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RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY, SUNDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2019

Colossians 3:23 *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as if working for the Lord, not for human masters"*

It's not Just Work – Dignity for All Workers

Dear Father,

Racial Justice Sunday is on 17th February 2019. Please use this opportunity to promote the resources created by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and to recognise the problems faced by people due to racism and ethnic discrimination in the workplace.

In a world steeped in violence, conflict, and discrimination, the Gospel demands that we acknowledge the dignity of the human person, the necessity of building peace, prosperity, justice for all.

In Octogesima Adveniens and Gaudium et Spes, St Paul VI teaches that *"all people have a right to work ... to lead a worthy life on the material, social, cultural and spiritual level"*. We are therefore called to ensure people are not exploited while they work, and to open our hearts to those who face this hatred. *"As you did this to the one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me..."*

In our task as disciples of Christ, our responsibility is to make sure people are treated with dignity at work and are not exploited. Migrant communities and those suffering from racial abuse are particularly vulnerable to being drawn into unjust working conditions and labour exploitation. News and information regarding Racial Justice Sunday is available on the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website: www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2019

Please advertise in your newsletters.

Funds raised through the today's collection will be used for promoting racial justice in England and Wales. Money should be sent to your diocese, with a note indicating that it is for the Racial Justice Sunday.

With every blessing,

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

+Paul McAleenan
Lead Bishop on Migration and Asylum