

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

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*Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston
Office of Black Catholics & Native American Ministries*

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Resources
for adults who work with youth**



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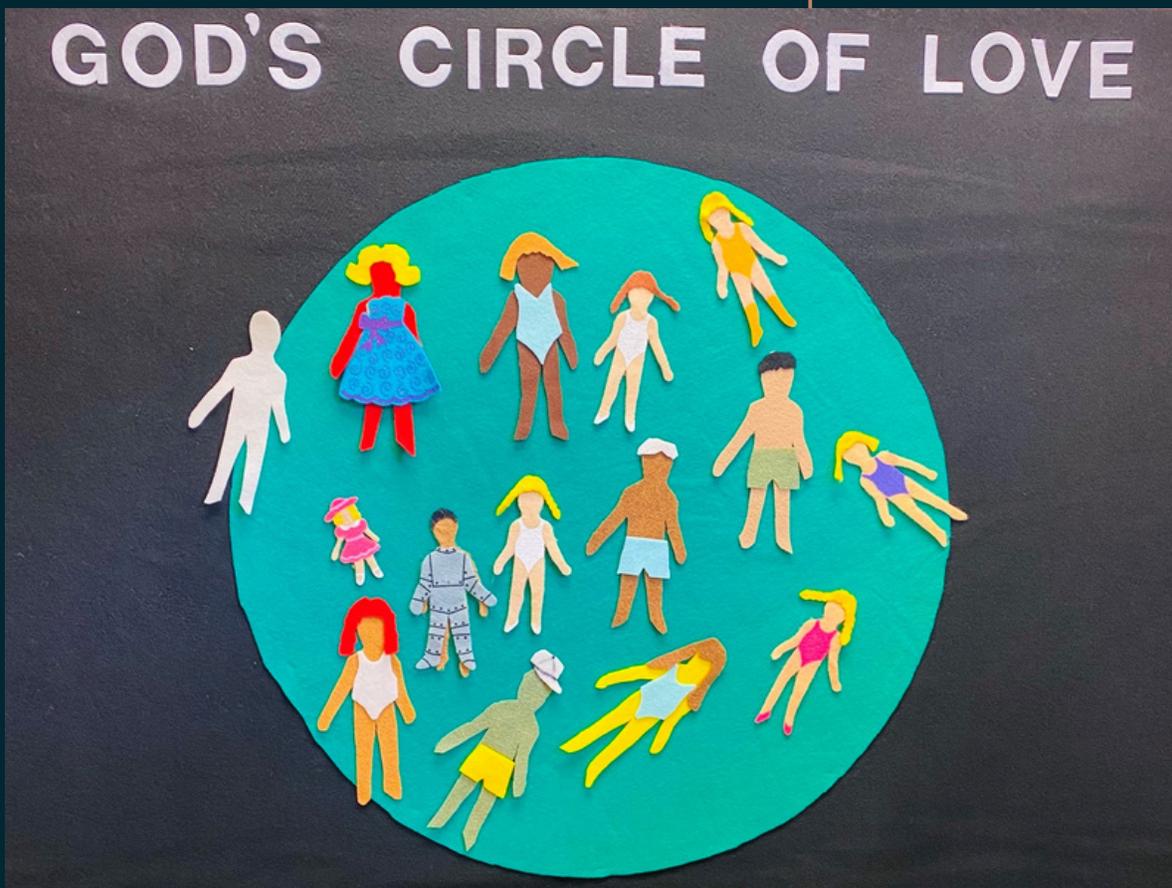
A ministry that offers suggestions for educators, parents and individuals on activities and programs to encourage peace, love and unity.

God's Circle of Love

Forming cliques can start as early as 2nd grade. This exercise is for K4-3rd graders and is designed to engage children in discussion of who can be in the circle and who cannot be in the circle. The facilitator will explore empathy and how it feels when you are on the outside. The Churkendose Story using puppets ends the activity. If you are interested in presenting this meaningful activity to your class, please contact KMerritt@charlestdiocese.org

*“A society
made up of
different
cultures
must seek
unity in
respect.”*

Pope Francis



HALLOWEEN & COSTUMES

Halloween comes from the name All Hallows' Eve. Hallow means *holy*.

All Saints Day is November 1, so All Hallows' Eve is the day before. Encouraging kids to dress as saints is a great activity. However, teaching them to be sensitive to culture for those not choosing a saint as a costume is an opportunity for growth.



SOME RULES FOR CULTURAL SENSITIVITY AT HALLOWEEN INCLUDE:

- Do not dress and modify your looks to appear as someone from another culture. Anything that changes the color of your skin to a different race may cause misunderstanding.
- Black face on white faces should be avoided.
- White face on black faces should be avoided.

OCTOBER IS

NATIVE AMERICAN *HERITAGE MONTH*

- Kateri Tekakwitha was the first Native American saint. Learn more about her life's story by following this link: <https://bit.ly/3ycu96k>
- Teach that when one of us suffers, we all suffer. Boarding schools for Native Americans may not have happened in the Diocese of Charleston, however, many Native Americans here have family and friends who were part of the suffering. Teach its true history as an example of healing together. For high schoolers, a good movie for discussion is "Rabbit Proof Fence."
- Consider including a flute solo of "Amazing Grace" in a weekly Mass in honor of Native Americans.



OCTOBER IS *Black Catholic History Month*



- Download "My Little Black Catholic History Book" and discuss it with students in grades 5-12. The book and free resources can be found here: <https://charlestdiocese.org/resources/9832>.
- Watch and discuss the film "Going Home Like A Shooting Star: Thea Bowman's Journey to Sainthood," which is available on YouTube.
- Explain the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and play songs during Mass from the "Lead Me, Guide Me" Hymnal.
- For speaker references, contact kmerritt@charlestdiocese.org.

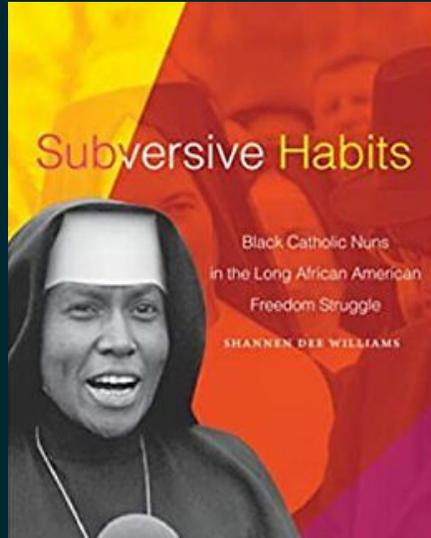
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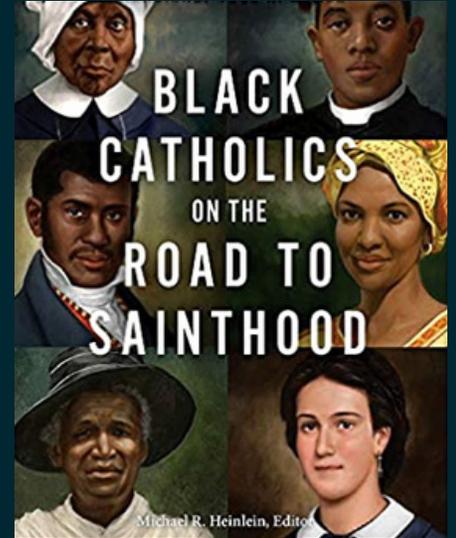
Going Home Like a Shooting Star.

Available on YouTube:
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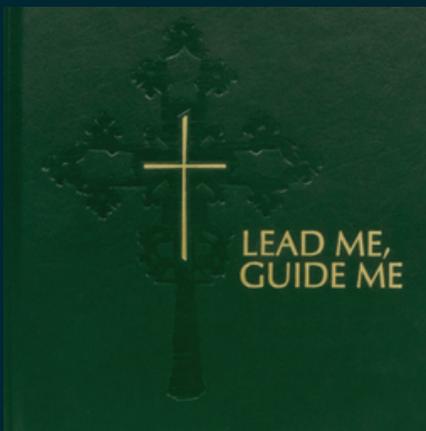
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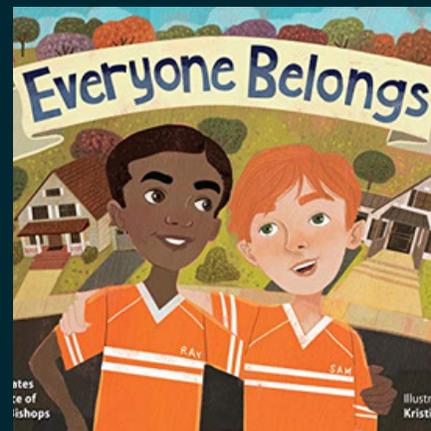


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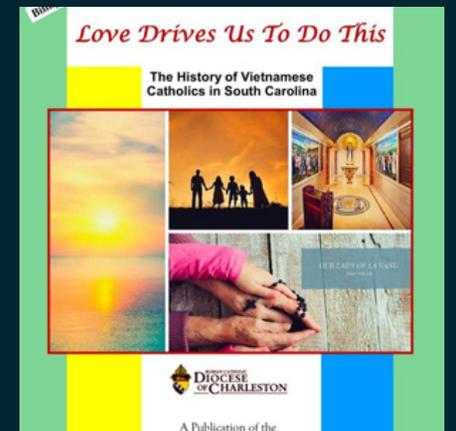
Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood, by Michael R. Heinlein. Available on Amazon.



Lead Me, Guide Me, Second Edition. Available on giamusic.com.



Everyone Belongs, from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Available online: usccb.org/resources/everyone-belongs-0.



History of Vietnamese Catholics in South Carolina Diocese Charleston. Downloadable PDF via charlestdiocese.org.

ALL ARE INVITED

OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS

A VIRTUAL DIALOGUE &
REFLECTION ON PEACE

Saturday, December 3, 2022

10 AM - 12 PM VIA ZOOM

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