

Rethinking Race: Film Screening and Discussion on Racism & Xenophobia

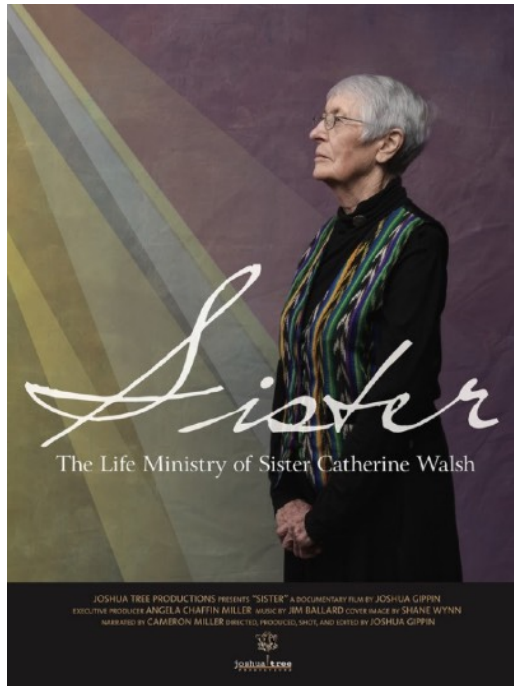
Myers School of Art: Folk Hall

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Start Time: 4 PM

Discussion: Following Film (approximately 4:30 PM)

Sister: The Life Ministry of Sister Catherine Walsh Produced and Directed by Josh Gippin



"Sister" Catherine Walsh is a Catholic nun, but she is like a sister to the people in her life, all of whom she treats like her own family. This documentary celebrates Sr. Catherine Walsh's life and ministry on the occasion of her 60th Jubilee of devotion to God in the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. Her ministry has taken her from Cleveland's inner city during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, to El Salvador in the 1990s, and back to Akron. Following in the social activist tradition of Dorothy Day, seeing God in all people, Sr. Catherine is a Catholic Worker devoted to helping the poor and marginalized. In Akron, she advocates for immigrants and provides a home for those in need at the Catholic Worker houses she co-founded. This story focuses on Sr. Catherine, but it could be about any sister; any of the countless unsung heroes among us who quietly lead lives of devotion and service, and who choose to treat strangers like family.

For Discussion: Sister Catherine Walsh and Filmmaker Josh Gippin plan to lead the discussion on racism and xenophobia. Leaders from local organizations whose work focuses on this thematic issue will be invited to attend, including Akron Chapter of NAACP, Akron Urban League, Dominican Sisters of Peace Racial Justice Committee, Akron Interfaith Immigration Advocates, and the International Institute of Akron among others.

About the filmmaker: Joshua Gippin is committed to producing documentaries that help make the world a better place. His films have appeared on PBS and in film festivals and conferences around the world. As a Jewish filmmaker, his last film helped him define what it means to be "chosen by God." Josh believes, to be chosen is to choose a life of service to God and to humanity. You don't have to be Jewish. Anyone can make this choice, and Sister Catherine is a shining example of that.

