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Memo

To: Pastors, Parochial Vicars, Administrators, Deacons and Parish Staff
From: Miriam Sammartino
Date: January 6, 2022
Subject: ***Virtual Special Event for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 18, 2022***

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

You are invited to a Virtual Special Event on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, from 3:00pm to 6:30pm during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for the event is: *We have seen his star in the East and have come to pay homage to him* (cf. Matthew 2:2). This Special event is sponsored by the North State Ecumenical Conference (NSEC) and the Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Commission. The event will feature the following:

- **Panel Discussion (3:00 – 4:15pm)** with several Christian faith leaders who will address the topic of: *Uniting as Christians, as we pay homage to Christ.*
- **Featured Speaker (4:30 – 5:00pm)** will be Rev. Rola Al Ashkar of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and her topic is: *The gift of the star is a sign of hope during today's troubled times.*
- **Worship Prayer Service (5:15 – 6:30pm)** led by 16 Christian faith leaders, with the sermon delivered by Rev. Aidan Rontani of the Episcopal Church.

This Special Event will be livestreamed: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sn_H1agb-RU

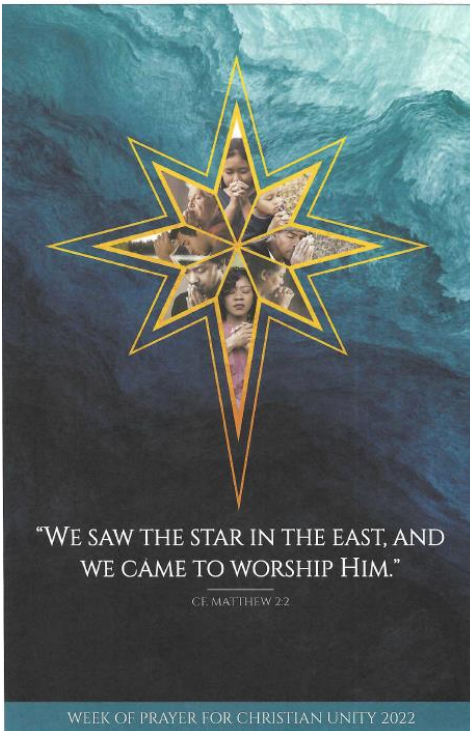
There is no charge for this event. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Deacon Dennis Gorsuch, NSEC Chair at (916) 984-8550 or by email: dennisgorsuch@comcast.net

Respectfully,

Miriam Sammartino
Director of Catholic Charities & Social Concerns
Diocese of Sacramento

Latest Update - Livestream Special Event for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 18, 2022

You are invited to a Livestream Special Event on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 3:00-6:30 p.m. during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme is: *We have seen his star in the East and have come to pay homage to him* (cf. Matthew 2:2). This Special Event is sponsored by the North State Ecumenical Conference (NSEC), which was established in 1968 and is comprised of Christian faiths in the Greater Sacramento Area. The Special Event will consist of three key segments:



- **Panel Discussion (3:00 – 4:15 p.m.)** with several Christian faith leaders, who will address the topic of: *Uniting as Christians, as we pay homage to Christ.*
- **Featured Speaker (4:30 – 5:00 p.m.)** will be Rev. Rola Al Ashkar of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and her topic is: *The gift of the star is a sign of hope during today's troubled times.*
- **Worship Prayer Service (5:15 – 6:30 p.m.)** led by 16 Christian faith leaders, with the sermon delivered by Rev. Aidan Rontani of the Episcopal Church.

This Special Event will be available through the following Livestream link:

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There is no charge for this Special Event. Donations may be made to Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services (please make reference to: NSEC Special Event). To donate please click on the following link [Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services](#). Thank you!

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Deacon Dennis Gorsuch, NSEC Chair, at (916) 984-8550, or E-mail: dennisgorsuch@comcast.net.

**May we gather to be the LIGHT for unity
and a beacon of HOPE for all humanity**