

The Catechism of the Crisis in the Church - Ecumenism

- **Can you cite an example of an actual refusal to convert non-Catholics?**

One unimaginable example of this ecumenism is the Balamand Declaration, signed June 23, 1993, at the conclusion of a meeting between the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church.

- **In what context was this meeting at Balamand, Lebanon, held?**

It is necessary to understand that since the Greek Schism, several parts of the Eastern Church were reunited to Rome. While keeping their Eastern Rite, they recognize the papal primacy, as did the entire Eastern Church before the schism. These Eastern Catholic Churches experienced a great expansion after the political changes that took place in the Soviet Union (many Orthodox were only in the schism as a result of external pressure and desired to be reunited with the See of Peter). One can comprehend the anger of the Orthodox authorities, who threatened to break off ecumenical relations. The Balamand conference was an attempt to salvage ecumenism.

- **What does the Balamand Declaration say?**

In paragraph 8 of the Declaration, the Eastern Catholic Churches are called “a source of conflicts and of suffering.” It states that in order to justify its “proselytism”—that is to say, its efforts to bring the schismatics back to Catholic unity—“the Catholic Church developed the theological vision according to which she presented herself as the only one to whom salvation was entrusted” (§10). In other words, the constant teaching of the Church, according to which all Christians must be united to the pope, the Supreme Pastor, is reduced to a simple theological opinion developed to justify selfish interests.

- **How does the Balamand agreement conceive of the relations between the Catholic Church and the schismatics?**

The Oriental schismatic Churches are henceforth considered as Sister Churches: It is in this perspective that the Catholic Churches and the Orthodox Churches recognize each other as Sister Churches, responsible together for maintaining the Church of God in fidelity to the divine purpose, most especially in what concerns unity. According to the words of Pope John Paul II, the ecumenical endeavour of the Sister Churches of East and West, grounded in dialogue and prayer, is the search for perfect and total communion which is neither absorption nor fusion but a meeting in truth and love (cf. *Slavorum Apostoli*, 27). (§14)

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Confessions:

Sundays:	7:30-7:50am; 9:50-10:20am
Thursdays:	10:30-10:50am
First Fridays:	6:30-6:50pm
Saturdays:	8:30-8:50am

Liturgical Offices		Second Collection
Sunday 16 th April: EASTER SUNDAY, (I cl)		PARISH
8:00 am	Low Mass	ACI: J. Concepcion ACII: A. Cofini
10:30 am	Sung Mass	
5:30 pm	Vespers, Rosary and Benediction	
Monday 17 th April: Easter Monday, (I cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
9:00 am	Low Mass	
Tuesday 18 th April: Easter Tuesday, (I cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	AC R and L Amituanai
6:00 pm	Rosary and Benediction	followed by Mass
Wednesday 19 th April: Wednesday in Easter Week, (I cl)		
5:45 am	Low Mass	
7:15 am	Low Mass	
Thursday 20 th April: Thursday in Easter Week, (I cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
10:00 am	Holy Hour	
11:00 am	Low Mass	
Friday 21 st April: Friday in Easter Week, (I cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
8:30 am	Funeral Mass for Molly Jessep	
6:00 pm	Rosary followed by Mass	
Saturday: 22 nd April: Easter Saturday, (I cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
9:00 am	Low Mass followed by Novena to the Infant of Prague	
Sunday 23 rd April: Low Sunday, (I cl) <i>Quasimodo Sunday</i>		
8:00 am	Low Mass	ACI: S. Pepping ACII: J. Pepping
10:30 am	Sung Mass	
5:30 pm	Vespers, Rosary and Benediction	
Altar Servers' Roster – 10:30am Sung Mass Sunday 23 rd April 2017		
MCI: I. Bril	ACII: M. Didic	
TH: A. Amituanai	CB: K. Goldsmith	
BB: S. Bril	TB: R. Amituanai	
ACI: S. Amituanai	TB: N. Didic	

Parish Help	
Cleaning Roster: Saturday 22 nd April: Babate Family	
Morning Tea: 23 rd April	
8:00am	Mr & Mrs Baxter (Coffee: Lucy & Agnes Baxter)
10:30am	Mr & Mrs Mamae (Coffee: Hannah Mamae & Charlotte Ulberg)
Announcements	

In your charity please pray for the souls of: Molly Jessep; Fr. Paul Egli; Joan Power; Catherine Mary Drover; Allan Jack Rohr; Patricia Perry; John Henry Horan; Leo Joseph Coughlan; Marius Core; Janice Fox; Anton Swampillai; Antoinette Rajakariar; Tony Banner; Curtis Whitting.

Other Mass Centres Next Sunday 23 rd April, 2017		
Singleton: 10:00 am		

The Priests and Sisters would like to wish all a Holy and Happy Easter and all the graces of the Risen Christ

Easter Duty: Please remember the obligation a) to confess our sins at least once a year; b) to make our Easter duty, which means to receive the Blessed Eucharist worthily between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday

Parish Catechism: Classes will resume on 30th April.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: Our new hand-carved statue of Our Lady of Fatima (from Portugal) will commence her visits to our families in May. To show her our love and to honour her in a special way, we would like to offer her a beautiful crown. It will be hand made by Mr Moore and will be of solid silver, plated with gold and set with sapphires, diamonds and pearls. All those who would like to contribute to its purchase may do so by using the envelopes in the vestibule (please give to the Sisters). Thank you!

Catechism: Classes for adults and especially for Secondary School students (from Year 7) on Friday evenings from 7:30 pm to 8:20 pm. **(Classes resume on Friday, 28th April.)**

ROSARY CRUSADE: The Rosary Crusade began on August 15th. Please take a copy of the sheet which has an explanation of the Crusade and a table for recording Rosaries and Sacrifices.

Low Sunday: 23 April: There will be a Power Point presentation on the Sisters of the Society of St Pius X at 12:40 pm. All are welcome. Please come and join us.