

Ecumenism

Working together as Christians of different Denominations.

Orthodox, Catholics, Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians....
being united as Christians



**‘Prayer
is the oxygen
of ecumenism’
(Pope Francis)**



Why do we need ECUMENISM?

- 'At the last supper, Jesus prayed [...] that they may all be one' (Jn 17:21).
- 'For us as Christians, walking together is not a ploy to strengthen our own positions, but an act of obedience to the Lord and love for our world' (Pope Francis)
- '[...] ecumenism, the path of unity of faith, of evangelical witness and authentic fraternity.' (Pope Benedict XVI)



Pope Leo XIV greets Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople.
Photo: Catholic News Service

Catholic Support on Ecumenism:

- Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity (1960)
- Unitatis redintegratio (1964)
- Ut unum sint (1995)



International Ecumenical Events

- World Day of Prayer (1st Friday of March)
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (New Zealand: Week before Pentecost)



Ecumenism in Parishes

- Combined Ash Wednesday Services
- Ecumenical Good Friday Walks
- Work together for Social Justice
- Ecumenical Services in Retirement Villages



What can we do?

- Reach out to members of other Christian churches.
- Join Ecumenical Events.

**‘There is one body
and one Spirit,
just as you were called
to the one hope of
your calling’. (Eph 4:4)**



‘May the Holy Spirit, who inspired the Council of Nicaea, and who continues to guide us all, deepen your fellowship this week, and awaken fresh hope for the unity which the Lord so ardently desires among his followers.

With these sentiments, I pray that the peace of Christ be with you all.’

LEO PP. XIV

Quote from his message to participants in the Ecumenical Week in Stockholm on the centenary of the 1925 Ecumenical Meeting, 22.08.2025