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To: Pastors, Parochial Vicars, Administrators, Deacons and Parish Staff
From: Lauralyn Solano
Re: **Intercultural Committee on Access, Integration, and Mission**
Date: March 14, 2022

In June 2019 we began a journey by kicking off the anti-racism initiative based on the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops Pastoral Letter against Racism called, [Open Wide Our Hearts](#). The letter is a powerful invitation for all the people of God to “face courageously the vice of racism.”

Now in 2022 the diocese continues the work of the ad-hoc committee with the formulation of the diocesan Intercultural Committee on Access, Integration and Mission. The committee includes a diverse group of laity, diocesan staff and clergy, working together to address issues, concerns and practices in areas such as faith formation, hiring practices, education, communication as they pertain to the inclusion and dignity of all God’s people. Deacon Casey Walker has been elected chairperson of the committee.

The ICAIM has updated their website to assist clerics, staff and the lay faithful with resources and information that can be used in parishes and schools. This can be found at www.scd.org/ICAIM

On the website, you will find links for: Education and Prayer Resources; Events, Statements, Videos and Articles that all address the evil and sin of racism. You will also find the history of the Ant-Racism Task group.

1. [Open Wide Our Hearts](#) – *The Enduring Call to Love* – People can be encouraged to read the Pastoral Letter; [open-wide-our-hearts-spanish.pdf](#)
2. A [Study Guide](#) for Open Wide Our Hearts; - Sessions to utilize the study guide in groups can be scheduled in Parish Communities;
3. Prayer resources: (i.e. [Stations of the Cross for Overcoming Racism](#), [Prayer to Overcome Racism](#), [Intercessory Prayers](#)); [Stations of the Cross Spanish.pdf](#)
4. Statements from Pope Francis, Bishop Soto and the US Bishops;
5. Transition from Task Group to Diocesan Committee

If you are interested in finding out more about the work of the Diocesan Intercultural Committee on Access, Integration, and Mission, contact Laura Rios at 916-733-0251 or email Lrios@scd.org.

Respectfully,

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