



“Spiritual Ecumenism: The Soul of the Ecumenical Movement”

**Friday and Saturday,
November 22-23, 2019**

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Virginia Beach, Virginia**

**Father James Loughran, SA
Presenter**

This is the perfect opportunity for local LARCUM clergy groups to come together and renew this worldwide tradition of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in your local community. Please invite members in your local clergy groups to join us!



**VIRGINIA
LARCUM
CONFERENCE**

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welcome

to Virginia Beach, Virginia

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Reverend Peter Weaver
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register

Please register as soon as possible with the registrar AND make arrangements at the hotel of your choice (below).

Regular conference fee: **\$35.**
Student rate **no charge**

AGAIN THIS YEAR:

You can register on line at virginalarcum.org

Invite your friends to the conference on behalf of the Virginia LARCUM Committee! Thanks.

**Please send all correspondence to Registrar
before November 8, 2019:**

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lodging

Included here are a few of the many nearby hotels on the beach:

Holiday Inn Va Beach - Oceanside
2101 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach 23451
(757) 491-1500
\$123/night, free wifi

**Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
Virginia Beach Oceanfront**
1901 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach 23451
(757) 422-4885
\$159/night, free wifi, free breakfast

**Country Inn & Suites by Radisson
Virginia Beach Oceanfront**
1801 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach 23451
(757) 437-9100
\$75/night, free wifi, free breakfast

schedule

**November 22, 2019
FRIDAY Evening**

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

6:00pm

Reception, Registration opens

6:30pm

Orientation for new attendees

7:00–8:00pm

Session One

**“Spiritual Ecumenism as Realized
in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity”**

*Rev. James Loughran, SA
Introduction, Rev. Don Rooney*

This talk will focus on the development of what is now called the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with its roots in the Anglican Communion at Graymoor in 1909 and further developments by Fr. Paul Couturier in France, with the eventual merging of the two streams after Vatican II and the present Working Group. Something will also be said as to its purpose and its promotion throughout the years.

8:00pm

WORSHIP OF THE GREAT ASSEMBLY

An ecumenical prayer service for the community of Scripture, prayer, song and common intercession for the unity of all Christians.

November 23, 2019

SATURDAY Morning

(at Holy Spirit Catholic Church)

8:00am

MORNING PRAYER

8:30am

Breakfast and Discussion

REGISTRATION FOR NEW ARRIVALS

9:15am

Session Two

**“Spiritual Ecumenism: Challenges to the
Modern Day Movement of Prayer”**

This talk will present some questions for modern day observants of the Week of Prayer and other times of prayer throughout the year for Christian Unity. It will be interactive.

10:15–10:45am

**Discussion and planning by local groups for
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebrations**

11am–12pm

Session Three

**“They Showed Unusual Kindness:
The Theme for 2020”**

This talk will focus on promoting the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25, 2020. The social justice issues about migrants and refugees will be raised as well as the necessity of prayer for Christian Unity. Practical examples of what can be done is the observance of the Week will be given.

12–12:30pm

Questions and Answers

12:30pm

CLOSING DEVOTIONS

followed by Box Lunch - Eat in or carry out

Please be sure to indicate on the registration form if you wish to order lunch.

covenant

speaker

The unity of the church is the gift of the Spirit and a task of the church. We hereby CALL INTO COVENANT our respective Synods, Dioceses and Conferences and COMMIT OURSELVES to the following actions. In behalf of the unity of the church, WE WILL:

1. pray for each other, particularly at the principal Sunday celebration;
2. sponsor seasonal prayer services, especially during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity;
3. encourage shared lectionary studies;
4. promote pulpit exchanges in accord with the respective guidelines of each tradition;
5. encourage cooperation among member churches in providing premarital preparation for ecumenical marriages;
6. encourage shared religious formational and educational events, e.g. youth ministry, vacation Bible school, living room dialogue;
7. develop joint efforts in evangelism and social justice;
8. develop covenants among our congregations, institutions and chaplaincies;
9. support statewide, regional and local LARCUM Conferences, and establish annually a joint meeting of our ecumenical bodies;
10. encourage each diocese and synod to develop supportive prayer services and covenanting models for its congregations through their respective ecumenical and liturgical committees;
11. urge congregations to study the existing dialogues among our churches;
12. develop covenants among schools and academies for shared programs;
13. ask congregations to develop and reflect on their cooperative ministries to discover areas of convergence among our four churches;
14. sponsor shared retreats and formational events for clergy and parish leadership;
15. develop campus ministry covenants among Catholic Campus Ministry, Canterbury Association, Lutheran Student Union, and Wesley Foundation, and support covenants at existing ecumenical ministries and with college chaplains;
16. seek ways to coordinate program and planning at the district/synodical/diocesan/conference level;
17. collaborate at the judicatory level on justice issues and social concerns;
18. review and evaluate this Covenant annually at a meeting of the state LARCUM Committee representatives with Bishops;
19. establish goals annually which advance this Covenant;
20. celebrate the renewal of this Covenant annually at the statewide LARCUM conference.

May the Holy Spirit, who has brought us to this moment of covenanting, bring us to ever deepening levels of unity. To this end we affix our names and recommend it to our respective judicatories, this 1st day of December, 2006.

Father James Loughran, SA

Father James Loughran, SA, is a Franciscan Friar



of the Atonement. Since 2002, he has been Director of Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute, a ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement located at the Interchurch Center in New York City and also at Graymoor, the motherhouse of the Friars in Garrison, New York. GEII publishes the monthly journal *Ecumenical Trends*

and produces materials each year for the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25). Father Loughran is editor of *Ecumenical Trends*.

Previous to directing GEII, Father Loughran was Director of the Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Archdiocese of New York, from 1994–2002. During that period he headed up local bilateral dialogues between Catholics, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Jews and Muslims.

Hailing originally from Lowell, MA, Father Loughran professed his vows as a Franciscan Friar of the Atonement in 1983. Upon completion of his Master of Divinity at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in 1989 he was ordained to the priesthood. He first served the Friars' parishes in St. Catherine's, Jamaica and in Sterling, VA before taking up the ecumenical post in New York in 1994.

Father Loughran has served on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops dialogue with the National Council of Synagogues and on the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches. He invests his time in the ecumenical and interreligious movements by being part of the faculty of a summer course on ecumenism every year at the Centro Pro Unione in Rome and by lecturing to catechists in the Archdiocese of New York as well as speaking at parishes and non Catholic Christian congregations. He also speaks at events during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.