

Managing the News Together

An educator's guide for addressing the current civil unrest with students during the Covid19 pandemic.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops | Combatting Racism Resources

But racism still profoundly affects our culture, and it has no place in the Christian heart. This evil causes great harm to its victims, and it corrupts the souls of those who harbor racist or prejudicial thoughts..."

10 Ways to Keep Hope Alive in Hard Times | Virtues for Everyday Living

"Practice hope. As hopefulness becomes a habit, you can achieve a permanently happy spirit." - Norman Vincent Peale

Sadlier Blog | Honoring the Dignity of Every Being

"If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honor." - Saint Charles Borromeo

Sadlier Resources on Hope, Racism and Intolerance

Various articles and resource recommendations for teaching about hope, compassion, and tolerance.

From Learn360

- Hope (Kingdom and Culture) (Grade 7-8)
- Overcoming Prejudice (Grade 6-12)
- Violence and Gangs - How to Manage Anger
- Respect for Life (Grade 4-5)
- Right Conscience (Grade 4-5)
- Kindness is Cool (Grade Pre K-2, 2-5)
- Kindness Video for Kids (Grade Pre K-2, 3-5)
- Faith, Hope, Love (pre K-2, 3-5)
- Kindness (Pre K- 2)
- Teens Character Education: Compassion (Grade 5-12)
- Building Blocks of Good Character (Grade 3-8)

STORIES OF HOPE | The Obama Foundation

Even in this uncertain time, we can still find reasons for hope. We've gathered stories of people from every corner of the globe carrying out selfless acts in this time of need. Our team will continue to add to this steady stream of global hope, but we'd like your help. Tell us about the stories—big and small—that are lifting your spirits [here](#).

After 'taking a knee,' border bishop gets a call from the pope

Lately, even police officers showing solidarity have kneeled around the country before those protesting the May 25 killing of George Floyd, who died after being filmed pinned to the ground with a knee to his neck, constrained by a police officer in Minneapolis.

Common Sense Media | Social and Cultural Literacy Resources for Classrooms

Teaching and learning happen within cultural, political, and social circumstances. As much as we want to deny it, we all have biases based on our life experiences. In this collection, you'll find hand-picked, regularly updated resources to help you better understand and practice these important social and cultural literacies. Sections include:

- Social and Cultural Literacy Curricula
- Challenging or Difficult Conversations
- Bias and Prejudice
- Civic Engagement, Activism, and Social Justice
- Inclusive Communities
- Research on Social and Cultural Literacy
- Social and Cultural Literacy Organizations to Explore for More

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Helping Kids Process Violence, Trauma, and Race in a World of Nonstop News

Tuesday, June 2, 2020 3 p.m. PT / 6 p.m. ET [Watch](#)

With near-constant exposure to news and social media, more kids are witnessing violence and its aftermath firsthand. Please join child development, children's health, and trauma-care experts to talk about ways families can support their children, one another, and a just future.

As Protests Erupt After George Floyd's Death, Teachers Grieve With Students From a Distance

By Madeline Will and Sarah Schwartz | June 1, 2020 5:46 PM

Protests against police brutality have erupted across the country over the past three days, leading to tough classroom conversations about race, racism, and police violence.

Teaching Tolerance | Why Teaching Black Lives Matter Matters | Part I

Jamilah Pitts Issue 56, Summer 2017

All educators have the civic responsibility to learn and teach the basic history and tenets of this movement for racial justice.

Teaching Tolerance | Let's Talk! Teaching Black Lives Matter Webinar

January 31, 2017 - 3:30 PM CST | [Watch](#)

The sequel to Let's Talk! Discussing Black Lives Matter in the Classroom, this webinar will review the education-related policy demands within the Movement For Black Lives' platform: Invest-Divest and Community Control. Participants will receive resources and a framework for bringing the Black Lives Matter movement into their classrooms. This webinar features EduColor.

'Moments like now are why we teach': Educators tackle tough conversations about race and violence — this time virtually'

By Reema Amin, Caroline Bauman, and Stephanie Wang May 31, 2020

Reading about Brown v. Board of Education over Google Meet. Holding one-on-one Zooms with students struggling with their emotions. Planning lessons on criminal justice reform for the fall — both in-person and remote, in case school buildings don't reopen.

Inside Higher Ed | Hope Matters

By Mays Imad March 17, 2020

Mays Imad offers 10 teaching strategies to support students and help them continue to learn during this time of uncertainty.

New York Times | Coronavirus Resources: Teaching, Learning and Thinking Critically

A page we will continue to update with ideas for working, at school or at home, with content from The Times and other reliable sources about this global pandemic.



WORDS FROM THE POPE

Comments from Pope Francis on racism and civil unrest in America during the Covid19 pandemic

Pope Francis assures Americans and US Bishops of his prayer during unrest

By Fr. Benedict Mayaki, SJ

Pope Francis calls the president of the US Bishops' Conference, Archbishop José Gomez, with a message of solidarity and encouragement, amid protests in the US sparked by the death of George Floyd.

Amid mounting protests in the US, Pope Francis calls for unity in diversity

June 1, 2020 By *Claire Giangravé*

VATICAN CITY (RNS) — During a Mass this Sunday (May 31) celebrating Pentecost, when Christians believe the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' apostles, Pope Francis called on faithful to be bringers of unity at a time when the world seems rife with division.

Pope Francis Addresses George Floyd's Death: 'We Cannot Tolerate...Racism'

Jun 3, 2020 By *Lisette Voytko*

Pope Francis, the leader of the Catholic Church, made his first public remarks on George Floyd's death during a Wednesday prayer at the Vatican, in a short address that condemned "the sin of racism" and violence witnessed at protests across the U.S.

Homily Of His Holiness Pope Francis

Sunday, 31 May 2020

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit" (1 Cor 12:4), as the Apostle Paul writes to the Corinthians. He continues: "There are different forms of service, but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone" (vv. 5-6)..."

Pope Prays for U.S., Calls Racism a Pro-Life Issue | from his weekly General Audience

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020 By *Carol Glatz*

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Observing with great concern the social unrest unfolding in the United States, Pope Francis said no one can claim to defend the sanctity of every human life while turning a blind eye to racism and exclusion.

Brooklyn Diocese Pastors Call For Unity Amidst Protests Following Death Of George Floyd

Monday, June 1st, 2020 By *Jessica Easthope*

There weren't any protesters at Barclays Center the afternoon of June 1, but it has been a central place in Brooklyn for thousands of demonstrators. Unfortunately, some protests have turned violent and stores in the Prospect Heights neighborhood have been looted.

"We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life."

Starting the Conversation: Teaching During Difficult Times

Resources for honest conversations.
Learn. Share. Repeat.

Teaching Resources

Anti-Bias & Anti Racism Resources

- What is Anti-Bias Education?
- Lesson: Preparing Students for Difficult Conversations | Facing History
- Let's Talk Guide | Teaching Tolerance
- Critical Practices for Anti-bias Education
- Your Kids Aren't Too Young To Talk About Race
- Early Childhood Anti-Bias Education Booklist
- Books on Racism for Early Learners
- Moving Beyond Anti-Bias Activities for Early Learners
- How to Teach Kids About What's Happening in Ferguson | Marcia Chatelain

Supporting Resources

Read

- So You Want to Talk About Race: Ijeoma Oluo
- White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism | Robin DiAngelo & Michael Eric Dyson
- Between the World and Me | Ta-Nehisi Coates
- Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor | Layla Saad

Watch

- 13TH | Netflix
- When They See Us | Netflix
- TED x Jay Smooth - How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Discussing Race
- Watch Just Mercy | Prime Video
- A Conversation with Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

Listen

- About Race with Reni Eddo-Lodge
- The Soul of the Nation with Jim Wallis
- Pod Save The People
- Counter Stories | NPR