MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV
ON THE CENTENARY OF THE 1925 ECUMENICAL MEETING

Continued From Last Week

While the Catholic Church was not represented at that first gathering, I can affirm, with humility and joy, that we stand with you today as fellow disciples of Christ, recognizing that what unites us is far greater than what divides us.

Since the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church has wholeheartedly embraced the ecumenical path. Indeed, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, the Council's decree on ecumenism, called us to dialogue in humble and loving fraternity, grounded in our common baptism and our shared mission in the world. We believe that the unity Christ wills for his Church must be visible, and that such unity grows through theological dialogue, common worship where possible, and shared witness in the face of humanity's suffering. This call to shared witness finds powerful expression in the theme chosen for this Ecumenical Week: "Time for God's peace."

This message could not be more timely. Our world bears the deep scars of conflict, inequality, environmental degradation and a growing sense of spiritual disconnection. Yet amid these challenges, we recall that peace is not merely a human achievement, but a sign of the Lord's presence with us. This is both a promise and a task, for the followers of Christ are summoned to become artisans of reconciliation: to confront division with courage, indifference with compassion, and to bring healing where there has been hurt.