

**Summer Course 2009**  
**“Spirituality and Dialogue”**  
**April 20 – 25, 2009**

**Topics and Schedules**

**April 20 - Spirituality and Interfaith Dialogue**

*by: Most Rev. Antonio J. Ledesma, SJ, D.D., Ph.D.*  
Archbishop of Cagayan de Oro

This course deals on the varied notions and constructs of spirituality with interfaith dialogue including the issue, conflicts and challenges that we are facing today especially its implications to the future of Christian-Muslim relationship.

**April 21 - Spirituality and Interfaith Dialogue in Scripture**

*by: Fr. Martin Pierik, O.Carm., S.Th.D.*  
Prof. of ICTC and MST, Quezon City

Only a solid grounding from the Scripture can fully articulate what it means for us to engage in interfaith dialogue, thus this course will present a survey of passages from the scripture on what it is, how and when to engage in this endeavor like what the Israelites did and how it was done by Jesus Christ.

**April 22 - Spirituality and Dialogue of Life**

*A. M. by: Most Rev. Edwin A. de la Peña, MSP*  
Bishop- Prelate of Marawi

*P. M. by: Fr. Rico P. Ponce, O.Carm., Ph.D.*  
ISA Academic Director

Looking at the relationship between spirituality and dialogue of life means putting away our pre-conceived knowledge and understanding with people of other faith instead answering the question of “How do we live our life?” what constitutes this dialogue of life is an application of the cognitive aspects of spirituality in our everyday living with people of other traditions, religion and faith.

**April 23 - Spirituality and Dialogue of Culture**

*by: Prof. Michael L. Tan, Ph.D.*  
Chair, Department of Anthropology  
University of the Philippines- Diliman

Our cultural diversity oftentimes brings conflict and segregation yet we are all called to set aside a space for each one in order to maintain peace and harmony with spirituality as

its companion this could be avoided, hence this course will offer us new ways, strategies, frameworks on how to fully understand how this diversity can be a source of reconciliation and unity among people.

**April 24 - Spirituality and Dialogue of Faith**

*by: Bishop Hilario M. Gomez, Jr., Ph.D.*

Bishop Emeritus of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines

Co- conveyor, Bishop-Ulama Conference

This course discusses how spirituality interplays with the various faith traditions including its principles, system of beliefs, codes and symbols that will serve as our guide in seeking for a united humanity that rests not in our differences but in our commonalities.

**April 25 - Spirituality and Dialogue of Traditions**

*by: Bro. Karl Gaspar, CSsR, Ph.D.*

Professor, St. Alphonsus Theologate

Asia's tapestry of traditions has brought bountiful and beautiful challenges to spirituality, in the forefront of this course is an examination of how these have shaped how people dialogue with these traditions vis a vis the creative tensions in the past, the opportunity in today's context and the promise of the future.