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PACIFICA INSTITUTE TO HOLD FIRST ANNUAL DINNER TONIGHT

(Honolulu) – The Pacifica Institute, a non-profit organization headquartered in Los Angeles, will conduct its first Dialogue and Friendship Dinner this evening at the Japanese Cultural Center. The keynote speaker for the event will be Father Alexei Smith who is the Director of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

The Pacifica Institute, which was established about seven years ago, promotes cross-cultural awareness amongst various peoples by organizing conferences, panels and public forums. Tonight's event will be the first time that the Pacifica Institute will conduct a session in Hawaii, but there are plans to do the event on an annual basis.

State Senator J. Kalani English, who is Chairman of the Senate's Transportation and International Affairs Committee, will attend the event to greet the attendees and assess the potential of the Institute's future involvement in Hawaii.

For further information, please contact Ali Altunkaya at 808- 218-8797 or at their website at www.pacificainstitute.org

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