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Understanding Catholic Social Teaching and Racial Justice

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Call for Submissions: Racial Justice and Criminal Legal System Reform

The JSRI monthly e-newsletter features short written submissions (e.g. essays, reflections, opinion pieces, or poems) or videos from Loyola faculty and staff that address pressing/timely criminal legal system reform and/or racial justice topics. Please consider submitting an article or video for the Fall 2022 semester!

Use [this form](#) to submit a proposal for the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Seeking Mentors in Baton Rouge

JSRI is co-hosting with the Diocese of Baton Rouge three outreach events in the Baton Rouge area in mid August to recruit mentors for men and women recently released from prison. Contact [Deacon Timothy Messenger](#) or [Sue Weishar](#) for more information.

The Visiting Room Project

The Visiting Room Project is an extraordinary project that invites the public to sit with people serving life without the possibility of parole, and hear their stories, in their words. The project goes live on August 8th and the first public screening will be on Thursday, August 18th from 6:30-8pm at First Grace United Methodist Church NOLA.

Hello JSRI supporters and the Loyola University community! My name is Kelsey McLaughlin and I am the Operations Coordinator at the Jesuit Social Research Institute. I have been with JSRI for about four years and am hopeful and excited about the new projects we are planning for the coming year, including the Loyola Prison Education Program.

Over this past year, I participated in the [Ignatian Media Lab](#), sponsored by the [Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States](#). The purpose of the Ignatian Media Lab is to "encourage and incubate the development of digital media initiatives across the Ignatian network by offering creative members of the Ignatian family mini-grants and editorial, technical and promotional support from the Jesuit Conference Office of Communications and Vocation Promotion." Since May 2021, I have attended monthly webinars and met folks virtually from all over the U.S. and Canada who were creating projects that highlight Jesuit and Ignatian values.

Through the Ignatian Media Lab I have created a series of videos which focus on Catholic Social Teachings on racial justice, immigrant justice, and criminal legal reform, all foci of the work of the Jesuit Social Research Institute. In the following video I present key Catholic Social Teachings on racial justice.

Please feel free to contact me with any feedback. Also please consider submitting a video or article for publication in this monthly newsletter. Use [this form](#) to submit a proposal for the newsletter. Thank you!



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