

SETX religious leaders to gather in observance of first world peace meeting

In observance of the 25th anniversary of the first peace meeting in Assisi, Italy, with the religious leaders of the world, Bishop Curtis Guillory, SVD, has invited hundreds of area religious leaders to join him at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont, Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. for Pilgrims of Truth, Pilgrims of Peace, a time for reflection, dialogue and prayer for world peace and justice.

The event will take place the same day as the gathering in Assisi with Pope Benedict XVI and world religious leaders.

The original meeting 25 years ago was held by Pope John Paul II. The anniversary gathering will underline how important Blessed John Paul's gathering was for promoting dialogue and collaboration among religions, but it also will be a "reminder of what still remains to be done" to ensure true collaboration, respect and mutual support among peoples.

Among those expected to participate in the gathering:

- Archpriest Michael Pavez, Antiochian Orthodox
- Rabbi Joshua Taub, Jewish
- Imam Fahmee Al Ukdah, Islamic Community of the Triplex
- Abbot Bhante Kassapa Bhikkhu, Buddhist
- Reverend David Robinson, African CME
- Dr. Vijay Kusnoor, Hindu
- Reverend Sondra von Gyllenband, Unity Church

People of all faith communities are invited to join Bishop Curtis Guillory and the religious leaders for this important gathering.