



Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

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Seeking Unifying Love in these Challenging Times

The cries of economic, physical, emotional, and spiritual pain from a wounded and hurting people are ever before us in these challenging times. The most recent shooting of Jacob Blake seven times in his back by Kenosha police and the suicide of a young man in downtown Minneapolis sparking further unrest and several nights of cities-wide curfews are manifestations of this pain, racial inequity, civil unrest, political polarization, and more. The charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph reminds us of our deep interconnectedness with all, most especially our dear neighbors suffering. To listen empathically to those in pain, with respect and dignity, can and will transform ourselves, our communities, the nation, and the world. This is not easy work, yet together this is essential and a way forward.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Consociates seek to always embody “profound love of God and love of neighbor without distinction” and to be *prophetic signs of love and unity in our world*. At the core of our faith we believe Jesus shows us how to heal, love, break bread together, and that in the depth of our spirit we are all one. We recommit ourselves to work with others towards an inclusive society. We join our prayers and actions together with all who seek unifying love.

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