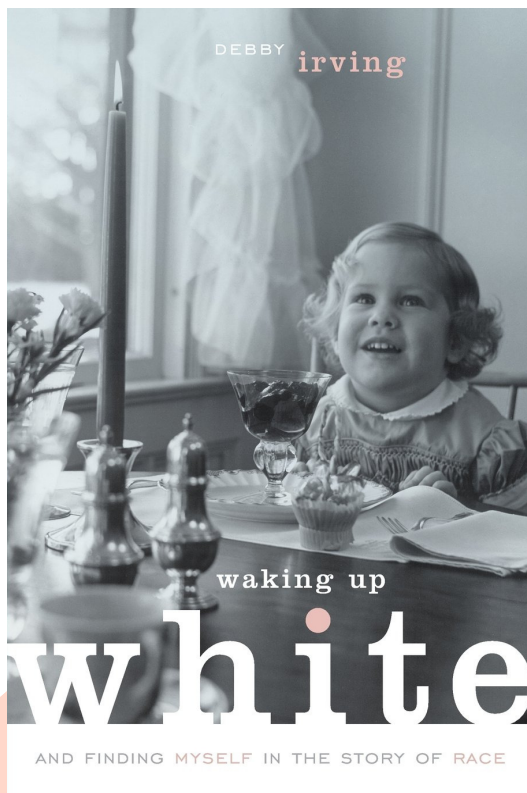


Diomil Reads

*a diocesan-wide opportunity for reading
and discussion about racial reconciliation*

The Diocese of Milwaukee is committed to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice. Last year we began our work to become a beloved community by reading *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. We are continuing our efforts this year with another diocesan-wide book study of *Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. We invite you to join us in this endeavor.



About the Book:

For 25 years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships. She worried about offending people she dearly wanted to befriend, and she didn't understand why her diversity efforts lacked traction. As a teacher, she found her best efforts to reach out to students and families of color left her wondering what she was missing. Then one "aha!" moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her worldview and upended her life plan. In *Waking Up White*, Irving tells her often cringe-worthy story with such openness that readers will turn every page rooting for her—and ultimately for all of us.

We invite you to read *Waking Up White*, have conversations about the book and about racial healing and reconciliation, and work with us to plan and implement strategies to become a beloved community throughout southern Wisconsin.

How to participate:

Read the book and host a discussion of the book in your parish. Use the questions at the ends of the chapters to facilitate discussion. Watch Debby Irving's TED Talk. Join us at the Diocesan Convention on October 13, 2018, to discuss the book.

Contact Peggy Bean (bean@diomil.org) with any questions.