

Religious communities vow to stamp out racism

The Oblate Sisters of Providence in Baltimore have renewed their commitment to eradicate racism.

The Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Monroe, Mich., Immaculata and Scranton, Pa., and the Oblates condemned the sin of racism in a January statement.

“Our four congregations own and admit openly that the dynamics of racism influenced our beginnings and impacted the unfolding of our four histories,” the statement reads. “Racism led to barriers of separation among us for over a century. Now, in the graced process of reconnecting our journeys, we fully embrace the dignity of each human person as revealed by the mystery of the incarnation.”

Representing more than 2,000 Catholic women religious, the sisters said they are determined to eradicate racism within their communities, congregations, church and world.