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INTER-RELIGIOUS INSTITUTE TO MEET AT USD

SAN DIEGO, Calif. --Representatives of Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish faiths will meet at the University of San Diego Oct. 17 to discuss "The Religious Community and Racism."

"This meeting is very significant as it is the first time the San Diego religious community as a whole has banded together to take a serious look at this critical issue," said the Rev. John Portman, USD School of Theology and chairman of the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission.

The conference will be the Second Annual Inter-religious Institute, co-sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the San Diego County Council of Churches and the Southeast Ministerial Alliance.

Delegates to the institute will be welcomed to the USD campus by the Most Rev. Francis J. Furey, Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego.

Herbert J. Solomon, chairman of the San Diego Region National Conference of Christians and Jews, will preside over the opening session at 3:00 p.m. The invocation will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. William M. MacInnes, College Park Presbyterian Church.

The keynote address will be given by the Rev. James H. Oxley, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, followed by panel discussion. The Very Rev. John E. Baer, President, USD College for Men, will instruct delegates on items for consideration in study groups.

The evening session at 8:00 p.m. will be presided over by the Rev. Heber Pitman, President, San Diego County Council of Churches. Rabbi Joel S. Goor, Temple Beth Israel, will summarize the meeting.

The session is open to the public with a registration of \$3.00 which includes materials and dinner.

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