

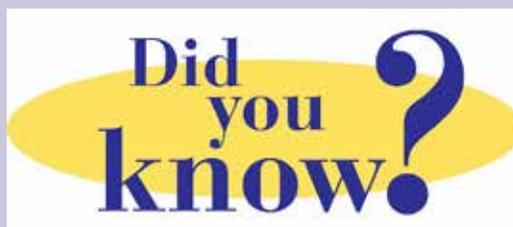
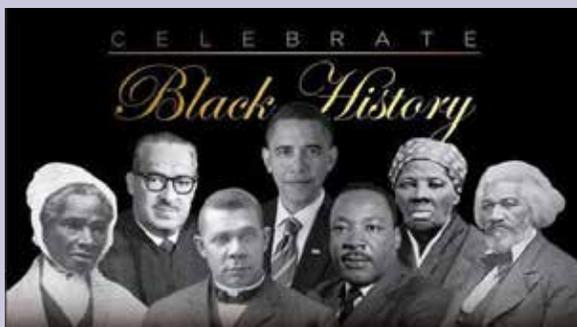


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...that before Rosa Parks, there was Claudette Colvin; a 15 year old girl who, 9 months before Rosa Parks, refused to move to the back of the bus in Montgomery, AL. She said, "I felt like Harriet Tubman was on one side of me and Sojourner Truth on the other, holding me down."

...that inoculation was introduced in the United States by a slave named Onesimus who used this traditional African practice to treat soldiers during the Revolutionary War.

...that research is being done to uncover the hidden history of racism in American religious orders of women. "The Catholic Church's record on racial justice is not good. And if we want to give credit to sisters for building the church, they are also deeply

implicated, then, in the church's failure to be a living witness for racial justice — for its failure and, arguably, ongoing failure to say that black lives matter." Dr. Shannen Dee Williams <http://globalsistersreport.org/news/trends-equality/reckoning-white-sisters-respond-their-own-racism-one-historians-call-justice>

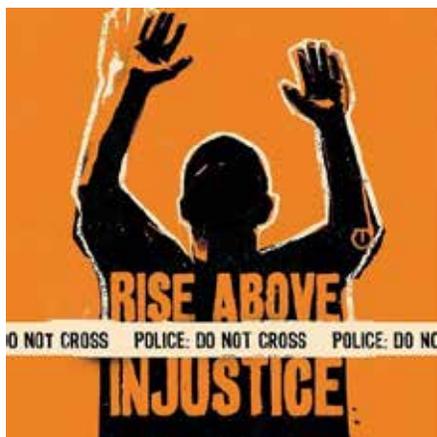
...the story of Recy Taylor (+Dec.29, 2017) a 24-year-old African-American sharecropper, who while walking home from church in Abbeville, Ala., on the night of Sept. 3, 1944, was abducted and raped by six white men. Against all advice, she insisted on speaking out, naming her rapists. But two all-white, all-male grand juries refused to indict the men, even though one of them had confessed. <https://www.npr.org/2018/01/08/576566358/how-recy-taylor-spoke-out-against-her-rape-decades-before-metoo>



book by the same name as the workshop. Chris will help us think practically about the cluster of issues of injustice (race, class, gender) that we face in our society and to sign up for active engagement in the struggle for justice.

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious in its 2016 Assembly Resolution issued the following call: "Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we commit ourselves to examine the root causes of injustice, particularly racism, and our own complicity as congregations..." As a way of deepening our commitment to become an anti-racist organization, you are invited to attend **No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice, Saturday, April 21, 2018, 9:30-12:30, Room 110.** The presenter is Christopher J. Doucot, co founder of the Hartford Catholic Worker and author of the 2017





Gather a group of people to join in this prayer service "For the Elimination of Racism" prepared by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas <https://www.sistersofmercy.org/resources/prayer-the-elimination-of-racism/> and check out other anti-racism resources provided by the Sisters of Mercy <https://www.sistersofmercy.org/what-we-do/social-justice-advocacy/anti-racism/anti-racism-resources/>

JPIC DATES IN FEBRUARY

- 4 Birthday (1913) of Rosa Parks** "I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear."
- 8 Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking** "Bakhita's identity as a Christian empowered her ability to resist. The historical resistance story of St. Josephine Bakhita illustrates the need to expand the viewpoint of ethical reflection on human trafficking from an exclusive focus on the bad actors – traffickers, pimps, and sweatshop managers – to incorporate the wider web of relationships distorted by human trafficking." Sr. Susan Francois, CSJP
- 11 World Day of the Sick/Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**
- 20 World Day of Social Justice** "If I repeated some passages from the homilies of the Church Fathers, in the second or third century, about how we must treat the poor, some would accuse me of giving a Marxist homily." Pope Francis
- 23 International Day to Stand up to Bullying** Check out some anti-bullying resources <https://www.stopbullying.gov/>

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK

On January 10, the Sisters of Charity and friends celebrated National Migration Week with a prayer service in Holy Family Chapel *Many Journeys, One Family*. The speakers were Catalina Adorno, DREAMER and activist with Movimiento COSECHA, and Duha Katbi, Syrian refugee who was welcomed to the US by RAMP (Refugee Assistance Morris Partners) of which the Sisters of Charity are members. The participants were moved and inspired by Catalina's story of performing civil disobedience at Trump Towers on Sept. 5, 2017 when DACA was rescinded and by Duha's account of fleeing war-torn Aleppo; not to mention her amazing proficiency in English after only a year of study!



(Left to right: Dr. Anna Brown, professor at St. Peter's University, Jersey City; Catalina Adorno, immigration activist; Duha Katbi, Syrian refugee; Marie Hogarty, Duha's English tutor.



Sisters of Charity General Superior Rosemary Moynihan washes the feet of Catalina and Duha, the biblical gesture of welcome and hospitality.