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Diversity always proves a bit frightening, for it challenges our securities and the status quo. [...] In the face of cultural, ethnic, political and religious diversity, we can either retreat into a rigid defense of our supposed identity, or become open to encountering others and cultivating together the dream of a fraternal society.



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Interview Outlines

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Interviews with teachers, university students and formators of consecrated life communities were conducted on the basis of the proposed outlines. Information for transcribing the interview text is provided at the end of this document.

The outline for the interview with formators of consecrated life communities

- 1. Often, in social analysis, in educational provision, in information dissemination or in the mass media, the words multiculturality and interculturality are used interchangeably and as synonyms. Do you detect a difference between the two, and if so, how do they differ?
- 2. We live in a multicultural reality. When, and in what way, is this an opportunity?
- 3. When, and in what way, is it a problem?
- 4. Have you ever experienced a communication or interrelational problem with a person belonging to a cultural tradition which is different from yours? Can you describe it briefly?
- 5. In your view, how can problematic situations like the ones you have described be overcome?
- 6. What kind of attention to multicultural interaction is included in the formation proposals made to the people who live in your situation? Can you describe them briefly?
- 7. We are in a multicultural context. How is this reflected in the choice of educators? (In their multicultural origin, for example, or the choice of people with solid multicultural experience, or in possession of intercultural skills.)
- 8. If you could make any suggestions to the Institution where you are an educator, what would you propose?

The outline for the interview with university teachers

- 1. Often, in social analysis, in educational provision, in information dissemination or in the mass media, the words multiculturality and interculturality are used interchangeably and as synonyms. Do you detect a difference between the two, and if so, how do they differ?
- 2. We live in a multicultural reality. When, and in what way, is this an opportunity?
- 3. When, and in what way, is it a problem?
- 4. Have you ever experienced a communication or interrelational problem with a person belonging to a cultural tradition which is different from yours? Can you describe it briefly?
- 5. In your view, how can problematic situations like the ones you have described be overcome?
- 6. What kind of attention to multicultural interaction is included in the educational proposals made by the people who live in your situation? Can you describe them briefly?
- 7. We are in a multicultural context. How does this change your didactic provision (lesson content, language used in lessons and manuals, bibliographies required at examinations?
- 8. If you could make any suggestions to the Institution where you are a teacher or a student, what would you propose?

Method of conducting, recording and transcribing the interview

The interviewer fills in the form below in which he/she collects some information about the person, the place and date of the interview; he/she specifies that the interview is anonymous and asks permission to record, then activates the device and starts filling in the form. He/she first fills in the personal details, then proceeds with the questions, writing under each question personal notes, comments and interesting aspects that emerge from the interview.

The interviewer then transcribes both the interview and the personal notes in full.

| Interview Date and Time | | | Start time: | | End | time: |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------|------|-----|--|
| Interview location | | | | | | |
| Interviewer | | | | | | |
| Information on the respondent | Age | Sex | Nationality | Role | | Years of teaching or experience as a trainer |
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