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Representatives of the Catholic Church and the Anglican Church in North America Meet for Ecumenical Theological Exchange

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WASHINGTON – In October 2022, members, consultants, and staff of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs met with members of the Anglican Church in North America's (ACNA) Committee on Ecumenical Affairs in Chicago. The meeting marked the second theological exchange between the committees, and mutual affirmation by both organizations was expressed towards future meetings to explore ways to draw closer together and expand the Kingdom of God.

Following a time of fellowship and prayer, papers were presented for discussion on the Roman Catholic and Anglican understanding of the Episcopacy. The papers may be found <u>here</u>.

Presenting for the ACNA was Fr. Greg Peters, who teaches at Biola University as Professor of Medieval and Spiritual Theology in the Torrey Honors College. Fr. Peters is also a Visiting Scholar at the Von Hügel Institute, St Edmund's College in the University of Cambridge. Presenting for the USCCB was Fr. James Puglisi, SA who teaches at the Pontifical Athenaeum, San Anselmo, Rome, the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Institute of Ecumenical Studies, Venice and directs the Centro Pro Unione in Rome.

Participants at the meeting representing the ACNA included: The Rt. Rev. Eric Menees, The Rt. Rev. Clark Lowenfield, The Rev. Dr. Greg Peters, and The Rev. Dr. Hans Boersma. Participants at the meeting representing the USCCB included: The Most Rev. David P. Talley, The Most Rev. Alfred Schlert, The Most Rev. John-Michael Botean, The Most Rev. Richard Sklba, Rev. Donald Rooney, Rev. Walter F. Kedjierski, Rev. James Puglisi, SA, Dr. Anthony Cirelli, and Ms. Rebecca Cohen.

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