

## Similarity

Because it is easier to get along with those who display similar characteristics, attitudes, values, and interests, it might help to highlight some of the shared principles, beliefs, stories, and values between the religions. In other words, more efforts should be made to draw parallels and identify points of convergences so that adherents are aware that religions have more similarities than differences. The old adage “birds of a feather flock together” suggests that interreligious relationships can be further enhanced if similarities are highlighted. People feel more comforted that others also share some of their own convictions. Not only is the other no longer an alien, but more importantly the other has confirmed the rightness of one’s views and reinforced one’s own belief systems. Cognitive dissonance theory predicts that one cannot ignore or despise that which is very similar to oneself since doing so would mean also ignoring or despising oneself.

## Familiarity

Simply being exposed frequently to a stimulus can increase liking. This mere exposure effect can be used to enhance interreligious relations. Specifically, people could be exposed more regularly to the teachings, values and systems of other religions. A variety of ingenious means could be thought up to actualise this. It could be through the mass media, text books, billboards, television movies, speeches or even bumper stickers and cereal boxes. Direct exposure to persons of other religions is even more useful. Thus desegregation and increased contacts should be encouraged. In fact, repeated exposure helps enhance relationships. As the other becomes more familiar her/his behaviours also become more predictable. If we are able to predict the other’s behaviour and to become familiar with her/his religion, we become more comfortable relating with her/him.

## Attractiveness



While the preceding three factors are important in efforts to enhance interreligious relationships, the attractiveness factor overrides them all. In other words, unless the other is presented in an attractive manner, positive relationships will not develop even if other factors were enhanced. Specifically, the more attractive aspects of other religions should be presented first if interreligious camaraderie were to be given a chance. Likewise, interreligious interactions should begin with only those most likely to succeed and those more open to others and hence better able to be models for others to follow. If the non-attractive aspects of religions were presented first or if dialogue begins with controversial issues, there is every likelihood that the activity would be counterproductive. Likewise, if religionists who are more narrow and bigoted are at the forefront of interreligious initiatives, chances are they will yield more negative than positive results. †

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26th November 2017  
Solemnity of  
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## How to Enhance Interreligious Dialogue?

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<p><b>OUR PROGRAMME THIS 25 NOVEMBER - 03 DECEMBER 2017</b>  <b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR A) :</b> Ez 34, 11-12, 15-17 Ps 22, 1-2a, 1-2a, 2b-3, 5-6 1 Cor 15, 20-26, 28 Mt 25, 31-40  <i>"The Lord Is My Shepherd, There Is Nothing I Shall Want" (Psalm 22)7</i></p>				
SAT	25	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : Liturgy)	9.00 am : Confessions for 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Children and parents
SUN OCT	26	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation: OLL, Sagga) Eucharist (E) (Animation : Liturgy) Eucharist (M) 4.30 pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (BM) 7.00 pm : Kg. Sebir (BM)	<i>No RE Classes, RE resume on 07 January 2018 for registration</i> 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 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion at respective Masses
Mon	27	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall</i>
Tues	28	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall</i>
Wed	29	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	30	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall</i>
Fri	01	<i>No Morning Mass</i>		<i>7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (E) (1<sup>st</sup> Friday)</i>
<p><b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) :</b> Is 63 16b - 17, 19b, 64, 2b-7 Ps 79 2ac and 3bc, 15-16, 18-19 1 Cor 1, 3-9 Mk 13, 33-37  <i>"God Of Hosts, Bring Us Back; Let Your Face Shine On Us And We Shall Be Saved" (Psalm 79)</i></p>				
SAT	02	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Rita)	
SUN	03	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Getrude) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Gregory) Eucharist (M) Eucharist (B M)	<i>No RE Classes, RE resume on 07 January 2018 for registration</i> 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
<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>			<p>➤ <b>BE RECONCILED THIS ADVENT 2017</b>                  27 Nov (Mon) : 7.30 pm : Fatima, Brickfields                  28 Nov (Tues) : 7.00 pm : Divine Mercy, S/Alam                  29 Nov (Wed) : 8.00 pm : Assumption, P.J                  30 Nov (Thur) : 8.00 pm : Holy Rosary, K.L                  8.00 pm : Guadalupe, Puchong</p>	
<p><b>NEWS / EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2017</b></p>			<p>➤ <b>World Day of Remembrance for Traffic Victims</b> - about 80 % of all Road Accidents are due to Human Negligence and Exceed Speed Limit, Alcohol, Drugs, Tiredness, Road Infrastructure, Safety Belt &amp; Helmets not used, and use of handphone (texting/selfie). Lets be Careful on the Road. Pray for all Travellers and for all Road Traffic Victims.</p>	
<p>i) <b>Parish Weekend Collections :</b>                  18/19 November : RM9,462.90  <b>God Bless All Generous Donors</b></p>			<p><b>Wedding Bells :</b>                  a) Joseph Loong &amp; Too Xiao Wei : 02 Dec. @ 11.00 am                  b) Kenneth &amp; Geetha : 02 Dec @ 3.30 pm</p>	
<p>ii) <b>Religious Items for sale</b>                  a) Liturgical Calendar 2018 (Eng) : RM6.00                  b) 2018 Bible Diary (English / Tamil) : RM20.00</p>			<p><b>Pray for the Departed soul of :</b>                  Thomas Lee Fook Ming (d.o.d: 23/11/17)                  May the Perpetual Light shine upon him</p>	
<p>iii) <b>Sale of Souvenir Book of Late Monsignor Anthony Thomas (1937 - 2017) @ RM5/- per copy</b></p>			<p>➤ <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 :</b> For tax exemption kindly contact parish office.</p>	
<p>iv) <b>An Outreach by Catholic Prison Ministry (KL Archdiocese) invites you to write a Christmas card to our brothers and sisters in prison. For info please refer to the leaflets/poster in the notice board.</b></p>			<p>• 02 &amp; 03 Dec : <b>Book Mission</b> by the Daughters of St. Paul Kindly give your support.</p>	
<p>v) <b>Do You Belong To a Basic Ecclesial Community (BEC)?</b> Call John Maynard (016-6656411)</p>			<p>• 02 &amp; 03 Dec : <b>Sale of cookies and snacks</b> by "Flour Power" - by Sr. Bertha &amp; team, a community project that works to improve underprivileged women and children in Taman Prima low cost flats. Your kind support will be appreciated.</p>	
<p>• <b>Christmas Charity Bazaar</b> : Venue : EQ Greenhouse Café &amp; Lodge, No. 36, Persiaran Kurau 1, Taman Samudra Batu 1, Port Dickson.                  Date : 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2017 (Sat &amp; Sun) Tel : 06-6463436</p>			<p>• <b>CHOICE English 100 Weekends &amp; Choice Malaysia's 36 Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration</b> at St. Ignatius Church, P.J. on 09 Dec (Saturday) (Contact Doreen : 016-3612146 / Grace : 012-3503817)</p>	
<p>• <b>PIHDM Children's Christmas Party</b> for children aged 4-17 years on <b>17 Dec (Sun)</b>.                  Venue : Visitation Church Grounds. We welcome donation of Christmas presents. Kindly drop the presents in the prepared Box.</p>			<p>• <b>PIHDM Children's Christmas Party</b> for children aged 4-17 years on <b>17 Dec (Sun)</b>.                  Venue : Visitation Church Grounds. We welcome donation of Christmas presents. Kindly drop the presents in the prepared Box.</p>	