

Catholic Schools Opposing Racism

TURNING CORNERS:

2003-2004 WORKSHOPS



JUSTSTORIES :

COR Program 2003 - 2004

Come Share the Stories that Bring Us Together

[JustStories Festivals](#) : Four Storytelling Performances

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COR in Concert

Old St. Patrick's Church, Chicago

Wednesday : January 28, 2004

COR Commitment Day:

Tuesday February 10, 2004

**STUDENT
LEADERSHIP
TRAINING : 2003-04**



For students from the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago . . .

We are looking for students who want to understand why there is so much hate and bigotry in the world and who want to know what to say when they hear friends and family put down other people.

FALL SESSIONS:

For Students from High Schools in Council C:

Wednesday October 8 and
Wednesday November 5
at Queen of Peace High School :
Noon - 4pm

For Students from High Schools in Council A:

Wednesday October 15 and
Wednesday November 12
at St. Scholastica Academy : Noon
- 4pm

For Students from High Schools in Council B:

Wednesday October 22 and
Wednesday November 19
at Notre Dame High Schools for
Girls : Noon - 4pm

Final Session for all students from all Councils:

Wednesday March 19 at Maria
High School : 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Cost : A \$25 fee for each participating school.

Each school is represented by 3 to 5 students. Students must be able to attend both sessions and commit to working on a project that will be completed for a special exposition on March 19.

JustLeaders Student Trainings

Session One – October 8, October 15
and October 22, 2003

The first session of the JustLeaders Student Trainings were held at Queen of Peace High School for Council C students on October 8, St. Scholastica High School for Council A students on October 15, and at Notre Dame High School for Girls for council B schools on October 22. All sessions began at 12:00 and ended at 4:00 p.m. Sue O'Halloran, the program leader, began the session with a discussion of the Dimensions of Diversity (Kaleidoscope Curriculum –Level One) and led the group through an icebreaker in which they were asked to introduce themselves to two others using one dimension of diversity. For the remainder of the session students and teachers worked as individuals and in small groups defining and practicing various aspects of leadership and learning about racism.

In one activity, groups were asked to create and perform a skit on "How the world would be if there was no racism." This activity challenged participants to think about the effects of racism on society, while simultaneously challenging participants to perform for their peers. Participants were then challenged to reflect on their own leadership qualities.

A substantial portion of the afternoon was spent discussing the Stereotype Continuum (Kaleidoscope Curriculum – Level One) and various forms of racism. Ms. O'Halloran used two videos to begin a discussion of institutional racism. This included a small group activity that focused on students reflecting and sharing a time when they felt they were the victims of discrimination while teachers discussed challenges they felt in their jobs in working with students to combat racism.

The afternoon concluded with a discussion of the expectations and outcomes of the JustLeaders trainings. Each school was challenged to begin discussing a project they can do within their schools working toward dismantling racism. Students were also given a reading assignment and information about ways to communicate with students from other schools. In a closing activity, each participant stood and declared which quality of leadership others could count on them for.

Students from 18 archdiocesan high schools participated in the first session of the JustLeaders Trainings.

Attendance for the JustLeaders Trainings:

Council A - 30 Students
Council B - 24 Students
Council C - 20 Students



WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS : 2003-04

WEDNESDAYS FROM NOON - 4.00pm

Each seminar will focus on a set of particular teaching skills that are used throughout the curriculum. Multiple lessons dealing with Insiders & Outsiders, Stereotypes and Prejudices, Exclusion & Inclusion will be included each session.

Teachers will practice with and learn from each other in a supportive environment.

Leader for the seminars : Susan O' Halloran, diversity educator, storyteller, artist and author of the Kaleidoscope diversity curriculum in each school in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4 at Queen of Peace : Noon - 4.00pm
What does it take to build a community in my classroom?

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2004 at Queen of Peace High School : Noon - 4.00pm
How do I create a safe environment to discuss emotionally charged issues?

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2004 at Archbishop Quigley School : Noon - 4.00pm
How do I model good small group discussion skills and integrate fables, stories and other arts forms into my classroom?

WEDNESDAY MARCH 3, 2004 at Archbishop Quigley School : Noon - 4.00pm
How do I overcome my own and my students cynicism and resignation?

Teachers may attend one workshop or the entire series, and may earn CPDUs. Cost per session : \$10.

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE

Registration / Information : schools@racebridges.net

**JustStories 2003-04
SERIES OF
STORYTELLING**



PERFORMANCES

Stories that celebrate and inspire
Stories that disturb and challenge
Stories that comfort and connect

Performances with nationally-renowned storytellers
Antonio Sacre & Susan O'Halloran and guest storytellers.

EVENTS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3, 2003 at ST. SCHOLASTICA
ACADEMY 9.30am - 12.30pm

WHO I AM IS MORE THAN YOU CAN SEE

Stories that explore the multicultural identities we all
possess

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5, 2003 at ST. SCHOLASTICA
ACADEMY 9.30am - 12.30pm

**STORIES FROM SPANISH-SPEAKING
CULTURES**

Tales from travels to other countries and the U.S.
celebrating Spanish-Speaking cultures struggles,
achievements and contributions

FRIDAY JANUARY 23, 2004 at MARIA HIGH SCHOOL
9.30am - 12.30pm

**HYPHEN-AMERICANS : WHERE WE COME
FROM AND WHAT WE'VE LOST AND GAINED**

Stories of coming to America - by force or by choice. What
we've brought to America. What we've contributed and how
we welcome today's newest arrivals.

FRIDAY MARCH 19, 2004 at MARIA HIGH SCHOOL
9.30am - 12.30pm

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Stories of people - past and present - who have taken
stands against injustice. How action brings commitment,
self-respect and meaning to life.

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ADMISSION

SCHOOL ADMISSION :

\$5 PER STUDENT FOR EACH PERFORMANCE

PUBLIC ADMISSION AT THE DOOR :

\$10 FOR EACH PERFORMANCE

Classroom Discussion Guides will be available

Teachers : Be sure to call ahead for reservations for your
school's party.

Information Contact: Derek Simons --

simons@racebridges.net

Comments from a previous JustStories event :

*Wonderful! - I laughed; I wept; I learned! - Everyone would
benefit from hearing these stories and learning to tell our
stories.*

*It is good for my soul to hear stories from other hyphenated
Americans - I witnessed the fullness of great storytellers.
What an incredible undertaking this has been - JustStories
has a focus that brings creative artistry to issues vital in our
shrinking world.*

*Storytelling holds the mystery of life together and offers
hope to the hearer and the teller. - I use storytelling to open
me up and others to hear God's word from a different
perspective, a different viewpoint. - It is good to celebrate
our differences. - Challenged my thinking!*

Guest Storytellers -

M.C.'s for this series of JustStories Festivals :

Linda Gorham
Mama Edie Armstrong
Arif Choudhury
Zahra Baker