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The Sisters of Notre Dame in the United States are called to respond to a world suffering from lack of respect for human dignity, injustice, war, violence and the destruction of the earth. (General Chapter 2016, pg 13).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "The equality of [people] rests essentially on their dignity as persons and the rights that flow from it: "Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, color, social conditions, language, or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design."

We are outraged and saddened and reject the violence that has most recently resulted from the fatal arrest of George Floyd of Minneapolis. We recognize that his death is one of many throughout our country and we join in solidarity with all those who have endured and been affected by such grievous acts. We commit ourselves to deep reflection on our complicity. We re-commit ourselves to promoting justice, education on the dignity of every person and the common good and advocate for fair and just systems so that all people may live without fear and violence.

We pray in solidarity with the family of George Floyd and all those who suffer from the effects of these acts of racism and violence throughout our country.

We stand with our brothers and sisters in faith and all people of good will in praying for an end to racism and violence and stand ready to move forward in faith and action toward a country and world where every person is valued, seen and heard.