

## THE CONFERENCE

This inaugural Peninsular Malaysian Conference is mooted by the Archdiocesan Ministry of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. The Conference hopes to be a common platform bringing together organizations and individuals who are already engaged in or are interested to start interreligious and ecumenical programmes, activities and ministries within the three arch/dioceses of Peninsular Malaysia. Religious community leaders/ partners and academicians would also be invited to participate in this programme.

## THE MAIN PURPOSES OF THE CONFERENCE WOULD INCLUDE:-

- stimulate the exchange of ideas, experiences and networking among persons dealing with ecumenical and interreligious matters at the arch/dioceses or parish level
- promote programs that further the work of ecumenism, Christian unity and interreligious cooperation cooperate with the Bishops' Conference, and with other ecumenical and interreligious agencies and community partners from other religious traditions.
- input from scholars, both local and from the U.S.A.
- exposure for Malaysian participants to the programmes and projects of the U.S. collaborators, Dr. Claude F. Jacobs, and Mr. William McNeece, i.e. Pluralism Project (including photo exhibition), Worldviews Seminar, Interfaith Scholars Colloquy – Michigan Roundtable of Diversity and Inclusion etc.

## Programme

### 9th October Friday

Arrival of Participants and Guest speakers

### 10th October Saturday

8.00 am Registration

9.00 am Welcome and Introductions  
Opening and Keynote by Bishop Selva  
Briefing on Logistics

9.30 am Session 1: Interreligious Dialogue, Cultural Dialogue (Indigenous spiritualities), Ecumenism in the Malaysian Context  
Panel: Rev. Fr. Michael Chua  
Rev. Fr. Jojo Fung S.J.  
Dr. Sherman Kuek

10.30 am Teabreak

11.00 am Session 1 – Continuation of Panel Presentation  
Q & A sessions

12.15 pm Group Photoshoot

12.30 pm Lunch

1.30 pm Session 2: Understanding Multiculturalism in Malaysia  
Speaker: Dr. Asma Abdullah

3.00 pm Tea Break

3.30 pm Session 3: Comparative Case Studies: (Panel Discussion)  
a) Religious Pluralism in America: The Case of multicultural diversity in Detroit.  
Speakers: Dr. Claude F Jacobs  
Mr. William McNeece  
b) Interreligious Dialogue/ Christian-Muslim Dialogue in Philippines  
Speaker: Rev. Fr. Bill Larousse

5.30 pm Break – Exhibition - Pluralism Project (Multireligious diversity in Detroit)

7.00 pm Dinner

8.00 pm Session 4: Diocesan Reports on Activities and Programmes, ONENET presentation, and Dialogue with Bishops of the Church in Peninsular Malaysia

9.30 pm Conclusion of Day 1

### 11th October

7.00 am Eucharistic Celebration

8.00 am Breakfast

9.00 am Session 5: Islamisation and the Church's response  
Speaker: Dr. Pat Martinez

10.30 am Tea Break

11.00 am Session 6: Breakout sessions – action plans, programmes and direction

12.00 pm Plenary reporting and Final Recommendations and Action Plan

12.45 pm Closing Comments by Fr. Bill Larousse, Secretary of OIED

1.00 pm Lunch

Farewell

**RM60 for non stay in participant**  
**RM90 for stay in participant**

There will also be a photo exhibition on the ground floor of APC featuring the works of the Pluralism Project entitled **The Photography of "World Religions in Metropolitan Detroit"**

## REGISTRATION FORM

**Participants Name** 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone Contact :** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Stay-in Required YES/NO Check-in Date** \_\_\_\_\_ \*

2) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone Contact :** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Stay-in Required YES/NO Check-in Date** \_\_\_\_\_ \*

**Parish** \_\_\_\_\_

(\* Please note that delegates may be additionally charged for early check in)

**Email Address :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed Crossed Cheque No (Made Payable to AMEIA) :**  
\_\_\_\_\_ / cash of RM \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Priest Signature & Parish Stamp :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name :** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date :** \_\_\_\_\_

### Speakers and Presenters

Rt Rev Bishop Antony Selvanayagam D.D.  
Bishop of Penang,  
President of Commission for Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs,  
Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei  
Keynote Address

Rev. Fr. Michael Chua, (speaker and main organizer)  
Ecclesiastical Assistant, Archdiocesan Ministry of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur  
Topic: "The Catholic Church & Interreligious Dialogue: Global and Local Perspectives"

Rev. Fr. Jojo Fung S.J. (speaker/panel discussant)  
Director, Diocesan Ministry of Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue  
Diocese of Melaka Johor  
Topic: "Intercultural Dialogue and Indigenous Spiritualities"

Dr. Sherman Kuek, SFO (speaker/ panel discussant)  
Director & Research Fellow, Diocesan Pastoral Institute  
Diocese of Melaka Johor  
Topic: "Ecumenism: Opportunities and Challenges in Malaysia"

Dr. Asma Abdullah (speaker)  
Corporate trainer and specialist in intercultural management, training and education in Esso Production Malaysia Inc., Kuala Lumpur.  
Author of several books on multi-culturalism  
Former Fulbright Grant Recipient  
Topic: "Understanding Multicultural Malaysia"

Dr. Claude F. Jacobs (speaker)  
Director, Centre for Study of Religion and Society,  
Mr. William McNeece (speaker)  
Director of Photography, Pluralism Project  
University of Michigan-Dearborn,  
Topic: "Religious Pluralism in America: The Case of Multicultural Diversity in Detroit"  
Photo-Exhibition: Pluralism Project

Dr. Patricia Martinez (speaker)  
Former Senior Research Fellow for Religion and Culture and head of the Intercultural Studies Research at the Asia-Europe Institute of the University of Malaya. She is the first non-Muslim Malaysian with a Ph.D. in Religion, specialization Islam, She has been awarded a Fulbright in Islamic Studies at Ohio and Stanford Universities for 2003-4.  
Topic: "Islamisation in Malaysia and the Church's Response"

Rev. Fr. William Larousse, MM  
Secretary, Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs  
Federation of Asian Bishops Conference  
Topic: "Dialogue in Asia"