

NOSTRA AETATE

When the Catholic League was asked by Congressman Rush Holt's office whether we would endorse his resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate* ("In Our Time"), we did so without reservation. This definitive declaration on Catholic-Jewish relations was accepted by the Magisterium in 1965 and remains the touchstone statement on mutual respect for all religions.

Pope Benedict XVI has said that "*Nostra Aetate* has proven to be a milestone on the road towards reconciliation of Christians and the Jewish people."

The theological differences between the world religions are likely to remain, but what needs to change is the intolerance that some people of faith have for religions other than their own. And we would be remiss if we did not add that those who need to change the most are those secularists who hate all religions.