

PC 21 – KEY THEMES in Reports from Dialogue Groups on "The Assumptions of White Privilege and What We Can Do About Them" by Bryan Massingale

Our Reports demonstrated an awareness that integral to living the mission of the Society today is the need to be ever more conscious of and engaged with the major issues facing the broader civil society; such as immigration, the environment, human trafficking, and racism. Reports focused on racism as one such life issue, not as more important than others, but as one especially demanding our attention today, both personally and communally. Reports acknowledged that attending to this focus will demand that we pray about this issue, be honest, admit our fears, and then act courageously.

THEME #1: CONTINUE THE ONGOING WORK OF EDUCATION AND CONVERSION IN RELATION TO THE ISSUE OF RACISM

- Recognize, lament and repent of our personal and communal sins of racism so as to become open to change within ourselves and our Province structures and ministries
- Continue to learn more about systemic racism and white privilege

THEME #2: CONNECT WHO WE ARE AS SHCJ WITH THE ISSUE OF RACISM

- Make public statements and engage in corporate witness based on our Constitutions and Incarnational Spirituality; publish statements and communicate corporate witness on our Province website
- Allocate resources to reflect our public statements
- Engage Colleagues, Network of Schools, Associates, Staffs, and Church Leaders in mutual discussion and learning about racism; establish guidelines for our institutions, corporate works and other ministries.