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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

May 15, 2019

Dear Fellow Co-Workers in the Lord,

Please join me and the Diocesan Task Group against Racism on June 8, 2019, 9am, at St. Anthony Parish, Sacramento, to launch a diocesan-wide campaign to address concerns of racial injustice within the Church and larger community.

Bishop Shelton Fabre, chair of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee against Racism will be with us to discuss some of the implications of the recent pastoral letter "*Open Wide your Hearts.*" The diocesan task group was formed in response to the Bishops' pastoral letter. The members are eager to implement its hopeful vision.

This conference is the beginning of a series of listening sessions and open dialogues about experiences of racism within our parishes and schools, aiming at developing pastoral responses to address these concerns. This will be an opportunity to learn how foster constructive, respectful conversation to address the sin of racism within the Church and civil society.

Please see the attached flyer for more information. I hope you will join me in this worthwhile pastoral endeavor. Let us ask for the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary as we seek the mercy and wisdom of her Son, Jesus.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jaime Soto", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento

Open Wide Our Hearts. Join us
for an open conversation about...

Racism in Our Church

For Clergy

Friday, June 7, 2019 • 10am - Noon

Pastoral Center • 2110 Broadway, Sacramento

Video conferencing in Redding and Fairfield

For Lay Leaders

Saturday, June 8, 2019 • 8:30am - Noon

St. Anthony Parish • Memorial Center

660 Florin Road, Sacramento, CA 95831

Register for FREE

https://scd.formstack.com/forms/anti_racism

Questions?

Contact the Diocese of Sacramento

Office of Clergy Formation at 916-733-0244

Bishop Shelton Fabre is the Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux in Louisiana. Bishop Fabre is a 4th Degree Knight of St. Peter Claver and a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. Bishop Fabre serves as Chair of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee against Racism since 2018. Previously, Bishop Fabre served as Chair of the Subcommittee on African American Affairs. He has been a member of that committee since 2010 and a member of the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church since 2013.

