



Reflection for the Fifth Week of Lent

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Racism is such a broad and expansive topic.
As an English Teacher, if a student presented "Racism" as a topic of a paper of any assigned length, I would not accept or approve it; it is much too broad.

To be effective, the term, "racism" must be personalized; it must become a meaningful, thought provoking action.

There must be reflection, discussion and conversation with someone who is able to help (me/us) understand the "cost" of racism in its many guises.

**This is an invitation to initiate such conversation;
the following resources can be helpful.**



“Create in me
a clean heart,
O God, and renew
a steadfast spirit
within me.”

Psalms 51:7-13

*"What is needed,
and what we are
calling for,
is a genuine
conversion of heart,
a conversion that
will compel
change..."*

(Open Wide Out Hearts,
Introduction US Conference of
Catholic Bishops, 2018).

Bryan Massingale on youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONiie2oYJCQ>

An Interview in NCR with Massingale: *The assumptions of
white privilege and what we can do about it.*

Recent Massingale Webinar at CTU:

https://youtu.be/f_WV8RHnF6Q

Questions for reflection:

**How has/does racism truly touched my life?
What are ways that I can be an advocate for change?
With whom could I have a conversation that would
help me understand the cost of racism?**

