

Georgetown University Holds Liturgy to Apologize for Historical Connection to Slavery



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On Tuesday, April 18th, just two days after Emancipation Day in the District of Columbia, **Georgetown University** held a Liturgy of Remembrance, Contrition and Hope, to apologize for its historical legacy of slavery and to promote reconciliation.

The emotional liturgy was attended by leaders of Georgetown, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States. Nearly 200 descendants of the 272 slaves who were sold by the Maryland Province Jesuits in 1838 to help the University financially also attended the event. Later that day, the University held a ceremony to rename two buildings on campus in honor of Isaac Hawkins, one of the slaves sold by

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the Jesuits, and Anne Marie Becraft, a free African American woman of the same era who later founded a school for African American girls in Washington, D.C.

Tuesday's events generated many stories in national news outlets, including [CNN](#), [NBC News](#) and [The Washington Post](#). The liturgy of remembrance was livestreamed by Georgetown, which has made a recording available on [YouTube](#), along with extensive coverage on its [website](#). AJCU's Michael Wieczorek attended the liturgy and building dedication on Tuesday; click [here](#) for his story on the AJCU website.

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