

27TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 25

Boise (November 10, 2009) --- The 27th Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical and Interfaith Service will be held at 7:30 pm, Wednesday November 25 at St. John's Cathedral at the corner of Eighth and Hays in Boise. The event is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Boise with participation from the Boise's civic leaders and a broad range of religious communities.

The Most Reverend Michael P. Driscoll, Catholic Diocese of Boise, will welcome those who attend. Boise Mayor David Bieter will attend the service.

The sound of the shofar that has called Jewish people to prayer since ancient times will open and close the service. Murray Feldman of the Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel will perform those duties. Pneuma, liturgical dancers from St. Mark's Catholic Church, will lead the procession of ministers both at the beginning and end of the service.

The ecumenical choir, under the direction of Tom Phelps, Hickories Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is a blending of more than 100 voices representing religious denominations throughout the area. A gospel choir will make a special musical presentation. A Taize prayer will be offered as part of the musical program. Dr. Raphael Morvant will be the organist.

The Said Amed-Zaid, Islamic Community, will deliver the reflection. Prayers and readings will be offered by: Thomas Pawlowski, Bahai Community; the Right Reverend Bishop Brian Thom, Episcopal Diocese of Idaho; Rabbi Daniel Fink, Congregation Ahaveth Beth Israel; the Reverend Christina Fridel, Whitney United Methodist Church; Michele Tae, Buddhist Community; Pastor Roy Miller, 36th Street Christian Church; and the Reverend Kim Cran, First Congregational Church of Christ.

People are asked to bring canned food for the Idaho Food Bank. The collection taken during the service will benefit Terry Reilly Health Services (TRHS), a private not-for-profit organization that provides care to all, based on their ability to pay. TRHS has been providing care in southwestern Idaho since 1971.

A reception in the Cathedral Parish Hall follows the service and is planned and served by women of the Boise Stake, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and of St. John's Cathedral.

More than 1,000 people attended the service last year. For more information, call Michael Brown at 208-342-1311.