



Interfaith Dialogue



We are called to live as Saint Martin de Porres did. He would want everyone to embrace everyone's differences. Everyone is unique and we should stand together and unite regardless of our faith.

Gaudium et Spes teaches us

"Every type of discrimination, whether social or cultural whether based on sex, race, colour, social condition, language or religion is to be overcome and eradicated as it is contrary to God's intent."

Kate Yr 10





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It is important to learn about interfaith dialogue as we grow to respect one another and each other's faith. Each of us are the children of God and we are made to stand in solidarity when life gets tough. Respect does not see race or background; it sees justice and kindness to everyone and their beliefs.

Kritika Year 8



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Faith is across the world. Faith is varied and unique. Faith is what people live by. Faith is important and interesting. Faith is inclusive. Faith is ancient. Faith is young. Faith through life. Faith through death. Faith is peace. Faith is justice. Faith is hope. People use faith to hold onto hope because Faith is hope. Faith loves us all. Faith does not discriminate. Everyone deserves Faith.

Oliver Year 8





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In Interfaith dialogue we are called to be Pilgrims of hope and to embrace those of different faiths and cultures. We are all Imago Dei and therefore we are all important in God's eyes. So, we must cherish this and be stewards of the earth, subside and stand in solidarity with refugees, the poor and those of other faiths. We must care for the common home as Pope Francis said in 'Laudato Si' and live out our virtues, mission statement and Bishop Patrick's themes of Encounter.

Hermione Year 8





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Interfaith dialogue is important because it brings everyone one step closer to being one global family, all brothers and sisters, all equals. Never alone. We all stand together in solidarity, we pray that conflicts cease to exist, and all humans are treated the same, forever in peace with one another.

Alex Year 8



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We are all brothers and sisters in this world but when we think about our brothers and sisters suffering, we need to help them as they are our family. If we are all equal, we need to act like it as well.

That is why God sent us down to earth to look out for each other because that's what our siblings do. We are better as one. That's how it should be.

Anthonia Year 8





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Learning about interfaith dialogue is really important because it helps us to gain a deeper understanding of what others believe and how they view life. We can have a deeper appreciation of culture and celebration. It allows us to come together and make the world a better place for all, slowly preaching to remove discrimination as it is contrary to God's intent. (Gaudium et Spes 29)

Jamie Year 10





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It is important for us to learn about different faiths as we deepen our knowledge so we are able to know each other better and strengthen our relationship with one another, helping us become united and stand together in unity and solidarity as God called us to do as we are all part of God's creation. Religion should unite people not divide people.



Ionela Year 10





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I believe it is important to learn about other faiths and their culture so that we can make everyone included in our community, no matter what our background. Interfaith dialogue also helps us to be stewards of the earth as we have extra insight into other people's worlds and we can find ways to care for creation. Religion is many people's anchor, helping them stay afloat and as we embrace people of different faiths we want them to feel included, we must learn about their anchors. We must alienate discrimination, just how *Gaudium et Spes* 29 says " Every type of discrimination, whether based on sex, race, colour, social condition, language or religion is to be overcome and eradicated as it is contrary to God's intent.

Oskar Year 10





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Interfaith Dialogue is really important because it overcomes the barriers of injustice. Just as Saint Martin wanted we are called to break down ignorance and learn and embrace different cultures that make our communities unique and inspirational; for all people of all ages to meet, to learn and understand each other. The idea of the Jubilee Year 2025 is to promote the Common Good and unite in solidarity.

Amy Year 10





Pilgrims of Hope Message by Kara Yr 11

This Year we are celebrating the Year of Prayer: 'Prayer is the raising of the hearts and minds to God' CCC

As Pilgrims of Hope we show love and compassion to others, treating everyone we meet with dignity and respect which Jesus taught us to do. Everybody is made 'Imago Dei', so everyone must be treated with the utmost reverence we stand in solidarity with those that suffer, who are marginalised we are the voice for those who have no voice.

At Saint Martin's we know that we are loved by God, we learn the best that has been thought and said and we grow in living a virtuous life as God wishes us. As St Catherine of Sienna said "Be what God created you to be and you will set the world on fire". We live out our mission to express the fire within us and spread the love of God around the world as Missionary Disciples (Bishop Patrick's theme)

As a part of the Year of Prayer, in our School community we are embracing the love and beauty of faith and connection through prayer. For us, prayer is the anchor of faith, keeping us steady in a sea of struggle and conflict. The star on our blazers reminds us to illuminate the world with faith and compassion, within the contrast of black and white symbolising the light of Christ overcoming the darkness of sin.





Pilgrims of Hope Message by Jack Yr 11



As this year is the Year of Prayer, we strive as a school family to emphasise the importance of Catholic Social Teaching. We are called to be Pilgrims of Hope, standing in solidarity to shine a light in this world of darkness. As Saint Thomas Aquinas says, "It is better to illuminate than to shine." As we are made Imago Dei (Gen 1:26-27) we must care for everyone with dignity and be a candle to others in often troubled lives. We can contribute to charities, the theme this week in school to respect the dignity of all people particularly those who struggle the most. In doing this we show preferential love for the poor 'I was hungry and you fed me' 'I was thirsty and you gave me a drink' 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'...Matthew 25

We as Saint Martin's family should stand in solidarity and change the world. Laudato Si reminds to care for our Common Home. We become the star on our Dominican badge for others; for refugees so that the light always overcomes darkness.





Pilgrims of Hope Message Louie Yr 9

Catholic Social Teaching is important in our lives in the Year of Prayer and as Pilgrims of Hope because we stand together in solidarity to shine light in to our dark world. We are all made Imago Dei and must treat everyone we meet with dignity and respect and live out God's way. If we contribute to Charities for the dignity of those who are poor and struggling in our world.

As well as this, helping organisations such as Mary's meals shows the Common Good for those who cannot afford a decent meal and those struggling to flourish; everyone should be able to experience goodness in the world in order to find happiness. This links to Jesus' teaching 'love your neighbour as yourself'. We are all equally important no matter what and deserves to be treated with love, respect and dignity.



Pilgrims of Hope Message by Leighton Yr 11

This Year we are celebrating the Year of Prayer. "Prayer is the raising of the hearts and minds to God." CCC As Pilgrims of Hope we show love and compassion to others, to treat them with dignity and respect. We stand in solidarity with those who suffer and are struggling. We are the voices for those who are unable to listen to the "cries of the earth and cries of the poor." Laudato Si
Pope Francis





Pilgrims Message of Hope by Sophie Year 9

Since we are in the Year of Prayer, we are called by Pope Francis to be Pilgrims of Hope and Builders of peace, and we then live a life full of virtues to the full, so we emphasize the true meaning of Catholic Social Teaching. We should be beacons of hope for people in darkness and be that light in a path of goodness for others to follow and walk along together. Like our beloved St Thomas Aquinas who inspires our school to be what it is today; our school badge is a shield of truth and hope. We all at Saint Martin's want to make a world a safer, peaceful and less polluted world to be stewards of the earth for our common home. So, we all shine our solidarity and kindness on people who might not be as cheerful as us all the time but we as Christians work with all people of all faiths and no faith to work in harmony and peace with no fights to bring about dignity. We remember the people of Ukraine and Russia. We help those who struggle- immigrants, the homeless or those abandoned and not loved by their families. We all deserve the best, but we only get there by working harmoniously with our neighbours.

