

11 faiths come together to give thanks

People of many different faiths will have a chance to express their thanks for the many blessing experienced by the Southeast Texas community as religious leaders from 11 faith communities come together this Sunday for the 9th annual Greater Beaumont Thanksgiving Interfaith Service.

This year's service will be held Sunday, November 20 at 6.p.m.at the St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica in downtown Beaumont and will include music by the Interfaith Choir and the reading of a proclamation by Beaumont Mayor Becky Ames.

The 11 faith communities include: Episcopal, Baptist, Methodist, Antioch Orthodox, African CME, the Unity Church, Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist, Hindu and Roman Catholic.

“One of the greatest blessings we have in this country is religious freedom,” said Bishop Curtis Guillory, S.V.D. in issuing an invitation to the public on behalf of the Interfaith Leaders.

“We need to thank God for that freedom, value it and work to protect it always,” said Bishop Guillory.

Bishop Guillory will gift each of the interfaith leaders with a copy of the historic address on religious liberty delivered at the U.S. Bishops plenary meeting this past Monday in Baltimore, Maryland.

The interfaith leaders are asking all those who participate in this celebration to bring canned goods, non-perishable items or a monetary gift to assist the needy of our area this Thanksgiving. The canned goods and non-perishable food items will go to the Southeast Texas Food Bank. Monetary donations will go to Some Other Place.