

Santa Clara University
Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries
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**PMIN 251: Caste, Race, and the Catholic Church:
Implications for Spirituality and Ministry**

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Meetings: Mondays 5:00-8:00 PM (Fully Online)

Course Description:

Using the books *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* (Isabel Wilkerson) and *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church* (Bryan Massingale), and *Birth of a Movement: Black Lives Matter and the Catholic Church* (Olga M. Segura) as frameworks, this course will address the over 400 years of the system of caste and racism in the United States and specifically focusing on the Catholic Church. The hope is that this course will provide a place to have honest conversations and participants will gain insight for the anti-racist work that we are all called to be engaged.

Required Texts:

Wilkerson, Isabel, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. New York: Penguin Random House LLC, 2020. ISBN 978-0-593-23025-1

Massingale, Bryan N., *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 2010. ISBN 10 9781570757761

Segura, Olga M., *Birth of a Movement: Black Lives Matter and the Catholic Church*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2021. ISBN 10 1626984204

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