



Official Statement on the Murder of - GEORGE FLOYD -

The Knights of Peter Claver condemns the senseless death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis policemen. There is no explanation to justify the actions taken by the police that ultimately led to Mr. Floyd’s demise. We pray that God will grant his family peace and that the Minneapolis community finds healing during this difficult period.

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George Floyd was a man, a human, a being. Not a stat. Not just another one. Not to be forgotten.

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary echoes the outrage and demands not just for justice, but for true respect of the Dignity of Black Lives. These statements should not have to be made. These demands should not have to be made. These lives should not be lost.

We call on all who are sworn “to protect and to serve” - to carry out the that very motto.

We call on all leaders elected to serve - to listen, to act, to legislate.

We call on all of God’s children created to love – to do just that – love.

The anger, emotions, and outrage must be followed by effective solutions that do more than just penalize murderous actions, but eliminate future ones.

The ink has run dry on writing statements, and it is now time to write laws, to write policies, to write sentences.

George Floyd – let your name be remembered as the murder that sparked effective change.

As the nation’s only historically Black Catholic fraternal order, we are committed to the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death and will defend the right to life for everyone, especially the marginalized and underserved. While this most recent example of violent policing is troubling, we must never give up hope in the struggle for justice and the preservation of human life.

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