

Interreligious Dialogue

MS342/MS542

Semester 2, 2008 (28 July – 21 November)
Tuesday, 6.00pm - 9.00pm



WHY STUDY THIS COURSE?

Australia is a multi-religious society in a secular setting. People have come here from every country in the world, bringing with them their languages, cultures and religions - over 120 religions and denominations are named in the 2006 Census! - and many have lived here over several generations. Whether by birth, by migration, or by conversion, they are **'no longer strangers or aliens, but citizens and members of Australian society'** (cf Eph 2:19).

- What is the appropriate Christian response to the fact of religious diversity?
- Is dialogue a betrayal of the Church's evangelizing mission, or an integral part of it?
- What can we learn from believers in other religions?
- How can we share with them our convictions?

WHO IS IT FOR?

- **Students** undertaking courses in theology and religious education for SCD Awards
- **Pastoral agents** wanting to learn about Christian responsibility towards the religious other
- **Professionals** who want to develop skills in relating across religious boundaries
- **Concerned citizens** – how the Catholic Church sees & relates with other religions

WHAT IS INCLUDED? The history, scriptural basis, models, obstacles, requisites, spirituality, theology and types of interreligious dialogue, and the issues that arise from it.

WHO IS THE LECTURER? Fr Patrick J McInerney LSAI (Rome), TheolM (Melbourne), a Columban missionary to Pakistan for more than twenty years and currently a staff member of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations - with guests from a variety of other religions.

Registration week is from 16 June - 20 June, 2008

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