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The Parish of St James

Coorparoo

An Augustinian Parish:

member of Brisbane East Deanery.



Moderator's Musings

Greetings and Peace in Christ.

"From Conflict to Communion" is the title of the statement produced by the Lutheran -Roman Catholic Commission for Unity to mark the commemoration of the 500 years of Reformation. Archbishop Mark Coleridge concludes his reflection on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation using the last paragraph of this document, *"The beginnings of the Reformation will be rightly remembered when Lutherans and Catholics hear together the gospel of Jesus Christ and allow themselves to be called anew into communion with the Lord. Then they will be united in a common mission"* (From Conflict to Communion, 245).

'Reformation' is the key term that comes to the fore front these days when we commemorate the 500 years of the event. The heart of the reformation is supposed to lead us to a 'true religion' or a true religious experience. Reformation or renewal is not done once and for all. It has to take place at all times, in all places and in all hearts. To be able to read the signs of the time in the light of the Gospel and bring transformation to the world and society for greater union and true worship.

German Catholic priest Martin Luther was an Augustinian Monk when he published his 95 theses in 1517, marking the beginning of what would become the Protestant Reformation. He would have dreamt of a Church reformed and renewed in its spirit and commitment to the Gospel Values. But, we are all aware how the events took a negative turn, which eventually divided the church rather than refining or uniting. Archbishop Mark Coleridge, quoting the current Prior General of the Augustinian Order, Fr Alejandro Moral OSA, who visited our parish in April, mentioned the positive outcome of the Reformation as, "the revalorization of the individual, reaffirmed confidence in God, the centrality of Scripture, bringing the liturgy closer to the people, a healthy secularity and the need for reform understood as a return to the essentials".

How to be a Christian in this modern world, how to understand and interpret the changing moral scenario of the present world in the light of the Gospel, and how to impart the light of Christ into peoples' life in the moral and religious chaos, which is a reality of the present world should be the heart of the reformation that we are hoping for. May the Holy Spirit, who is the source of all formation and reformation, guide us and unite us and make us one in heart and mind.

Please find the document "From Conflict to Communion" in the following link
<https://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/From%20Conflict%20to%20Communion.pdf>.

Peace and Joy
Fr. Jaison OSA.