



Earlier this month, I participated in a gathering in Rome, sponsored by the John 17 Movement. This movement was birthed on two continents over the past several years, as those in Italy and the US bridged the gaps between Christians who identified as Roman Catholic, Evangelical and Pentecostal.

John 17 is due to the work of Gary Kinnaman and his efforts to bridge across denominational and theological boundaries. John 17 is committed to building relationships among Christian leaders so that Jesus Prayer might be fulfilled: “Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one.” (John 17:11b) Over the past few years, Pope Francis has taken an active interest in this movement, both in Italy and in the U. S., sending letters of affirmation and support, while also receiving us at the Vatican for an audience with him.

This year, we had about 2.5 hours with him, exploring the roots of unity and the appropriate actions that might advance our common work for the sake of Christ. I have shared some of the photos from my trip and you can find them in the middle of the Bishop's Corner Page of the Diocese of Western Anglicans Website (westernanglicans.org/bishops-corner)