The Institute AT A GLANCE

On front cover: Architectural samples of some religious edifices found around the world. Some are corners to keep the community vibrant. All represent the magnificent of cultural art.

In keeping with the mission of Molloy College, the Institute for Interfaith Dialogue was established in 2000 to offer a forum to share beliefs, to express concerns, to discuss similarities, and above all to respect differences. Barriers between faiths have existed for far too long. We celebrate our 12th anniversary and focus on what is politically wise and correct. We invite all to hear distinguished speakers from far and wide who present provocative insights and diverse perspectives. A platform is provided for gifted orators. Molloy College scholars engage our audiences with their polished intellect, sparkling wit and authentic humanism.

We value the views of members of the audience who are invited to participate in the discussion, expressing their opinions. The Institute offers stimulating and entertaining tours to destinations that focus on interfaith and multicultural themes. Most programs are provided free of charge. Whether for thought-provoking dialogues or exciting guided excursions, we hope that you’ll join us and enjoy many memorable experiences.

Come, Learn, Enjoy!

For more information, please call our office at 516-679-5000 ext. 8880 or 8162, e-mail mwiltmon@molloy.edu or visit our website at www.molloy.edu.


The Institute Invites the Community to a Mosaic of Various Faiths, Cultures and Relationships

About 28 million Americans live in mixed religious households. Most choose to raise their children in one faith while others decide to adhere to none. Nevertheless, some knowledge of religious faith may be imparted.

When we marry we encounter a culture that may be quite different than the one we were born into. See how interfaith couples deal with differences, face challenges and—with love, patience and mutual respect—work together to build happy families and homes. The common thread that runs through all religions comes from recognizing similarities and differences and accepting both.

Sociologist Emile Durkheim stated, “Families may live together, may pray together or not and still get along despite diverse backgrounds.” He also states “religion is more than the idea of gods or spirits and consequently cannot be defined exclusively in relation to the latter.”

Join us and hear whether religious, secular, agnostic, atheist, orthodox or moderate adherents to a faith can get along and raise well-adjusted children. Religious are made up of rituals, beliefs and rites. We’ll hear from families who have varied attitudes, have made concessions and found alternatives to overcome their religious differences to bring about happy unions and marital bliss.

Come and learn how intermarriage does not necessarily cause war but can also foster peace, love and understanding. Topos of discussion will also encompass friction between families, embracing and stunning, inheritances, children, levels of orthodoxy within faiths and more.

There is no charge for the Sunday programs. We welcome you.

Brief Overview of Eastern Religions, Christian Denominations and Approaches to Judaism

Sunday, February 26, 2012, 3:00 p.m. - Hays Theatre, Willmar Arts Center

Descriptions and explanation of worship practices will be brief due to the vast number of religions covered. Yet, the audience will learn the major similarities and differences.

Rabbi Paul Kushner will explain the differences between the Chasidic, Orthodox, Reform, Reconstructionist and Conservative branches of Judaism.

Minister Catherine Torpey will explain the differences of various Christian faiths including Unitarian, Presbyterians, Catholic, Methodist, Lutherans, Baptists, Pentecostal and Russian Orthodox.

Elisa Rapaport, Ph.D.; Molloy College, will present Eastern religions, differences between Hindu, Jain, Baha’i, Muslim and Buddhism.

Interfaith Families Share Their Experiences

Sunday, March 4, 2012, 3:00 p.m. - Hays Theatre, Willmar Arts Center

John Ragano, Esp. - Husband
Karel Ragano - Wife
Joni Ragano - Son
Fiyad Hyabradi - Husband
Sharmila Singh - Wife
Catholic
Protestant
Non-adherent
Muslim
Hindu

Sunday, March 18, 2012, 3:00 p.m. - Multipurpose Room - Public Square – Second Floor

Brian Quinn, Ph.D. - Father
Valerie Friedman - Sister-in-law
Ethan Quinn - Son
Catholic
Jewish
Non-adherent

Sunday, April 22, 2012, 3:00 p.m. - Hays Theatre, Willmar Arts Center

Don Plunkett, Ph.D. - Father
Magaly Plunkett - Mother
Marian Plunkett - Daughter
Kyla Plunkett - Daughter
Baha’i
Catholic
Baha’i
Catholic/Undecided

Shinnecock Nation Cultural Center and Museum Bus Trip to Southampton, Long Island

Thursday, May 3, 2012

Join us as we visit the first and only Native American owned and operated museum on Long Island dedicated to the ancestors and living descendants. We’ll view fascinating artifacts, documents related to Shinnecock culture from the pre-historic period to the present. A docent will inform the group about 10,000 years of history.

We promise you an exciting and educational experience and a short bus ride! If the weather cooperates, we’ll lunch in the outdoor dining area at the Reservation. If the weather is inclement, we’ll eat at a nearby restaurant in Southampton, just a few minutes away.

The fee for the day’s excursion, including lunch, will be $79.00. Checks should be made out to: The Molloy Institute for Interfaith Dialogue. Sorry, we cannot accept American Express, only Visa or Mastercard.

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We wish to join the trip to “Shinnecock National Cultural Center” on Thursday, May 3, 2012.

The bus will pick up travelers at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church and return at approximately 4:00 p.m. 200 Hempstead Avenue, Parking Lot. Rockville Centre, 1.5 miles south of Molloy College (at rear of church).

All monies must be received by April 19, 2012. No refunds after April 25, 2012.