

- 1910 Edinburgh Missionary Conference, under chairmanship of John Mott (1865-1955).
- 1920 - 7th Lambeth Conference: 'Appeal to all Christian People' for reunion, sent to world Christian leaders.
- Encyclical of the Ecumenical Patriarch: 'Unto the Churches of Christ everywhere'.
- 1921,23,25 Malines Conversations between Anglicans and Roman Catholics (inc. Card. Mercier & Lord Halifax)
- 1925 First world conference on Life and Work, at Stockholm
- 1927 First world conference on Faith and Order, at Lausanne.
- 1928 Pope Pius XI, encyclical letter, *Mortalium animos*: Catholics not to participate in reunion movements
- 1936 Paul Couturier (1881-1953): first Week of Universal Prayer for the Unity of Christians, replacing the Church Unity Octave started in 1908 by Paul Wattson and Spencer Jones.
- 1937 - Yves Congar (1904-1995), *Chrétiens Désunis*; first volume in new series, 'Unam Sanctam'.
- Decision to unite 'Life and Work' and 'Faith and Order' to form the World Council of Churches.
- 1943 Pope Pius XII, encyclical letter, *Mystici Corporis*: mystical body is the Roman Catholic Church.
- 1948 Foundation of the World Council of Churches (WCC), Amsterdam Conference.
- 1949 Vatican instruction, *Ecclesia Catholica*, positive attitude to ecumenical movement.
- 1950 WCC Toronto Statement, *The Church, the Churches and the World Council of Churches*.
- 1959 - Jan. 25, end of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Pope John XXIII announced forthcoming Council.
- Jan. 30, Pope John to clergy of Rome on the coming Council and Church unity: 'We do not intend to set up a tribunal to judge the past. We do not want to prove who was right and who was wrong. Responsibility was divided. All we want to say is: "Let us come together. Let us make an end of our divisions."
- Feb. 1, Pope John: 'The faults from which we Catholics are not, alas, free, lie in our not having prayed enough to God to smooth the ways that converge on Christ's Church; in not having felt charity to the full; in not having always practised it toward our separated brethren, preferring the rigour of learned, logical, incontrovertible arguments to forbearing and patient love, which has its own compelling power of persuasion; in having preferred the philosophical rigidity of the lecture room to the friendly serenity of the *Controversies* of St Francis de Sales.'
- 1960 - Pentecost, Pope John XXIII established a Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity; President, Cardinal Augustine Bea; Secretary, Mons. Jan Willebrands. Separated brethren to be invited to send observers to the Council. The observers were prominently placed in the Council sessions.
- December, visit of Archbishop Fisher (Canterbury) to Pope John.
- 1961 Official Catholic observers present at assembly of the WCC (in New Delhi) for the first time.
- 1961,63,64 Pan-Orthodox Conferences at Rhodes, decision to suggest dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church 'on an equal level'.
- 1962-65 Vatican II
Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (21 Nov 1964), *Lumen Gentium* (LG):
- The sole Church of Christ, one, holy, catholic and apostolic, 'subsists in the Catholic Church' (LG 8)
Decree on Ecumenism (21 Nov 1964), *Unitatis Redintegratio* (UR):
- 'The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only....' (UR 1).
- Two approving references to WCC (UR 1,20).
- 'The sacred Council exhorts ... all the Catholic faithful to recognise the signs of the times and to take an active and intelligent part in the work of ecumenism' (UR 4).
- Catholics should meet 'our separated brethren' for theological dialogue 'on an equal footing' (UR 9).
Decree on the Catholic Eastern Churches (21 Nov 1964), *Orientalium Ecclesiarum* (OE)
- 'All these legal arrangements are made in view of present conditions, until such time as the Catholic Church and the separated Eastern Churches unite together in the fulness of communion' (OE 30).
- Cardinal Bea: 'I should like to say that we Catholics must recognise with sincere gratitude that it is our separated brethren, Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant, who gave the first impulse to the modern unitive movement, and that we have learned much from them, and can still learn more.'
- 1964 5 January: Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras meet in Jerusalem.
- 1965 7 December: Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches nullify mutual anathemas dating from 1054.
- 1966 Archbishop Michael Ramsey visits Pope Paul VI. Anglican-Catholic dialogue formally initiated.
- 1967 - July, Pope Paul VI visits Patriarch Athenagoras in Constantinople (Istanbul).
- October, Patriarch Athenagoras visits Pope Paul VI in Rome.
- First meeting of Joint Commission between the Roman Catholic Church and the World Methodist Council (**RCC/WMC**), Ariccia.
- 1968 - Full Roman Catholic membership of the Faith and Order Commission of the WCC.
- Anglican-Roman Catholic Joint Preparatory Commission, *Malta Report*.
- 1970 First meeting of **ARCIC** (Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission).
- 1971 - ARCIC Statement: *Eucharistic Doctrine*.
- Denver Report of RCC/WMC, 1967-71.
- 1973 ARCIC: *Ministry and Ordination*.
- 1975 - Pope Paul VI kneels to kiss the feet of the delegate of the Ecumenical Patriarch in Rome.
- Announcement of Catholic and Orthodox commissions to prepare for theological dialogue.

- 1976 - ARCIC: *Authority in the Church I*.
 - Dublin Report of RCC/WMC, 1972-75.
 - Anglican-Orthodox Joint Doctrinal Commission (**A/O**), *Moscow Agreed Statement*.
- 1979 Pope John Paul II visits Patriarch Dimitrios I in Constantinople. Establishment of the Joint Commission for Theological Dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church (**C/O**).
 C/O *Plan to Set Underway the Theological Dialogue*.
- 1980 - ARCIC: *Authority in the Church II*.
 - Honolulu Report of RCC/WMC: *Toward an Agreed Statement on the Holy Spirit*.
- 1982 - ARCIC: *Final Report*.
 - WCC, Faith and Order Commission: Lima Report on *Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry*.
 - C/O Statement (Munich): *The Mystery of the Church and of the Eucharist in the Light of the Mystery of the Holy Trinity*
 - Pope John Paul II meets Archbishop Runcie at Canterbury; **ARCIC II** established.
- 1984 *A/O, Dublin Agreed Statement*
- 1986 - ARCIC II Statement: *Salvation and the Church*.
 - RCC/WMC Nairobi Report: *Towards A Statement On the Church*.
- 1987 - Visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I to Pope John Paul II in Rome.
 - C/O Statement (Bari): *Faith, Sacraments and the Unity of the Church*.
- 1988 C/O Statement (Valamo): *The Sacramental Structure of the Church*.
- 1990 - ARCIC II Statement: *Church as Communion*.
 - Council of Churches of Britain and Ireland (CCBI) formed, incl. Churches Together in England (CTE).
- 1991 RCC/WMC Singapore Report: *The Apostolic Tradition*.
- 1993 - Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (PCPCU), *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism* ('The Ecumenical Directory')
 - C/O Statement (Balamand): *Uniatism, Former Method of Union, and the Present Search for Full Communion*.
- 1994 Ascension, ARCIC II Statement: *Life in Christ. Communion, Morals & the Church*.
- 1995 - Pope John Paul II, Encyclical Letter: *Ut Unum Sint*, On Commitment to Ecumenism.
 'At the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church committed herself *irrevocably* to following the path of the ecumenical venture' (n.3). 'Dialogue is not simply an exchange of ideas. In some way it is always an "exchange of gifts"' (n.28). 'Full unity will come about when all share in the fullness of the means of salvation entrusted by Christ to his Church' (n.86). Desire for dialogue on primacy of Bishop of Rome so as to find how it might accomplish 'a service of love recognised by all concerned' (nn.95-96).
 - Visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to Pope John Paul II in Rome.
- 1996 RCC/WMC Rio de Janeiro Report: *The Word of Life*.
- 1999 - ARCIC II Statement: *The Gift of Authority*
 - Lutheran World Federation & Catholic Church, *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification* (JDDJ)
- 2000 - Meeting of Anglican & Catholic bishops from 13 countries at Mississauga, Canada
 - C/O plenary meeting in Baltimore, USA.
- 2001 - International Anglican Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission (**IARCCUM**) established.
 - RCC/WMC, Brighton Report: *Speaking the Truth in Love*.
 - Pope John Paul II, visit to Athens, 'deep regret' for 'disastrous' and 'tragic' sack of Constantinople in 1204
- 2004 - ARCIC II Statement: *Mary. Grace and Hope in Christ*
 - (June & Nov.) Visits of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to Rome; return of relics to Constantinople
- 2006 - RCC/WMC Seoul Report: *The Grace Given You in Christ*
 - C/O international dialogue resumed, plenary meeting in Belgrade, Serbia.
 - Visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in Constantinople
- 2007 - International Commission for Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue, *The Church of the Triune God*
 - IARCCUM, Agreed Statement, *Growing Together in Unity and Mission*
 - C/O Statement (Ravenna): *Ecclesiological and Canonical Consequences of the Sacramental Nature of the Church. Ecclesial Communion, Conciliarity and Authority*.
- 2010 North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation: *Steps Towards a Reunited Church*
- 2011 RCC/WMC Durban Report: *Encountering Christ the Saviour*
- 2013 - 19 March: Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew attends inauguration of Pope Francis in Rome
 - WCC, Faith and Order Commission: *The Church: Towards a Common Vision*
- 2014 Pope Francis & Ec.Patriarch Bartholomew meet in Jerusalem (May) and Constantinople (November).
- 2016 - Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church (Crete).
 - C/O Statement (Chieti): *Synodality and Primacy During the First Millennium: Towards a Common Understanding in Service to the Unity of the Church*
- 2018 **ARCIC III** Statement: *Walking Together on the Way*

Documents: A large amount of documentation is available on the Vatican website, at: <http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en/dialoghi.html> (see under different headings). See also USCCB website, <https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs> (click 'Ecumenical Initiatives'), for North American texts.