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Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue and the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews at the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity

Walking Together in Hope: 60 Years of *Nostra Aetate*

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate* (Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions), the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue and the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews at the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity will host a special event titled ***Walking Together in Hope* on 28 October 2025, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, in Paul VI Hall, Vatican City.**

The evening will mark six decades of dialogue, friendship, and cooperation among followers of the world's religions, inspired by *Nostra Aetate*, one of the most transformative documents of the Second Vatican Council. It will also renew the call for peace, justice, and human fraternity in a time marked by division and conflict.

Leaders and representatives from Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, and African Traditional Religions will gather alongside members of the Roman Curia, the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See, Catholic delegates engaged in interreligious dialogue, scholars, interreligious networks, and young people from around the world. The program will feature music, personal testimonies, and cultural performances celebrating unity in diversity.

The highlight of the event will be an address by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, followed by a moment of silent prayer for peace. Each participant will receive a small bag of seeds, symbolizing the shared mission to continue planting seeds of dialogue and hope for future generations.

On 29 October, the General Audience will also be dedicated to *Nostra Aetate* and interreligious dialogue, with the presence of many religious leaders.

These events are open to the public (subject to ticket availability) and will be broadcast live by Vatican Media. For free entry and ticket requests for the event on **28 October**, please contact no later than **27 October 2025** at: nostraaetate60years@interrel.va