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To: Clergy and Laity
From: John Watkins
Re: **“Preserving our Religious Freedom with a Civil Voice” Conference**
Date: November 2, 2018

Bishop Soto invites Catholics in the Diocese to join him and attend the first of a three-event series on “Preserving our Religious Freedom with a Civil Voice” on Friday evening, November 16, 2018 at the Chapel on Temple Hill, 2100 California Circle in Rancho Cordova.

We are all aware of the acrimonious, partisan and divisive nature of our public political discourse. It is demeaning of human dignity and does not serve the common good. Bishop Soto explains:

As disciples of Christ, we seek the common good and have a moral duty to engage in this public dialogue. As ministers of the Gospel, we can help heal what divides us. This will not happen overnight, but we can begin to reshape civil discourse. Each faith group will host a speaker from another faith group and invite us all to explore together our common responsibility and opportunities for actions.

In response to this moment, the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and many of the evangelical Christian Churches in the Sacramento area are gathering in unity to explore how the presence of Christ can bring us together.

Attached is a flyer with more details on the first of these events. To register please go to:
https://scd.formstack.com/forms/interfaith_1conference or call Laura Rios at 916-733-0244.

Respectfully,

John Watkins
Office of Catholic Charities and Social Concerns
Diocese of Sacramento

Preserving Our Religious Freedoms with a Civil Voice

A Disciple's Responsibility to Engage in a Contentious and Challenging Public Square

An Interfaith 3-Conference Series on Religious Freedom

Presented by the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento, William Jessup University, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Conference Series 1

Friday, November 16, 2018 • 7pm • The Chapel on Temple Hill

2100 California Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95743

Keynote Speaker: Dr. John Mark Reynolds



John Mark Reynolds is the President and founder of The Saint Constantine School, an innovative kindergarten through college program. He is a senior fellow in humanities at The King's College (NYC) and a fellow at the Center for Science and the Renewal of Culture at the Discovery Institute. He served as the provost at Houston Baptist University where he helped found both the nationally recognized Apologetics and Cinema & New Media Arts programs. He was the founder of the Torrey Honors Institute at Biola University. Reynolds is the author and editor of several books and numerous chapters and articles. He writes daily at Patheos Evangelical on Eidos. John Mark has been married to Hope for over thirty years and they are the parents of four adult children.

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