



DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO  
2110 Broadway ▪ Sacramento, California 95818 ▪ (916) 733-0253 ▪ (916) 733-0224

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES & SOCIAL  
CONCERNS

To: Pastors, Parochial Vicars, Administrators, Deacons and Parish Staff

From: John Watkins

Re: **Religious Liberty Conference Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Date: October 4, 2019

Bishop Soto invites you to join him in this third installment of the speaker series on religious freedom on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at William Jessup University. This is part of a vibrant partnership with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the leaders of the Evangelical Christian Churches in the greater metropolitan area.

Featured speaker for this talk with is Mary Rice Hasson, the Kate O'Beirne Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C., where she also directs the Catholic Women's Forum, a network of Catholic professional women and scholars seeking to amplify the voice of women in support of Catholic teachings.

Her presentation will build on the scriptural and theological grounding for our public religious engagement provided by Dr. John Mark Reynolds. She will expand on the challenge offered by Elder Whitney Clayton to "change the narrative" on the public debate on religious liberty. (Summaries of these earlier presentations are available at [www.preservingreligiousfreedoms.org](http://www.preservingreligiousfreedoms.org)). Ms. Hasson will inspire us to engage civilly in the societal conversations on religious freedom and to live our faith even more publicly.

Please review the attached flyer for more information and register for the event at: [https://scd.formstack.com/forms/interfaith\\_3conference](https://scd.formstack.com/forms/interfaith_3conference). Please contact Jazmin Garcia for more information at [jgarcia@scd.org](mailto:jgarcia@scd.org) or call her at 916-733-0244.

Respectfully,

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

# Be Not Afraid

## *Living Faith in Challenging Times*

### **An Interfaith 3-Conference Series to empower disciples in engaging in civil dialogue on religious freedom**

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

#### **Conference Series 3**

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 • 7pm - 8:30pm

William Jessup University, Academic Warehouse

2121 University Ave, Rocklin, CA 95765



#### **Keynote Speaker: Mary Rice Hasson**

Mary Rice Hasson is the Kate O'Beirne Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C., where she also directs the Catholic Women's Forum, a network of Catholic professional women and scholars seeking to amplify the voice of women in support of Catholic teachings. An attorney and policy expert, Mary speaks at national conferences and universities, advises legislators and faith-based groups on policy matters, and is a frequent media commentator. For the past three years, Mary has been a keynote speaker for the Holy See at the United Nations during the annual U.N. Commission on the Status of Women, speaking on women and work, education, the value of caregiving, and gender ideology. She is the co-author of two books on education, and the editor of *Promise and Challenge: Catholic Women Reflect on Feminism, Complementarity, and the Church*. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Notre Dame Law School, Mary and her husband Kevin Seamus Hasson have seven adult children and one grandchild.

Register for FREE: [scd.formstack.com/forms/interfaith\\_3conference](https://scd.formstack.com/forms/interfaith_3conference)