



Central Catholic

HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Central Catholic Community,

At the very core of our Catholic faith, we accept that all people are created equal. Some of the earliest words of the Bible tell us that *all* men and women are created in God's image and likeness; not just some races, but all bear the imprint of the Creator and are enlivened by the breath of His one Spirit.

The events of this past week painfully illustrate that racism is very real and touches all corners of our society. The violence that killed George Floyd, and so many others, reveals this to us all. As a school community, we mourn the lives of those who have been killed through senseless acts of violence and stand against acts of hatred and intolerance.

At Central Catholic, the diversity of our students, faculty, and staff is a blessing and an incredible strength. Our effort in combating racism and working towards systemic change starts with being allies and advocates for *all* of our students. We strive to engage in difficult conversations and take the actions necessary to address important issues.

Our Catholic identity does not only suggest we work towards justice, it demands it. Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that "human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency."

Let us pray for Mr. Floyd's family, for all those who feel the pain brought on by senseless violence, and let us pray for God's healing grace for our entire community.

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