The Global Village: Our Responsibility to Engage

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vatican II Document Nostra Aetate (In Our Time)

THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL DECLARATION ON THE RELATION OF THE CHURCH TO NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS

"NOSTRA AETATE"

PROCLAIMED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI

ON OCTOBER 28, 1965

(Here Are The Opening Words of this Historical Document Which Calls on All Catholics For the Last 50 Years to a New Mindset)

1. In our time, when day by day mankind is being drawn closer together, and the ties between different peoples are becoming stronger, the Church examines more closely her relationship to non-Christian religions. In her task of promoting unity and love among all people, indeed among nations, she considers above all in this declaration what people have in common and what draws them to fellowship.

2. One is the community of all peoples, one their origin, for God made the whole human race to live over the face of the earth. One also is their final goal, God. His providence, His manifestations of goodness. His saving design extend to all people, until that time when the elect will be united in the Holy City, the city ablaze with the glory of God, where the nations will walk in His light.

3. People expect from the various religions answers to the unsolved riddles of the human condition, which today, even as in former times, deeply stir the hearts of all. What is a human? What is the meaning, the aim of our life? What is moral good, what sin? Whence suffering and what purpose does it serve? Which is the road to true happiness? What are death, judgement and retribution after death? What, finally, is that ultimate inexpressible mystery which encompasses our existence: whence do we come, and where are we going?
THREE WORLD RELIGIONS AND THE CATHOLIC MINDSET

A parish retreat-symposium – learning experience:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH - HALL

PRESENTATIONS

1. JUDAISM – “THE ROOT OF CHRISTIANITY”
   - Dr. Roger Nash of the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue

2. CHRISTIANITY – “ONE YET DIVIDED: WHY?”
   - Father Jim Hutton, Diocesan Officer of Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialogue

3. ISLAM – “THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK”
   - IMAM (Leader) Abdul-Hak Dabliz of the Sudbury Islamic Association Mosque

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OTHER REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED