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MEMO

To: ALL

From: Andrea Wynn

Regarding: Unity Mass and Celebration

Date: July 2, 2026

The Black Catholic Ministry of the Diocese of Sacramento warmly invites you to attend the Umoja Mass and Celebration on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at 10:00 am, at St. Anthony Parish in Sacramento. The Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Rey Bersabal. As the first year of our seven-year celebration of the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa, this year's focus is Umoja – Unity in the Family, Community, and Nation. Each subsequent year will focus on another Kwanzaa principle, beginning with Kujichagulia (Self-Determination) in 2027 – 2028.

This celebration offers an opportunity for prayer, fellowship, cultural appreciation, and a renewed commitment to unity within our families, parishes, and communities.

Pope Leo XIV beautifully captured the spirit of unity during his homily concluding the January 2026 Week of Prayer. Reflecting on the Letter to the Ephesians, he reminds us: "We repeatedly hear the adjective 'one': one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God (Eph 4:4–6). We are one! We already are! Let us recognize it, experience it, and make it visible!"

Following Mass, we invite everyone to remain for a joyful community celebration featuring local food vendors, live entertainment, and a drum circle. Bring your percussion instruments and join us as we celebrate the spirit of Umoja together.

We would be honored by your presence as we begin this meaningful journey by celebrating the principles of Kwanzaa and strengthening unity throughout our community.

For more information about the Umoja Mass and Celebration, please view the attached flyer or visit: <https://www.scd.org/event/umoja-unity-family-community-and-nation>.

In His Service,

Andrea Wynn

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Join the Black Catholic Ministry
as we celebrate

FAITH • CULTURE • COMMUNITY



Umoja – Maintaining Unity
in the **Family**, **Community**, and **Nation**



Umoja (oo-MOH-jah) means “unity” in Swahili.
It is the first of the **7 Principles (Nguzo Saba)** of Kwanzaa.
Umoja calls us to strive for and maintain unity in
the family, community, nation, and race.



MASS celebrated by
Most Reverend Rey Bersabal,
*Auxiliary Bishop of the
Diocese of Sacramento*



DATE
Saturday, August 29, 2026



TIME
10:00 am



LOCATION
St. Anthony's Parish
660 Florin Rd
Sacramento, CA



*Join the rhythm as we
celebrate together!*



Fellowship Immediately Following Mass!



**LOCAL
FOOD TRUCK**
Delicious options
for everyone!



ENTERTAINMENT
Live music and
cultural performances
for the whole family!



DRUM CIRCLE
Bring your percussions
and join the fun!



Rooted in Faith. Celebrating Culture. Building Community.
“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” – Matthew 18:20

