



Introduction

This material is an aid to explore further the Bishops' teaching document "Meeting God in Friend and Stranger. Fostering respect and mutual understanding between the religions". It is best used in conjunction with this document.

The material contains a chapter by chapter guide to the teaching laid out in the document, with a short summary of each chapter, bullet points for a quicker overview, and a glossary of the terms used. This is supplemented by questions for discussion, as well as by ideas for action. For each chapter, there are also quotations from the original document to lead the reader back to it.

This material can be used in many ways. It can be taken as a tool for private study, or as the basis for a series of workshops. They can either follow the order of the document in six sessions guided by the six chapters, or be a one-off event that concentrates on the chapter that is most relevant for the group and its situation. This can take place in schools, parishes, chaplaincies, and wherever else everyday life and work leads to the recognition that God wants His people to engage in dialogue with others, to learn from and be inspired by them.

The material is not meant to replace the document itself, and hopefully the study of it will lead on to more in-depth reflections on "Meeting God in Friend and Stranger" or other documents that are relevant to the chapters, as well as a more active participation in interreligious dialogue and shared action, which ultimately brings us closer to God.