

## **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.