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*“What is needed, and what we are calling for, is a genuine conversion of heart, a conversion that will compel change, and the reform of our institutions and society.” -U.S. Bishops, “Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, a Pastoral Letter Against Racism”*

CCMA stands with our brothers and sisters of color in the fight against racism. Supporting our Catholic campus ministers of color during this time is pivotal so that we can better support and empower our students on college campuses.

We are committed to continuing to broaden the reach of Catholic campus ministry. Past [webinars](#), [podcasts](#) and [workshops](#) on racism and multicultural competencies have been helpful starting points. Our collaboration with the Secretariat of Education (USCCB) and their initiative to serve campuses with predominantly black student populations will continue to be a priority. Still, more is needed and more can be done.

Last week’s [Facebook Live conversation with Bishop Cheri, Episcopal Moderator](#) was another step forward. If you missed the event and would like to use the prayer service written by Bishop, you can download it [here](#).

Additionally, we invite you to pray and fast with us on June 11, the Memorial of Saint Barnabas, the Apostle. Using the CCMA Facebook group, we’ll be sharing other ways to pray together as a community. Whatever fast you are able to make, please unite it with prayer.

May we continue to support one another and have the courage to stand up for those students who have been victims of the sin of racism. Only then will we experience a genuine conversion of heart and lead all to Christ.

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