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What are these leaflets for?

Christians have come a long way in growing closer together over the last forty and more years, but there is still a long way to go on that pilgrim journey.

The Catholic Church is committed to working for full unity, and we each have our part to play in that work.

Much already happens in parishes across England and Wales, and there is plenty of good practice to share with each other.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference Committee for Christian Unity offers these seven leaflets as a small contribution to moving us forward on the path to Christian unity.

As one leaflet asks, can we 'nudge forward' the unity of Christians in our local area? Perhaps our parish can take up just one or two new ideas each year?

The first leaflet is a reminder of why ecumenism must be so important for all Christians: it is the prayer and will of Jesus himself that we all be completely one.

We suggest that each parish looks at what already happens locally (the 'audit' in the second leaflet).

The next four leaflets give thoughts on four areas of Christian life (Prayer & Worship; Exploring Belief; Mission; Working for the Common Good), with ideas for how we can do these things together as Christians. The final leaflet offers some resources.

'Together' is a key word throughout these leaflets. Our being 'Together in Christ' lies at the heart of being a Christian; our unity with each other is crucial for our mission.

Thank you for all that your parish already does for the unity of Christians – through prayer and action – and for all that you will do together in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rt Rev Michael Evans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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