

# REFLECTING ON EXPERIENCES OF RACISM IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*- A Listening Session -*

Monday, April 29, 7-9 p.m.

## LISTENING PANEL:

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre  
*Chair, USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism*

Most Reverend William E. Lori  
*Archbishop of Baltimore*

Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan  
*Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore*

Most Reverend Denis J. Madden  
*Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore*

Most Reverend Adam J. Parker  
*Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore*

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*“It is time to acknowledge the many times when the Church has failed to live as Christ taught — to love our brothers and sisters. Acts of racism have been committed by leaders and members of the Catholic Church — by bishops, clergy, religious, and laity — and her institutions. We express deep sorrow and regret for them. We also acknowledge those instances when we have not done enough or stood by silently when grave acts of injustice were committed. We ask for forgiveness from all who have been harmed by these sins committed in the past or in the present.”*

OPEN OUR HEARTS WIDE – THE ENDURING CALL TO LOVE  
U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS, NOVEMBER 2018

*“Wherever the people of God are suffering is where I belong, at their side, listening, sharing compassion, and discerning how the Holy Spirit is calling me to take action.”*

THE JOURNEY TO RACIAL JUSTICE  
MOST REV. WILLIAM E LORI, JANUARY 2019

LISTENING SESSION ON RACISM  
April 29, 2019; 7-9 p.m.  
LeClerc Auditorium, Notre Dame of Maryland University

CALL TO ORDER	Sherita Thomas, Moderator <i>Board Chair, Black Catholic Ministries Archdiocese of Baltimore</i>
OPENING SONG	St. Bernardine Church Choir <i>Deitrick Goodwin, Director</i>
OPENING PRAYER	Most Rev. Denis J. Madden <i>Chair, Archdiocesan Workgroup on Racism Archdiocese of Baltimore</i>
WELCOME	Dr. Marylou Yam, President <i>Notre Dame of Maryland University</i>
OPENING REMARKS	MOST REV. SHELTON J. FABRE, CHAIR <i>USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism</i>
RESPONSE CARD INSTRUCTIONS	Moderator <i>Please leave cards in the baskets at the back of the auditorium.</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS	Moderator  <i>After each presentation, please join the choir in singing the responsorial refrain.</i>
RESPONDING REMARKS	Most Rev. William E Lori <i>Archbishop of Baltimore</i>
CLOSING PRAYER	Rev. Raymond Harris, Jr., Pastor <i>Holy Family Parish</i> <i>See prayer card</i>
CLOSING SONG	St. Bernardine Church Choir  <i>Please join us after the program for light refreshments in the auditorium lobby.</i>

*We are deeply grateful to our presenters from the Archdiocese of Baltimore for their courage, honesty, and gracious spirit in sharing their personal stories.*

**Carole Norris Greene**

*Syndicated columnist on race relations;  
former Catholic News Service associate editor  
St. Gabriel Parish, Baltimore*

**Rev. William Guri, C.Ss.R.**

*St. Mary's Parish, Annapolis*

**Sister Cora Marie Billings, R.S.M.**

*Community Volunteer*

**Bernard Franklin, Ph. D.**

*Vice President of Student Life, Mount St. Mary's University*

**Katharina Acosta**

*St. Mary's Parish, Annapolis*

**Deacon Seigfried Presberry**

*Director, Archdiocesan Prison Ministry;  
St. Mark's Parish, Catonsville and St. Ambrose Parish, Baltimore City*

**Ludiya Abdalla**

*Notre Dame of Maryland University, '21*

**Dr. A. Skipp Sanders**

*Former Executive Director, Reginald F. Lewis Museum  
St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Baltimore City*



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Allison Stone, *Director of Mission Integration, Catholic Charities*  
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Dr. Curtis Turner, *Principal, St. Frances Academy*  
Mary Ellen Russell, *Director of Community Affairs (Workgroup Staff)*

*Thank you for your participation in this inaugural event organized by the Archdiocese of Baltimore Workgroup on Racism. Please remember to drop off your completed Response Card in the baskets at the back of the auditorium, or you can also send in your comments online at [www.archbalt.org/racism](http://www.archbalt.org/racism).*

*“I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”*

JOHN 13:34

## RESOURCES

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*Open Wide Our Hearts – the Enduring Call to Love*  
USCCB pastoral letter on racism and other resources  
[www.usccb.org/racism](http://www.usccb.org/racism)

*The Journey to Racial Justice*  
Archbishop William E. Lori’s pastoral letter on racism  
[www.archbalt.org/racism](http://www.archbalt.org/racism)

Archdiocese of Baltimore Office of Black Catholic Ministry  
[www.archbalt.org/black-catholic-ministry](http://www.archbalt.org/black-catholic-ministry)

Archdiocese of Baltimore Office of Hispanic Ministry  
[www.archbalt.org/hispanic-ministry](http://www.archbalt.org/hispanic-ministry)

The National Black Catholic Congress  
[www.nbccongress.org](http://www.nbccongress.org)

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