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The Purposes of NADEO

- To stimulate the exchange of ideas, experiences and networking among the ecumenical officers of the dioceses in union with Rome.
- To promote programs which further the work of Christian Unity and interreligious cooperation.
- To cooperate with the Bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other ecumenical and interreligious agencies

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NADEO Elects New President Region Seven Representative Assumes Top Post

The General Assembly of the National Association of Diocesan Ecumenical Officers has elected the Very Rev. Robert B. Flannery as president. He succeeds Garland Pohl who served as president for the past two terms.

Fr. Flannery is the Ecumenical Officer of the Diocese of Bellville. He was born in Hastings, Nebraska and raised in Lawrence, Kansas. A priest of the Diocese of Bellville, Illinois he is currently pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish

During his 31 years of ordained minis-

try, Fr. Flannery has served in a variety of positions. He has been an associate pastor, high school guidance counselor, religion teacher and coordinator of TEC retreats. At the diocesan level he has been vocation director, director of continuing education and Vicar for Deacons. Fr. Flannery has served on various diocesan boards and commissions including liturgy, pro-life, ministry to priests, and the presbyteral convocation. He has served as president, vice president and treasurer of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Bellville and the College

of Consultors. He was also a spiritual director at the American College in Belgium.

Fr. Flannery has served as the diocesan ecumenical officer since 1997. He also was elected vice president of the Illinois Conference of Churches.

Fr. Flannery received a B.A. (Sociology) and M.A. (Theology) from the Catholic University of Louvain, and a M.A. (Counseling) from Saint Louis University. He has done further studies at Aquinas Institute of Theology.

LARC Committee Report, 2004

We hope to have available online for 2005 a Bible Study for the A Cycle Sundays of the Easter Season. Our churches share the same Gospel selections during this season. Also, since many have Scripture study during Lent, the beautiful season of Easter is often overlooked. Our Bible Study would bring together Episcopa, Luthern, and Roman Catholic congregations for prayer and sharing around the Word of God. The format is simple, with a reflection for each week, especially rooted in our common tradition and ecumenical witness, including discussion questions.

We are in the process of finalizing and editing the text. Hopefully we will be able to have this study guide online for easy distribution. If there is interest we would like to also do the Easter Sunday Gospels for Cycle B and Cycle C. One possible outcome would be to have the entire study published.

President's Letter *by Robert Flannery*

Dear NADEO Members,

This is my first letter to you as the new President of the National Association of Diocesan Ecumenical Officers. I am grateful for the opportunity and privilege to serve you and our ecumenical and interreligious community for the next three years.

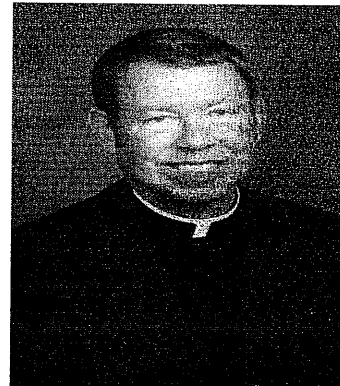
For seven years, I have enjoyed being part of The National Workshop on Christian Unity where I have met many of you at our General Assembly Meetings. It is there I have represented my Diocese of Belleville in Southern Illinois, and in the last three years I have served as Representative for Region VII (Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin). While on the NADEO Board I was pleased to assist with two recent projects: The Baptism Study requested by the Bishops' Conference, and the updating of our NADEO By-Laws. For seven years I have also been on the General Board of the Illinois Conference of Churches, and presently serve as its Vice-President. I am an active part of our local Carbondale Interfaith Council, and helped in its transition from an interchurch council to an interfaith council reflecting the make-up of our university town as well as our nation and world.

I want to thank our outgoing President, Garland D. Pohl from the Diocese of Houston, for her tremendous and dedicated leadership over the past six years. Since our Association does not have an Executive Director, as many national organizations do, the responsibility of leading the Association

with its many projects relies mainly and heavily upon the President. Garland has done a tremendous job in this regard as well as in representing NADEO in a variety of venues during her tenure of office. We are sincerely grateful to you, Garland, for your service to and among us!

I also want to thank the other officers for this past year, Vice-President, Fr. Joe Witmer, from the Diocese of Youngstown; Secretary, Msgr. George Appleyard, from the Ukrainian Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, Ohio; and Treasurer, Fr. John Ciurpita, from the Ukrainian Arch eparchy of Philadelphia. They have all done an excellent task in serving our Association on the Executive Committee for various numbers of years. Many thanks as well to the retiring Regional Representatives, Committee Members, and Ecumenical Officers. Without you we would not be able to advance the cause of ecumenism and interreligious life on the local scene which in turn affects our broader Church and world.

The Draft By-Laws, that were presented at the General Assembly in Omaha in May and will be voted upon at our next gathering in New Orleans in April, call for the election of all four of the officers of the Association. This suggestion as well as a number of others were met with major agreement by those present at the Assembly. In the meantime, our By-Laws call for the President to nominate the other three officers who are then to be approved by the Executive Board (the Regional Representatives and Officers). Having consulted the Executive Board regarding the offices of



secretary and treasurer, and then those officers (the Executive Committee) about the position of vice-president, the following individuals will serve as our Association officers for the next three years: Vice-President, Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis from the Diocese of San Diego; Secretary, Msgr. George Appleyard from the Ukrainian Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, Ohio; and Treasurer, Fr. John Ciurpita from the Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Please join me in welcoming these three NADEO Officers who, along with myself, make up the Executive Committee until our next election.

If you have not already done so, please mark your calendar for the 2005 National Workshop on Christian Unity which will be held in New Orleans, April 4 to 7. Plans are well underway to make it one of the best gatherings ever. We will also have an important NADEO business to address the approval of the Revised By-Laws and other important matters, so please plan to attend.

God's Peace,

Very Reverend Robert B. Flannery

NADEO President

Catholic—Jewish Relations *by Charles Parr*

During the year 2003-2004 the Committee regretted the loss of Sister Maryanne Guertin, SSJ (Norwich) from the Committee, due to Sister's ministerial reassignment.

At the 2003 annual NADEO Meeting in Savannah, those members of the Committee in attendance held their usual breakfast session, providing an update on the state of the relation from the various perspectives around the country.

The Chair of the Committee, as far as possible, kept in written communication with the membership supplying resources and printed materials (e.g., *The Bible, the Jews, and the Death of Jesus. A Collection of Catholic Documents* [Publication No.5-618] Washington, DC: USCCB, 2004).

The Chair participated in the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration of the (Seton Hall University) Insti-

tute of Judaeo-Christian Relations on November 2, 2003 and the bestowal of an honorary degree upon Cardinal William Keeler (Baltimore), and the Shalom Award to the Reverend Gerard Sloyan, Ph.D. (The Catholic University of America) and to Rabbi Asher Finkel Ph.D. (Seton Hall University).

As a member of the USCCB Advisory Board for Jewish-Catholic Relations, the Chair participated in the April 20, 2004 meeting of the Catholic-Jewish Consultation Committee at the Union for Reform Judaism (New York City). The morning session, chaired by Cardinal William Keeler, focused on "The Historical and Religious Significance of the Holy Land." Presentations were made by Professor Benjamin Gampel and Monsignor Robert Stern. The afternoon session, chaired by Rabbi Joel Zaiman consisted of a symposium entitled: "The Future of Catholic-Jewish Dia-

logue: Where Do We Go From Here?" Participants included Dr. Eugene Fisher, Father John Pawlikowski, Professor Michael Signer and Rabbi Joel Zaiman. The focus was on the impact and implications of the recent Mel Gibson film.

Future agenda items for the Committee include a review of the recent discussion by the Consultation Committee, and its significance in our work as diocesan Ecumenical Officers; our future response as a committee to assist the NADEO membership with these and similar concerns; and, with an invitation to the Assembly for additional representative membership on the Committee.

Pilot Study on "God's Gift of Unity: A Study Guide Episcopalians & Roman Catholics" *by Fr. Vincent Heier & Fr. Richard Signore*

In March 2004, Dr. Joanne Pierce, College of the Holy Cross, and the Rev. Dr. Ruth Meyers, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary presented a draft of their long-awaited "study guide" on the Eucharist to be used by Episcopal and Roman Catholic parishes. It was suggested that EDEO and NADEO members be utilized to find pilot parishes in their dioceses to use and then critique the program and process before it gets published in its final form.

The process consists of a five-week study involving laity and clergy from both an Episcopal and Roman Catholic congregation. The sessions are: That All May Be One; Becoming Christian (Rites of Christian Initiation); Understandings of the Eucharist; Celebration of the Eucharist; and Ministry & Ordination.

If you are interested in finding two congregations (Catholic and Episcopal) in your area to use this program please contact:

Dr. Pierce at 508-793-3452 or jpierce@holycross.edu or

Dr. Meyers at 847-328-9300 or r-Meyers@seabury.edu or

contact one of us at the NWCUC or afterwards at:

Fr. Vince Heier, 314-792-7161 or vahcuster@juno.com or

Fr. Rich Signore, 508-759-5641 or stpeters@capecod.net

Review of

NADEO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

At last year's Executive Board Meeting, with President Garland's and the Board's approval, Bob Flannery and Leo Walsh said they would be willing to review the NADEO By-Laws and Constitution and recommend needed changes.

Two other national Catholic organizations which work in conjunction with the Bishops' Conference were studied to compare their By-Laws in with ours. The National Association of Diaconate Directors and The National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors were used in this comparison. Inquiries were also made with LERN and EDEO Executive Board Members regarding their By-Laws.

All of these national associations are reviewed and revised as needed on a regular basis. This has also been the custom with NADEO.

At the Executive Board Meeting this past Monday, Bob Flannery gave the report to the Board. Discussion of each observation, concern, and recommendation was made and the following are the suggestions proposed by the Executive Board to be voted on and approved by the Board and the General Assembly at next years meetings in New Orleans. (The Constitution states that the President must be notified 60 days before the annual meeting, and the Membership 30 days before the Annual Meeting of any Constitution revision; the By-laws to be changed by the Executive Board must be notified 30 days before their Executive Board meeting of the proposed changes.)

1. All four officers of NADEO (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) are to be elected by the entire dues-paying members of the Association gathered at the Annual meeting. (*Proxy votes are permitted following a specific procedure.)
2. Individuals eligible for the office of President or Vice-President are to be full members of NADEO. These individuals must also have served on the Executive Board for the sake of experience and continuity.
3. Individuals eligible for the office of Secretary or Treasurer can be full members or associate members.
4. A Nominating Committee composed of a mixture of Executive Board members and other full members of the Association shall finalize a slate of candidates for the four Offices. Nominations are sought in the Fall of the year and finalized by the end of January. The list of candidates, with a brief biography and picture, are announced in the NADEO Newsletter in February or March.
5. The elections are held every three years. An officer may be elected to the same office only two consecutive times. Should an office be vacated due to resignation, permanent disability (determined by the Board), or death, the President (with consultation from the other officers) appoints a replacement for the office until an election can be held at the next regular election. Any officer who no longer serves as ecumenical officer for their diocese may continue in office until the end of the present term, but is not eligible for re-election.

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6. If there are two candidates for a given office, the one receiving a simple majority of the votes is declared the new officer. If there are more than two candidates, a preferential vote is taken.
7. *Voting by Proxy: If a diocese holds a full membership in the Association and no full member from that diocese is present at a meeting of the Association, one proxy vote from the diocese is permitted. A full member from another diocese may be delegated by name to cast the proxy vote. A letter of delegation is to be sent to the President by the full member who is to be absent indicating who will be casting the proxy vote. The delegated member must be present at the meeting to cast a proxy vote.
8. Standing Committees: Presently there is nothing in the Constitution or By-Laws describing the make-up and other dimensions of the Standing Committees. The recommendations of the Executive Board are the following:

The Chairperson of each Standing Committee is appointed by the President for a three-year term which begins after the second and final meeting of the Executive Board following the Annual Meeting. The President can re-appoint the Chair one additional consecutive term. The Chair can remain on the committee if so inclined. Membership on a Committee is open to members of the Association depending on availability. Scholars who are not Association members can be asked to serve on a Committee.

9. A Job Description and Expectations of the Regional Representatives will be included in the By-Laws-there is none presently.
10. These Constitutional and By-Laws Revisions will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans, April 4-7, 2004. The actual election process will then take place the next year or the year after that (2006-2007) following the new procedure for nomination.



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Ecumenical Dimension of Formation of Pastoral Workers *by Fr. Phil Latronico*

After polling the NADEO membership concerning Ecumenical Dimension Formation of Pastoral Workers, only 17 forms were returned of approximately 100 distributed. The low response is either indicative of a lack of time to respond or the topic does seem to be a priority issue.

For the most part in looking at the answers generated, formation on the whole is not as systematic and structured as seems called for in the Ecumenical Directory. It should be noted that many of those who responded desire to correct this lack of structured formation.

A summary of the answers to the questions follow:

1. What formation is required in your diocese for ecumenical officers, staffs, and commission members?

In reading the forms it is apparent that no formal formation is required and that appointments seem to rest on the individual's ecumenical awareness, experience, aptitude, and ability. For the most part ecumenical officers and personnel avail themselves of institutes, seminars, and reading materials for their formation. It was apparent in the answers that though formation was not mandated, the individuals saw its need and creatively sought training.

2. Does your diocese have PER's (parish ecumenical representatives)? If yes, what formation is provided?

12 of the 17 respondents said PER's existed in their diocese. Their formation consisted of annual workshops staffed by Commission Members. Topics of formation included documents, current issues, and understanding of dialogue procedures. Most used either newsletters or electronic broadcasting to keep PER's up to date.

3. What level of ecumenical formation exists in the diocesan seminary? What level of inter-religious formation exists in the diocesan seminary?

Happily in reading the responses it was found that those dioceses that have seminaries do include ecumenical and interreligious formation courses. They all include courses that introduce the subject as well as offering electives in specific areas of specialization. It should be noted that all inferred where appropriate ecumenical/interreligious sensitivities are applied in the regular curriculum. They also noted that seminars are offered when current topics call for them.

Ecumenical Dimension of Formation of Pastoral Workers *continued from page 6*

4. What type of ongoing formation is offered to the priests and lay pastoral associates of the diocese concerning ecumenical and interfaith matters?

For the most part the only ongoing formation exists in the form of in-service days, work shops, or seminars on a needs basis. If situations develop that call for a workshop they are held. It also seems that the need to offer workshops more systematically is a realization on the part of the ecumenical officer.

5. Does a system exist to inform the Catholic School Principals, Staffs, and Teachers concerning ecumenical and interfaith topics? (If yes, what?)

6. Does a system exist to inform the Parish Director of Religious Education and Catechists concerning ecumenical and interfaith topics? (If yes, what?)

It was sad to see that the answers to both questions 5 & 6 was that the sharing of ecumenical/interreligious information with those involved in Catholic Education is almost nonexistent. In the 6 dioceses that responded affirmatively the response rested on a needs to know basis and minimal responses through newsletters and periodic and infrequent workshops at catechetical congresses.

7. What ecumenical or interfaith topics have been covered in diocesan or parish adult education programs?

In reviewing the answers of those that had adult formation it seems that the topics covered dealt primarily with those issues generated by current events and current church dialogues and documents. The most common topic currently is Islam. Other recurring topics are LARC or ARC issues and topics dealing with the Jews, and the Holocaust. It should also be noted that these events occur mostly either annually or biannually.

8. At what grade levels are ecumenical or interfaith topics taught in diocesan grammar schools, high schools, religious education programs, and youth programs? (please detail)

This question usually went unanswered. Those who did answer inferred that the curriculum/texts determined when the ecumenical or interfaith was dealt with.

Faith in the World Committee of NADEO

by Fr. Phil Latronico

The Faiths in the World Committee of NADEO held its annual planning meeting at Graymoor, Garrison, New York following the Catholic-Buddhist Dialogue held at Graymoor and Chuang Yen Monastery from October 9-12, 2003.

All the members of the Faiths in the World Committee were in agreement that the Buddhist-Catholic Dialogue was a very fruitful experience. They found the mixture of prayer/meditation, lecture, and sharing (though extremely packed) help all in attendance to have a better understanding and experience of the "other." The ability to experience both the space at Graymoor and Chuang Yen Monastery assisted in concretizing the talks and sharing.

We reviewed the NADEO workshop to be presented in Omaha: *Native Ameri-*

can Catholic Identity: Challenges and Possibilities for Relating Native American Religions to Catholic Faith and Practice. We identified Sr. Marie Therese Archambault, Sr. Kateri Mitchell, and Rev. Ray Bucko as possible speakers. We then looked at possible topics for the NADEO Meeting in New Orleans, April 4-7, 2005 (see listing below.)

From June 24-26, 2003 the members of this committee met at the Cenacle in Chicago for the purpose of reassessing our task and mission. We believed that with possible staffing changes at the BCEIA, this was an opportune time to self-evaluate our mission and task so as to breathe new life into our committee. We evaluated our reflections at this October meeting.

After prayer, reflection, and discussion we determined that it was important to hear the

thoughts of the body of NADEO members concerning the interreligious task at hand. A questionnaire was developed by the committee and was distributed by Sr. Josephine Kase via mail to NADEO membership at large.

We also began to fine tune our mission and Goal Statement. We realized that to have an effective mission statement we needed to review the input received from the above questionnaire.

Finally we updated each other on the various Muslim Catholic Dialogues being carried out in the USA with the Assistance of the BECIA. We noted the bishops' interreligious seminar on Islam. We agreed that our next meeting would be at Omaha following the NADEO Liturgy, and that we would meet at the Cenacle in Chicago from Oct. 8-10, 2004.

Suggested NADEO Seminars for New Orleans, LA April 4-7, 2005

1. Religion and Violence: Challenges for Christians in Dialogue—How religion has sacralized violence. How Bible critiques sacralize violence. Implications for interreligious dialogue.

Rev. Dr. Leo Lefebure—moderator.

2. Nostrae Aetate 40 years later: Theology and Spirituality of Interreligious Dialogue.

Possible presenters: Fr. Tom Ryan, Fr. Leo Lefebure and Scott Alexander.

3. Within Your Hearing: Interpreting Sacred Texts in Interreligious Dialogue. This workshop will provide models for shared reflection on sacred texts with Abrahamic Traditions.

Possible presenters: James Moor (Valparaiso), Rev. Henry Knight (University of Tulsa), Professor Zev Garbar (LA), Marcia Hermansen (Loyola), and Aminah McCloud.

4. Christian Responses to Interreligious Tension.

Possible presenters: Rev. John Palvlowski, Scott Alexander

Catholic-Buddhist Press Release *by Patricia Lefevere*

Two monasteries—one Catholic, the other Buddhist—each located in the Hudson River valley about an hour's drive from New York City, became the venues of a unique Catholic-Buddhist Dialogue held Oct. 9-12. The 45 Catholics and 35 Buddhists in attendance not only shared their meals and conversations, but also their rituals.

Catholics rose early to attend the 6 a.m. Buddhist meditation that took place in Little Flower Friary Chapel of the Friars of the Atonement-Graymoor in Garrison, New York. Seated crossed legged on the floor, or supported by cushions or a chair, persons of both faiths sat in silent meditation for 30 minutes in the presence of an altar to the Buddha and a crucifix lighted by three candles.

But Buddhists also attended the daily Mass that followed the meditation, crossing their hands reverently during the consecration and listening to readings that proclaimed much that the two world religions hold in common—compassion, service to others and actions of love and understanding as defined in the Beatitudes. Celebrants at the three Masses were Paulist Fr. Tom Ryan of Manhattan, Fr. Phil Latronico of Rutherford, New Jersey and Bishop Thomas Costello of Syracuse, New York.

The dialogue developed out of a three-year relationship that has grown between the Fran-

ciscan Friars and the monks and nuns at Chuang Yen monastery, 15 miles away in Carmel, New York. Some of the Catholic guests had previously attended one or more of the three retreats hosted by Graymoor's Spiritual Life Center and focused on "The Buddha as Teacher: What Christians can learn from the insights and practices of Buddhists."

At Graymoor, participants heard presentations on suffering from the perspective of the two religions and found many similarities as well as contrasts during discussion periods. Among Catholic speakers were retired Fordham University theologian Ewert Cousins, John Borelli of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs at the U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference and Professor Donald Mitchell of Purdue University.

Notre Dame Sr. Kathleen Deignan of Iona College; Judith Longdin, direction of interreligious affairs for the Milwaukee archdiocese; Latronico, secretary of the ecumenical and interreligious commissions of the Newark archdiocese and Costello also gave papers.

Fr. Francis Mazur, ecumenical and interfaith officer for the Diocese of Buffalo, NY moderated the presentations of Catholics and Buddhists with the ringing of a bell used in Buddhist temples. Mazur heads the Faiths in World Committee of the National Association of Diocesan Ecumeni-

cal Officers. NADEO sponsored the event along with the two monasteries and the Buddhist Association of the United States.

Although all participants stayed at Graymoor, Catholics were the guests of the Buddhists at Chuang Yen on Oct. 11. The visit included a welcoming ritual of prayers and offerings to the Buddha, lunch and a walking tour of the monastery where 17 monks and nuns from several Asian nations reside in separate houses. Before returning to Graymoor, participants heard papers on Transformation and Liberation—The Grace of Jesus Christ by Jesuit Fr. Peter Phan of Georgetown University and by Fr. Leo Lefebure of Fordham. Felician Sr. Judith Kubicki of Fordham also highlighted Catholic prayer and spirituality practices for her Buddhist and Catholic audience.

Reflecting on the weekend Atonement, Friar Fr. Jim Gardiner, who heads the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, said: "Being authentically Catholic is nothing to be ashamed of. It opens a lot of doors." Catholics may "undervalue" what we have to offer, Gardiner said. Jesus' command to "go out to all the world," is also an invitation "not to miss the world that is at our doorsteps," the friar added. In helping to bring the two monasteries together, "we simply took advantage of what God has put in our midst."

Research and Development

Input Concerning Inter-Church and Inter-Faith Marriage

By Fr. Phil Latronico

Only 14 forms were returned which demonstrates that many believed the form was not necessary. On reading the responses we find the practice in approaching Inter-Church and Inter-Faith Marriages fairly consistent.

Marriage Preparation

The responding dioceses stated that they tend to use standard and approved programs for marriage preparation: Pre-Cana, Engaged Encounter, FOCCUS, Sponsoring Couples, Unitas, and local adaptations of these programs. In most cases the adaptation for inter-church or inter-faith couples revolves around the sensitivity the presenting couples, church ministers, and parish staff handle the individual couples. Also when possible inter-church or inter-faith couples are called on to assist in the preparation.

In terms of dispensations, the answers were consistent with Canon Law.

Marriage Ceremonies

When possible the Catholic Form of Marriage is encouraged. Both in the case of inter-church and inter-faith marriage the form of marriage is encouraged outside of Mass. When the form is not used the appropriate dispensation from form must be obtained and only those marriages with the unbaptized can obtain permission to be on neutral territory (not religious).

Marriage Support

It has been found that in most cases this is lacking and is currently being developed. Among those organizations named for assistance we find The American Association for Interchurch Families, Marriage Encounter, Retrovaille, and some local initiatives.

Publication Notice

The NADEO Newsletter is a quarterly publication of the National Association of Diocesan Ecumenical Officers. NADEO is a professional society whose purpose is to stimulate the exchange of ideas and experiences among the ecumenical officers serving the Catholic Church in the dioceses of the United States of America. It promotes programs that further Christian Unity and interreligious dialogue according to the teaching of the Second Vatican Council and the post-conciliar Magisterium. NADEO also cooperates in a special way with the Bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. Additionally, the association collaborates with other professional societies, councils of churches and interfaith organizations in the achievement of its purposes. The association is based at the Office of the President, 303 S. Poplar St., Carbondale, IL 62901-2909. The NADEO Newsletter is published at the Office of the NADEO Editor, 1000 East Maple Avenue, Mundelein, IL 60060. It is also available on the web as www.nadeo.org

Survey Conducted by Faiths in the World Committee of NADEO

Sr. Josephane Kase

Evaluations by Search and Development

Fr. Phil Latronico

1. What other religious communities are present in your area?

Religion	REGIONS													Eastern Churches
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	
Muslim	2	6	6	7	3	8	12	4	3	3	7	3	3	5
Buddhist	2	5	5	6	3	6	10	1	2	3	7	3	3	2
Hindu	2	5	4	5	2	6	10	2	2	2	5	2	3	1
Sikh	1	4	5	5	1	3	7		2	2	5	1	3	1
Baha'l	1	4	5	6	1	6	10	2	2	2	7	3	3	1

Others: Region II: Jews 2, Janism 1

Region III: Jews 2

Region IV: Jews 3

Region V: Jews 2

Region VI: Jews 2

Region VII: Jews 4, Jainism 2, Wiccan 1, Zoroastrianism 2

Region VIII: Native American Indian 1, Jews 2

Region IX: Jews 2, Shintoism 1

Region X: Jews 3, Zoroastrianism 1

Region XI: Jews 4, New Age 1, Jehoval's Witness 1, Wiccan 1, Ahimsa 1,
Brama Kumaris 1, Indigenous 1, Taoism

Region XII: Jews 2

Region XIII: Jews 1, Science of Mind (New Thought not New Age) 1

Eastern Churches: Jews 1

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2. With Which of the these groups do you have some contact/relationship?

Religion	REGIONS													Eastern Churches
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	
Muslim	2	6	6	5	3	8	8	2	3	3	6	3	2	2
Buddhist		4	3	3	2	2	4	1	2	2	6	2	2	1
Hindu		2	3	1	1	4	4	1	1	2	4	1	2	
Sikh		1	2	1	1	2	2		1	1	2		2	
Baha'I		1	2	1	1	4	4		2	1	4	1	2	

Others: Region II: Jews 1, Janism 1

Region III: Jews 2

Region IV: Jews 2

Region V: Jews 2

Region VI: Jews 2

Region VII: Jews 5, Jainism 2, Zoroastrianism 2

Region VIII: Jews 2

Region IX: Jews 2, Shintoism 1

Region X: Jews 3, Zoroastrianism 1

Region XI: Jews 4, New Age 1, Wiscan 1, Ahimsa 1,

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Eastern Churches: Jews 1



NADEO

Treasurer's Report *by Rev. John N. Ciurpita*

Recommendations

Based on current monies on deposit and organizational commitments, the NADEO Treasurer, with the approval of the NADEO Executive Board, makes the following proposals to the **NADEO General Assembly**:

1. That the **NADEO Annual Dues** be maintained at the current amount of **\$200.00 per Member Diocese/Eparchy** for the Year 2005, effective January 1, 2005.
2. That **NADEO Associate Members Dues** remain at the amount of **\$10.00** per person for the Fiscal Year 2005.
3. That the **2005 Annual Membership and Associate Dues** be due and payable on **March 15, 2005**.
4. That the **PROPOSED 2004 BUDGET** be accepted.

Advanced Institute for Ecumenical Leadership

By Jason Renken

From August 15-21, 2004, 14 ecumenical officers, staff and commission members met in Washington, DC for the Advanced Ecumenical Institute co-sponsored by NADEO and the USCCB Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (SEIA).

Br. Jeffrey Gros, F.S.C. of the Secretariat led the institute along with Dr. Michael Root, Lutheran scholar and member of the U.S. Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue, Dr. George Vandervelde, Christian Reformed scholar and co-

chair of the international World Evangelical Alliance-Catholic Dialogue, and Fr. Ronald Roberson, C.S.P., SEIA staff member.

The notable texts discussed were *The Church as Koinonia of Salvation: Its Structures and Ministries*, the Common Statement of the Tenth Round of the U.S. Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue, the forthcoming *Mary: Grace and Hope in Christ* from the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, *Church, Evangelization and "Koinonia"*, from the international

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