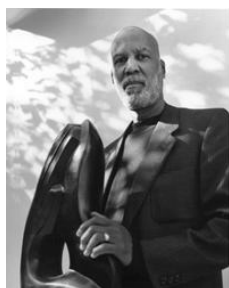


Facing History and Ourselves and Catholic schools

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Catholic Schools Office and Facing History & Ourselves have formed a partnership to advance Catholic education in the Archdiocese. Facing History will provide professional development and in-depth support to select elementary and secondary teachers over a period of three years. During the 2009-2010 schools year, twelve elementary schools participated in the "From Segregation to Civil Rights: A History of Race and Membership in the United States" program. During the 2010-2011 school year, an additional eight secondary schools will participate in the "Holocaust and Human Behavior" program.



In the first year of the partnership, Facing History worked closely with a group of twelve elementary/middle schools. Teachers and administrators from these schools attended a week-long seminar designed especially for teachers in Catholic schools. The five day seminar, "From Segregation to Civil Rights", explored this important era of American history, and at the same time emphasized Catholic social teaching and the role of religion as a force for change.

Since the seminar, Facing History program associates have provided in-depth follow-up at the twelve schools. Work in the schools throughout the year built towards a visit from Terrence Roberts. Roberts was one of nine black students admitted to Little Rock Central High School in 1957, following the Brown v. Board of Education ruling that desegregated public schools across the country. Over two days at the end of March, Dr. Roberts spoke to over 600 students, teachers and community members at Archdiocese schools.



[Click here to read more about Dr. Roberts' visit.](#)

This summer, eight secondary schools in the Archdiocese will continue this partnership by participating in the "Holocaust and Human Behavior" seminar and bringing it back to their schools.

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