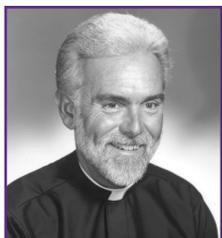


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## Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations: A Catholic Ministry



Rev. Alexei Smith

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A central focus of the Second Vatican Council was to work toward the **restoration of the unity of all Christians**, and also to seek a path of mutual respect and shared wisdom with **people of many religious traditions** throughout the world. Two groundbreaking documents of the Council -- *Unitatis Redintegratio* (*Restoring Christian Unity*), and *Nostra Aetate* (*the Declaration on Interreligious Dialogue*) – helped to inspire breakthroughs in Ecumenical and Interreligious understanding and collaboration in the generation following the Council. However, the vision of the Council calls for much more than has been accomplished thus far.

In this course, you will explore how to broaden and deepen the **Catholic Ministry of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations** in *this* era, as individuals, as parish communities, and as Church. You will examine the history of Catholicism within the wider Christian world, and Catholic relations with non-Christians, looking at a shared, complex history through a variety of lenses.

You will examine these two key documents of the **Second Vatican Council**, and will explore their origin, major points, and development. Drawing on your own experiences as well as systematic studies and the experiences of people of other faith traditions, you will review how the Church has accepted or revised these documents in practical terms, and take a serious look at the state of their questions today. Reflecting upon your own ministries and local contexts, you will assess how you can take on this ministry of strengthening Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, suggesting concrete directions that you might move, and planning how parishes or organizations may become more involved in living out the vision of these two historic documents of the Council.

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