lay and ordained leadership of the church
- Initiated the annual celebration of Absalom Jones, first African American priest ordained in Philadelphia, 1802
- Provide workshop training, leadership and support for congregations as they work to overcome racism in their parish and communities
- Sponsor the annual Frank E. Bolden Literary Contest for area high students on the topic of racism

Our Commitment

To actively engage in anti-racism work is to be firmly rooted in the Baptismal Covenant:

- *Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?*
- *Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?*



**Embracing our differences
and celebrating our
uniqueness**



**Recognizing Racism is no
longer as easy as
Black&White**

**Today, Racism is hidden in
infinite shades of
Gray**

But Racism is still WRONG!

ACT NOW!

STOP HATE!

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Racism...

It's Everybody's Problem