

Interfaith dialogue,
the motor,
driving new synergies for Harmony

Religions for Peace Europe

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Belgian Women of Faith Network



WORLD INTERFAITH
HARMONY WEEK

The Official UN Week

1st Week of February

Brussels: 3 events targeting various audiences with different emphases



February 9, 2014

WHERE: **La Cambre Church**

WHO: **220 Decision-makers** (political, religious, diplomatic and academic authorities)



February 10, 2014 at 2.30 PM

WHERE: **European School Woluwe**

WHO: **250 students 17-18 years old**



February 10, 2014 at 6.30 PM

WHERE: **Maritime Community Center Molenbeek**

WHO: **170 people from the sphere of education** (Headteachers, Inspectors, Religion teachers, other Teachers, Educators, trainers, open to all)

Springboard: The Play “Pierre & Mohamed”

This play recounts one of a tragic story that actually took place in Algeria, in 1996 when Pierre Claverie, bishop, and Mohamed Bouchikri, a Muslim driver who accompanied him, were both murdered.

- *“Dialogue is a never-ending work: only dialogue enables us to disarm fanaticism, both within ourselves and in others”.*
- *As Francesco Agnello says: “When I watched an archive interview of Pierre Claverie, I thought ‘this is the first time that I see a man who actually lives by what he says’”.*
- This message is still relevant today, as a certain various religious fundamentalisms are getting more and more violent across the world.
- *The play ‘Pierre and Mohamed’ by Francesco Agnello is the result of a concrete human experience, a friendship between two men, far from the coldness of institutional meetings or from the laudable yet simple statements of general intent.*

Why organise such events?

In the face of increasing:

- Racism, Islamaphobia, anti-semitism, anti-Christian sentiment;
- Pressure of aggressive secularism;
- Disorientation of youth in search of meaning

**Inter-religious dialogue is the motor
enhancing social links and promoting
harmony between people**

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Welcome Speeches



Welcome address by the President of Religions for Peace -Europe, **Yolande Iliano**



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs and Equal Opportunities, **Joëlle Milquet** as Keynote speaker.

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Dialogue - Debate

Moderator: Olivier de Clippele, Senator, Member of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capitale Region, Member of the Parliament of the French-speaking Community and Commune Councillor in Ixelles

On the inter-faith contribution

- **Ignace Berten**, Dominican, Theologian, President of 'Espaces Europe'
- **Aïcha Haddou**, Co-President of the Belgian Women of Faith Network, Advisor EWFN

On the historical and social background

• **Mohamed Tahar Bensaada**, Philosopher, Professor at Haute Ecole Libre de Bruxelles - Ilya Prigogine with **Eric Bladt**, Belgian White Father and Islamologue, Researcher at P.I.S.A.I., appointed to Kabylia (Algeria) in 1966. Testimony of **Nassyma Bentchikou**, President of the Federation of the Algerian Community in Belgium.



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The Play: Pierre & Mohamed

Jean-Baptiste Germain in the role of ...

Mohamed Bouchikri, driver



Pierre Claverie, Bishop of Oran



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Sharing reflexion



Chief Rabbi Guigui



Mgr. Bonny



Mohamed Jamouchi



Olivier de Clippele

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The audience



TSH Prince and Princess Guillaume de Croÿ-Collalto

HE. M. Stefan Tinca, Ambassador of Romania, H.E. Ms. Victoria Sisante Bataclan, Ambassador of the Philippines, M. Mohsen Fazi, Advisor to the Embassy of Iran, M. and Ms. de Clippele, Ms. Milquet, Vice-Prime Minister, Mgr. Johan Bonny, Bishop of Antwerp, Chief Rabbi M. Albert Guigui, Rev. Pra Suddhinanavides, M. Semsettin Ugurlu, President of the Muslim Executive of Belgium, Ms. Zohra Aisaoui, in charge of the "Algeria House"...



Revd Ann Babb, Deacon

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Reception: sharing thoughts



Rev. Pra Suddhinanavides, Ms. Yolande Iliano, presidente of RFP Europe, Mr. Vittoriano De Santis, Mgr. Johan Bonny, Bishop of Antwerp



Ms. Ecaterina Evanghelescu, (BWFN), Mr. Ugurlu, Pres. of L'EMB, Mgr. Johan Bonny, Luc Terlinden, Pastor of la Cambre church



Mgr. Bonny, Chief Rabbi Albert Guigui, Rev. Pra Suddhinanavides,



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Joëlle Milquet and Yolande Iliano, President of Religions for Peace Europe