

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Statement on trial and verdict- George Floyd killing**From: The Seeking Racial Justice Interest Group, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth**

We believe it is essential that law enforcement be held accountable for the use of undue force and violence against people of color. We acknowledge the recent trial and verdict in the killing of George Floyd as a step in the right direction.

We advocate for broad-based, proactive commitment to ensure this accountability. This includes federal legislation that supports policing reform and provides guidance to state and local authorities. It encompasses renewed emphasis on recruitment, training and retraining of law enforcement officers. It involves seeking creative solutions to achieve public safety with focus on racial equality, community engagement and behavioral health expertise.

We pray that George Floyd's death will mark the beginning of significant systemic changes across our nation's broken justice system. As members of the Seeking Racial Justice Interest Group of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, we stand in solidarity with all people of color, and pledge to work for equality and equity among all people, focusing on personal and societal transformation and reconciliation on behalf of racial justice.

Seeking Racial Justice Interest Group of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth,

Michael Delores Allegri, SCL	Ellen Hustings, SCLA
Catherine Ann Bones, SCL	Keith Hustings, SCLA
Cele Breen, SCL	Judith Jackson, SCL
Mary Jo Downey, SCL	Mary Pat Lenahan, SCL
Margaret Finch, SCL	Vickie Perkins, SCL
Mary Rachel Flynn, SCL	Irene Skeehan, SCL
Maureen Hall, SCL	Mary Lex Smith, SCL
Therese Horvat, SCLA	

For more information, please contact the JPIC Office at 913-758-6564 or visit our website at <https://www.scls.org/justice-peace-creation/>