

## U.S. Province Stance of The School Sisters of St. Francis

Becoming an Anti-Racism Community 2024

## PUBLIC STANCE

In accordance with our founding spirit of serving the needs of the times, we propose this public stance:

We School Sisters of St. Francis pledge to uncover the roots of racism in our own lives and communities, and to eradicate systems that support racism, as we work to fulfill our focus of giving, healing, and defending life.

Therefore, to fulfill our pledge we will:

- » examine our own biases and discover their source in our family, neighborhood, school, and community
- » seek to recognize and understand our own social environment based on white privilege
- » establish relationships with people of diverse races and ethnicities
- » use our collective voice and moral authority to help dismantle systemic racism in our Church and country
- » join with others in the critical work of addressing systemic injustice and building God's Beloved Community

