

Ecumenical Socials

Hosting a social event between a parish and a nearby non-Catholic church in one of their halls is a good way to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



Examples of social events include:

1. A potluck
2. A dinner put on by one of the parish's community groups

This event might include some games to encourage people to meet people from the other community.

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1. "Get to Know You Bingo," in which a person gets a card that looks like a Bingo card with obscure personal facts. They have to walk around the hall, asking people things like "Were you over 20 the first time you rode an airplane?" or "Have you never been to a professional sporting event?" You might have a prize for the first card filled.
2. "Western NY trivia," in which people divide into teams of 4-6, mixed between communities, and answer obscure questions about the region in which they live, like "What sports team in Rochester did NFL quarterback Sammy Baugh play for?" (Answer: he was shortstop for the Red Wings).

If your event has food, say grace in a way that is acceptable to both denominations as a way of remembering that you are there as Christians.

For diocesan support in organizing an ecumenical social, I can be reached at Nicholas.Frega@dor.org or 585-328-3228 ext. 1287. My support can range from assistance in logistics in socials, to ideas for entertainment or prayer, to simply attending, or whatever other help you need.