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MOUNT SAINT VINCENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Students and Colleagues,

With the announcement of the jury's guilty verdict for Derek Chauvin's murder trial, we have seen justice for George Floyd and his family. This decision may feel like a small, but meaningful validation for the lives lost and racism experienced by the Black community. And yet, there is work to be done. I encourage those of us who are not part of the BIPOC community to give space for our colleagues and friends to process their thoughts and feelings with the resolution of this trial, and still be present to listen and learn how we can support the movement forward. As members of the College of Mount Saint Vincent community, I ask that we continue to come together to fight systemic racism and injustice, while living the mission and values that bind us together.

Keeping you individually and collectively in thought and prayer,

Susan R. Burns, Ph.D.
President