St. Peter Claver Mass Marks Day of Prayer for Racial Justice

On September 9, the Feast of St. Peter Claver, a Jesuit priest and minister who was a missionary to enslaved Africans, Washington Cardinal-designate Wilton Gregory celebrated a Mass for a day of fasting and prayer to end sin of racism.

The Mass –celebrated at St. Peter Claver Church in St. Inigoes, Maryland – was part of a nationwide Day of Fasting and Prayer called for by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to make reparation for the sin of racism and to recommit to seeking racial justice.

Announcing the nationwide day of fasting and prayer, Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, and chairman of the USCCB’s Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, said, “We reiterate the value of those whose human life and dignity in this country are marginalized through racism and our need to fight for them including the unborn.”

At the September 9 Mass in the Archdiocese of Washington, Cardinal-designate Gregory lauded the life and ministry of St. Peter Claver.

“May we find a memento of Peter Claver that we take home to our families and to live the life of faith that he did so perfectly,” he said.

Cardinal-designate Gregory announced at the Mass the new archdiocesan initiative, ‘Made in God’s Image: Pray and Work to End the Sin of Racism (CCC 1935),” which will include pastoral activities and outreach including prayer, listening sessions, faith formation opportunities, and social justice work.

At the conclusion, the Cardinal-designate read the Our Family Prayer for Justice and Human Dignity that he, along with Washington Auxiliary Bishops Mario E. Dorsonville, Roy E. Campbell, Jr. and Michael W. Fisher, authored. Please see page 4 for a cut-out of the prayer card.
Honoring their Lives of Service: Donate to the Retired Priests Collection

Our priests inspire our lives in many ways: they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows, and hold our loved ones hands as the Lord calls them home. Catholics of the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to express their gratitude to retired priests by donating to the Retired Priests Collection, taken up at parishes on the weekend of Nov. 7-8, 2020. Viewers of the TV Mass can also donate to the collection by going online to adw.org/rpc or by texting the word “Priest” to 301-231-1816.

Let’s join together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity.

Monsignor Joseph Ranieri, pictured, celebrates 63 years of priesthood this year. He retired from ministry in 2009, but for the past two decades has continued as coordinator of pastoral care for priests for the Archdiocese of Washington, where he serves as a liaison for retired priests. His decades of priestly ministry have seen Monsignor as pastor of St. Jerome Parish in Hyattsville, St. Matthias the Apostle in Lanham, St. Nicholas in Laurel, and the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Washington, and as parochial vicar at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Hyattsville and at St. Gabriel in Washington.
Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.
Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.
Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.
Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

Prayer by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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Cut-Out Prayer Card
(cut around edges and fold in middle)

OUR FAMILY PRAYER FOR JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY

Loving and faithful God, we come to you, Father, to ask that through your Son, Jesus and in communion with the Holy Spirit, you help us in the battle against America’s “original sin” of racism that divides us from being the Body of Christ that we are called to be as your children.

We implore you to give us your wisdom, so that we may build a community founded on the Gospel message of the life and dignity of all people from the womb to the tomb, and to live in community like the divine communion of the Holy Trinity.

Bless parents that they may form their children in faith, to love one another regardless of skin color, ethnicity and national origins, just as Jesus loves us. Bless and protect all of us as we live our faith in being “instruments of your peace” as St. Francis said. Fill us with a desire for justice and righteousness.

May our prayer and give us the courage, compassion, and perseverance to root out any form of injustice within our community and to bring the healing love of Christ to all in need.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Church, hasten to help us and intercede on our behalf, so that our Archdiocese can continue to witness to the Gospel message of life and dignity of all people. Amen.

Made in God’s Image

Pray and work to end the sin of racism

(CCC 1935)

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