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MEMORANDUM

To: All Bishops

From: Reverend Monsignor J. Brian Bransfield, General Secretary *JB*

Date: June 5, 2020

Subject: Links to Resources in Continuing the Pastoral Response to the Evil of Racism

Your Eminences, Your Excellencies,

I take this occasion to share with you, below, two links to resources for your consideration and use as social media tools in continuing the pastoral response to the evil of racism.

The first resource is a video produced by the Catholic Mobilizing Network and supported by a generous grant from the Catholic Communication Campaign.

Catholic Mobilizing Network is a national organization that mobilizes Catholics and all people of goodwill to value life over death, to end the use of the death penalty, to transform the U.S. criminal justice system from punitive to restorative, and to build capacity in U.S. society to engage in restorative practices.

The video may be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JiXydrXXGLI>

The second resource is a video developed to accompany the prayer which was included at the end of *Open Wide Our Hearts*, the pastoral letter against racism. This video was also developed based on a generous grant from the Catholic Communications Campaign. Printer-ready versions of the prayer were conveyed to you yesterday by Most Reverend Shelton Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, by direct email and are available on the bishops-only webpage.

The video accompanying the prayer may be found at:

<https://youtu.be/H6OmeXUJnv4>

I am most grateful to Mr. James Rogers, Chief Communications Officer, and his collaborators for the availability of these resources.

Thank you for your attention to this memorandum.