Is It Wrong? Then Go Tell Them
The Story of Fr. John Markoe, S.J.
& His Pioneering Efforts Against Racism

February 11, 2016
4:30pm
Saint Louis University Museum of Art, 3rd floor Jesuit Exhibit

RSVP requested (not required)
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In commemoration of the anniversary of the February 11, 1944 College Church sermon by Fr. Claude Heithaus - seen as the tipping point in the effort to admit black students at St. Louis University - author Matt Holland will share the fascinating, but little known story of Fr. John Markoe, S.J.

Holland’s presentation will outline Fr. Markoe’s key behind-the-scenes role in the events that led up to Fr. Heithaus’ sermon and the subsequent admittance of black students at SLU, as well as Markoe’s colorful history prior to 1944 and his continuing efforts after leaving St. Louis - efforts that led Whitney Young to call Markoe “one of this century’s champions of interracial justice and human rights.”

Author of Ahead of Their Time: The Story of the Omaha DePorres Club - the tale of the interracial civil rights group Markoe co-founded after being transferred from St. Louis – Matt Holland is currently working on a biography of Fr. John Markoe.

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