



CATHOLIC
MOBILIZING
NETWORK



"We can never move forward without remembering the past."
Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION EXPERIENCE IN MONTGOMERY AND SELMA, ALABAMA

September 30 — October 2, 2026

**A transformative
three-day journey
to address the sin of
racism & promote
truth-telling and
healing justice**

What is the relationship between the nation's **past and modern-day systems of oppression**, particularly related to the criminal legal system?

What is required of the Church, its leadership, and its faithful in order to be **ministers of reconciliation**?

How can the Church and its members play a **more active role in truth-telling** and meaningful efforts that move our ministries, communities, Church and country forward?



ON THIS TRIP YOU WILL...

Further your knowledge of the history of the Civil Rights Movement where key events happened, with community members who were present.

Sites of the 1955-1956 Montgomery Bus Boycott

- **Dexter Parsonage** | Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led the Dexter Congregation from 1954 to 1960

Sites of the 1965 March from Selma to Montgomery

- Crossing the **Edmund Pettus Bridge** in Selma
- The Catholic **City of St Jude**
- The **Viola Liuzzo Memorial**
- Meet with a 1965 "Foot Soldier" and life-long **Civil Rights Activist**

Understand the connection between the history of slavery and racial terror, and the modern-day system of mass incarceration and capital punishment.

- **The Legacy Museum:** From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration
- **The National Memorial for Peace and Justice:** A sacred space for truth telling and reflection about lynching and its legacy
- The **Freedom Monument Sculpture Park**, honoring the lives of the 10 million Black people who were enslaved in America
- Meet with staff from **Equal Justice Initiative**

Pray and discern how Catholics can play a more active role in truth-telling to move our nation towards justice and healing.

- Encounters with local ministries may include: **Resurrection Catholic Missions** of the South and the **Edmundite Missions**
- Mass, group prayer and meditation times
- In-depth sharing times with fellow parishioners

LOGISTICS

Program starts:
Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 12 p.m. Central Time in Montgomery, AL

Program ends:
Friday, October 2, 2026 at 12 p.m. Central Time in Montgomery, AL

Registration fee: \$650

- **Includes:** lunches & dinners, snacks, ground transportation, museum entrances, speaker honorarium, briefing & debriefing, resource educational packet.
- **Does not include:** air travel to Montgomery (or Atlanta/Birmingham), transportation from and to the airport, lodging.

Lodging: in Montgomery Downtown
Tentative Group rate: \$199 + taxes per night - Link for registration will be given after registration.

REGISTRATION:

Contact the CHA Service Center
servicecenter@chausa.org
(800) 230-7823

"These encounters will help open our minds and hearts more fully and continue the healing needed in our communities and our nation."

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
Open Wide Our Hearts, Pastoral Letter Against Racism