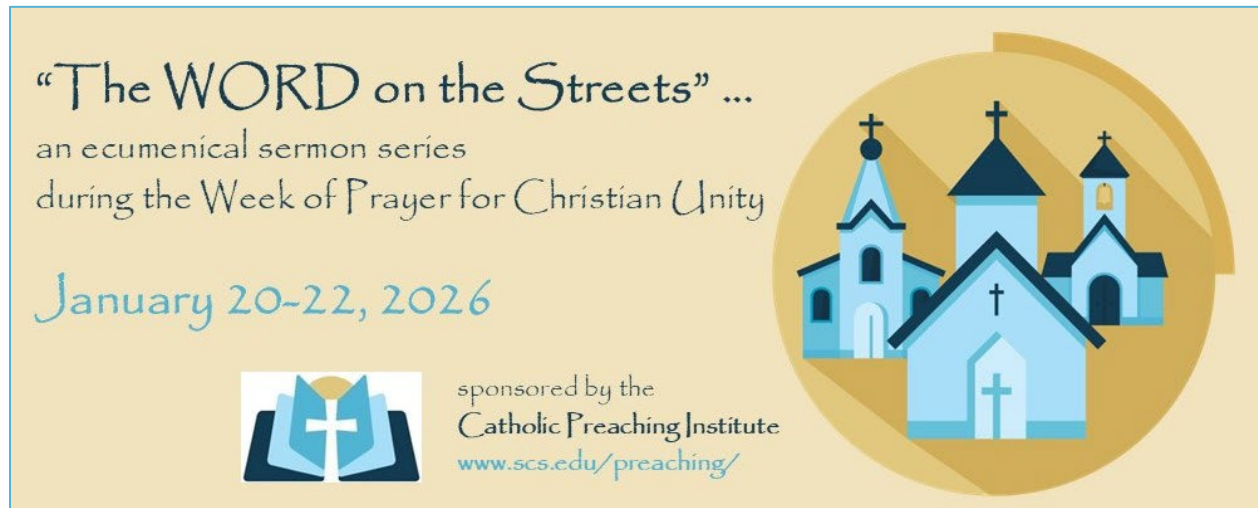


PROSPECTUS

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THE IDEA:

The [Catholic Preaching Institute](#) (CPI) at **Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary** introduces an ecumenical series seeking to draw people of faith together with inspiration for Christian discipleship that will radiate throughout the neighborhood.

In the course of three evening prayer services, clergy from different Christian denominations will share the pulpit in nearby churches ... thus bringing the WORD onto the streets of the local neighborhood.

The focus of the sermon series will be a biblical text chosen for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and/or a topic of contemporary social concern to the local congregations.

THE PLAN:

The **scheduling** of the series will be on three consecutive evenings, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:00 p.m., during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity each year. Local faith leaders will discuss and determine together the schedule of hosting and preaching.

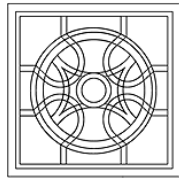
The **location** for events in this series will vary each year. The tentative plan is to center the worship in different areas of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, specifically within the city limits ([map of region IV of the archdiocese](#)).

- January 20-22, 2026 ... in the Northwest Philadelphia deanery
- January 19-21, 2027 ... in the Philadelphia South & East deanery
- January 18-20, 2028 ... in the Philadelphia West & Central deanery

For the inaugural series, these three churches in **Chestnut Hill** will be invited to participate:



REV. JOHN FISHER, O.S.F.S., Pastor



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

REV. ELLEN WILLIAMS HENSLE, Senior Minister & Head of Staff



REV. ERIC P. HUNGERFORD, Rector

The evening **prayer service** will follow the same order of worship in each church. Elements will be drawn from the resources provided by the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity ([PDF link](#)) and modified for local use to include the following:

- invocation
- hymn
- prayer
- Scripture reading
- SERMON
- litany
- prayer
- profession of faith
- intercessory prayers
- the Lord's prayer
- sign of peace
- hymn

The **host church** each evening is responsible for:

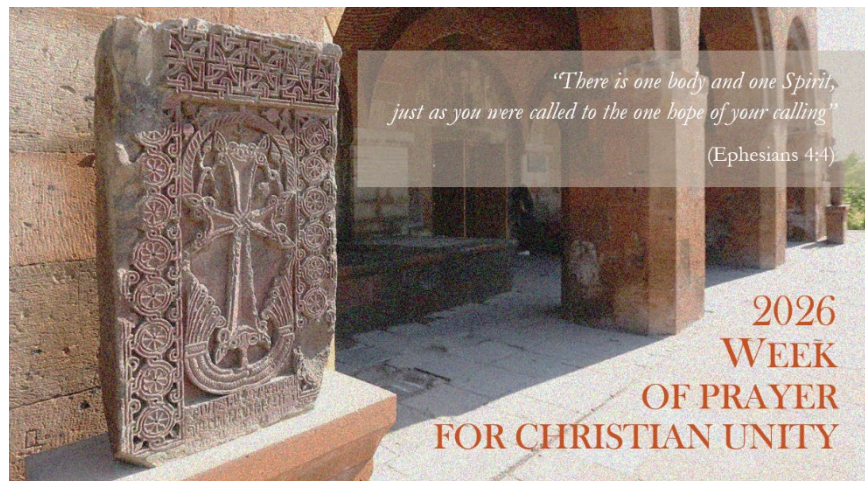
- leading the worship service (with prayer texts to be provided)
- selecting and leading the hymns (i.e., with a cantor and/or choir)
- providing worship aids for the assembly (i.e., printed programs and/or hymnals)
- arranging for a video recording of the service (to be shared with CPI).

The **preacher** each evening will be the ministerial leader of one of the two participating churches that is not hosting the service, or another clergy member from that faith tradition designated by the ministerial leader.

So, by way of example ...

Tuesday, January 20	hosted at St. Paul's Episcopal Church	Rev. Hensle preaches
Wednesday, January 21	hosted at Presbyterian Church of CH	Rev. Fisher preaches
Thursday, January 22	hosted at Our Mother of Consolation	Rev. Hungerford preaches

The primary **focus of the sermon** each evening will be the biblical text chosen for the year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. For 2026, the biblical focus draws from [Ephesians 4:1-6](#). Depending on circumstances, CPI may also suggest as a secondary focus some issue of contemporary local, regional, or national concern.



In terms of **advertising** the series, all three churches will promote the evening events to their congregations through their usual means of communication. CPI will promote the series throughout the region by way of print and digital media. CPI will also maintain a digital archive of the events.

REMUNERATION:

- CPI will pay a \$1,000 stipend to each of the host churches.
- CPI will offer a \$300 honorarium to each of the preachers.
- As it normally does, each host church will assume the various expenses associated with hosting an event on its campus / in its facilities (e.g., utilities, insurance, etc.).
