

Subject: Presentations on Racism and Immigration at St. Joseph Seminary, April 19, 2020

Since the public proclamation of the 2018 USCCB Pastoral Letter on Racism, titled "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call To Love--A Pastoral Letter Against Racism," there have been at least 13 "listening sessions" around the United States sponsored by the US Catholic Bishops. These listening sessions have afforded the Bishops an opportunity to get their message against Racism out and also have given them a chance to hear the experiences of Racism from laity and clergy, as well as the hope in the Pews that Racism might be rooted out of Church and society. Bishop Shelton Fabre of Houma-Thibodeaux, was chairperson of the Bishop's Committee that authored the Racism Pastoral. He also has led these "listening sessions" in Louisiana, Ohio, Maryland, Florida and now New York (See the advertisement below).

The Archdiocese of New York will host one of these 'listening sessions' on Sunday, April 19, 2020, at St. Joseph Seminary. The registration for the session opens online Monday, March 9th, in the Afternoon. Please register at <https://dunwoodie.edu/shepherdsspeak>. I strongly encourage Pastors, Deacons and Lay Leaders to pass this invitation among members of their congregation, especially among those willing to publicly voice their lived experience and hope regarding Racism.

