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**Jesuit Antiracism Sodality (JARS)
Statement of Support for the Descendants Truth & Reconciliation Foundation**

The Jesuit Antiracism Sodality (JARS) of the Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus shares the commitment to truth, racial healing, and transformation regarding the history of slavery in America. The creation of the Descendants Truth and Reconciliation Foundation is a first and major step towards fully embracing the truth of our American history and initiating faith, hope, and love as united partners in Jesus Christ. It is our prayer that the formation of this Foundation will be a beacon for spreading the good news of reconciliation into cities, communities, and neighborhoods across this country. While it is impossible to ever replace what was stolen and ripped from the ancestors of the Descendants, we recognize the vital importance of being seen and heard. And we hear the words of St. Paul as he wrote to the Romans, “so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually parts of one another.” We stand firm with the establishment of this Foundation because we know it will lead us closer to realizing the Kingdom.

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