

“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.” *Nostra Aetate*, Declaration of the II Vatican Council, 1965, § 1



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The painting “Followers of God”, found in the entrance to the offices of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, shows the “dream” of Pope Paul VI in establishing the Council in 1963. Painted in 1978 by Dolores Puthod, it has become representative of the work of the Council and the mission of interreligious dialogue in the paths of history.

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The *Nostra Aetate Foundation* was established in 1990 under the auspices of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue as a means of promoting and supporting dialogue between Christians and believers of other religions in different countries around the world. It is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church as found in the Declaration of the Vatican Council II, *Nostra Aetate*, on relations with non-Christians. (28 October 1965)

My wish is that the dialogue between us should help to build bridges connecting all people, in such a way that everyone can see in the other not an enemy, not a rival, but a brother or sister to be welcomed and embraced!... In this work, the role of religion is fundamental. It is not possible to build bridges between people while forgetting God. But the converse is also true: it is not possible to establish true links with God, while ignoring other people. Hence it is important to intensify dialogue among the various religions..."

Pope Francis, 22 March 2013

Audience with the Diplomatic Corps



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*Audience with Pope Francis,
20 March 2013*