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To: Pastors, Parochial Administrators and Parish Stewards
From: Fr. Michael F. Kiernan
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2012
Subject: Christian Unity Week Bible Service

On Monday, January 23, 2012, at 7:00 PM, Christians throughout the greater Sacramento area will gather at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament to celebrate Christian Unity Week. You and your parish faith community are invited to this great ecumenical event.

The St. John's Bible Ecumenical Word Service will include beautiful music from Christian choirs; Scripture readings and reflections by Christian ministers from various denominations; and an exhibition of the historic and stunning *Saint John's Bible*, the first handwritten, illuminated Bible in over 500 years.

We are expecting the media to cover a large turnout and a great show of support for the Week of Christian unity.

Following the service, we will host an exhibition of *The Saint John's Bible* and a reception with refreshments.

Please spread the word and help us make this celebration a powerful witness of our Christian unity and the beauty of the Word of God in our world today. A letter, a flyer and a bulletin announcement are attached. If you have any questions, you may contact Deacon John Gisla at: 916-444-3071 Ext. 11, or by email at: jgisla@cathedralsacramento.org.

It is good to come together as brothers and sisters in the human family to promote dialogue and peace through the Word of God.



Cathedral
Of The
Blessed Sacrament

January 3, 2012

Greetings to All,

Please join us for the St. John's Bible Ecumenical Celebration.

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Again, the event is on January 23, at 7:00 PM, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament located at 1017 11th Street, Sacramento, California 95814. The phone number is (916) 444-3071.

Following the service, we will host an exhibition of *The Saint John's Bible* and a reception with refreshments.

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Sincerely in Christ,

Father Michael F. Kiernan, Rector

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: *An Ecumenical Celebration*

Monday, January 23, 2012 | 7:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 1017 11th Street, Sacramento

Please join us for an evening of scripture readings and reflections by Christian ministers of various denominations. The Word service will be accompanied by a number of large Christian choirs and an exhibition of *The Saint John's Bible*, an illuminated handwritten Bible for the 21st Century.

Ecclesiastes, Donald Jackson, Copyright 2006, *The Saint John's Bible*, Order of Saint Benedict, Collegeville, Minnesota, USA.



The Saint John's Bible is the first handwritten, illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey in over 500 years. Its hand written lettering and stunning artworks truly present the Word of God in an engaging and inspirational way. Discover the beauty and splendor of *The Saint John's Bible* at a captivating and lively presentation which shares the story behind this once in a millennium undertaking and showcases some of the many artworks in this world renowned project.

Bulletin Entry – Christian Unity Week Bible Service

On Monday, January 23, 2012, at 7:00 PM, Catholics and other Christians throughout the greater Sacramento area will gather at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament to celebrate Christian Unity Week. You and your parish faith community are invited to this great ecumenical event.

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