

Ecumenical Info: The Children of Abraham
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It was in the promise of Abraham that God's plan started to unfold. It is a covenant that continues even to this day. One bedrock reality of our Catholic Faith is God's covenant with Abraham for we know that it is this Faith in God that Jesus Christ calls us to. This covenant has a rich history and it unites the three great monotheistic religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Our shared belief in the One God demands that we grow in our respect and understanding of one another. In our modern secular world the gift of Faith is all the more necessary and we must hear God's word for us today. Vatican II, Popes John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul II, as well as Pope Benedict XVI, all urge us to work for greater appreciation of our common heritage in this Covenant of Faith.

Here in New Mexico we have a unique opportunity to meet this call. On March 7, 2006 the Jewish-Catholic Dialogue will hold their annual colloquium on this important topic. The day will look at these three great religions and the call to dialogue in Vatican II's document *Nostra Aetate*. It will explore the theme "Children of Abraham Look to the Future" with presentations by each tradition. Speakers include Faisal Nabulsi, President of the Islam Community of Albuquerque; Rabbi Arthur Flicker, Spiritual Leader of Congregation B'nai Israel; and Fr. Christopher Zugger, Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Community. It will be hosted at B'nai Israel (4401 Indian School, Albuquerque) and begin with registration at 7:30 and conclude at 3:30 with an Inter Faith Prayer Service. The day will be an enriching opportunity to meet as brothers and sisters of the one God. Such events help us to break down the barriers and misunderstandings that undermine God's peace in our world. For more information or to register call Betty Kohlman 505-299-3807. You may also download the registration form at www.archdiocesesantafe.org/ecumenical.

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