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Date: October 16, 2017

To: Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters, Principals, Parish and Chancery Staff

From: Paula Gwynn Grant, Director, Office of Communications

Re: 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation
Ecumenical Prayer Service

Catholics and Protestants in the U.S. are marking the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The Protestant Reformation traces back to when Martin Luther published a list of 95 grievances against the Catholic Church. Lutherans and Catholics today enjoy a growth in mutual understanding, cooperation, and respect. There is acknowledgement that more unites than divides us: above all, common faith in the Triune God and the revelation in Jesus Christ, as well as recognition of the basic truths of the doctrine of justification.

Please join Archbishop Wilton Gregory for an ecumenical prayer service, “**Common Prayer** - From Conflict to Communion Lutheran–Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017,” created by the Lutheran World Federation & the Pontifical Council for Promotion Christian Unity, on Tuesday, October 31, at 7:00 p.m. at The Cathedral of Christ the King, 2699 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30305. A reception will follow in Kenny Hall.

Please make plans to attend and bring friends and fellow parishioners.

This joint service will highlight the 50 years of continuous ecumenical dialogue between Catholics and Lutherans and the joint gifts of this collaboration. The Catholic-Lutheran commemoration of 500 years of the Reformation is structured around the themes of thanksgiving, repentance and commitment to common witness. The aim is to express the gifts of the Reformation and ask forgiveness for division perpetuated by Christians from the two traditions.

Learn more at <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/ecumenical/lutheran/index.cfm> and <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and->

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