Faith Communities Council of Victoria (FCCV) presents

Assisi in Melbourne

FAITH IN SERVICE FOR PEACE

25th year anniversary

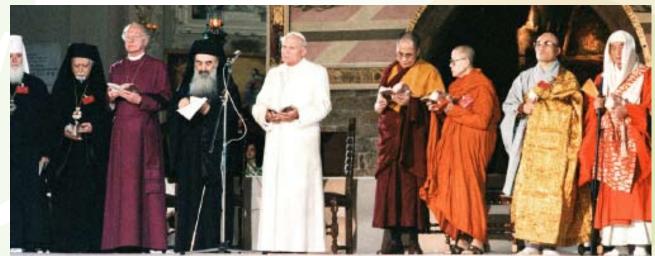


Photo: First event held in Assisi in 1986, attended by Pope John Paul II, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and other faith leaders.

Eminent faith leaders from around the world will be gathering in Assisi (Italy) in October, at the invitation of Pope Benedict, to spend time in listening to sacred texts, reflection and commitment to the work of peace. Similar events will be occurring around world under the inspiration of that event.

'Assisi in Melbourne' will likewise consist in listening attentively to a selection of sacred writings from various faith traditions, contemplation and decision to work together for peace in our time. It will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet and enjoy each other's company.

Historical Background: In 1986 John Paul II invited the leaders of all traditions to come to Assisi to gather for prayer. Assisi was chosen because of St Francis who, in the very heat of the 5th Crusade, was received by the Sultan of Egypt and later wrote a 'Rule' which was breathtaking in its openness to other religions. This year will be the 25th anniversary of the first event held in Assisi.

Sunday October 23
Time: 3-5pm

Chapter House St. Paul's Buildings (197 Flinders Lane)

> 3-4pm: Ceremony 4-5pm: Refreshments

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