



Nostra Aetate

The toil and triumph of a conciliar journey

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For the 60th Anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*'s promulgation at Vatican II, Bat Kol International has published this concise, readable account by Teresa Pirola which tells the story of a groundbreaking Catholic teaching and its turbulent passage through the conciliar debates of Vatican II.

The PDF can be freely downloaded and printed for non-commercial use here:

<https://batkolinternational.org/nostra-aetate-60th-anniversary-resources/>

Teresa Pirola, ThD is a Sydney-based freelance writer and interfaith educator.

Endorsements

“Teresa Pirola has prepared a masterful and thoroughly researched account of the origins, development, and impact of the Second Vatican Council’s declaration *Nostra Aetate*. What better way could there be to commemorate its sixtieth anniversary? Written in an engaging style, she invites everyone to continue to internalize the declaration’s teachings in the life of the Church and to pursue authentic friendships with people of other religious traditions, particularly Jews. I highly recommend this concise volume to all.”

- Philip A. Cunningham, Prof. of Theology and Co-director of the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations of Saint Joseph’s University, Philadelphia

“Teresa Pirola bridges past and present with insight and grace. While she highlights the decisive shift in Catholic thinking that *Nostra Aetate* represents—especially in the Church’s renewed relationship with the Synagogue—she also points to other vital areas where the Church’s conversion of heart and understanding must continue. A work both historical and prophetic, it calls us to keep the conciliar journey alive.”

- Maureen Fritz, NDS, Prof. Emerita, University of St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto, and Founder of Bat Kol International



Further resources

As part of its suite of 60th Anniversary resources, Bat Kol International also offers the recordings of three seminar series on *Nostra Aetate* by recognised scholars and educators: Murray Watson (Canada), David Neuhaus (Israel; South Africa), Philip Cunningham and Adam Greggerman (USA). These are free resources, containing excellent material; well worth checking out. [Find them here.](#)