

**Abstract:**

**Interreligious Dialogue: Necessary condition for Mission in Asia**

The Church by its very nature is missionary. Jesus Christ Himself entrusts the Church with a missionary mandate, which is to proclaim the Good News to the whole world. Asia is the cradle of world religions. Even though Christianity arose from the Asian continent yet it is alien to the people of Asia. It is because it was introduced to the people of Asia with sword and power. Christianity is nothing but a religion of control and captivity. It couldn't enter into the deep souls of Asia. It remains at the surface level and couldn't penetrate into the lives of the peoples of Asia; rather it is isolated and separated from the day-to-day living of the ordinary masses. What is needed to reach to the people of Asia is an attitude of openness based on truth and love must be reflected in the form dialogue with followers of Non-Christian religions, in spite of various obstacles and difficulties, especially forms of fundamentalism on both sides. The Gospel message has a value and acceptance only in the form of interreligious dialogue where people of other faiths are called to respond and to collaborate with their Christian brothers and sisters. To have peace and harmony among people of all faiths interreligious dialogue becomes the necessary condition. It is through interreligious dialogue Christ's message and mission becomes possible and profitable among the peoples of Asia.

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