

Webinar: Coming Together: Two Reflections “Ghosts of Hate” and “The Reforming Power of the Gospel”

Resources from RCL Benziger

The following resources from RCL Benziger may assist in addressing multi-culturalism and lay the foundation for teachers and catechists to lead a discussion on racism:

■ **Our Family Devotions/Nuestras Devociones**

Familiares – available in English and in bilingual Spanish. This book highlights 39 Catholic devotions from around the world representing a variety of cultures and popular devotions. There are devotions from Latin America, Europe, Africa, and Asia that have impacted the universal Church. This book is written for families to use in the home but can easily be adapted for classroom use. In many Catholic schools across the nation, this book complements the Social Studies curriculum especially at grades 3 (introduction to cultures) and 8 (world history).

■ **Our Family Prays/Nuestras Familias Oran** –

a collection of rituals, blessings, prayers, and cultural traditions for families or may be used in the classroom. This book is available in English or in Spanish.

■ **Our Family Resource Guide** – This book is designed for catechetical leaders to use working with families. With the purchase of the book, there are more family sessions available digitally that may be used in family gatherings or at home. One session focuses on the common good and addresses the issue of racism. This may be used at all levels, parish, schools, and diocese. Five of the Family Sessions are available in Spanish.

■ **Family Life** series – Cultural influences are taught throughout the series supporting family and classroom discussions to recognize and accept people from different cultures.

■ **Blest Are We Faith in Action/Bendecidos Fe en accion** Levels 1 and 2 – throughout the series the guides provide multi-cultural background information to help the teacher/catechist share information about various cultures and how it ties into the lesson in terms of Scripture or the Church’s teachings. Each chapter focuses on one of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

■ **Be My Disciples/Sean mis Discipulos*** – in the School edition in both the student and teacher books, every unit highlights a Catholic Social Teaching through story and interdisciplinary or cross-curricular activities that speaks to social justice around the world. These lessons may be used to highlight what it means to work for justice so that we may experience peace. *Sean mis Discipulos* edition includes a popular devotion at the end of each unit that exemplifies the universality of God’s People. This series also includes information on multi-culturalism in the guides

- Each religious formation series has digital components that provide links for the students, families, and teachers to the USCCB website directly linking to the bishop’s pastoral letter against racism: “Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love.”
- Each grade level also links to lessons appropriate for the age level on racism



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