The Second Vatican Council
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Nostra Aetate (In Our Time)
Drawn to Fellowship, the Promise and Progress of Interreligious Dialogue

Villanova University
November 7-9, 2019

Thursday, November 7, 2019—Cinema, Connelly Center

5:00 p.m. Dinner for Speakers and Guests,
The Inn at Villanova

7:30 p.m.
Welcome –Kail C. Ellis, OSA
Assistant to the President, Villanova University

Message of His Eminence Cardinal Leonardo Sandri
Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches
Delivered by: Rev. Kuriakose Cherupuzhatthottathil,
Congregation for the Oriental Churches

7:45 p.m.
Nostra Aetate: The Contested, Minimal and almost Failed Effort to Embrace a Tragedy and Amend Attitudes.
John Borelli, Special Assistant to the President for Catholic Identity and Dialogue, Georgetown University

Friday, November 8—Cinema Connelly Center,

I. Nostra Aetate: Historical and Social Context

9:00-10:00 a.m.
Pope Paul VI and his Pilgrimage to Jerusalem in January 1964: Key Event in the Emergence of Nostra Aetate.
Anthony O’Mahony, Fellow, Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, Reader in the History of Christianity, Heythrop College, University of London (1999-2018) and Director for the Centre for Eastern Christianity (2009–2018); Holder of the Sir Daniel & Countess Bernardine Murphy Donohue Chair in Eastern Christianity.

10:00 a.m. Break
10:15-11:15 a.m.
*Rome and the Eastern Patriarchates: Reflections on Cultural and Historical Factors in Inter-Church Relations.*
Sidney H. Griffith, Ordinary Professor Emeritus in the Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures in the School of Arts and Sciences at the Catholic University of America.

11:15 a.m.
Break

11:30-12:30 p.m.
*Catholic Saints and Scholars: Nostra Aetate and Islam.*
Christian Krokus: Associate Professor, Department of Theology/Religious Studies, University of Scranton.

12:30 p.m.
Break/Lunch

1:30-2:30 p.m.
*The Holy See, Islam and the Role of the Arab patriarchs in developing Nostra Aetate.*
Kail C. Ellis, Villanova University

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45-3:45 p.m.
Concurrent sessions

3:45 p.m. Break

II. Nostra Aetate: Ecumenical Perspectives

4:00-5:00 p.m.
*Eastern Orthodox Perspectives on Nostra Aetate and Muslim-Christian Relations.*
Archimandrite Nikodemos Anagnostopoulos, Orthodox priest of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, Assistant Professor at the University of Notre Dame, London and teacher of Christianity, Islam, Orthodox and Eastern Christianity at SOAS University of London.

6:00-7:15 p.m.
Vesper Service
Organ Concert—Sean McElwee
Gallery Exhibit—Connelly Center
  *In Our Time, and Again: Drawn to Fellowship, the Promise and Progress of Interreligious Dialogue.*

7:30 p.m.
Dinner for speakers – Presidents Lounge
Saturday, November 9, 2019. – Cinema-Connelly Center

9:00- 10:00 a.m.  

10:15-11:15 a.m.  
*Protestant Views of Nostra Aetate and its relevance for the Middle East Today.*  
Dr. George Sabra, Professor of Systematic Theology and President of the Near East School of Theology (NEST) in Beirut, Lebanon.

11:15 Break

III. Nostra Aetate: Non-Christian Perspectives

11:30-12:30 p.m.  
*Harvest and Horizons - an appraisal of Nostra Aetate paragraph 4, The Catholic Church and the Jewish People as a primary moment for Nostra Aetate.* David Neuhaus, SJ, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Jerusalem.

12:30-1:30 p.m.  
Lunch

1:30-2:30 p.m.  
*Models of the Church in Nostra Aetate.* Rev. Dennis McManus, visiting associate professor, Center for Jewish Civilization, Georgetown University, and Consultant for Jewish Affairs at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45-3:45 p.m.  
*Catholic Teaching on Hinduism and Buddhism in Nostra Aetate.* Very Rev. Dr. Martin Ganeri, OP, Prior Provincial of the Order of Preachers, Province of England and Fellow of Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford.

3:45 p.m. Break

4:00-5:00 p.m.  
*The Ecclesial and Theological origins of Nostra Aetate: a Modern Historical Account in the Context of Vatican II.* Rocco Viviano, SX. Interreligious Dialogue Coordinator, Xaverian Missionaries in Japan.

5:15-5:45 p.m.  
Evening Prayer (Ecumenical Vespers—location TBD)

7:00 p.m.  
Banquet for Speakers – Montrose Mansion, The Inn at Villanova.