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The topic interculturality has been under study for many years, but it has gained more importance in the last few years, and this has led to the value of recognizing the multicultural communities in today's society. Due to globalization, the global world has become one city or one village; various cultural communities live, communicate, and interact with one another for the smooth functioning of society. It does not mean that this is evolving as a smooth process, or that people are living peacefully together, understanding all the implications connected with their cultures, religions and nationalities. It is very naive to think all are at peace. Seeing the atrocities which are committed by religious and cultural fundamentalist groups against other religions and cultures, sharpen our analysis of culture, community, world peace and harmony. The chilling episodes of killing, brutality, kidnapping, burning of human persons, mass burials, arson, and beheading are some of the untold or unpalatable incidents which have happened, not just in the recent past, but which also occur today in some parts of the world.

Therefore, assuming that meaning and value in the cultures, religions and national pride cannot be denied to any human being, living in a society with respect and concern of other human beings should lead us to recognize the others' cultures, religions and nationalities. This can happen not just on the level of tolerating and understanding other human beings' cultures and religions, but by interacting with them to mold a more humane society. This interaction, interchange, sharing, and living together like a family, lead to the concept of interculturality.

This concept gains more significance for the Church where she engages in fulfilling the will of God to realize the Reign of God here and now. Thus, interculturality has to be studied more deeply by the Church and religious congregations, so that we can commit ourselves more fruitfully in our missionary endeavors. Therefore, all Christian communities—Church hierarchies, priests, sisters, lay people and religious communities of males and females—need to live and work interculturally among peoples. Many Churches and Congregations have taken this subject for research and study, and the Society of the Divine Word has done much in discussing and promoting this vital concept. The editors of these two books have solicited the cooperation of authors from all over the world so that these volumes would be helpful to the Church and all people, especially to Congregations, dioceses and organizations.

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