

Nostra Aetate at 60: Fruits of the Anniversary

A resource list compiled in Australia

Nostra Aetate turns sixty in 2025, an anniversary marked by a year of interfaith activities in Australia. Many of these are listed below, along with some international items which were also promoted in Australian interfaith circles. Please send additional items for inclusion to: teresa.pirola@bigpond.com

Publications

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

Looking ahead: the forthcoming issue of *Bridges* will feature the 60th Anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*. [Click here](#)

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 polarized 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 McNerney 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 anniversary of the Second Vatican Council is being marked in 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 CRA's Addressing Islamophobia webpage. [Click here](#)

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

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

Conferences

Sisters of Our Lady of Sion; Australian Council of Christians and Jews; 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

Interview comments. [Click here](#) to view 11-minute video (ECAJ)

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

The University of Notre Dame Australia's Centre for the History of Philosophy, in partnership with The Great Synagogue Sydney, has officially launched a new 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](#)

