

## Dialogue of Life

It is the dialogue where believers of different religions bear witness to their religious values and convictions in their everyday life, in their homes, workplaces and neighbourhoods. In other words, this dialogue is taking place when spiritual and human values shape the day-to-day interactions of peoples with their neighbours of other faiths. Hence, it is a dialogue that could be carried out by all persons from all walks of life. It could be as simple as a mother teaching her children to love persons of other religions or a taxi-driver going out of her/his way to return lost baggage to a passenger of another faith. It is also manifested when a teacher shows love, dedication and attention to students irrespective of their religious affiliation or a resident being considerate and helpful to a neighbour of another religion. This, therefore, is the most important type of interreligious dialogue and ideally, all other forms of dialogue should lead to the dialogue of life. In other words, the dialogue of life should become a way of life for all persons of religion.

## Conversation

Interreligious dialogue is therefore a conversation, a two-way communication between two or more persons holding significantly different views as a result of each person's own religio-cultural history and upbringing. It is not to be likened to debate nor should it be merely a reinforcement of like-minds either. The motivation to engage in dialogue comes about as a result of a whole new way of thinking, seeing and reflecting upon the world and its meaning. A prerequisite for dialogue is that the partners come with an open mind which appreciates differences and pluralism. All forms of exclusiveness has to be shed.

## To Learn

It can be said that the primary purpose of dialogue is for both parties to mutually learn about each other and especially about the religious values, beliefs, and systems of the dialogue partner. In the process of learning about the other, one will also learn much about one's own religion. This is because as one begins to view the other more closely, one inevitably has to re-view one's own religious convictions obtained from the other. Thus, interreligious dialogue is a process where one learns not only about the other but also about oneself and one's own religion.

## To Witness



In order for the other to learn, one also has to be committed to witnessing to one's own religious experiences and convictions. Not only does this demand adequate knowledge of the truth and essence of one's own religious tradition, a certain amount of courage and authenticity is also needed in order for one to witness to this truth. While being respectful of the dialogue partner, one must also be honest in witnessing to even those elements which may sound disconcerting to the other. In witnessing to this truth, one hopes that the other will be able to understand, respect and even come to an appreciation of these truths. However, just as one comes to the dialogue table to witness to the other, one must also come ready to be witnessed to by the other.✚

Be Disciples of Hope

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5th November 2017  
31st Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



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<p><b>OUR PROGRAMME THIS 04 - 12 NOVEMBER 2017</b></p>				
<p><b>31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) :</b> Mal 1, 14b -2 2b, 8-10 Ps 130 1, 2, 3 1 Th 2, 7b -9, 13 Mt 23, 1-12  <b>"Guard My Soul In Peace Before You, O Lord, Guard My Soul In Peace Before You, O Lord" (Psalm 130.)</b></p>				
SAT	04	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Albert )	
SUN OCT	05	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation: St. Anthony) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Margaret) Eucharist (M) Eucharist (BM)	<i>RE(T): 8.45-10.15 am; RE(C) : 9- 10.30 am : RE(E) (BM) 10.45 -12.15pm RCIA (T) 9.00 -10.30 am ; RCIA (BM) 11.00 am -12.30pm RCIA (E) 11.00 -12.30pm ; RCIA(M) : 9.00 -10.30 am</i>
Mon	06	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall</i>
Tues	07	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall</i>
Wed	08	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	09	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall</i>
Fri	10	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (T) at Chapel Our Lady of Lourdes, Sagga</i>
<p><b>32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) :</b> Wis 6, 12-16 PS 62, 2abc, 2d-4, 5-6, 7-8 1 Th 4, 13-18 Mt 25, 1-13  <b>"For You My Soul Is Thirsting O God My God." (Psalm 62.)</b></p>				
SAT	11	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Hilary 2)	7.00 pm : Infant & Children Baptism
SUN	12	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Maria) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Josep of C.) Eucharist (M) 4.30 Pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (B M)	<i>RE(T): 8.45-10.15 am; RE(C) : 9- 10.30 am : RE(E) (BM) 10.45 -12.15pm RCIA (T) 9.00 -10.30 am ; RCIA (BM) 11.00 am -12.30pm RCIA (E) 11.00 -12.30pm ; RCIA(M) : 9.00 -10.30 am</i>
<p>We welcome new Parishioners/Students from Universities/Colleges in the vicinity of Seremban. Kindly register at the parish office or email us at: <a href="mailto:serembanvisitation@gmail.com">serembanvisitation@gmail.com</a>. You will receive a Prayer Card (Magnificat). Pray it daily.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do You Belong To a Basic Ecclesial Community (BEC)?</b> Please ensure that you belong to your BEC - the BEC is where your Home you are staying in. A BEC comes with All Languages as ONE FAMILY - COMMUNITY. For more info call parish office or John Maynard (016-6656411 / 016-5033903)</li> <li>• <b>CLEANLINESS OF CHURCH AND SURROUNDINGS.</b> Nailing on walls, stickers, glue etc are not permitted. ALWAYS ENSURE House of God is well maintained and looked after by ALL.</li> <li>• <b>Marriages NOT blessed</b> in the Catholic Church need to be brought to the attention of the Parish Priest. At the moment the Catholic party is to refrain from receiving Holy Communion. The Priest would assist you in the process of blessing and guide you Spiritually.</li> <li>• <b>There will be No VSPF Fellowship on 12/11/2017</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>NEWS / EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2017</b></p> <p>i) <b>Parish Weekend Collections :</b> 28/29 Oct : RM10,056.00 <b>God Bless All Generous Donors</b></p> <p>ii) There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend 04/05 Nov. for Ministry of Social Concern. <b>God Bless All Generous Donors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Church Maintenance Staff needed</b> Anyone with maintenance work Skills kindly call parish office.</li> <li>• All <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> taking <b>Holy Communion</b> to the Sick &amp; Homebound are requested to update names, info of the sick at parish office as soon as possible.</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <b>1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Camp</b> for 82 candidates will be held at Visitation Centre, Jalan Lee Sam on 11 &amp; 12 Nov. 2017. Let us keep them in prayers. ~ 25 Nov (Sat) @ 9.00 am : Confession for children and parents followed by Rehearsal ~ 26 Nov (Sun) : Sacrament 1st Holy Communion at respective language Masses.</li> <li>➢ <b>We welcome Carmelite Community</b> (Fr. Kenneth Gopal, Deacon Nicholas Ho and Bro. Dexter). They are now residing at their Rahang residence. We thank God for their support and service. Let us keep them in prayers</li> <li>➢ <b>Towards 170 years of the Parish of Visitation :</b> ~ <b>RE Children Cultural Show</b> on 18 November (Sat) @ 7.30 pm. Venue : Visitation Hall. Theme : Unity in Culture. All are welcome.</li> <li>➢ <b>Pope Francis has announced that ,19 November</b> is to be 'World Day of the Poor . Feeding about 500 pax poor will take place at Church grounds, commencing 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. BEC Leaders are to help coordinate namelists of the Poor as soon as possible. Zone/BEC coordinators will be briefed by John Maynard soon. We welcome Donations in cash or kind. Call parish office</li> <li>➢ <b>"Day of Recollection"</b> on 18 Nov. @ 9.00 am - 12.00 noon for all EOMs and VSPF at Vistation Hall.</li> <li>➢ <b>Help needed for Church Maintenance Fund</b> Kindly contribute generously towards this project to upkeep all repairs and maintenance of the Parish. All donations can be made at the parish office or through cheque payable to : CHURCH OF VISITATION. Thank you <b>Note : Donor who wish to have receipt for tax exemption kindly check with parish office</b></li> </ul>	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Special Blessing for all STPM and SPM students</b> on 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017</li> <li>• <b>Special Baptism for RE children on 11 Nov. (Sat) at 7.00 pm</b></li> <li>• <b>Clergy Monthly Recollection :</b> 14 &amp; 15 November at APC, K.L.</li> <li>• <b>BECCOT Gathering :</b> 22 November 2017 at 7.45 pm</li> </ul>	
			<p><b>Pray for the Departed souls of :</b></p> <p>a) Doris Ann Raman (d.o.d: 27/10/17) b) Regina Rayappan (d.o.d : 29/10/17) <i>May the Perpetual Light shine upon them</i></p>	<p><b>Wedding Bells :</b></p> <p>a) Melvin Victor &amp; Melissa Grace : 11 Nov @ 3.30 pm b) Chreles &amp; Suzi : 18 Nov. @ 11.00 am c) Simpson Lew &amp; Susie Wong : 18 Nov @ 3.30 pm</p>