DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO
OFFICE OF
ECUMENICAL &
INTERRELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

ECUMENISM

The attainment of union
Is the concern of the whole Church,
Faithful and shepherds alike.
This concern extends to everyone,
According to his or her talent,
Whether it be exercised
In his or her daily Christian life,
Or in his or her
Theological and historical research.
This concern itself reveals
Already to some extent
The bond of brotherhood
Between all Christians
And it helps toward
That full and perfect unity
Which God in His kindness wills.

Decree of the Second Vatican Council
On Ecumenism,
Unitatis Redintegratio

DIOCESAN MISSION STATEMENT

We, the People of God
Of the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento,
Guided by the Holy Spirit,
Are called by Christ to proclaim
The Good News of the Kingdom of God
Through prayer, praise and sacraments
And to witness the Gospel values
Of Love, Justice, Forgiveness & Service
To All.
ECUMENISM

The restoration of unity among all Christians was one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded one Church. Many Christian communions profess to be followers of the Lord, but differ in mind and go their different ways, as if Christ Himself were divided. Such division openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalizes the world, and damages the holy cause of preaching the Gospel to every nation. (Decree On Ecumenism, 1)

All Christians must recall that the night before Jesus died, He prayed: “that they may all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You”. (Jn17:21)

INTERRELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

Inter-religious affairs refers to our relationship with all religious traditions other than Christians. “Interreligious dialogue does not merely aim at mutual understanding and friendly relations. It reaches a much deeper level, that of the spirit, where exchange and sharing consist in a mutual witness to one’s beliefs and a common exploration of one’s respective religious convictions.” (Pontifical Council For Inter-religious dialogue, dialogue and proclamation, 40)

ECUMENICAL & INTER-RELIGIOUS COMMISSION

The 1993 Directory For Ecumenism instructs the Bishops to establish a body of representatives who will assist the Diocese in the important ministry of Ecumenism. In keeping with this instruction, the Bishop of Sacramento has established the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, and the Diocesan Ecumenical & Inter-religious Commission.

The Ecumenical & Inter-religious Commission is:

♦ A resource to the Bishop of Sacramento in the on-going dialogue between the Diocese and other Christian churches, and the Diocese and non-Christian religions.

♦ A resource to the various offices of the Diocese in all things pertaining to ecumenism and interreligious affairs.

♦ A resource to the parishes of the Diocese in their ecumenical and inter-religious outreach to others.

A catalyst to bring people of all faiths together, working for the good of mankind, in keeping with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

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