



Racial Justice Sunday 2022: In the Image and Likeness of God

Dear Brother Bishops,

This year Racial Justice Sunday falls on 13 February.

Our theme *In the Image and Likeness of God* celebrates presentations of the Holy Family from different cultures. This was inspired by conversations around last year's Racial Justice Sunday about the importance of everyone being able to see themselves, their race, their culture, and their history in the Church's life.

To mark the day, we have produced a series of posters, which highlight the rich diversity of our Catholic community and encourage reflection upon how all peoples are made in the image of God.

These can be found on the Bishops' Conference website at: cbcew.org.uk/rjs22

Please share this link widely in your diocese and encourage parishes to display the posters or use them on social media. I hope that these resources may additionally be useful throughout the year to provoke discussion and reflection in prayer groups, as well as during preparation for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.

We suggest that at Masses on Racial Justice Sunday parishes are encouraged to mark the day by praying the words of Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti*:

**Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,
so that we may discover anew
that all are important and all are necessary,
different faces of the one humanity
that God so loves. Amen.**

We intend to build upon this work over the coming year and I will be in touch about further initiatives as they are developed. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to share thoughts, ideas, or other imagery, including anything produced in your diocese, to creatively celebrate our diversity and shared humanity.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Paul McAleenan".

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