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Sisters of Saint Joseph of Rochester Join Call for End to Racism and Violence

Rochester, NY... The violence which erupted in Rochester and cities across the nation is heartbreaking, hurtful and disquieting. These events sparked by the tragic death of George Floyd at the hands of a white police officer should fill us with grief and shame.

The aftermath of looting and destruction and violence in our country are symptomatic of deeper and even more dangerous problems. Racial disparity and police brutality are not an excuse to go on disruptive and dangerous rampages that injure the innocent and foment needless destruction of lives and property.

We stand with others to unite and dismantle the injustices. As part of the U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, we join with the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) in committing to the critical work of creating communion, examining the root causes of injustice and our own complicity, and purging ourselves, our communities, and our country of the sin of racism and its destructive effects. Read CSSJ U.S. Federation statement here: <https://www.csjboston.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Federation-Statement-on-Racism-8.15.18.pdf>

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Rochester also promise our prayerful support as our community and our nation move toward peace building, healing, and reconciliation during these frightening and dangerous times.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Rochester is a community of Roman Catholic women religious. Serving our neighbors, all people no matter who they are or where they find themselves is our mission. We serve in 12 counties of the Diocese of Rochester, rural Alabama and Brazil. More information about the Sisters of Saint Joseph and its ministries can be found at www.ssjrochester.org or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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