

“And Still We Rise”



Members of the OSP/IHM Healing Racism Committee have collaborated for more than a decade to educate ourselves and our communities about the realities of racism and white privilege. Whatever happened to the example of Jesus who said we were to love everyone as brothers and sisters and even more, as He has loved us?

From June 3-5, 2016, the IHM Sisters from the Monroe, Scranton and Philadelphia communities met with the Oblates Sisters of Providence (the first American congregation of women religious who are primarily women of color) in Monroe. During our time together, we visited and took in the well documented journey of our African American brothers and sisters throughout history as displayed in the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. The tour titled “And Still We Rise” really touched the committee members.

In July, 2017 representatives from each of our congregations will meet in Baltimore for three days to deepen our commitment to healing racism. This workshop will include a visit to the new National Museum of African American History in Washington D.C.

May the efforts of this committee continue to bear fruit!

Click [here](#) to watch the video “And Still We Rise” from the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

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