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***Stations of the Cross to Overcome Racism***

Archbishop Gomez introduces the special prayer from St. Odilia parish in South Los Angeles – the first African American Catholic Church established in the west built by African Americans as a beacon of faith, hope and love. The parish, established in 1926, is a hub for social and religious activities in the community. Many African American Catholic families from throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles can trace their family’s Catholic roots back to St. Odilia’s. Anderson Shaw, Director of the Archdiocese’s African American Catholic Center for Evangelization, leads the opening prayer.

Each of the 14 Stations of the Cross – reflecting on the persistent sin of racism as a rejection of the full humanity of the children of God – is led by a bishop of a California Catholic diocese at pertinent locations throughout California. The Sixth Station is prayed at the Fruitvale BART station in the Diocese of Oakland, the scene of a fatal shooting of Oscar Grant III in 2009 by a police officer. The Diocese of San Diego presented the tenth Station of the Cross in central San Diego where the headquarters of the KKK stood in 1920. To view the stations click on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYc9_QIRgr4>