Witness & Grace Conversations: Black and White Habits
The Painful, Yet Proud, History of Black Catholic Sisters in the United States

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Opening Prayer
Father God, we come before you as imperfect Christians, called to be a witness of Christ Jesus and His testimony about truth that we have experienced and heard. Truth . . . truth that we have experienced and heard.

We are grateful for your blessings in our lives, and we ask you to help us to welcome the challenges of these times as opportunities to trust in you, Father God. We ask you to grace those who are dealing with unspeakable tragedies and bring them through their grief to the crossroads of peace. The Holy Spirit is within each of us, so no circumstance is too much for us to handle. Guide us, Father God, to not measure our strength against our challenges. Instead, let us sink ourselves in your Presence . . . your thunderous silence . . . to be still and know that you are God. Let us pray to come before you with a teachable spirit this afternoon, eager to be changed . . . transformed by the renewing of our minds.

We ask this in your name . . . AMEN

Closing Prayer
Father God, we are grateful for this illuminating engagement with truth. We thank you for the many unique ways that you equipped Dr. Shannen Dee Williams to undertake this work and share it with us in ways that are inescapable. Help us to know, Father God, that we are graced to be a witness who can look truth in the face as it hovers in life’s possibilities. Grace us to be unafraid to step forward and follow Jesus to move change and make a difference.

We ask this in your name, Amen.

Prayers were written for the session by Dr. Patricia Grey.