



SISTERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
**NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER**  
*Rise Up AND Act for Justice*

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## **Unite to End Racism Rally -- April 4 Act. Confront. Transform.**

Saint Mary Euphrasia, the founder of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, stated that each person is worth the whole world.

"Unfortunately, because of personal and institutional racism, we often fail to recognize the infinite value of each person. And unfortunately, the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Junior probably would still recognize the persistence of racism and the devaluing of individuals today if he still were alive," said Lawrence Couch, Director of the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

**On April 4 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Couch along with many Catholic leaders and other people of faith will  
gather on the National Mall for a Rally to End Racism**

**The National Advocacy Center is an official endorser of the rally**

"People of faith are gathering on April 4 to honor Dr. King and to remember. United in our aspiration for racial equality, we will act, confront and transform," said Couch.

"On the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's assassination, we reflect on all he gave our country. We are grateful for his vision and his work – for the work of all in the Civil Rights Movement – and for his faith in a better tomorrow. But his dream for the Beloved Community is not yet realized; division and brokenness remain. People of color, women, Muslims, immigrants, those living in poverty, and others on the margin continue to face inequality and pain. Now the work is ours to do. We must come together, rise up, and act for justice."

*[The National Advocacy Center](#) educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, victims of human trafficking, victims of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.*

*The Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in over 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.*

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