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Catholic Charities USA Reacts to Verdict in Killing of George Floyd

Alexandria, Va. (April 20, 2021) - Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) President and CEO Sister Donna Markham, OP, PhD, issued the following statement in response to today’s ruling that found Derek Chauvin guilty on all counts of the killing of George Floyd:

“Almost a year ago, we watched in horror as George Floyd took his last breath as he begged for his life. Today, we pray that Mr. Floyd’s family finds peace in today’s verdict that found the officer guilty on all counts. While there may be a brief sense of relief that justice has been served, we must acknowledge that, as a country, we still have a lot of work to do to eradicate the pervasive racism and continued disregard for human life that continues to play out in communities across the country.

CCUSA remains committed to addressing issues of inequality and discrimination, by leading conversations on race, speaking up for the under-served, and providing resources to remain educated on this systemic issue. We pray for the wisdom, insight and courage to express compassion and respect for all people and the strength to reject hatred and racism.

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