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Sant'Egidio Event Leads Up to Assisi

Will Mark 10-Year Anniversary of 9/11

MUNICH, Germany, JULY 19, 2011 (Zenit.org).- Ten years after the attack on New York's World Trade Center, a lay Catholic group is teaming with the cardinal of Munich for an event to promote religious and cultural dialogue.

On Sept. 11, the Community of Sant'Egidio and Cardinal Reinhard Marx will host "Bound to Live Together: Religions and Cultures in Dialogue," in Munich.

The three-day event will bring together leaders of world religions, and government and civil representatives, and will lead up to the Assisi day of prayer for peace, called by Benedict XVI for October.

Representing the Holy See will be Cardinals Kurt Koch, president of the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity, Roger Etchegaray, retired president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and Leonardo Sandri, prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches.

The German government will be well represented, with the president of the republic, Christian Wulff, opening the event and Chancellor Angela Merkel addressing the assembly Sept. 12.

The chief rabbi of Rome is expected to attend, as is the spokesman for Al-Azhar University.