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**Memo**

To: All  
From: Deacon Paul Friedrich, Chair of the Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission  
Date: June 25, 2026  
Regarding: **International Religious Liberty Day**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom.

In our diocese, celebrating the week of Religious Freedom Faith in Harmony, the International Religious Liberty Day, sponsored by the Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento and the Religious Initiative, is scheduled for Thursday June 25 at 5:30 pm at the World Peace Rose Garden located at Capitol Park 1300 L Street Sacramento, CA. All are invited to attend.

For more information, please review the attached information flyer.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Paul Friedrich  
Chair, Ecumenical and Interreligious Commission  
Diocese of Sacramento  
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**June 25th, 2026**

**The Interfaith Council  
of Greater Sacramento**

Presents:

**Celebrating the week of  
Religious Freedom**

**Faith in Harmony**

**International Religious Liberty Day**

**World Peace Rose Garden**

Capitol Park 1300 L Street Sacramento, CA.

**5:30 pm**

“ We have inherited a large house, a great “world house” in which we have to live together -- black and white, Easterner and Westerner, Gentile and Jew, Catholic and Protestant, Muslim and Hindu -- a family unduly separated in ideas, culture, and interest, who, because we can never again live apart, must learn somehow to live with each other in peace.”  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Nobel Peace Prize Lecture, 1964.



The World Peace Rose Garden, established in Capitol Park in 2003, was created as a sanctuary of peace, love, and inspiration for people of all nations, cultures, and religions.



**Interfaith Council  
of Greater Sacramento**  
*Light up the Community*



**Guest Speakers**

**The Rt. Rev. William E. Swing**  
Founding Trustee & Pres. Emeritus  
United Religions Initiative

**Father Tom Bonacci**  
Founder and Executive Director of  
The Interfaith Peace Project

**Music & Prayers**

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