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Sisters of the Humility of Mary Condemn Racism

VILLA MARIA, Pa. – The Sisters of the Humility of Mary wish to add our collective voice to the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), and all the individuals, groups and organizations that condemn racism in all its forms.

A country that espouses life, liberty and happiness for all must model those values at all levels of citizenship. Unfortunately, the recent events in Charlottesville are bringing to light the racism that was not eradicated when slavery ended, but rather has continued to boil beneath the surface. With presidential leadership in this country legitimizing hate rhetoric, the path to violence and hatred has only grown.

We urge our leaders and citizens to follow the words of Pope Francis in his address to the US Congress, as he urged us as leaders and citizens of this country to follow the values that our country was built on. In his concluding remarks he said: “A nation can be considered great, when it defends liberty as Lincoln did, when it fosters a culture which enables people to dream of full rights for all their brothers and sisters as Martin Luther King sought to do, when it strives for justice and the cause of the oppressed as Dorothy Day did by her tireless work, the fruit of a faith which becomes dialogue and sows peace in the contemplative style of Thomas Merton.”

The Sisters of the Humility of Mary is a community of women religious, whose motherhouse, Villa Maria Community Center, has been located in Villa Maria, Pa. since 1864. Their mission of bringing more abundant life to God’s people, especially the poor, is carried out in multiple ways and through various sponsored ministries.

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