PARTICIPATION IN PRAYER AND WORSHIP WITH SEPARATED CHRISTIANS

The building of unity among Christian believers is an essential mission of the Church. This work involves the whole Church, faithful and clergy alike, and always begins with a living appreciation for Catholic belief and experience.

I. ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICES

Catholic parishes are encouraged to sponsor and to participate in common services of prayer with other Christian Churches which may include preaching by duly-ordained clergy of those Churches.

II. PARTICIPATION BY CATHOLICS IN THE WORSHIP OF SEPARATED CHRISTIANS AND BY SEPARATED CHRISTIANS IN THE WORSHIP SERVICES OF CATHOLICS

The Ecumenical Directory Ad totam ecclesiam (S.P.U.C, 1967) #56 already provides for situations in which Catholics may read the scriptures or even preach at a non-Catholic worship service which is not the Lord's Supper or the principal service of the word. Similarly, non-Catholics are permitted this participation in the non-Eucharistic services of Catholics. Such provisions may have relevance for the celebration of e.g., weddings and even funerals.