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LIBERTY, MO. -- Anglican and Roman Catholic Bishops joined together for three days of prayer at Immacolata Retreat House (here) May 25-27.

The retreat was under the cosponsorship of the Committee for Ecumenism of the Episcopal Church and the Catholic Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

Dr. Massey Shepherd of the Theological Union, Berkeley, California, and Father Herbert Ryan, S.J., of Woodstock College, New York, were the two retreat masters.

Earlier this month, the Joint Commission on Anglican-Roman Catholic Relations (ARC) -- an official theological study group which has held discussions for the past five years -- released a statement declaring it saw no theological reason why the two churches could not eventually achieve "full communion and organic union."

The statement, which represented only the views of the ARC group, also recommended practical forms of cooperation between Anglicans and Roman Catholics, including joint meetings of bishops, joint clergy conferences and joint social action. At the time of the ARC statement was released -- at a New York news conference May 4 -- it was also announced that the Anglican-Catholic bishops' retreat just completed here would take place.

The following Anglican and Catholic bishops attended the retreat:

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Anglicans:

Rt. Rev. Donald H. V. Hallock, Bishop of Milwaukee;
Rt. Rev. Edward R. Welles, Bishop of West Missouri; Rt. Rev. John M. Allin,
Bishop of Mississippi; Rt. Rev. Albert Stuart, Bishop of Georgia;
Rt. Rev. Edward Turner, Bishop of Kansas; Rt. Rev. William Davidson,
Bishop of Western Kansas; Rt. Rev. William Wright, Bishop of Nevada;
Rt. Rev. James Montgomery, Co-Adjutor Bishop of Chicago; Rt. Rev. Frederick
Wolf, Bishop of Maine; Rt. Rev. Christoph Keller, Co-Adjutor Bishop of
Arkansas; Rt. Rev. William Lickfield, Bishop of Quincy, Illinois.

Catholics:

Most Rev. Charles Helmsing, Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph,
Mo.; Most Rev. Leo C. Byrne, Coadjutor Archbishop of St. Paul-Minneapolis;
Most Rev. Ignatius Strecker, Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas; Most
Rev. William Baum, Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Most Rev.
Joseph Brunini, Bishop of Natchez-Jackson, Miss.; Most Rev. Marion Forst,
Bishop of Dodge City, Kansas; Most Rev. Thomas Grady, Auxiliary Bishop
of Chicago; Most Rev. Joseph Green, Bishop of Reno, Nev.; Most Rev.
Joseph Sullivan, Auxiliary Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo.; Most
Rev. Aloysius Wycislo, Bishop of Green Bay, Wis.

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