

**Centre for Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Learning event promotes interfaith dialogue
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On April 1, 2012, the Centre for Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Learning (CJCML) at King's University College will host the fourth annual Abrahamic Roadtrip. This free event takes interfaith dialogue on the road bringing together students, faculty, staff and community members of different faiths to discuss Jewish, Catholic and Muslim initiatives for the needs of the marginalized.

After gathering at King's for a brief introduction, participants will board a bus and begin their trip. Moving from mosque, to synagogue, to church, the students will be engaged by speakers at each site who will reflect on the importance of justice and social action in their spiritual tradition. Following the last stop, the Roadtrip will return to King's where they will unpack the experience and enjoy some refreshments and fellowship. The Abrahamic Roadtrip will begin on Sunday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. and will wrap up by 9:30 p.m.

"The teachings of the Second Vatican Council make clear that interreligious dialogue is a priority for the Church," notes Father Michael Bechard, King's chaplain and the Chair of the Centre. "For our students to design a program, which will introduce them to each other's synagogue, church and mosque and to discuss what it means to be engaged in the community, is in itself a huge success. I am very proud of the leadership that these young men and women are demonstrating. Their generous spirit continues to teach us why this dialogue is important and how we are to go about it."

"Perhaps one of the most challenging and important dialogues of our age is the ongoing conversation between Jews, Muslims and Christians," says King's Principal David Sylvester. "The need for greater mutual understanding and the opportunity for partnership has never been greater. Organized and led by students, this program reaches out into the London faith communities to help young people explore what makes us distinctive, what we share, and what we might do together to build communities of peace and understanding. King's is proud to sponsor and facilitate this dialogue here on our campus and in the London community.

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For more information about the CJCML please visit www.kings.uwo.ca/academics/centres-kings/centre-for-jewish-catholic-muslim-learning/

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- About the Centre for Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Learning -

The Centre for Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Learning provides a forum and acts as a resource centre for expanding the existing relationship between Jews and Catholics in London, Ontario. The Centre brings together theologians, philosophers, historians, social workers, political scientists, chemists, students and members of the business community to foster and nurture the relationship through education, scholarship and community outreach.

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