

April 20, 2021

Dear Members of the University Community,

Late this afternoon, a Minneapolis jury returned a guilty verdict on all counts in the trial of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd. As the trial unfolded on national television, it reminded us of the outrage and anguish that followed the murder of Mr. Floyd at the hands of police last May. While justice was served with today's guilty verdict, it does not remove this pain and anger. We join so many across our nation today in praying that it provides a path for peace, justice and action.

Campus Ministry, the Cross Cultural Centers and the Office of Equity & Diversity are collaborating to conduct "Giving Voice to the Silenced," a prayer vigil on May 4 (rain date of May 5) on the Dionne Green from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. As a University committed to *cura personalis*, education and social justice, we want to provide time and space to mourn, express our feelings, support each other,