

## Christian-Hindu dialogue a “moral imperative” in promoting peace



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(Vatican Radio, 6 December 2016) Christians and Hindus are called to be a “light of peace” in order to challenge violence and hatred, a senior cardinal has said.

Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran heralded a new chapter in Christian-Hindu relations and said inter-religious dialogue was a “moral imperative” in his speech to a conference at the Pontifical Gregorian University.

The president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue told delegates that religions are not the cause of violence and hatred, “but rather are part of the solutions to problems created by religious fanatics with vested interests”.

Cardinal Tauran said: “Our aim is that, more and more, we become Lumen Pacis - light of peace in this world. Therefore, this conference marks a new beginning, moving towards a new set of possibilities in the field of Hindu-Christian dialogue.

“These wonderful exchanges not only help us to increase our knowledge of the life and faith of the other, but also to deepen our faith. Every genuine exchange of life and faith like this enriches our way of being and living.”

The conference brought together organizations including Religions for Peace, Focolare and the Italian Hindu Union.