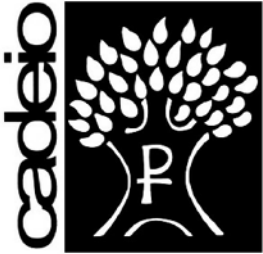


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Lutheran and Catholic Bishops of Montana Mark Anniversary of Covenant

by Father Jay H. Peterson, VG, Diocese of Great Falls–Billings, Montana

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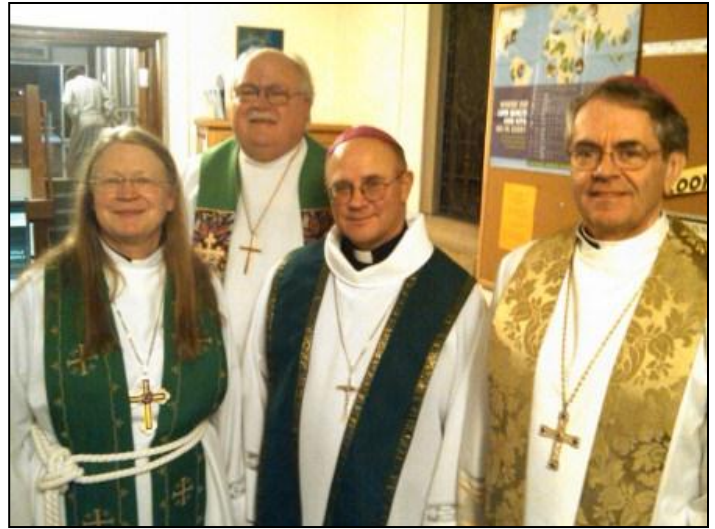
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On Sunday evening, Oct. 24, 2010, the Lutheran and Catholic bishops of Montana gathered at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Great Falls to celebrate the 10th anniversary of their covenant regarding the *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*.

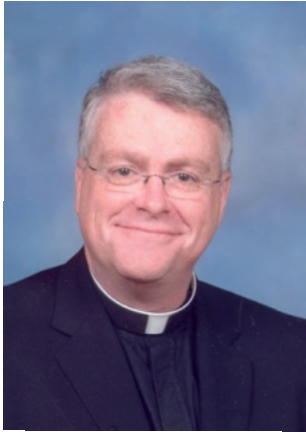
The covenant, which was signed on June 1, 2000, affirms the Lord’s call for the unity of the Church and reflects on the desire for unity among Catholics and Lutherans in spite of the history of separation. In particular, in light of the signing of the *Joint Declaration* on Oct. 31, 1999, the Catholics and Lutherans of Montana commit themselves to pray for and work toward greater unity and to foster understanding and commitment to the gospel. Included in the covenant is a pledge “to give support to families which have a Lutheran-Catholic heritage.” See http://www.montanasynod.org/Roman_Catholic_Covenant.pdf to view the complete covenant.



The Catholic and Lutheran bishops of Montana with their host: (from left) Bishop Jessica Crist of the Montana Synod of the ELCA; Pastor Joel Brosten of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Great Falls; Bishop Michael W. Warfel of the Diocese of Great Falls–Billings; and Bishop George Leo Thomas of the Diocese of Helena.

The vespers service began with an explanation of the reason for the celebration by Dr. Paul Seastrand, Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Lewistown. Bishop Jessica Crist of the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America delivered the homily. Both Lutherans and Catholics participated in the choir. A reception in the fellowship hall concluded the evening.

President's Letter by Father Don Rooney



Dear Brothers and Sisters in CADEIO,

This weekend we held the first of three Masses celebrating First Communion at my parish of St. Mary in Fredericksburg. We have more than 240 children this year who will receive. After spending last week with all our ecumenical colleagues at the National Workshop on Christian Unity, the lack of visible unity in Holy Communion there underlined for me the absolute preciousness of this gift and left

me with a sadness for our inability to celebrate this with all who claim Christ's name.

Yet the fact is our faith is different, so our sacramental Communion together is not yet honest. Some forms of unity are present and strong: our common baptism, for example. But there seem to be more reasons why we are drifting apart than coming together, with ethical issues that divide churches—not only one church from another, but also within many churches themselves. Most would say that full visible unity—though we know it is the will of God, the desire of Christ—probably will not be something that we are able to see in our lifetime. So we must wait, and pray, and keep the door open so that we are ready when the Holy Spirit finally brings the will of God to fulfillment. Several people have asked me recently if I've really accomplished anything in this work. The reality is there aren't a lot of breakthroughs right now, but I have replied, yes, that my work today is to be a placeholder, to keep channels of communication and friendship alive between ecumenical and interreligious colleagues, so

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that when reconciliation happens in God's time, we will be found waiting, ready with our lamps lit.

Still, we are able to accomplish many things in our communities. Active ministries and works of mercy for those in need among us continue to make Christ known in his presence that is real among us. Thanks to our many parish ecumenical and interreligious committees; those who have continued so faithfully serving in our state committees (LARCUM, state councils of churches); and our volunteers, who make ecumenical things happen such as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Lenten prayer services, the World Day of Prayer, various ecumenical activities and receptions, and our witness in service and outreach through ecumenical ministries for the homeless and immigrants.

These are healthy effects of a unity not yet complete, and starting points for true communion. As we pray for our children during these weeks of First Communion, let's not be deceived by how simple it seems to receive Communion. It isn't our understanding of it that makes it happen. In fact, we can't begin to understand or do enough to merit the depth of the Mystery we celebrate. But still, God places himself in our hands—I think, so that our hands can help others come closer. Let's be truly good stewards of this great gift, and make our Communion authentic with all those we meet at home, work, and in town.

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God bless you.



Father Don Rooney

The Eleanor Malburg Eastern Churches Seminar

by Father Joseph T. Hilinski, Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio

The 26th annual Eleanor Malburg Eastern Churches Seminar was held Oct. 8–9, 2010, at Notre Dame College, South Euclid, Ohio. The seminar has its origin in the idea of two Catholic laywomen, Fran Babic and Eleanor Malburg, who served as staff members at the college.

This year's program began Friday evening at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral with a Moleben and presentation by Father Ronald Roberson, CSP, on the state of Catholic-Orthodox relations. A lovely reception hosted by Bishop John Kudrick of the Eparchy of Parma followed. The program continued on Saturday at the college with sessions on "What Draws us Together," by Dr. Richard Schneider, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Yonkers, New York; "What Keeps us Apart," by Archbishop David Petras, Byzantine Catholic Seminary,

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and "The Local Scene," by Father Joseph Hilinski, ecumenical officer, Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. The approximately 90 participants were treated to excellent presentations and lunch and were given an opportunity for dialogue and to ask questions of the presenters.

The Eleanor Malburg Eastern Churches Seminar is sponsored by Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Churches of the area as well as the Cleveland Roman Catholic Diocese and the eparchies of the Byzantine Ruthenian and Ukrainian Catholic Churches, which have their cathedral churches in nearby Parma. The planning committee of priests reflects all of these churches. Notre Dame College has been the site for the event for all 26 years. Sister Mary Ann Baran volunteers her time to coordinate planning meetings and the actual seminar.

Interfaith Activities in Upstate New York

from Deacon John Brasley, Diocese of Rochester, New York

The Diocese of Rochester, New York, participated in a number of interreligious events this past fall.

- Deacon John Brasley, diocesan ecumenical and interreligious officer, presented, "What American Catholics/Christians Need to Know about Muslims and Islam" on Nov. 8, 2010, at the St. Mary Parish Center in Waterloo.
- Catholics and Sikhs launched a dialogue, Nov. 18, with a gathering at the diocesan Pastoral Center. The event arose out of a misunderstanding between worshippers at a diocesan church and a Sikh cameraman who had been given permission to film a Mass. Bishop Matthew H. Clark and other diocesan officials

apologized to the cameraman, and the dialogue was begun as a way to build understanding between members of the two religions. The Nov. 18 event addressed the history of the Sikhism, a monotheistic religion that was established in 1469 to promote justice and tolerance. Read the full article in the *Catholic Courier*, <http://www.catholiccourier.com/news/local-news/sikhs-catholics-learn-from-teachable-moment/>.

- Deacon Brasley delivered the sermon at a multifaith Thanksgiving service, Nov. 26. The First Universalist Church of Rochester hosted the annual event, which began 136 years with a joint gathering of Unitarian Universalist and Jewish leaders.

24-Hour Quran Reading and a “Taste of Faith”

by Father Bob Flannery, Diocese of Belleville, Illinois

As we are all aware, there were a variety of reactions to the threat of burning multiple copies of the Muslims’ scripture, the Quran, by a fundamental Protestant minister in Florida on the anniversary of September 11 this past year. Fortunately, from the Holy Father and our nation’s President on down, the majority of people, no matter what religious background they happened to profess, were both outraged and greatly concerned about the disrespect as well as the serious consequences that could be evoked by such actions. As members of CADEIO, we are in deep gratitude to Father Thomas Baima, of the Archdiocese of Chicago and a member of our association’s Faiths in the World Committee, for the eloquent response he wrote to put the anniversary of September 11 in proper perspective and focus, using our better selves rather than our lesser selves.

Likely, a number of our members tried to speak out on the matter formally or informally in one way or another. In Carbondale, Illinois, where I am pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, a 24-hour reading of the Quran was organized by the Gaia House Interfaith Center at our local Southern Illinois University. As president of the Carbondale Interfaith Council, I was invited to be part of the event. The program began with a meal at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010, all of which was provided and prepared by the local Sufi community. After the meal, the group, and others who replaced them on the hour throughout the next 24 hours, listened to various parts of the Quran, first read in Arabic, then in English, followed by an explanation and teaching on the various texts. The subject matter was related to peace and the well-being of humanity and religion; even parts of the Quran referring to Jesus and Mary were read and discussed, as well as other verses that helped explain the tenants of the Muslim faith. The scholars who did the interpretation came from Carbondale and the university community, and included professors, imams, students, and medical personnel. Some even drove two hours from St. Louis to do the explanations. Approximately 200 people attended the program at one time or another throughout the 24-hour vigil. Both the local newspapers and the televised media were present for these well-advertised events.

Even though there was some minor negativity and signs of intolerance and misunderstanding from several

fundamentalist individuals and groups, our evaluation of the function was essentially very positive because the feedback we received was extremely favorable from those who participated as well as the public in general. The Gaia House Interfaith Center, for which I now serve on the board, plans to have other information evenings or events similar to this one that focus on other world religions to help people in their awareness and appreciation of other faiths and cultures.

In my diocese, the Diocese of Belleville, yet another way to help people come to know, understand, and appreciate other religions different from our own, was provided by a separate steering committee on which I serve—the Metro-East Interfaith Partnership (communities east of St. Louis in Illinois). Not surprisingly, this committee is also an outgrowth of the tragic events of September 11. On Nov. 7, 2010, more than 50 people convened at St. Augustine of Hippo Catholic Church in East St. Louis to explore various foods associated with rituals of three different faiths: Judaism and its festival Sukkot, with the pomegranates, dates, figs, and olives; Hinduism and its festival Diwali, with vegetable Pakora; and Islam with its festival Eid-al-adha, with kebobs and baklava. Each religion provided a presentation from someone who is a member of that faith tradition. After each presentation, there was table talk and tasting of the food. We had young people and old in attendance, and the activity was very well received. Our steering committee plans to hold another such event next year with the focus on three other religions.

And so, what have I learned from the two events described above? Although the Catholic Diocese of Belleville in Southern Illinois is a rural, even missionary, diocese in many respects, the above two interreligious activities show that there are people of different religions in even smaller areas and communities. There is also a need to widen knowledge and awareness of other cultures and religions in order to break down falsehoods and build positive relationships and understanding among people. There is a need for all of us to be aware of our sisters and brothers of other religions whom we will encounter more and more as time goes on. This is what we already know as ecumenical and interreligious officers. Activities like the ones mentioned here can be ways to help spread the word in a very basic and simple manner.

The Diocese of Sacramento Hosts Father James Loughran, SA, and Cardinal Walter Kasper

by Father Michael F. Kiernan, Diocese of Sacramento

The Diocese of Sacramento celebrated the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18–25, 2011, with presentations throughout the week by Father James Loughran, a Graymoor Friar of the Atonement and editor of *Ecumenical Trends*.

The week began with a talk by Father James on Jan. 18 at an ecumenical luncheon for Christian pastors and leaders hosted by the Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento Most Reverend Jaime Soto at the Pastoral Center. During the luncheon, Bishop Soto introduced an

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“Appeal for Prayer in Solidarity with Persecuted Christians,” which he had written. The appeal calls for renewed prayer for unity among Christian churches in light of the recent violent attacks on Christians in different parts of the world. About 30 ministers from various denominations signed the statement, committing themselves to their “mutual responsibility to seek the common good of all humanity” (see page 7).

Also of great significance, Father James addressed the priests of the diocese on Jan. 24 at the Pastoral Center. Bishop Soto expressly asked for this presentation, which addressed how we can preach on this important aspect of church life in these challenging times. Father James provided us with insights and ways to facilitate ecumenical and interreligious dialogue and understanding. The event included lunch.

During the week, Father James visited several parishes, celebrating Mass and preaching at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament; St. James Church, Davis; and St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Sacramento. In addition, he spoke at all three Catholic high schools and the Newman Center at Sacramento State University. He also addressed the permanent deacons.

The diocese had another marvelous event for the annual Paul Wattson–Marie Kidder Lecture Series, on Feb. 22. Cardinal Walter Kasper, past president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, spoke on “May They All Be One. But How? A Vision of Christian Unity for the Next Generation.” Bishop Soto welcomed Cardinal Kasper and all who attended. Rev. Bruce Lundberg, president of the North State Ecumenical Conference and a retired Lutheran pastor, introduced the cardinal, who gave a wonderful outline of the history of ecumenical dialogue, its present status, and suggestions for the future.

On the following day, Cardinal Kasper was interviewed for an hour on Catholic Radio (copy available on request). He then did an hour-long question and answer session with a group of ecumenical and interreligious leaders, promoting a greater awareness of understanding between people of different faiths. At noon Cardinal Kasper celebrated Mass at the cathedral for a large congregation, after which he had a working lunch with 15 Christian leaders from the Sacramento area.

These two events have been a great blessing for the Sacramento diocese, for all Christians and other faiths. All who attended the session with the cardinal were very appreciative of his presentations and the opportunity to dialogue with him. As ecumenical and interreligious officer for the Diocese of Sacramento, I found this experience blessed and enriching. I had the opportunity to visit the Holy Land between these events, experiencing the Fifth Gospel, as the Holy Land is often called. I visited many Jewish and Muslim historical and religious sites, which helped me have a greater awareness about the value of all faiths while maintaining a joyful appreciation of the beauty and goodness of our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
2011
Sacramento, CA**

**Appeal for Prayer in Solidarity with
Persecuted Christians**

We gather in prayer for the unity of all Christians on this first day of Christian Unity Week. Together we profess our faith in Jesus Christ Son of God who died, rose and lives now in His Body, the Church. We rejoice in our common fellowship and in solidarity with the followers of Jesus everywhere.

As Christians we pray for religious freedom for all. The religious conscience of each person should be respected and defended by all faiths.

Assembled in the Lord's name, we express our common concern for the recent savage attacks on Christians in a number of places throughout the world. We lament the tragic loss of life and the cruel violation of human dignity.

We call on all Christian Churches to renew our pledge to earnestly pray for the unity of the disciples of the Lord Jesus during this difficult time, for as St. Paul reminds us, we are part of the one body of Christ. "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy" (1 Cor. 12.12–27). The terrible suffering of fellow Christians urges us now to stand in solidarity with them, to pray with them and for them.

We publicly recommit our mutual responsibility to seek the common good of all humanity. We work, hand in hand, with people of every culture and creed for peace that is rooted in justice.

In this way, we make our prayers one with that of Christ himself, "that they may all be one" (Jn. 17.21).

Ecumenical and Interfaith Encounters in Philadelphia

by Sister Judith Kreipe, IHM, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has welcomed a number of ecumenical and interfaith endeavors over the past several months.

- Philadelphia Liturgical Institute, a newly reconstituted ecumenical group “committed to promoting authentic Christian liturgy for the praise of God and the sanctification of all people,” sponsored a seminar on “Sacred Mysteries: Enhancing the Celebration,” Oct. 9, 2010. Professor of Liturgy Emeritus Gordon Lathrop of Lutheran Theological Seminary gave the keynote address, which was followed by three breakout sessions on the setting of liturgy, the service of liturgy, and the sounds of liturgy.

Approximately 100 people who held a variety of positions in their churches attended the event. Many were students from the seminaries in our area—Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, and Westminster Seminary.

The institute originated about 10 years ago under Father Andrew D. Ciferni, O.Praem. (Roman Catholic); Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison, Jr. (Episcopal); and Norman Hjelm (Lutheran). It was reconstituted two years ago when Rev. Russ Mitman (United Church of Christ) expressed concern for the quality of UCC’s liturgy. He asked Father Gerald Dennis Gill, director, Office of Worship for Archdiocese of Philadelphia, for collaboration on liturgy. Father Gill asked Msgr. Michael J. Carroll to join them. The institute’s board, which is composed of clergy, religious, and lay people from the Anglican, Methodist, Reformed, and Roman Catholic traditions, meets every other month at the Archdiocesan Office Center.

We hope to make the Philadelphia Liturgical Institute an annual ecumenical event. For more information see <http://www.philadelphialiturgicalinstitute.org/Philadelphia%20Liturgical%20Institute.html>.

- Rabbi David Rosen, director of the American Jewish Committee’s Department for Interreligious Affairs, came from Jerusalem in early November. Cardinal Justin Rigali hosted a cordial exchange between the two in his office.



Cardinal Justin Rigali (left) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia hosted Rabbi David Rosen, director of the American Jewish Committee’s Department for Interreligious Affairs.

- Rabbi Moshe Schwartz, head of Kellman Brown Academy in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and Jeanne Meredith, principal of St. Mary Interparochial School in Philadelphia, are introducing their students to one another through shared experiences. They are focusing on one another’s sacred symbols with the help of each school’s art departments. These experiences culminated in a Passover Seder to which the St. Mary students were invited as guests.
- A seminar on Pope John Paul II called “A Blessing to One Another” was hosted April 6 by Pope John Paul II High School, which opened in September 2010 outside Philadelphia. Juniors from JP II HS and juniors from Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy spent several hours together. The day began with an ice-breaker concerning family celebrations of Passover and of Easter. Presentations on changes in Judaism and Catholicism were followed by breakout sessions and lunch. The day ended with a presentation on Pope John Paul II and the Jewish people.

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Ecumenical Luncheons, LARC Day of Dialogue, and Prayer

by Deacon Charles W. Clark, Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

For several years, the Office of Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs has sponsored a bimonthly luncheon for Lutheran, Anglican, and Roman Catholic (LARC) clergy. On alternate months, it sponsors a similar luncheon for Orthodox and Catholic clergy. Attendance usually ranges from 10 to 15 people. We bring enlightening insights to pastoral and theological matters from our different perspectives. Our discussions are sometimes robust but always friendly.

In 1993, the bishops of the Upper and Lower Susquehanna Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, and our own Bishop Nicholas Dattilo (since deceased) signed a covenant to foster prayer and cooperation between the four judiciaries. Citing their “long history of cooperation,” they affirmed that “the same Spirit calls us now to enter into this formal covenant as a sign of our increased commitment to the unity of the whole Christian church.”

Each year in October we hold the LARC Day of Dialogue, an all-day affair, featuring one or more speakers, and questions and answers from the floor. This past Oct. 25, the event took place at the Cardinal Keeler Conference Center, where the theme was “Telling the Christian Story in the 21st Century.” The presenter, Father Elias Mallon, SA, addressed “How the Word Has Changed” and “How We Move Toward the Future.” Father Mallon has been involved in dialogue between

Christians and Muslims since 1985. The day included an opening prayer service and small-group discussion. We publicized the event in the diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Witness*, and by e-mail to the LARC luncheon and the Orthodox-Catholic clergy luncheon distribution lists, with requests that pastors of the various churches publicize it locally. About 95 people attended, including all four bishops of the LARC judiciaries: Bishop Nathan Baxter of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania; Bishop Robert Driesen of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA; Bishop B. Penrose Hoover of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA; and Bishop Joseph McFadden of the Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg.

We also hold solemn LARC Vespers on the Sunday within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Each year a different dialogue partner hosts the vespers service using its own liturgical form. We publicize it as we do the LARC Day of Dialogue, and we also advertise it in the local newspaper. The LARC Vespers for 2011 took place Jan. 23 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Bishop McFadden delivered the homily, exhorting participants to deeper prayer, love, and appreciation for the Scriptures. Read the homily at <http://www.hbgdiocese.org/Admin/Uploads/Bishop/Bishop%20McFadden/Documents/Homilies/1-23-11%20Homily%20for%20Ecumenical%20Prayer%20Service%20at%20Trinity%20Lutheran.pdf>.

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Planning for the event was done by the American Jewish Committee, representatives of the archdiocese including the president and principal of PJII HS, St. Joseph University’s Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations, and representatives of Barrack Hebrew Academy. (See <http://www.sju.edu/~pcunning/FIF/events.html>.)

- Walking the Walk is an interfaith service-learning program that facilitates community building and creative reflection among high school students. At present, Visitation parish and Notre Dame de Namur Academy are participating with Jewish, Muslim, Reformed, Protestant, and Baha’i peers in this year-long program. Students have an opportunity to visit one another’s sacred spaces and to experience one another’s worship and prayer.

“Handing on the Faith” in DVD

by Father Tony Bickett, Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky
(adapted from an article in the diocesan newsletter)

In November, I distributed to all the priests of our diocese copies of a DVD program for the promotion of Christian unity. The program is entitled *Handing on the Faith in an Ecumenical World*. The program was first given in the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia, in January 2009 by Brother Jeffrey Gros, FSC. The Diocese of Richmond produced the DVD.

Brother Jeff is well known in the ecumenical movement. He has written widely in theological periodicals, has edited numerous books on ecumenism, and has spoken on the subject to various groups throughout the world. He served for 14 years as associate director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Included in the DVD program is, first, a brief history of the ecumenical movement. Next, Brother Jeff explains the Catholic principles of ecumenism, which guide Catholics in working with other Christians. The Church calls for the formation of all Catholics in these ecumenical principles all the way from grade school to seminaries. It was Pope John Paul II who reminded us that, “at the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church committed herself irrevocably to following the path of the ecumenical venture” (*Ut Unum Sint*, 3).

The purpose of this DVD program is to give Catholics in our parishes a tool to use in learning about the importance of Christian unity and what they can do to help promote the prayer of Jesus for his Church. Those who are baptized in the name of Christ are, by that very act, called to commit themselves to the search for unity.

One important way to do help Catholics learn about Christian unity is by inviting parishioners to become parish ecumenical advocates. Parish ecumenical advocates

are designated by the pastor to assist him in communicating and coordinating local ecumenical activity. The desire to have parish ecumenical advocates appointed in each parish receives support from the Vatican *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism*. “A great task for the parish is to educate its members in the ecumenical spirit. This calls ... for a pastoral program which involves someone charged with promoting and planning ecumenical activity, working in close harmony with the parish priest” (67).

One of the tasks of a parish ecumenical advocate would be assisting the pastor in fostering a deeper ecumenical awareness among parishioners. Parish advocates also encourage and facilitate parish participation in local ecumenical activities. Advocates can serve their parish by representing the parish on local ecumenical organizations, for example the local ministerial association in their town or county. Ecumenical advocates pray daily “that they may all be one... so that the world may believe” (John 17:21) because private and public prayer for the unity of Christians is regarded by Vatican II as the soul of the ecumenical movement. Advocates are encouraged to deepen their knowledge of the ecumenical

movement in the Church. Parish ecumenical advocates are very important to the growth of ecumenical relations throughout the diocese and can be of great assistance to pastors in their ecumenical ministry.

Catholics who are interested in working for Christian unity are encouraged to consider becoming ecumenical advocates for their parishes. By our working together, may the unity Christ desires for his Church become more and more a reality.

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Montana Association of Churches Plants a Tree for Sister Eileen Hurley

by Father Jay H. Peterson, VG, Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, Montana



Bishop Jessica Crist, ELCA (background center left), and Rev. Dr. Ruth Fletcher, Disciples of Christ (closest to the tree), colleagues of Sister Hurley, spoke in her honor at the dedication.

During the fall assembly of the Montana Association of Churches (MAC) in Great Falls, Oct. 18–19, 2010, a tree was planted at the Ursuline Retreat Center in honor of Sister Eileen Hurley, SCL. Sister Eileen, who served as Director of the Office of Lay Ministry for the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, was instrumental in establishing and supporting MAC's Lay Ministry Institute. Given Montana's sparse population and the limited resources of all of MAC's judicatories, the Lay Ministry Institute was a vehicle to reach rural areas for ecumenical Christian formation and spiritual renewal.

Sister Eileen, who recently celebrated 50 years of religious life, now resides in Kansas, where she serves in leadership in her community, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth.





“One Lord, One Faith,
One Baptism.” Eph 4:5

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- To stimulate the exchange of ideas, experiences, and networking among the ecumenical officers of the dioceses in union with Rome.
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- To cooperate with the Bishop’s Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and other ecumenical and interreligious agencies.

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June 14–16, Loyola University, Baltimore, MD
- Orientale Lumen XV East, June 20–23
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