

# Summer Institute for Interreligious Leadership 2020



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July 7-10 and 13-17, 2020, 1-4:30pm Eastern time

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coordinators

## Foundational Documents:

[1984 Dialogue and Mission](#)

[1991 Buddhist-Catholic Dialogue: An Early Journey](#)

[1991 Dialogue and Proclamation](#)

[1995 Confessing Christian Faith in a Pluralistic Society](#)

[2001 Living Faithfully in the United States Today](#)

[2015 The Gifts and Calling of God Are Irrevocable](#)

[2019 Document on Human Fraternity](#)

[2020 Pope Francis to the Diplomatic Corps](#)

## Tuesday, July 7

### Welcome to the Institute

- **Self-introductions.** All participants, presenters and coordinators provided a one-page biography in advance of the Institute. These documents will be hyperlinked to speakers' names.
- **Nostra aetate**
- **Post-Vatican II Development of Interreligious Dialogue and Relations**

### Materials for today:

[Nostra Aetate; Tomielli, "Nostra Aetate Today," Vatican News;](#)  
[Interreligious Texts – Magisterium](#)

[View the video](#)

Rev. Don Rooney, President, CADEIO  
Dr. John Borelli, Special Assistant  
to the President for Dialogue and  
Catholic Identity, Georgetown  
University

## Wednesday, July 8

- **Introduction to Jewish Relations and Post-Vatican II**
- **Developments, and Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with Jews**

### Materials for today:

[Nostra Aetate; Links in Preparation for Discussion of Jewish Relations; Dabru emet](#)

[View the video, part 1](#)

Fr McManus introduces program with topics and resources; Rebecca Cohen gives overview of three Catholic-Jewish dialogues in the US; Fr McManus takes follow-up questions and reviews speaks of Rabbi Sandmel.

[View the video, part 2](#)

Rabbi Sandmel is interviewed by Fr McManus on three designated topics.

[View the video, part 3](#)

Fr. McManus on local Catholic-Jewish relations.

Rev. Dennis McManus (Mt. St.  
Mary Seminary and Georgetown  
University  
Rabbi David Sandmel, Anti-Defama-  
tion League  
Rebecca Cohen, USCCB

## Thursday, July 9

- **Introduction to Relations with Muslims**
- **Helpful Information for Understanding Relations with Muslims**

### [View the video, part 1](#)

Professor Sonn speaks of her orientation in Islamic Studies! Islam as a reform movement within Abrahamic traditions; Muhammad is only the messenger, the Qur'an is the miracle, the challenge is to understand the Qur'an and work out its implications in practice (via legal discussions); distinguishing between Q's eternal themes (focusing on pluralism); a few case studies dealing with more problematic verses dealing with specific issues: women and violence; and the shared struggle to establish justice.

#### **Materials:**

[Introductory notes on Islam; Fatiha, A Global Presentation on Islam; Jihad and the Qur'an; Links in Preparation for Discussion of Islam.](#)

### [View the video, part 2](#)

Ali Shahbaz, as a Muslim, describing diversity, with a focus on Sufism.

*Professor Tamara Sonn, Director,  
Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center  
for Muslim-Christian Understand-  
ing, Georgetown University  
Ali Shahbaz, Georgetown University  
graduate, Walsh School of Foreign-  
Service, recent op-ed piece, "Non-  
Black Minorities Are Complicit in  
Black Oppression," Boston Globe,  
June 19, 2020*

## Friday, July 10

- **Continuing presentation of relations with Muslims**
- **Development of Catholic teaching on Islam & Muslims, promoting dialogue**
- **Answering questions**

### [View the video, part 1](#)

#### **Materials:**

[Teachings on Islam - Magisterium; Document on Human Fraternity; Qur'anic Passages; A Common Prayer](#)

- **The Building Bridges Dialogue**

### [View the video, part 2](#)

#### **Materials:**

[Building Bridges -Sample discussion on forgiveness](#)

*Dr. John Borelli  
Professor Tamara Sonn*

*Mr. Samuel Wagner, Director,  
Dialogue and Catholic Identity,  
Georgetown University  
Dr. Shirin Shafaie, Founder/Director,  
Visual Academics*

## Virtual Visit Videos

### Visit [Sha'are Shalom, Leesburg VA](#)

*Rabbi David Greenspoon*

### Visit [Cambodian Buddhist Temple, Silver Spring MD](#)

*Abbot Chanhon Ouk, Dr. Sovan Tun, Matthew Regan*

### Visit [Durga Hindu Temple, Fairfax Station VA](#)

*Jay Kalathil*

## Monday, July 13

- **Introduction to Relations with Hindus**
- **Examples of Hindu-Christian Relations**

[View the video, part 1](#)

### Materials:

[Modern Hinduism timeline](#); [Academic Study of Religion in Universities and Institutes in India](#); [Was Hinduism invented?](#); [Teachings on Hinduism - Magisterium](#).

- **The Vaishnava-Christian Dialogue, Washington, DC, area**  
[View the video, part 2](#)

## Tuesday, July 14

- **Introduction to Relations with Buddhists**

### Materials:

[Introductory materials on Buddhism](#); [Teachings on Buddhism—Magisterium](#); [Anicca - Patacharas' Conversion](#); [The Jataka Tales](#); [PCID Buddhist Dialogues](#)

[View the video, part 1](#)

- **Introduction to Buddhism and the Diversity among Buddhists**

[View the video, part 2](#)

## Wednesday, July 15

- **Continuing discussion of Buddhist-Christian Relations**

### Materials:

[Masao Abe - A Spiritual Friendship](#)

[View the video, part 1](#)

[View the video, part 2](#)

## Thursday, July 16

- **Organizing Locally: Interfaith councils**

[View the video, part 1](#)

- **Reactions to interreligious relations**

[View the video, part 2](#)

## Friday, July 17

- **Conversation with the Secretary of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue**

[View the video, part 1](#)

- **Responding to participant questions, concerns, pastoral issues, etc; discussion of overarching themes and action items moving forward. Close of Summer Institute**

[View the video, part 2](#)

*Dr. Brahmachari V. Sharan, Director for Dharmic Life & Hindu Spiritual Advisor, and Faculty, Theology & Religious Studies, Georgetown University*

*Dr. John Borelli*

*Dr. Brahmachari V. Sharan Anuttama Dasa, International Director of Communications, ISKCON*

*Dr. John Borelli*

*Samuel Wagner*

*Professor (Emeritus) James Fredericks, Loyola-Marymount University*

*Dr. John Borelli*

*Professor James Fredericks  
Two additional guests from the Los Angeles Buddhist-Catholic Dialogue:*

*Michael Kerze (Christian)*

*Bhante Chao Chu (Buddhist)*

*Fr. Don Rooney*

*Rabbi Gerry Serotta, Executive Director (outgoing), The InterFaith Council of Metropolitan Washington (IFCMW) and former Executive Director of Clergy Beyond Borders*

*Mr. Samuel Wagner*

*Dr. John Borelli*

*Mmgr. Indunil Janakaratne Kodithuwakku Kankanamalage, Secretary of the PCID*

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