

# Join our Diploma in Interfaith Dialogue

Embrace diversity, foster understanding!  
Our program dives into the beliefs and practices of the world's  
vibrant religious communities.  
Join us on a journey of spiritual discovery  
and meaningful dialogue.

Register Now:



Dear Friends,

When the dicastery now known as The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue was created in 1964, it was one of the many signs of the importance the Second Vatican Council placed on engagement between Catholics and people of other faiths. Its trifold mandate was “to promote mutual understanding, respect and collaboration between Catholics and the followers of others religious traditions; to encourage the study of religions; to promote the formation of persons dedicated to dialogue.”

More than 50 years on, the Church continues to encourage us to engage with our neighbours, recognizing the dignity and humanity of all people, and the shared nature of the questions we all have about issues surrounding life and death, sin and redemption.

A country as diverse as Canada offers great potential for interreligious conversation. The University of St. Michael’s College Diploma in Interfaith Dialogue is one opportunity to foster interreligious conversation and learning. Fifteen participants have graduated from the program, which began in 2019.

Open to everyone regardless of academic background, including parish staff, parishioners and educators, the 8-course program is designed to foster ongoing dialogue. The University of St. Michael’s College is proud of our collaboration with the Office of Interreligious Dialogue in promoting this learning experience and opportunity for meaningful dialogue between and among people of different faiths.

The program, offered in a synchronous online format on weeknights, is comprised of 8–12-hour courses. Each course is comprised of 4 consecutive weekly 3-hour sessions. Instructors in each course are experts and leaders within their faith traditions and communities.

The program will introduce participants to the origins, practices, and sacred texts of different faiths and examine themes such as prayer, peace and justice. Thanks to a donation from Scarborough Foreign Missions, the fee for each course is just \$150.

Please find enclosed a poster promoting the program. We encourage you to post it on bulletin boards and share with parishioners.

For more information, please visit the program website at <https://stmikes.utoronto.ca/program/diploma-interfaith?ref=iqra.ca> or contact Roxanne Wright, Manager of Program Development and Delivery, Continuing Education at the University of St. Michael’s College at [roxanneb.wright@utoronto.ca](mailto:roxanneb.wright@utoronto.ca).

Sincerely,

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