



Dear sisters and ACOF,

The time for statements about what is happening in the United States has passed. Now is the time for reflection that leads to action, in other words—**transformation**.

1. Today we share with you a reflection that we hope will be helpful in this process. It is the first part of a three-step reflection-to-action process.
2. The second step is a webinar about "Unmasking White Privilege: A Matter of Life and Death," hosted by our ACOF in St. Paul next Thursday, June 18. [Click here to find out more and register.](#)
3. The third step will be related to a specific action that we hope to take.

United in our charism of all-inclusive love,

*Mary*      *Patty*      *Sally*      *Sean*      *Therese*

Congregational Leadership Team

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## REFLECTION

### ***Deepen awareness of our complicity...*** (2019 Chapter)

We all know the story of how King David plotted the death of Uriah in order to add his wife Bathsheba to his harem. The prophet Nathan confronted David with what he had done by using a parable.

#### **2 Samuel 12: 1-7**

*The Lord sent Nathan to David, and when he came to him, he said: "Tell me how you judge this case: In a certain town there were two men, one rich, the other poor. The rich man had flocks and herds in great numbers. But the poor man had nothing at all except one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He nourished her, and she grew up with him and his children. Of what little he had she ate; from his own cup she drank; in his bosom she slept; she was like a daughter to him. Now, a visitor came to the rich man, but he spared his own flocks and herds to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him: he took the poor man's ewe lamb and prepared it for the one who had come to him." David grew very angry with that man and said to Nathan: "As the Lord lives, the man who*

*has done this deserves death! He shall make fourfold restitution for the lamb because he has done this and was unsparing.” Then Nathan said to David: “You are the man!”*

There are times in our lives when we, like David, have had to grapple with the same stark awareness of our complicity in injustice. We each have to take Nathan’s words to heart and contemplate their challenge in times when we are confronted once again with the privileges afforded to white citizens and denied to our brothers and sisters whose skin is darker.

This is not new for us. We know that many of us are reading, studying and sharing about white privilege, white supremacy, white fragility. But what is happening in our nation in this moment urges us to **go deeper**.

We invite you to read the articles that we are sending, to reflect on them, and to share with one or more people what you feel called to in this moment.

**[The assumption of white privilege and what we can do about it: Amy Cooper knew exactly what she was doing. We all do. And that's the problem.](#)**

by Bryan N. Massingale, *National Catholic Reporter*, Jun 1, 2020

**[An open letter to my fellow white Americans](#)**

by Matt Malone, S.J. *America Magazine*, June 08, 2020

**Pray for enlightenment:**

- What has to change in my life to bring about change in my world?
- What is one thing I can do to implement this change?

We encourage you to share your insights on the post about these articles on our [congregational Facebook page](#).