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OUR CALL TO HEAL AND GROW TOGETHER

The Basilica offered various iterations of committees to address racism over the past few decades. But if we are honest, they were initiatives that sat on the margins of our parish life. Without intentional malice, they allowed our community to remain comfortable, while offering opportunities to learn about racial diversity.



Janice Andersen
*Director of Christian Life
The Basilica of Saint Mary*

In 2018, The Basilica prayerfully embraced a new strategic plan. This plan identified inclusivity as a core commitment for our whole parish—crossing all ministries, penetrating all communications for volunteers, donors, and community partners. With prophetic courage, this strategic direction responded to the signs of our times. It compelled us to begin anew our commitment to address racism.

Racism is a reality with deep roots and wide misunderstanding. Fr. Bryan Massingale, in his book *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*, frames the discussion with important definitions. He clarifies that “racism is a cultural phenomenon, that is, a way of interpreting human color differences that pervades the collective convictions, conventions, and practices of American life.” He importantly emphasizes that while “the commonsense understanding discusses racism as personal acts of rudeness, hostility or discrimination,” the focus on individual behaviors and attitudes misses the crucial and fundamental reality of racism as “a communal and learned frame of reference that shapes identity, consciousness, and behavior—the way a social group understands its place and worth.”

American anthropologist Edward T. Hall explains: “Culture is the logic by which I have learned to give order to the world. And I have been learning this logic little by little since the moment I was born... I learned to breathe this logic and forget that I learned it—I find it natural.”

We are called to see the implications of living in a country founded with the legal institution of human chattel slavery and all the underlying spoken and unspoken assumptions this rested on. Even after the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment, threads of slavery remained.

Sitting with a twenty-first century heart and mind, it is tempting to soothe my discomfort and simply claim: This is no longer relevant. Slavery is gone. I yearn to claim to be beyond the cultural pull of racism. But facing the reality of centuries of oppression and generations of persecution, we see racism cannot be healed by denial or “just moving on.”



Healing requires deep, community-wide acknowledgement of ways this fundamental and sinful paradigm gives order to our world, even today. We are called to recognize our complicity in enabling racism to persist: In 2021, can we reconcile the dissonance of living in Minnesota, with some of the highest racial disparities in the nation, despite being ranked one of the best places to live?

The Basilica is committed to wrestle with, expose, and eliminate racism in our community. It is hard work we must do together. It calls the white community to take a lead in anti-racism work, along with the discomfort this brings, and provide healing spaces for our brothers and sisters of color.

The Basilica has commissioned an Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity Leadership Team. With parish leadership, it has identified core goals to work on together. We need your partnership and help to work on these goals and to grow together. Look for ways to engage at mary.org/edi.

Come Holy Spirit; give us strength, courage, and guidance for this journey.

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Renew & Reconnect

Renew our call to faith.
Reconnect to our parish community.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
5:00PM

SUNDAY
7:30AM, 9:30*, 11:30* & 5:00PM

*ASL Interpreted & Livestream

WEEKDAY MASS
7:00AM & NOON*

*Livestream

*“Seek the well-being of the city to
which I have sent you. Pray for it to
the Lord.*

*For in seeking its well-being, you shall
find your own.” -Jeremiah 29:7*

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

A community rooted in the Gospel of
Jesus Christ.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we:

- Practice biblical stewardship
- Share our faith with others in word and deed
- Pursue ecumenical and interfaith relationships
- Rejoice in rich diversity

As the Co-Cathedral of the Archdiocese
of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, we are
committed to provide:

- Inspiring liturgies and sacred arts
- Transforming life-long learning opportunities
- Engaging service to one another and justice for all

LITURGY & SACRED ARTS

LABOR DAY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am. There will be no 7:00am or Noon Mass on Labor Day. Basilica offices and campus are closed in observance of the holiday. Livestream available.

LITURGIES DURING THE BASILICA BLOCK PARTY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

Noon Mass will be celebrated via livestream. The Basilica Campus will not be accessible for in-person attendance.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00am Confession will not be available.

5:00pm Mass of Anticipation is canceled.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Sunday Mass schedule is as usual.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1:30PM

For over 25 years we have celebrated the Feast of Saint Francis with a traditional Blessing of Animals. Gather on the lawn starting at 1:00pm. At 1:30pm we will process into the church for a brief service to thank God for the blessing of all creation and to pray for the continued well-being of our world.

MUSIC

MUNDUS

Our Contemporary and World Music Choir, enlivens the 11:30am liturgy two times a month from September through May. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. Openings for all voice parts (especially Tenors and Basses), and instrumentalists. Please contact Walter Tambor at wtambor@mary.org or 612.317.3507.

CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS

The Cathedral Choristers (grade 4-7 or unchanged voice) rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-7:00pm. The Choristers lead liturgies throughout October-early June. Tuition is \$55 per semester and scholarships are available. Age appropriate children need only sign up for a voice check (this is not an audition). First rehearsal/parent meeting is Wednesday, September 8 at 5:45pm. Any child is welcome to sing! Please sign-up at mary.org.

SACRED ART

JUSTICE AND HEALING: A VISITATION OF CAPTIVE ART ART FROM A TOUCH OF LIGHT

POPE JOHN XXIII GALLERY AND TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL
EXHIBITION: THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27

A Touch of Light works with Captive Artists™ from around the world, using the arts to create social change and second chances for families of the incarcerated, and for prisoners being released with little or no support.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

BYA BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 6:45-8:15PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL,
LOWER LEVEL

Join us in person for our weekly Bible study! This is a lectionary based Bible study where we always look at the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. It's a great way to prepare for Mass with other young adults and meet new people. Please email bya@mary.org if you would like to join us.

ENGAGED COUPLES WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2
9:00AM-3:00PM

Engaged couples at The Basilica are required to complete a pre-marriage inventory and go over the results with a mentor couple, or attend one of our group workshops. We have four of these each year; please pray for the engaged couples on this date as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. For information about getting married at The Basilica, please email Ben at bcaduff@mary.org.

SACRAMENTS

ZOOM: BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER 6

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
6:30-9:30PM, ZOOM

If you are expecting, or in the process of adopting a child, please attend one of our baptism preparation classes currently online. We offer classes approximately nine times a year for parents who are registered members of The Basilica and plan on having their child baptized here. Godparents are welcome too. For more information, call the Learning office at 612.317.3439. Please register online at mary.org.

LEARNING

ADULT LEARNING

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD SMALL GROUPS

This fall, September 19-November 14, we are invited to participate in small groups to share our ideas over 6 sessions about the future of our Archdiocese. Archbishop Hebda will use this feedback to determine Synod Assembly topics. Everyone is warmly encouraged to participate in the small groups. Groups will meet both on campus and remotely. Each small group will use a facilitator, so many gifts are needed! More information will be shared as fall approaches. For more information, contact Cathy at cedwards@mary.org.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

What would it be like to become a Catholic as an adult? How would one know if it was the right path to take? If you are wondering about our Catholic Tradition, RCIA may be the answer to your search. You and a sponsor, who walks, questions, and learns with you, would be invited to join a group of seekers, learning and praying together; discerning the possibility of joining the Catholic Tradition. For more information, contact Christine at cmoore@mary.org.

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR RCIA

When someone contacts The Basilica with questions and interest in becoming Catholic, connecting them with a sponsor, an ambassador of sorts, who introduces them to life at The Basilica is integral to the process. Sponsors are vital and important ministers in RCIA. If you feel a passion for your faith and a desire to listen, learn and discover with others, consider becoming an RCIA sponsor. For more information, contact Christine at cmoore@mary.org.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Online registration for Faith Formation classes is open at mary.org/faithformation. Information about classes and registration can be found online. Adult volunteers are needed, especially for Pre-School, First Grade, Middle School, and High School. Weekly volunteers receive free tuition for their family. Please consider volunteering. To learn more, please contact Christine at 612.317.3439 or cmoore@mary.org.

INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN-9TH GRADE

This program will meet once a month on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:15pm and will start off virtually (on ZOOM) until young children have had an opportunity to be vaccinated. Parents are required to participate with their children in this opportunity for family learning and prayer. All students will receive materials/assignments with which they may work with at home during weeks that we are not gathering in large group. If you have questions, please call the Learning Office at 612.317.3414.

CATECHISTS FOR 2021-2022

Do you love the Bible and have an interest in sharing your faith with youth? Are you someone who treasures the arts and wants to learn more about masterpieces and share this with our children? We are looking for open, caring adults, willing to learn and share with our young people. Please consider making a weekly commitment to be a catechist. For more information, contact Christine at cmoore@mary.org.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

AIM: ACCESS AND INCLUSION MINISTRY OCTOBER IS EMPLOYMENT AND DISABILITY MONTH THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 7:00PM

AIM will bring together leaders in the community to discuss diverse abilities in the workplace.

We AIM to make our faith accessible

We AIM to insure that everyone feels included regardless of who they are or where they are on their personal life journey

We AIM to include more people in our work

We AIM to do better to remove barriers to participation

The Disability Awareness Ministry has changed its name to AIM and is currently planning events for October. AIM is looking for people with lived experiences who will work with us to continue to provide experiences that educate our community, resources for navigating the systems that impact people with barriers, social opportunities for our community to come together, and expertise as we look at our buildings and campus for ongoing improvements. The ministry meets every second Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm. Currently meetings are via Zoom. For more information, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORS SERIES: IN-PERSON EVENT COMING THIS FALL

Former Minnesota Representative Mindy Greiling and Susan Foote, Professor Emerita in the School of Public Health at The University of Minnesota, will read and discuss their books, *Fix What You Can: Schizophrenia and a Lawmaker's Fight for Her Son* and *The Crusade for Forgotten Souls: Reforming Minnesota's Mental Institutions, 1946-1854*.

Sue Abderholden, Executive Director of NAMI-MN, will serve as moderator for this event. Fee of \$25 gets your choice of book. The opportunity to purchase additional books will be part of the event that evening. For more information, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org. Registrations will be required on mary.org.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION MINISTRY

The Basilica assigns a Homebound Communion minister to visit people on a regular basis, to pray with them, and to bring the Body of Christ when someone is unable to get to Mass for various reasons. We as a faith community want to be there as someone enters a stage of decline, or as they navigate a period of recovery and gradually regain their strength. Yet the pandemic has grounded this ministry for over a year now.

We need to rebuild this ministry with a larger team of volunteers willing to bring Eucharist to parishioners than we had before the COVID-19 pandemic. Can you help? It would involve a three and a half hour training that would include the etiquette of making the home visit, confidence in leading the rite of communion, and being trained with some key listening skills. Until a date can be determined, we will gather names of those who are interested in serving. Please contact Wendy in Caring Ministries for more information at 612.317.3474 or wcaduff@mary.org.

HENNEPIN CONNECTIONS: MENTORING, ACHIEVING, GROWING

Consider being part of the mentoring ministry with Minneapolis College students who experience homelessness or poverty. The responses we received from this year's students show the impact of this program. Through a year of upheaval and challenge, mentor relationships became even more important. To learn more, contact Carol at 612.747.2983 or Janice at jandersen@mary.org.

COMMON GOOD

EMPTYING OUR HEARTS

"Deep listening is the kind of listening that can help relieve the suffering of another person. You can call it compassionate listening. You listen with only one purpose: to help him or her to empty their heart. ... Because you know that listening like that, you give that person a chance to suffer less."
- Thich Nhat Hanh, Vietnamese Buddhist monk and peace activist

Seek out an Emmaus Listening Minister today, a volunteer who has been highly trained with active listening skills and who can offer you the priceless gift of emptying what is on your heart, and therefore suffering less. All calls and visits are confidential, and the ministry is a free ministry of The Basilica. Contact Wendy for a listening session or to inquire about joining the ministry at wcaduff@mary.org or 612.317.3474.

PRISONERS OR PATIENTS MONTHLY MEETINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
1:00-2:30PM, ZOOM

Join us at the next meeting of this task force that discusses the criminal justice and mental health systems. For more information and to get the Zoom log-in, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

BASILICA BOOK CLUB

Join us the first Thursday of each month at 10:00am at The Basilica for thoughtful and courageous conversation. Contact Karen for further details at 612.872.7535.

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| September 2 | <i>Less</i>
by Andrew Sean Greer |
| October 7 | <i>Caste</i>
by Isabel Wilkerson |
| November 4 | <i>The End of the Affair</i>
by Graham Greene |

BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

If you are interested in donating blood to help with our community's current blood emergency please go to mbcherohub.club/donor/schedules/zip for a list of community blood drives.

DEVELOPMENT

THE BASILICA FUND

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WHEREVER YOU ARE

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To make a gift, please visit mary.org/give. We are grateful for your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

PLANNED GIVING

Making an estate gift through your will or trust is a wonderful way to show your support for The Basilica Landmark and its mission to preserve, restore, and advance The Basilica of Saint Mary.

To learn more about the benefits of making an estate gift, visit thebasilicalandmark.org/plannedgiving.

To make a gift to The Basilica Landmark Annual Fund, visit thebasilicalandmark.org/give.

BASILICA BLOCK PARTY

CITIES 97.1 BASILICA BLOCK PARTY

SEPTEMBER 10 & 11

Back on the Block

After a year without The Basilica Block Party, we are excited to announce that the show will go on Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11. For tickets and volunteering, visit basilicablockparty.org.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Main Stage

AJR
Tate McRae
JP Saxe
Forest Blakk

West Lawn Stage

Motion City Soundtrack
Ritt Momney
Remo Drive

Star Tribune Stage

Koo Koo Kanga Roo
26 BATS!
Mae Simpson Music

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Main Stage

The Avett Brothers
Spoon
Ripe
Jensen McRae

West Lawn Stage

Black Pumas
Jade Bird
Zach Bryan

Star Tribune Stage

Diane (FKA D Mills)
The Stress of Her Regard
Bora York

THE BASILICA LANDMARK

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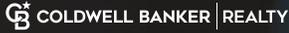
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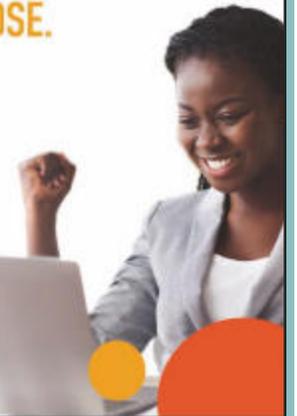
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