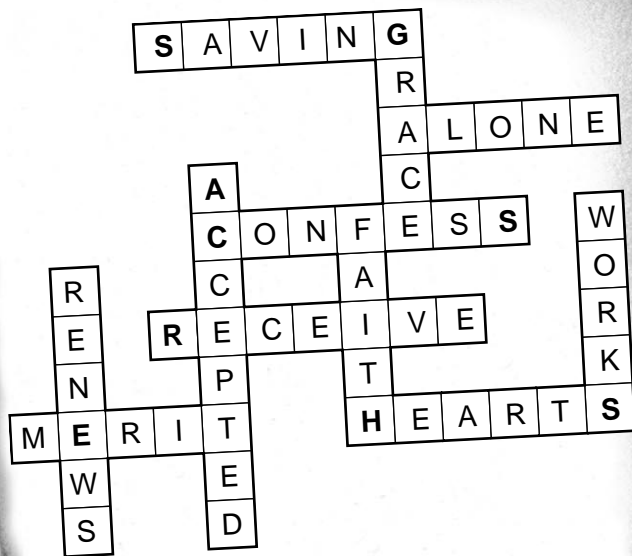


Joint Declaration of Faith

The Catholic Church is always reforming and renewing itself. In 1999, Catholic and Lutheran Churches came to an agreement about justification by faith. The two faith bodies now share the same basic understanding.



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Parents and Catechists: This joint statement reveals the work of the Holy Spirit leading the Catholic Church to renew itself. As two Christian denominations, Catholics and Lutherans now accept another tenant of faith in common. This action is important to everyday Catholics because it helps us better understand how we relate to Jesus Christ.

“Together we confess: by **grace alone**, in **faith** in Christ’s **saving** work, and not because of any **merit** on our part, we are **accepted** by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who **renews** our hearts while **equipping** and calling us to **good works**.”

Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification,
October 31, 1999