

Dear Editor,

Thank you! Thank you! We, as a society or as the church, cannot become the beloved community we are called to be if we do not face the sin of racism. I thank you for the September 2015 of the Dialog where the contributors opened up the discussion in ways that get us to dig deep and think about how race and racism affect each and every one of us in different ways from the time we are born until the time we die. In the Diocese of Washington, we have begun training in race and social justice and at our first session, copies of the Dialog were included in the participants' training packets and was discussed as part of the training. The video on the icon Jesus Christ the Liberator by Br. Robert Lentz was shown during the in-gathering. Br. Lentz' soul-stirring re-evaluation of his "orthodox" belief that at first kept him from creating a black Jesus was a call to all who believe that the incarnate Christ belongs to a single group of people. This issue was a blessing and I hope it was a blessing to all who read it.

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