

SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR

STATEMENT FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM of the Ohio Province

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Ohio Province, stand in solidarity with black women and men, particularly our staff at the health centers, in denouncing the killing of George Floyd. We mourn with all the members of the black community who have suffered unjust actions at the hands of law enforcement and other systems in our society.

We must not remain silent. We must stand up and condemn the continued killing of black men and women, the constant harassment of people of color and the denial of rights and dignity to our African American neighbors. Let us lobby to change law enforcement restraint practices that so easily lead to death. Let us advocate for full accountability of law enforcement.

With the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, we pledge to raise our voices and to act now to end the scourge of institutional racism which has cost us so dearly. It is long past time to dismantle white privilege and rededicate ourselves to building God's beloved community.

Our Christian faith and the values of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur cry out for justice and compassion.