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**Luminosa Award for Unity 2014**  
*awarded to Rev. John H. Armstrong*

**Conference on “Dialogue and Communion:  
How can we bear witness to the New Commandment?”**

Panel discussion on **Saturday, June 21** afternoon  
Award celebration on **Sunday, June 22** morning  
at **Mariapolis Luminosa**, Hyde Park, NY

The Luminosa Award recognizes since 1988 persons or associations who have given a significant contribution to building bridges of mutual understanding and concern among the various Christian churches, major faith traditions and people of good will, in all aspects of social life.

This year’s **Luminosa Award for Unity** will be awarded to Rev. John H. Armstrong, author and editor of several books, professor of evangelism at Wheaton College Graduate School, and founder and president of ACT3, a network of relational partnerships between churches, missions and leaders. In a letter notifying Rev. Armstrong of his nomination, the Luminosa Award committee expressed their desire to pay tribute to his “tireless work in Ecumenical dialogue”, and, in a particular way, to his mission in helping Christians from different denominations work toward unity.

**Past Luminosa Award recipients include:**

- Cardinal John O’Connor, Archbishop of New York
- Norma Levitt, former president of WCRP and honorary president of Women of Reform Judaism
- Rev. Nichiko Niwano, President of the Japanese lay Buddhist organization, Rissho Kosei-kai
- His Royal Highness Lukas Njifua Fontem, King of the Bangwa People of Cameroon
- Cardinal William Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore
- Imam Warith Deen Mohammed, American Muslim leader
- Pat Shea, Screenwriter and Jack Shea, President of the Directors Guild of America
- Vivian Juan, President of the Tekakwitha Conference
- Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington, DC
- Catholic Charities Spanish Catholic Center, Washington, D.C.

*(Complete list available upon request.)*

Focolare Co-Directors of the U.S. East Region, Clare Zanzucchi and Marco Desalvo will present the Award. The award ceremony will take place during a conference titled, “Dialogue and Communion: How can we bear witness to the New Commandment?” sponsored by the **Focolare Center for Education in Dialogue**. Representatives from different Christian traditions will participate in a panel discussion about the current situation and perspectives of the ecumenical dialogue in the U.S.

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