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Sister Pamela Smith releases book detailing the 200 year history of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston

CHARLESTON, SC – As part of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston’s bicentennial anniversary, a book detailing the diocese’s 200 year history has been released. *A History of the Diocese of Charleston: State of Grace* is authored by Sister Pamela Smith, Ph.D., director of the diocesan office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

Sister Pam spent more than three years researching and writing the book. She traveled to parishes, schools, ecumenical and interfaith gatherings, and outreach centers across the state. Moreover, she did a great deal of research. “It begins with the narrative of the Catholic presence at Santa Elena from 1566-1587 and concludes with very recent events affecting Catholic life,” said Sister Pam. “One 2020 event that didn’t make it into the book, though, is COVID-19.”

The 224-page book features an additional 32-page full-color insert and is both thematic and chronological. Its publisher, History Press, will circulate *A History of the Diocese of Charleston: State of Grace* through [Barnes & Noble](#), [Amazon](#), and [other outlets](#), along with an e-book edition. Additionally, the book is available at the diocese’s Pastoral Center, 901 Orange Grove Rd. and via Sister Pam’s religious community — the Sisters of Sts. Cyril and Methodius — at 5 Park Circle, Bluffton. She may also be contacted at psmith@charlestdiocese.org or 843-819-7991.

Sister Pam said she is hopeful that future book talks will proceed as planned despite the pandemic. “I will be happy to speak to any group anywhere and will tailor the talks to local interest,” she said.

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