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CATHOLICS AND LUTHERANS TO COMMEMORATE REFORMATION

ST. LOUIS – The Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will host a joint commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with an ecumenical prayer service and panel discussion on October 29 and 30.

The ecumenical prayer service will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis (4431 Lindell) on Sunday, October 29, at 7 p.m. Bishop James Massa of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Bishop Emeritus Donald McCoid of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will preside over this joint commemoration.

On Monday, October 30, Bishops Massa and McCoid will also lead a panel discussion on ecumenical relations between Catholics and Lutherans at the Aquinas Institute of Theology (23 S. Spring Ave.) at 9:30 a.m.

In an invitation letter to local pastors, Archbishop Robert J. Carlson and Roger R. Gustafson, Bishop of the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, wrote: “Our most loving Lord calls us to remember God’s tremendous mercy. Only in that merciful light can we remember together our history and work to mend our divisions.”

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