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400 Whites Hold March To 'Confess' Racism

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CHICAGO, April 12—Four hundred white men, women, and teen-agers marched in four predominantly white suburbs west of Chicago today in what was described as a confession of white racism.

The Good Friday march through Oak Park, River Forest, Maywood, and Melrose Park was sponsored by the Lutheran Human Relations Commission here. The commission's director, The Rev. George Hrbek, explained:

"We are simply confessing our white racism. We believe the Kerner [riot] Commission is correct in stating that racism in white communities is the cause of the racial crisis and we hope to dramatize this by our march and stimulate constructive action."

Among marchers were representatives of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths. There were no hecklers, and the march attracted few spectators. Eight times the marchers stopped to sing.