

Religious Trends in Ireland

The Church therefore has this exhortation for her sons: prudently and lovingly, through dialogue and collaboration with the followers of other religions, and in witness of Christian faith and life, acknowledge, preserve, and promote the spiritual and moral goods found among these men, as well as the values in their society and culture.

– Vatican II, *Nostra Aetate*, 2

1. Does the above quotation imply that all religions are the same? Paragraphs 1 and 2 of *Nostra Aetate* may help you with your answer.

2. Research a 'religious conflict' that has recently made the news. What statements, if any, can you find from religious leaders in the area of conflict?

3. List the factors that you consider contribute most to the DECLINE or to the GROWTH of religious affiliation in Ireland.
