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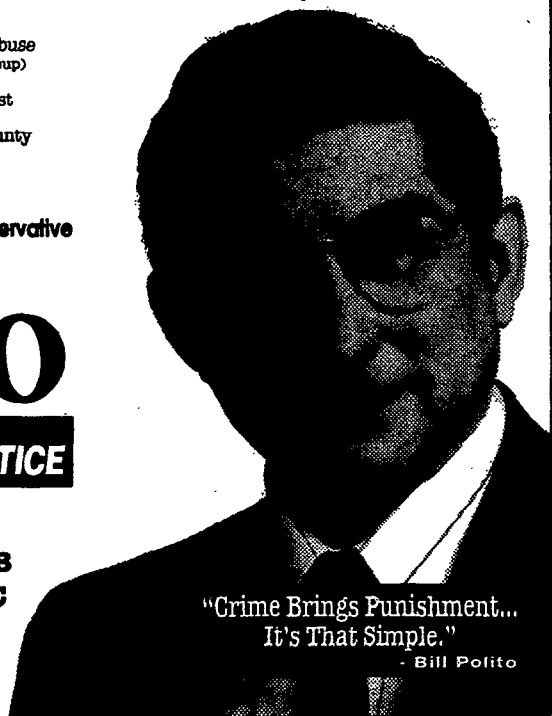
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Participants in the Catholic Common Ground Project listen as retired Bishop James Malone offers a prayer at the project's inaugural meeting in Chicago Oct. 24. From left is Michael Novak, Los Angeles Cardinal Roger M. Mahony, Msgr. Philip J. Murnion from the National Pastoral Life Center in New York, Chicago Cardinal Joseph Bernardin and Archbishop Oscar Lipscomb of Mobile, Ala.

Common Ground starts with Chicago gathering

By Heidi Schlumpf
Catholic News Service

CHICAGO — Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin said the aim of the Catholic Common Ground Project is to help U.S. Catholics rise above hardened party lines and find "renewal in the splendor of the truth revealed in the person of Jesus who is our Lord and savior."

The cardinal made the remarks in an inaugural address Oct. 24 for the project.

The cardinal announced the common ground effort in mid-August and soon afterward learned that he faces death from cancer within the next few months. In his address he said he is "even more committed than before" to the project.

"A dying person does not have time for the peripheral or the accidental," he told nearly 300 people gathered at Chicago's Sheraton Hilton and Towers.

"What is important, my friends," he added, "is that we find that unity with the Lord and within the community of faith for which Jesus prayed so fervently on the night before he died."

Earlier in the day the cardinal met with 22 of the other 24 members of the project's steering committee and named Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile, Ala., his eventual successor as chairman.

The project aims to promote dialogue among Catholics on issues facing the church, including the changing roles of women, the declining numbers of priests and nuns, and religious education for children.

In his address Cardinal Bernardin focused on the need to restore a spirit of civility, respect, dialogue and unity in the church as part of what it means to be Christian.

"To say it quite boldly, it is wrong to waste the precious gift of time given to us, as God's chosen servants, on acrimony and division," he said.

He said he hoped to pass on a gift given to him by the Second Vatican Council, his mentors and many committed Catholics he has worked with over the years: "a vision of the church that trusts in the power of the Spirit so much that it can risk authentic dialogue."

"I ask you ... to strengthen the common ground, to examine our situation with fresh eyes, open minds and changed hearts and to confront our challenges with honesty and imagination," he said.

He urged every Catholic to read the project's initial document, "Called to Be Catholic," and "discuss it in your families, your parishes, your schools. Make it the occasion for a serious examination of con-

science and not for further contention."

"Then I ask you to go a step further," he said. "Whether you are guided by this statement or similar principles, please decide how it might modify the conduct or the tone of whatever group efforts engage you in the church."

Cardinal Bernardin said some of the "misunderstandings" by critics of the Catholic Common Ground Project and its framework statement reflect the church's "current state of nervous anxiety."

"We need to be clear about the limits of this effort," he said. "Our aim is not to resolve all our differences or to establish a new ecclesial structure."

Instead, he said, the initiative offers a way to explore differences and disagreements — which are natural and have always existed in the church — in a common spirit and ethic of dialogue.

"It is a space of trust set within boundaries. It is a place of respect where we can explore our differences, assured in the understanding that neither is everything 'cut-and-dried' nor is everything 'up for grabs,'" he said.

He noted that some of the strongest criticisms of the initiative arose from anxiety that the exploration of differences could compromise the truth of Catholic doctrine or serve to legitimize dissent.

But he reaffirmed that the project's deliberations will be accountable to Scripture, tradition and church teaching. The goal of dialogue is not negotiation or compromise but understanding, he said.

"I want to make it clear that, in speaking of a 'common ground,' this project does not aim at the lowest common denominator," he said. "Nor when it speaks of dialogue does it imply compromise. Rather, in both instances its goal is the fullest possible understanding of and internalization of the truth."

He also pointed out that not all dissent is illegitimate. "The problem of dissent today is not so much the voicing of serious criticism but the popularity of dismissive, demagogic, 'cute' commentary ... (that assumes) church authorities to be generally ignorant, self-serving and narrow-minded," he said.

Archbishop Lipscomb said it would be difficult to follow in Cardinal Bernardin's footsteps, "but I have every confidence in the initiative he has undertaken."

Among committee members who gave short responses to the cardinal's address were Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles, Michael Novak of the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., and St. Joseph Sister Elizabeth A. Johnson of Fordham University in New York.

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