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## **Racial Injustice - Dinner Table Discussion Guide**

*In this second week of Respect Life Month 2020, we are encouraging our parishioners to pray and reflect on racial injustices and our role in helping to bring unity, peace, and equality to everyone, especially those suffering injustice. Please view the video of the virtual town-hall on racial injustice from Sacred Heart Major Seminary, and then use the following as a guide for dialogue among your family or friends.*

*The town-hall video can be found at:*

*<https://mosaic.shms.edu/inherent-dignity-catholic-teaching-and-response-to-the-sin-of-racism-webinar>*

1. Before viewing the webinar, discuss what the phrase "black lives matter" means to the individuals in your family.  
*\*Note: This is meant to be a discussion of the value of human life and the movement as a whole, not a referendum on the agenda of the BLM national organization.*
2. Once you've viewed the webinar ask: In what ways (if any) has your perspective on why black lives matter changed? Did the webinar give you clarity on why we, as Catholics, absolutely agree that black lives always matter?
3. How as a family do you focus on including equal treatment for all...that is, standing up for those who are suffering? Do you respect people no matter the color of their skin or the language they speak?
4. Talk about what is fair or what is not fair. Have kids give examples of situations where they knew something was fair and when something was not fair. How did your child feel about these situations? Are the kids able to connect these examples to the larger picture of discrimination?
5. For older kids: what can you do when you are aware of a situation that is unfair to someone else because of their skin color? (A simple answer may be to stand up for that person by speaking up).