

Nostra Aetate: Fruits of the 60th Anniversary

A resource list compiled in Australia

Nostra Aetate turned sixty on 28 October 2025, and a considerable collection of new resources was generated in Australia to mark the anniversary. Many of these are listed below, along with several international items that were also promoted in Australian circles.

This convenient list has been created to remember and encourage ongoing sharing of the fruits of the 60th anniversary year. It can also be accessed [online](#).

Publications

Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith; Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity; Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue

On the 60th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, three Vatican Dicasteries have published a Note entitled “A Journey of Hope,” renewing the call to counter fundamentalism, protect religious freedom, and build coexistence. [Click here](#)

Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Christian Unity & Inter-religious Dialogue

Nostra Aetate: Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions. 60th Anniversary Reflections, Oct 2025. 12pp A4 booklet. [Click here](#)

Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue

Journal *Pro Dialogo* 179 (2025-1) This issue focuses on *Nostra Aetate*. [Click here](#)

Emmanuel Nathan

“The Catholic Church and the Jewish people in turbulent times: Reflections on ‘*Nostra aetate*’ after 60 years”, *ABC Religion & Ethics*, 10 Feb 2025. [Click here](#)

Teresa Pirola

“*Nostra Aetate*. The toil and triumph of a conciliar journey.” Bat Kol International, 2025. 32pp A5 booklet, digital format. [Click here](#)

Bridges – Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations

The December 2025 issue of *Bridges* focuses on the 60th Anniversary of *Nostra Aetate* with a number of resource titles listed. [Click here](#)

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Webinars, Seminars, Interviews

Interfaith Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta

Nostra Aetate Interfaith Human Library, 30 October 2025, 6-9pm at Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Meet 'Human Books' from Muslim, Jewish, Hindu and Buddhist communities to learn more about their traditions. [Click here](#)

Australian Catholic University; Catholic Schools NSW; Executive Council of Australian Jewry

Nostra Aetate and Countering Antisemitism School Forum, 28 October 2025, ACU North Sydney campus. [Click here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#)

Murray Watson

Bat Kol International. Seminar series 1: “The Radicality of *Nostra Aetate*. And the Interfaith Pioneer Nobody Has Heard of.” [Click here](#)

David Nehaus SJ

Bat Kol International. Seminar series 2: “Remembering *Nostra Aetate*: Engaging our Jewish and Muslim Neighbours.” [Click here](#)

Philip Cunningham and Adam Gregerman

Bat Kol International. Seminar series 3: “*Nostra Aetate*: Past, Present and Future”. [Click here](#)

Adam Gregerman, Rev John Borelli, Robin Darling Young, Rabbi Judy Schindler

Berkley Center, Georgetown University seminar. “*Nostra Aetate* at 60: The Historical Significance of *Nostra Aetate* and its Reception.” 19 September 2025. [Click here](#)

Philip Cunningham

Lecture: “The Presence of the Holy in the Other”. A spirituality of Christian-Jewish relations in our polarised times. 13th Annual John Paul II Lecture at Boston College, 9 September 2025. [Click here](#)

Emmanuel Nathan, Simon Holloway, Mary Reaburn NDS

Sisters of Our Lady of Sion. Rosalie Hanley Conversation 2025—*Nostra Aetate* in our time: an invitation to encounter. 19 October 2025, Melbourne. [Click here](#)

Geraldine Doogue AO and Mary Reaburn NDS

The Big Tent Podcast. “Bridges, not walls: *Nostra Aetate* at 60”. [Click here](#)



Daniel Madigan SJ

Sisters of Our Lady of Sion. Online seminar: Muslim-Christian Relations. 6 November 2025. [Click here](#)

Mary Reaburn NDS, Rev Denis Stanley, Patrick McInerney SSC

Garratt Publishing Webinar Series. Session 3: “Vatican II. Keeping The Windows Open. Ecumenism and Interfaith”. 5 August 2025. [Click here](#) and [here](#)

See also: Garratt Publishing/YTU 2023 *Nostra Aetate* Conversations. [Click here](#)

Stephen Downs

Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide webinar on the Vatican II Declaration *Nostra Aetate*, 23 October 2025. [Click here](#)

Australian Catholic Historical Society

The 60th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council shaped the annual program of the Australian Catholic Historical Society, including Teresa Pirola’s presentation on *Nostra Aetate*, 17 August 2025, Sydney. [Click here](#)

Programs

Catholic Religious Australia & Executive Council of Australian Jewry

Addressing Antisemitic Bullying. A resource for Catholic Leadership & Formation. Released March 2025. [Click here](#)

See too: “Antisemitism: the World’s Oldest Hatred” (CRA, 2025). [Click here](#)

See too CRA’s Addressing Islamophobia webpage. [Click here](#)

Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion

Standing Up Against Dehumanisation, Prejudice and Hate. A series of video formation modules. [Click here](#) for introduction

Declaration/Pledge for signing

International Council of Christians and Jews

ICCJ Declaration 2025. An Invitation to Recommit to Interfaith Relationships in Tumultuous Times. [Click here](#). See too various articles: jcrelations.net

Bat Kol International

Invitation to sign 2025 Declaration on Jewish-Christian Relations as pledge of commitment to the achievements and aspirations of *Nostra Aetate*. [Click here](#)



Conferences

Australian Council of Christians and Jews, supported by Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion and International Council of Christians and Jews

Dialogue Conference: “Heads, Hearts and Hands: What can dialogue do for us?” Melbourne, 2-4 February 2025. [Click here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#)

Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Christian Unity and Inter-religious Dialogue

Conference: “Walking Together 2025”, North Sydney, May 2025. [Click here](#) for presentation recordings.

Official ecclesial gatherings

Pope Leo XIV – 60th Anniversary gathering

Walking Together In Hope, Rome gathering, 28 October 2025. [Click here](#) to view video and [here](#) for the text of Pope Leo XIV’s address

Pope Leo XIV – Wednesday Audience

Wednesday audience, with a focus on 60th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, 29 October 2025. [Click here](#) for news coverage and [here](#) for full text

Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Christian Unity & Inter-religious Dialogue

60th Anniversary gathering with Jewish leaders, Nth Sydney, 4 November 2025

More Jewish responses

Rabbi Benjamin Elton

Centre for Independent Studies 2025 Acton Lecture presented by Rabbi Benjamin Elton: *Double Standards: Analysis of antisemitism past and present* [Click here](#)

Ron Hoenig

Text of Ron Hoenig’s reflection at the ACBC “Walking Together 2025” conference (see above). [Click here](#)

The Jewish Chronicle

Opinion piece by Rabbi Noam Marans, “*Nostra Aetate* should matter to Jews more than ever”, 28 October 2025. [Click here](#)



Further links

Dialogika. Online library of the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations. Managed by the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations of Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

A collection of primary source documents and educational materials to assist in the observance of the anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*. [Click here](#)

University of Notre Dame Australia

In 2025, the University of Notre Dame Australia's Centre for the History of Philosophy, in partnership with The Great Synagogue Sydney, launched an annual public lecture series in the history of Jewish philosophy, with the inaugural lecture delivered by Rabbi Benjamin Elton on 30 June 2025. [Click here](#)

Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations

Window on the World's Religions is an interfaith initiative from the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations, which began in October 2025 in Parramatta NSW. Followers from different religions share about their faith through talks, videos, sacred objects, panel discussion and Q&A. [Click here](#)

Examples of Australian organisations contributing to interfaith relations:

Affinity Intercultural Foundation affinity.org.au

Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations – [Click here](#)

Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Sion – [Click here](#) and resources@sion.org.au

Councils of Christians and Jews: International (ICCJ.org), National (accj.org.au) and State (ccjvic.org.au)

Courage to Care couragetocare.org.au

Etz-Hayim—Tree of Life Publishing etz-hayim.com

Interfaith Encounters catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/interfaith

Light of Torah lightoftorah.net

Together For Humanity togetherforhumanity.org.au

Initiatives in support of interfaith/intercultural relations are also undertaken by schools and universities, Holocaust museums, government departments, local faith-based and ethnic communities and their representative bodies.

