

This Pastoral Letter comes out of the long-standing and continuing concern of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago over the pervasive and destructive influence of racism in our society. It is one of a series of efforts of the Council to address this concern, both within our various religious constituencies and within the community at large.

The Reverend Dr. Paul Rutgers,
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Covenant of Confession and Promise

- You and I belong to the same God.
- You and I live in God's world.
- You and I belong to each other.
- You and I have let our world slide into brokenness of home, of community, brokenness of care, of justice, brokenness of peace and hope.

Therefore, we now declare in the presence of God:

- that we are responsible for each other.
- that we will open our arms to one another.
- that we will repair this broken world.

For we believe and declare with the
prophet Malachai:

*"Did not one God create us?
Why do we break faith
with one another?"*

A list of programs and resources
to combat racism is available from
The Council of Religious Leaders
of Metropolitan Chicago.

Write the Council, in care of
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**"YOU SHALL
LOVE THE
LORD YOUR
GOD with all your
heart, and with all your
soul, and with all your
strength, and with all
your mind;
AND YOUR
NEIGHBOR
AS
YOURSELF."**

Deuteronomy 6:4-5
Leviticus 19:18
Luke 10:27

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