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upbeats: our society has never been as divided, as torn from within... Haven't people learned anything? Haven't we made any step forward? We walk on the moon, but we haven't managed to come closer to our neighbor... In conquering space, we forget our soul... indifference today is no longer a sin – it is punishment in itself. This planet may, at any moment, as the result of madness or stupidity, explode in the face of God – and we don't even think about it. We don't even care, and we are not even concerned. Would correct? Are we – are you – indifferent to the world? And what about

“The opposite of hate is not love, but indifference.”

Reflections

“When an alien [a stranger] resides with you in your land, you must not oppress him. He is to be treated as a native born among you. You must love him as yourself, because you were [once] aliens [strangers] in Egypt. I am the Lord your God” (see Leviticus 19:33-34).

- When you read this quotation from the Book of Leviticus, how does it make you feel?
- Can you think of a time when you might not have welcomed another person, perhaps a man or woman who sat next to you in church and reeked of alcohol or body odor? Or a migrant from Mexico who works in your neighborhood? Or a new student coming into your class?
- Have you ever mocked another person's accent because he/she does not sound like you? Have you ever stood on the sidelines, quiet, while a friend or acquaintance did that to someone else who was different?

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?, a new pocket booklet written by Deirdre Mullan RSM and Carol Rittner RSM, addresses the issue of racism. Racism is an enduring problem. It is prejudice, discrimination or antagonism directed against someone of a different race based on the belief that one's own race is superior. Racism is not confined to the United States of America or to Europe. Racist attitudes, views and beliefs infect people around the world, on every continent and in every country. No one people or country has a monopoly on racism. No one person has a monopoly on racism. *Who Is My Neighbour?* is intended as an examination of conscience – personal and collective – and as a call to action.

As you read this booklet, as you reflect on and discuss the quotations and questions posed, we hope you will embrace the never-ending challenge of trying to find a way to live with and make space in your world – in our world – for difference, and that you will embrace and embody in words and deeds the *dignity of difference*.

This tool is a MUST for our times!

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