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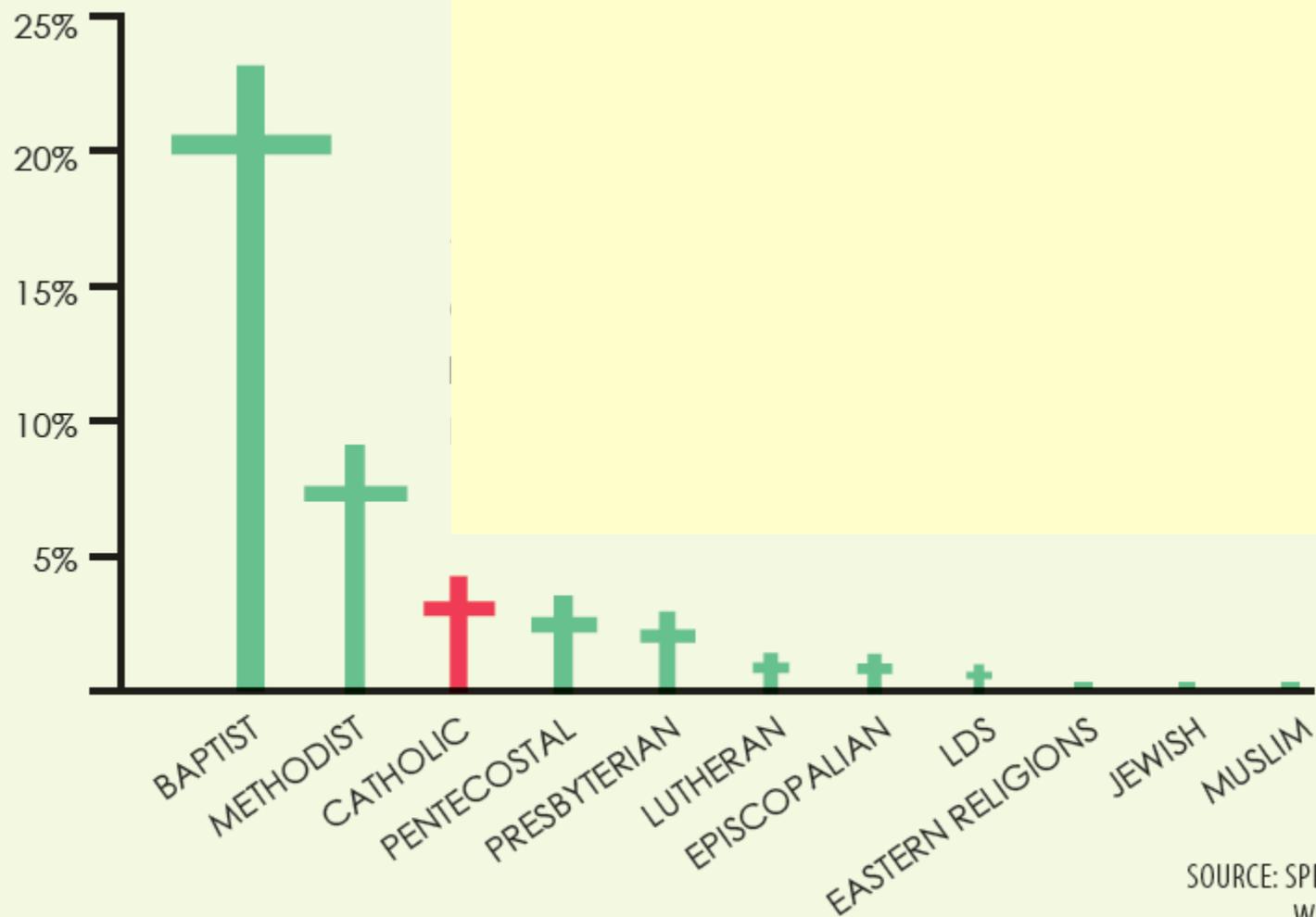
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# Ecumenism

## Vatican II

- **Unitatis Redintegratio** [*Decree on Ecumenism*]
  - **Nostra Aetate** [*The Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions*]
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### *With respect to other Christians*

*[Vatican II Decree on Ecumenism; Unitatis Redintegratio]*

*“Initiatives and activities ... to promote Christian unity”*

### *With respect to non-Christian religions*

*[Vatican II Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions; Nostra Aetate]*

*“task of promoting unity and love among men ... considering ... what men have in common and what draws them to fellowship”*

# Ecumenism

## Vatican:

- Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity

## USCCB

- Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (SEIA)
- Bishops Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (BCEIA)

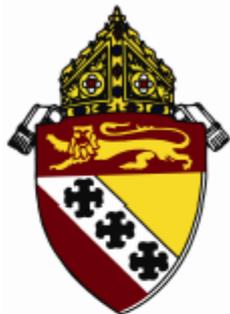
## Diocese of South Carolina

- Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs
- Ecumenical Handbook
- Fellowship of South Carolina Bishops (formerly LARCUM)

*fostering bonds of friendship, mutual understanding, and constructive collaboration*  
*[USCCB – Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs]*

# Ecumenism – Diocese of Charleston

## Ecumenical Handbook



ECUMENICAL  
&  
INTERRELIGIOUS  
AFFAIRS  
HANDBOOK  
FOR THE  
DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

## Fellowship of South Carolina Bishops (formerly LARCUM)

- Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston
- The Episcopal Church in South Carolina
- Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina
- AME Church, 7th Episcopal District
- AME Zion Church, South Atlantic Episcopal District
- 7th Episcopal District, The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
- SC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- SC United Methodist Conference

*Available from the Diocesan website*

# Preparation for Catholic Ecumenism

## Pray

Seek holiness ... humility

Implore Jesus for the Gift of Unity

## Know Our Catholic Faith

## Communication ... Dialogue

# Important Catholic Points

## Catholic Church ... CCC #822

"The sole Church of Christ, ... subsists in the Catholic Church, which is governed by the successor of Peter and by the bishops in communion with him"

"For it is through Christ's Catholic Church alone, which is the universal help toward salvation, that the fullness of the means of salvation can be obtained."

## Catholic Church ... CCC #846

All salvation comes from Christ the Head through the Church which is his Body." [CCC #846]

# Important Bible Verses

Mk 16:15-16

“He said to them, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

Jn 3:5

“Jesus answered, “Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.”

Ps 96:3-5

“Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his marvelous deeds. For great is the Lord and highly to be praised, to be feared above all gods. For the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

# Catholic View of Other Christian Churches

## Other Christian Churches ... CCC #818

All who have been justified by faith in Baptism are incorporated into Christ; they therefore have a right to be called Christians, and with good reason are accepted as brothers in the Lord by the children of the Catholic Church." [UR 3]

## Other Christian Churches ... CCC #838

Those "who believe in Christ and have been properly baptized are put in a certain, although imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church." [UR 3]

# Catholic View of Non-Christians

*promoting unity and love among men ... considering ... what men have in common and what draws them to fellowship*

*Special place for Jewish and Muslim peoples*

Non Christians – Jewish People ... CCC #839-40

Non Christians – Muslim People ... CCC #841

Other Non-Christians ... CCC #842-45

Thus, the Church considers all goodness and truth found in these religions as "a preparation for the Gospel and given by him who enlightens all men that they may at length have life." [LG 16]

In their religious behavior, however, men also display the limits and errors that disfigure the image of God in them: Very often, deceived by the Evil One, men have become vain in their reasonings, and have exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and served the creature rather than the Creator. Or else, living and dying in this world without God, they are exposed to ultimate despair. [LG 16]

The Father willed to call the whole of humanity together into his Son's Church.

# Ecumenism in the Parish – In the South

Baptism

Marriage

RCIA