

Racial Justice Sunday 2025

Questions for Reflection

This year's theme *Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice* celebrates both the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday and aligns with the Jubilee theme, which reflects the fact that we are all called to be pilgrims on a journey of hope. This theme reminds us that, as Catholics, we are called to journey together in faith, building a Church and society that better reflects the kingdom of God in the way it acts in justice and love towards all people of God.

Over the past 30 years, Racial Justice Sunday has offered an opportunity to confront the personal and social realities of racism, discrimination and inequality. It allows us to acknowledge, reflect on and celebrate our achievements in moving towards racial justice whilst recognizing the need for continued reconciliation, healing and growth as a community.

Furthermore, while our churches have grown more diverse over the years, it's important to recognise that this diversity includes not only newcomers but also people with long-established roots in this country.

In our celebration of Racial Justice Sunday, we hope to reflect on our journey toward racial justice - acknowledging both the progress we have made and the challenges that remain.

Questions

1. Has your understanding of racial justice changed over time and, if so, how?
2. What does racial justice mean to you today?
3. How does the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" resonate with your own experiences or aspirations for racial justice in your parish/school/community or other setting? In what ways can our faith guide us in promoting racial justice?
4. How does your parish/school/community ensure that all members feel included and participate in promoting the mission of the Church? Can you give examples?
5. What change do you hope to see in the next five, ten, twenty years? Can you identify moments of progress or victories that inspire hope for the future?
6. What do you see as the main challenges to racial justice in your parish/school/community?
7. What role can the Catholic community play in supporting racial justice in the wider community?