

## Four Ways of Interfaith Dialogue at DePaul

At DePaul we realize that interfaith dialogue is more than a dialogue of trained theologians. At a diverse school like ours, people are participating in interfaith dialogue all the time at different levels. We want to help people appreciate the various expressions of dialogue by providing a language for this dynamic.

We find “The Four Ways of Interfaith Dialogue” helpful in understanding what interfaith dialogue is to each of us and hope that there is a greater understanding of dialogue and diversity at DePaul through this model.

### Dialogue of life

In which people of different faiths and spiritual traditions strive to live in an open and neighborly spirit – includes socializing and hospitality

### Dialogue of action

In which people of spiritual commitment and faith collaborate with others in building a just society – includes service and working for justice

### Dialogue of religious experience

In which people steeped in their spiritual traditions share their ways of searching for God or the Absolute – includes prayer, worship, celebration

### Dialogue of theological exchange

In which specialists seek to deepen their understanding of other spiritual heritages

These types were summarized in the 1991 document, *Dialogue and Proclamation: Reflections and Orientations on Interreligious Dialogue and the Proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ*, by the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.