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My Brothers in Christ,

The Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs has been part of the Church's mission to reaching out to all faith traditions in seeking theological and social dialogue. We have interactions with our Jewish, Muslim and Buddhist communities, but most precious to us is the manner in which we meet in Christ with our Christian brothers and sisters.

For decades this has been especially true during the Week of Christian Unity which is held in January. In 2020 it is the week of January 18<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "They Showed Us Unusual Kindness" (Acts 28:2) I have enclosed a folder which can assist you with this celebration. The Graymoor Friars are as usual spearheading this great effort.

Our office is at your service to assist you in any way possible in focusing your parish community on this most important aspect of faith. It is important, not only to reach out to other ecclesial communities at this time, but in other ways as well.

I thank you for all that you are doing for God's people. We pray always together for true unity in the Lord.

Yours in Christ,



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