



A message to the faithful of the archdiocese from Archbishop Michael Jackels

1 June 2020, 10:00 a.m.

National Day of Mourning and Lament

1 June 2020 is a Day of Mourning and Lament to remember the people who suffer from the scourge of COVID-19.

We might also mourn and lament those who suffer from the scourge of racism – George Floyd, members of the Tree of Life synagogue, shoppers at a Walmart in El Paso, and...

Catholics regard racism as evil, a grave sin that sickens the soul. If a person were guilty of this sin, it could result in eternal damnation; it's that serious.

We pray for an end to the scourge of COVID-19, and for a cure or vaccine. We pray, too, for conversion, our own included, especially if the scourge racism sickens the soul.

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