

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace...(Lk.2:14)

ADVENT VESPERS

REFLECTING ON THE “MUSLIM INITIATIVE”

December 2nd

SISTER ANNE TAHANEY, OP

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December 9th

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December 16th

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December 23rd

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SUNDAYS AT 4:00 PM

Little Flower Chapel

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BACKGROUND

Toward the close of Ramadan, 138 senior Muslim leaders from around the world sent a letter to Pope Benedict XVI and other leaders of Christian communities highlighting two theological similarities found in both the Quran and the New Testament – belief in one God and love of neighbor – and proposing theological dialog that could find common ground.

“Finding common ground between Muslims and Christians is not simply a polite ecumenical dialogue between selected religious leaders,” the Muslim leaders wrote. Christians and Muslims “make up more than 55 percent of the world’s population, making the relationship between these two religious communities the most important factor in contributing to meaningful peace around the world.”

“If Muslims and Christians are not at peace, the world cannot be at peace.”

NOTE: The full text of “A Common Word between Us and You” can be found at www.acommonword.com.