



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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**Greetings From the Vatican**  
**ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Weekly Video Message**  
**June 25, 2021**

Greetings from an island inside the Vatican. Actually, we're on Italian soil here. But it's a wonderful, beautiful community, founded for German travelers and founded on the grounds where people were martyred in 67 A.D.

I'm here because the Lutheran World Federation is having conversations with the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, and we also just had an audience with His Holiness, Francis the First.

For those of us at home, I think we don't always realize how large the Lutheran family is. But we gather from all over the world. Every continent except for Antarctica is represented in the Lutheran World Federation, and we have a chance to broaden our witness as Lutherans, including working with ecumenical dialogues with the Roman Catholic Church as well as others. We've been received here very well. It's a beautiful spot, as you can see.

So, when you're in your parish church, remember, you're part of a very large Lutheran family and an even larger Christian family.

Be well, dear church.