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A message from Marian:

To the Black community –

First and foremost, we believe Black lives matter! We posted a prayer on Monday intending to stand in solidarity with you, but we see now that it was not enough. As the IHM Sisters put so well “While acknowledging both our privilege and complicity in structural racism, we stand by our sisters and brothers of color and recommit ourselves to raising our voices and working for systemic change in order to build the Beloved Community.”

To the Black Marian students and alumnae –

While we strive each day to live out our mission, we understand that in some ways we have fallen short. We thank you for speaking up and sharing your experiences. We know that we have a lot of work to do in ourselves and our community. Keep talking to us and sharing your stories. We hear you. We support you. We want to do better. To start, we are working to provide a space for you to share your experiences and will post details soon.

To the Marian community as a whole –

Join us in the fight for racial equality for our Black brothers and sisters. Pray for those who are targeted daily because of the color of their skin. Use your voice to advocate. Pray for the families of those who most recently lost their lives: George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor, and pray for the families of countless others who have lost their lives due to racialized violence.