

Course G Interreligious Dialogue as a New Christian Path (Online)

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Description

Interreligious dialogue was considered a reality when John Paul II died, yet it remains unknown in its development and objectives today. Dialogue remains just as vital today as there can be no peace between nations and peoples without peace between religions. This raises concerns and questions, reviving debates on the future and role of religion.

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