



Statement
by the
Brothers of the Sacred Heart
and their
Institutions

As men and women in the tradition of Father André Coindre and the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, we have inherited a Christian mission to evangelize the world through the education of youth. For 200 years we accomplished this mission by a holistic education that instructs our students in truth, forms our students in faith and hope, and witnesses to them the transforming power of Jesus' love in action.

The events of recent days and weeks compel us to raise our voices beyond our schools and join them to those who are crying out against and suffering from the great evils of racism, bigotry, injustice, incivility and violence. All of these are learned behaviors. All of these fly in the face of Jesus' call and example to treat each other with compassion, mercy and self-sacrificing love. We are called to focus our young people's attention on the struggle for justice and equality. We call them to act on the lessons they have learned, each in his/her own way wherever he/she is. May their peaceful efforts, examples and prayers join them to other persons of good will. May their combined actions help people in our country come to enjoy the freedom of the children of God and to treat each other as we truly are: brothers and sisters of one another.

May all of us who have been touched by this mission and ministry over the years – students, parents, alumni, teachers, Brothers and friends – be courageous, like Jesus, to stand with those who have been denigrated and to treat all with dignity and respect.

"My friends, we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life."

Pope Francis
Sunday Mass, May 31, 2020