



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT RACIAL JUSTICE LEARNING GROUP

Learning to actively promote racial tolerance, overcome prejudices, and resist discrimination is a re-education process for many. Becoming aware of where we can grow in our call to love one another as God loves us, can allow God to help heal and change us. With God, we can open our hearts to hearing and heeding this call.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR AMERICAN STORY:

CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH!

Want to learn why Juneteenth is our country's 2nd Independence Day? Watch (links below) or Search:

- **What is Juneteenth, and why is it important?** - Karlos K. Hill and Soraya Field Fiorio (6 min TED-ed video | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lq8TNKZVEWs>)
- **Why all Americans should honor Juneteenth** (11 min VOX video | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FX-lisvrj8>)



"We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism or exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life." -Pope Francis, 2020

Looking for ways to celebrate Juneteenth around town?

Here (choosechicago.com/blog/special-events/celebrate-juneteenth-in-chicago/) is a long list of events - lectures, parades, food & music fests - in and around Chicago. Choose one to celebrate this joyful day! Here are some close by:

Mount Prospect (<https://mykidlist.com/event/gather-and-play-juneteenth/2025-06-19/>)

Skokie (<https://www.skokieunited.org/juneteenth>)

Glenview (<https://www.visitchicagonorthshore.com/Events/Skokie-juneteenth-celebration-25>)

Evanston (https://www.visitchicagonorthshore.com/Events/Evanston_Juneteenth-2025)

Want to learn more about the Juneteenth Flag?

Click these links to learn about the symbols, colors, and the history of the Juneteenth flag! ([CNN](#) & [wikipedia](#)). Buy (or make) a flag to celebrate!!



We'll restart our monthly meetings in September. Please join us as we learn together!



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