

**The Racial Justice Committee,  
St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Columbia  
MD**

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## **Honest Conversations About Racism 2.0**

*Earlier this year during Lent the Racial Justice Circle of Baltimore led more than 120 parishioners of St. John's in weekly conversations about racism in the US, including its historical roots and ongoing legacy.*

*The Racial Justice Committee is now presenting Honest Conversations About Racism (HCAR) 2.0 — a six-session continuation of these important conversations starting October '22 and ending May'23.*

**Please join us!**

***The program is open to all.  
Participation in the Lenten program is NOT a prerequisite.***

**Please register on the parish website.**

**See back of flier for dates, times, and topics**



## Honest Conversations about Racism 2.0

### Presented by St. John's Racial Justice Committee

#### The Goal

Following the Honest Conversations About Racism (HCAR) program during Lent, HCAR 2.0 aims to continue to open our hearts and minds to people of all races as we work individually and as a community to end the evil of racism. The goal of this program is to continue to engage parishioners of St. John's in a journey to heal the wounds of racism through increased understanding of historical and current injustices against African Americans.

#### Program Overview

##### **October 5, 2022: Voter Access**

How has racism impacted voting in the United States? How can we act to ensure that the right to vote is protected for all citizens? In this session, we will discuss the history of voting rights in the U.S., including how the votes of African American communities have been suppressed through practices such as gerrymandering, voter identification requirements, and reduced access.

##### **November 9, 2022: Catholic Church**

How has the Church treated African Americans in the US? This session will examine the Church's role in slavery and discrimination against African Americans and the contributions African Americans have made to our faith community.

##### **January 4, 2023: Economic Development**

What has contributed to the racial wealth gap in the US? In this session, we will be discussing economic disparities in the U.S. through an exploration of the historical roots behind the racial wealth gap and associated differences in economic opportunity based on race.

##### **February 1, 2023: Education**

How have national and local policies affected the access to and quality of education of African Americans? In this session we will discuss the history of racism in the field of education. Topics will include desegregation and historical U.S. Supreme Court decisions in Plessy v. Ferguson and Brown v. Board of Education, as well as the implications of these both nationally and locally in Howard County.

##### **April 12, 2023: Healthcare**

How has the US healthcare system failed African Americans? This session will discuss past and current disparities in the healthcare system, ranging from historical mistrust in medical care to inequalities in treatment and access to care.

##### **May 3, 2023: Criminal Justice**

How has inequality in the criminal justice system impacted the African American community? This session discusses the disproportionate racial impact of certain laws and policies, as well as biased decision making by justice system actors which have led to higher rates of arrest and incarceration in communities of color.

All sessions will be conducted by Zoom

Each Session will run from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

To register for the program, go to <https://sjcolumbia.org/honest2022/>

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