

Wellspring for Living Stones

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The Madonna University mission is steadfast. The faculty and staff of the Mission Core Team would like to share resources rooted in the MU mission to instill Christian humanistic values, intellectual inquiry, a respect for diversity, and a commitment to serving others, to help guide our community through uncharted waters.

“We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form. At the same time, we have to recognize that violence is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us pray for reconciliation and peace. —Pope Francis”

from Jesse Cox, Director of Campus Ministry

“We are greatly blessed by the contributions of black Catholics. ... It is up to us to tell their story for the good of the Church and the world. Doing so will help eradicate the sin of racism, bring hope to society and glorify God.”

Read more at OSV News.

from Claire Ofiara, Director of Diversity & Inclusion, and Program Director of Mosaic Leadership Academy

Here are some tools I have used to learn how to speak with loved ones about current events, while learning how to embody Mission values:

- The TED “starter pack” about topics like the Black Lives Matter movement, intersectionality, and more.
- Kid-friendly episodes of the NPR podcast *Code Switch*, about a range of topics.
- The Infodemic blog, for navigating the news.

from Colleen McLellan, Director of Service-Learning & Civic Engagement

We Are of a Tribe, by Alberto Ríos

We plant seeds in the ground
And dreams in the sky,

Hoping that, some day, the roots of one
Will meet the upstretched limbs of the other.

It has not happened yet.
We share the sky, all of us, the whole world:

Together, we are a tribe of eyes that look upward,
Even as we stand on uncertain ground.

The earth beneath us moves, quiet and wild,
Its boundaries shifting, its muscles wavering.

The dream of sky is indifferent to all this,
Impervious to borders, fences, reservations.

The sky is our common home, the place we all live.
There we are in the world together.

The dream of sky requires no passport.
Blue will not be fenced. Blue will not be a crime.

Look up. Stay awhile. Let your breathing slow.
Know that you always have a home here.

from Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz,
Co-Director of the Center for Catholic
Studies & Interfaith Dialogue

A Prayer of Remembrance and Hope [is available here](#). The Mission Core team invites you to join the campus community, as we share this prayer while we are apart, each Monday at 12:00 PM.



Wellspring for Living Stones is [updated, added to, and archived online](#).

If you have questions or concerns, or would like to submit materials to include, please contact Colleen McLellan in the Office of Service-Learning & Civic Engagement: cmclellan@madonna.edu