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Oct. 31 Five Ways-E-mail.

Regarding the two events presented in our last bulletin, Sept. 26, 2017, Kairos in Kansas City, MO, from Oct. 24-26, and US Catholic Mission Association (USCMA) in San Antonio, TX, from Oct. 27-30, both seem to have been successful.

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, TX, gave one of the two keynote addresses at the Kairos meeting. Fr. Greg Gallagher, OMI, president of USCMA, attended that meeting. Both websites give more details. Many thanks for your prayers.

During November, Lutherans and Catholics are holding more prayer services together. Luther sent his famous 95 theses to his archbishop on Oct.31,1517, so the 500th anniversary year is just beginning. All of last year's events, especially Pope Francis' visit to Sweden, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2016, were a preparation for this year.

During this past year, the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches joined with Lutherans, Methodists and Roman Catholics in an important document on Justification. In an inspiring joint statement released today, Oct. 31, by the Lutheran World Federation and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, it was noted that "this very day," the Anglican Communion (Episcopalian in the USA) is "welcoming and receiving" the statement in a solemn ceremony at Westminster Abbey.

For more on our Lutheran-RC convergence, and how it is positively affecting all our missionary efforts, see the several items on the home page of the Mission-Unity-Dialogue website, as far down as "For Earlier Developments" (www.harrywinter.org).