

## Healing Racism

Purpose: At the 2022 NCCW annual convention, each Province will be able to name at least one action their councils have taken to begin reducing racism in their personal lives, in their councils and/or in their communities.

Whereas, Racism is a sinful, learned, negative behavior of prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism against others of a particular race or ethnicity (<https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/racism>),

Whereas, Racism disrespects human life and dignity and brings injustice and illness to our national and individual souls; and

Whereas, Racism can cause great emotional, mental, and spiritual harm to both the person expressing this belief and those experiencing the effects of this belief.

*Resolved*, That all NCCW members will pray and promote the NCCW Prayer to Love: Healing Racism ([www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org) → Explore NCCW Prayer) to assist in eradicating racism and empowering council members, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, to become missionary disciples.

*Resolved*, That NCCW members educate ourselves and others by studying *Open Wide Our Hearts*, *The Enduring Call to Love*, a Pastoral Letter found on our website, [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org) →NCCW News. The Letter, an accompanying study guide and other resources from the US Council of Catholic Bishops can also be found at: [https://www.usccb.org/resources/study-guide-open-hearts-2019-09\\_0.pdf](https://www.usccb.org/resources/study-guide-open-hearts-2019-09_0.pdf) and

*Resolved*, That we encourage all members to invite women of all races and ethnicities to join, become involved in our councils and to share equally in the benefits and responsibilities for the direction and development of our councils and our communities.