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*The All Saints Catholic Church Promise in Response
to the Murder of George Floyd*

We, the members of All Saints Catholic Church, a multicultural, multiethnic, multi-lingual parish located in the central city of Milwaukee, are appalled by the murder of George Floyd by law enforcement officers. We believe that Catholic Social Teaching affirms all people have the right to life and to be treated with dignity. Black Lives Matter.

We lament the racism that exists in all of our institutions. We will not be complicit in actions that deny people of color, in particular people of African descent, their human rights.

We believe it is our duty and responsibility as Catholics and Christians to speak out against injustice and inequality. The systemic racism in housing, education, healthcare, economics, and criminal justice cannot and will not be tolerated. We invite our Christian brothers and sisters to walk with us on a journey to eliminate the oppressive institutions that have produced overwhelming racial disparities.

We ask God, the Giver of all Life, for the grace of forgiveness for our past personal prejudices and tacit support of institutional racism. We promise to work for the healing of all forms of racism through our active implementation of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Black Catholic Pastoral Plan and its pastoral priority of racial and social justice.

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