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To: Pastors, Parochial Vicars, Administrators, Deacons and Parish Staff  
From: John Watkins  
Re: **Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> - Mass for Preservation of Peace and Justice**  
Date: June 7, 2020

Dear Pastors, Administrators and Parish Staff,

In the wake of the tragic death of George Floyd, Bishop Jaime Soto will offer a *Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice* at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at on **Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:10pm**. The Mass will be live-streamed to the Cathedral's Facebook Page: [facebook.com/CathedralOfTheBlessedSacrament](https://facebook.com/CathedralOfTheBlessedSacrament)

Secondly, the Diocesan Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism has updated it's webpage, [www.scd.org/OpenWideOurHearts](http://www.scd.org/OpenWideOurHearts), to help pastors, staff and the lay faithful in these days.

On the website, you will find links for: Education and Prayer Resources; Events, Statements, Videos and Articles that all address the evil and sin of racism. Some of the particular resources that I would like to point out that you will find are:

1. [\*\*Open Wide Our Hearts\*\*](#) – *The Enduring Call to Love* – People can be encouraged to read the Pastoral Letter;
2. A [\*\*Study Guide\*\*](#) for Open Wide Our Hearts; - Sessions to utilize the study guide in groups can be scheduled in Parish Communities;
3. Prayer resources: (i.e. [\*\*Stations of the Cross for Overcoming Racism, Prayer to Overcome Racism, Intercessory Prayers\*\*](#));
4. Statements from Pope Francis, Bishop Soto and the US Bishops;

If you are interested in finding our more about the work of the Diocese Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, contact Carolina Estrada at 916-733-0251 or email [cestrada@scd.org](mailto:cestrada@scd.org).

Respectfully,

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