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MOBILE, AL: David Tokarz (djtokarz1950@gmail.com)

Our Savior parish in Mobile, AL had some special guests for First Sunday of Advent. At Sunday's 11:00 am Mass Fr David Tokarz welcomed a group of about 25 young people along with some adults—parents and ministers--from near-by Christ United Methodist Church. This was a 6th grade confirmation class, and they are attending various Christian denominations to have positive exposure. After the Mass, Fr David and they remained in the church for questions and answers. The quality of their questions was matched only by the degree of their attentiveness during the Eucharist. It was a wonderful experience, and they asked to be allowed to come back again next year with a new class. On Sunday evening Our Savior hosted "Festivals of Light," a presentation/discussion about Advent (and its wreath's four candles) and Chanukah (with its eight-branch candlestick). Led by Fr David Tokarz and Rabbi Steven Silberman from Ahavas Chesed synagogue, the evening included food drink, music and prayers and candles, talk, dialogue and great fellowship. About 80 people, Jews and Catholics (and at least one Greek Orthodox) enjoyed learning, listening, and sharing.

SAN DIEGO, CA: Dennis Mikulanis (denlmik@aol.com)

Approximately 700 Catholics, Lutherans and Episcopalians gathered in prayer at the Church of the Immaculata on the campus of the University of San Diego on October 29, 2017 to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. The service of Common Prayer was presided over by Bishop Robert McElroy of the Roman Catholic Diocese, Bishop Andy Taylor of the Pacifica Synod of the ELCA and Canon Nancy Holland of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego (which is *sede vacante* at this time). Each was presented with matching red stoles at the beginning of the service as a sign of reconciliation and commitment to mutual ministry in San Diego. The hour long service consisted of Scripture, Readings and hymns led by a combined ecumenical choir, and was followed by a social gathering on the plaza in front of the Immaculata. The movement toward Christian unity continues in the Diocese of San Diego with the annual Lutheran/Anglican/Roman Catholic Day of Dialogue, which will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the Roman Catholic Pastoral Center. The topic of this year's Day of Dialogue is "God Forms a People: A New Mosaic" which will focus on how the various cultures, past and present, compose and affect the body of the Church.

The Diocese is once again partnering with the Anti-Defamation League to present the "Bearing Witness" Program which helps the teachers in our Catholic Schools understand and present the Holocaust and its ramifications for today.

Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis, Vicar for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Diocese of San Diego, and Imam Taha Hassane, Director of the Islamic Center of San Diego, continue their outreach to Catholic Middle School students in our parochial schools on Catholic/Muslim relations.

The San Diego Regional Interfaith Collaborative was recently established to bring people of all faiths together in an effort to achieve greater understanding and cooperation in responding to issues that matter to our whole community. One of the main tasks of SDRIC is to advertise events of the San Diego religious community through its website, as well as holding a twice a year general gathering for all who are interested to come together and discuss topics and help formulate answers to the issues facing our community in general and greater interfaith cooperation in particular.

SAVANNAH, GA: Michael Kavanaugh (Frkavanaugh@spacsav.net.net)

In her opening remarks at an ecumenical prayer service in the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Savannah, Reverend Fleming Rutledge said, "There's a divine unity in the Church that we can't destroy because it's the Body of Christ whether we act like it or not." Reverend Rutledge, an American Episcopal priest, was the keynote speaker at the Commemorating the Reformation and Prayer for Unity service She spoke on the theme of the vine and the branches recorded in the Gospel of John 15:1-5 as proclaimed at the evening service Oct. 22. Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv., Bishop of Savannah, was joined by Bishop Emeritus Boland, H. Julian Gordy, Bishop of the Southeastern Synod for the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and other clergy from the Savannah area. Bishop Hartmayer said, "we built on our common belief in Christ while lamenting the divisions in the church."

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For its 2017 Catholic Press Awards program, the Catholic Press Association gave two awards to *Ecumenical Trends*, a publication of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement. *Ecumenical Trends* is a monthly (except August) journal that publishes articles on the ecumenical and interreligious movements. *Ecumenical Trends* reports on current trends and progress in these movements around the world. The article "The Prophetic Cry for Justice: A Pentecostal Response to the Racism of Mass Incarceration" by Peter Althouse was recognized as third prize for the Best Feature Article: Professional & Special Interest Magazine, Including Clergy & Religious. In addition, *Ecumenical Trends* received an Honorable Mention in the category

Magazine/Newsletter of the Year: Professional & Special Interest Magazine (Including Clergy & Religious). Judges commented about *Ecumenical Trends* "This publication presents 2-3 lengthy, academic or at least well-researched articles in an issue. There are no illustrations, and subheads, numbered sections, and clear-cut design guide readers through the pages. The effect is a serious publication that appears authoritative in its field." The Catholic Press Association received 2,688 submissions for the 2017 Catholic Press Awards program, in 338 categories.

BOSTON, MA: Tom Ryan, CSP (tomryan@paulist.org)

Koinonia, - participation, sharing, partnership, communion - a quarterly online journal of the Paulist Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Office, seeks to provide ongoing information, education, and practical resources. It is distributed electronically to Diocesan Ecumenical Officers in the U.S. and Canada, ecumenical and interfaith colleagues in other churches and religions, and anyone interested in the ongoing work for Christian unity and interreligious understanding. It's free, and to receive it, just e-mail Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP (address above), indicating that you would like to be put on the subscribers' list.

WASHINGTON, DC: Jim Gardiner, SA (jgardiner@atonementfriars.org)

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land will host Evening Prayer for Christian Unity to inaugurate the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Wed. Jan. 17th at 7:00 PM. Scranton Bishop Joseph Bambera, chair of the Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will preside and Rev. Jim Winkler, General Secretary and President of the National Council of Churches, will speak. Further information: Joe Weiss (jfweiss@ymail.com).

Churches in W. Montgomery County will gather for their 24th annual Christian Unity Service on Sun. Jan. 28th at 4:00 PM at the Shrine of St. Jude, Rockville, MD. Rev. Paul Lee, pastor, will preside; Rev. Jeff Jones, pastor of the North Bethesda United Methodist Church, will speak.

ST. LOUIS, MO: James Comminellis (jamescomminellis@archstl.org)

Meeting Our Neighbors: Ethical Society Visit. Join us Sun. Dec. 10 @ 10-12 **pm** for a visit with our Humanist neighbors as they explore the theme of "Wonder" at the Ethical Society of St. Louis, 9001 Clayton Rd. St. Louis, MO 63117.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Join Christians from around the region in prayer for unity and reconciliation Sun. Jan. 28 @ 7pm **at** St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church, 11910 Eddie and Park Road, Sunset Hills, MO 63126. Our preacher will be Rev. Rodrick Burton.

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