

# Interreligious Dialogue

**MS542 is a Graduate Course Unit**

**Semester 1, 4 March 2012 - 14 June 2012**

**Wednesday, 6.00pm - 9.00pm**

## **WHY STUDY THIS COURSE?**

Australia is a multi-religious society in a secular setting. People have come here from every country in the world, bringing with them their languages, cultures and religions—over 120 religions and denominations are named in the 2006 Census!—and many have lived here over several generations. Whether by birth, by migration, or by conversion, they are **'no longer strangers or aliens, but citizens and members of Australian society'** (cf Eph 2:19).



- What is the appropriate Christian response to the fact of religious diversity?
- Is dialogue a betrayal of the Church's evangelizing mission, or an integral part of it?
- What can we learn from believers in other religions?
- How can we share with them our convictions?

## **WHO IS IT FOR?**

- **Students** undertaking courses in theology and religious education for SCD Awards
- **Pastoral agents** wanting to learn about Christian responsibility towards the religious other
- **Professionals** who want to develop skills in relating across religious boundaries
- **Concerned citizens** – how the Catholic Church sees & relates with other religions

**WHAT IS INCLUDED?** The history, scriptural basis, models, obstacles, requisites, spirituality, theology and types of interreligious dialogue, and the issues that arise.

**WHO IS THE LECTURER?** **Rev Dr Patrick J McInerney** LSAI (Rome), MTheol (Melbourne), PhD (ACU) is a Columban missionary to Pakistan for more than twenty years and currently the Coordinator of the Columban Mission Institute's *Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations* and *Centre for Mission Studies* - with guests from other religions.



**Registrations Close on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

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