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CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES: DISMANTLING RACISM

March 12, 2009  
St. Charles Pastoral Center  
Romeoville, IL  
9:00am—3:00pm

This workshop will look at the Church's mission to work against racism with the ultimate goal being to change our society and our world. As we examine the complexities of institutional racism which has deep roots in the history of our nation whose very development was based on the denial of power and privilege to people of color while giving power and privilege to white people, we will explore a common analysis of institutional racism that will help us to identify and redress unjust societal systems and structures and their devastating effects on communities of color in education, health care, housing, employment, transportation, etc.

*“Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel, or, in other words, of the Church's mission for the redemption of the human race...”*

Justice in the World, Synod of Bishops, 1971

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Sister Anita Baird, DHM, is a native of Chicago and a member of the religious congregation of the Society of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary.

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Sister Anita has received numerous awards including the National Black Sisters' Conference Harriet Tubman Award, the NBC Jefferson Award for Outstanding Community Service, and the Dominick's Fresh Spirit Award in Recognition of her outstanding spiritual and community leadership in the city of Chicago.

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