

LOOKING BACK AT THE 500 YEARS OF REFORMATION: CHALLENGES FOR HARMONY AND UNITY

Organized by:

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Rationale: This forum will serve as the educational venue for the discussion of the issues that concern the different Christian groups, the differences and how to transcend from these. It will be a way of looking back to 500 years of Reformation and celebrating the 500 years of Christianity in our country. It will be an excellent venue for promoting understanding and cooperation among Christians

Objectives: The forum aims to achieve the following:

- 1) Understand various perspectives on matters pertaining to Baptism, Eucharist, Ministry, and Mixed Marriage based on doctrinal policies and canonical laws, specially on their limitations and boundaries.
- 2) Share experiences on ecumenical fellowships and celebrations;
- 3) Work together on platforms for Peace and Justice;
- 4) Identify and affirm areas of partnership and cooperation for harmonious relations.

Program Proper

Morning Session: 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 n.n.

- * Registration
- * Opening Prayer
- * Welcome Address
Prof. Lilian Sison, Ph.D.
- * Keynote Address
"The Road Towards Christian Unity"
Archbishop Antonio J. Ledesma, S.J.
- * Christian Appreciations, Limitations, and Looking Forward
(Baptism, Eucharist, Ministry, Mixed Marriage)
Rev. Fr. Luis Supan and Dr. Eli Fernandez/Timoteo Gener
- * Open Forum
- * Awarding

Afternoon Session: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

- * Sharing of Ecumenical Experiences
Rev. Fr. Carlos Reyes
- * Success Stories on Ecumenical Celebrations
Prof. Dr. Rommel F. Linatoc
- * PEACE ISSUES
A Testimony
Dr. Aldrin Penamora
- * Workshop on Common Worship Service
NCCP
- * Closing Ecumenical Celebration