



## LETTER OF INFORMATION

My name is Dr. John Cappucci, and I am the Stephen A. Jarislowsky Chair in Religion and Conflict at Assumption University. I invite you to participate in a research study that I am conducting entitled, *Old Tensions or New Relations: Canadian Catholic Views on Judaism*. If you have any questions about this research, please contact me at 400 Huron Church Road, Windsor, Ontario N9C 2J9, 519-973-7033, [jcappucci@assumptionu.ca](mailto:jcappucci@assumptionu.ca). The funding for this research is provided by the Stephen A. Jarislowsky Chair in Religion and Conflict at Assumption University.

### Purpose

The main research question asks to what degree has the Catholic Church's current position on Jews, Judaism, and Jewish-Catholic relations been accepted by Canadian Catholics? In order to obtain the data needed to answer this question, I will survey adult Catholics (of any Catholic rite) having a least one residence in the Diocese of London (comprised of the nine counties of Essex, Chatham-Kent, Lambton, Elgin, Middlesex, Huron, Perth, Oxford, and Norfolk). Please note that Catholic includes all rites that are in communion with Rome and recognize the primacy of the pope. This definition includes all 23 Eastern Catholic Churches, including, but not limited to the Chaldean, Maronite, Melkite, Syro-Malankara, Syro-Malabar, and Ukrainian-Greek rites.

### Procedures

If you volunteer to participate in this research study, you will be asked to take part an online survey on Catholic perceptions of Jews, Judaism, and Jewish-Catholic relations. The survey will take about 25 to 30 minutes to complete and is available on Qualtrics. A paper copy of the survey could be mailed to participants if they contact the researcher. The survey is comprised of both open and closed-ended questions. The questions will include subjects on the state of Jewish-Catholic relations, events that have improved/worsened relations, perception of the Jewish community, the crucifixion, wandering, chosenness, shared religious heritage, antisemitism, and Israel. If you identify as Catholic, have at least one residence in the Diocese of London, and are 18 years of age or older, I invite you to complete the survey.

**Survey Link:** [https://uwindsor.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_e4gwkYnc0CXFL8](https://uwindsor.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e4gwkYnc0CXFL8)

**Survey Password:** `dialogue2022`

After clicking the link and entering the password, you will be presented with an electronic version of the informed consent form. You will be asked to check off that you consent to participate in this research project before you are able to proceed. If you do not consent, you will be directed to a page that states, "Thank you for your time. You may now close your browser." If you consent to participate, you will then be asked to answer the three screening questions and then complete the survey questions. You have the opportunity to decline to answer any question in the survey or close your browser to end the survey at any time. Once completed, you will have the option to click a link to a new page where you will be able to provide your email address for a chance to win one of ten e-gift cards from Amazon.ca valued at \$50.00 each. Your contact information provided will not link you to their survey data as you will be taken to a new page. By providing your email address, you grant me permission to send you an e-gift card if your email is drawn and in accordance with the policies stipulated by Amazon.ca. A link to a list of works on the subject of Jewish-Catholic relations is included on this page for you to review should you choose.

### Potential Risks and Discomforts

There are a few potential risks in taking part in this study.

**Psychological/Emotional Risks** – It is possible that you might feel a sense of discomfort in discussing the subject matter. This risk will be mitigated by informing you that you are free to decline to answer with no personal consequence. In addition, to help to further mitigate this risk, a list of counselling services has been provided at the end of the survey.

**Social Risks** - It is possible that you might complete the survey in a public place where others may see your activities.

To mitigate this risk, it is strongly recommended that you complete the survey in the privacy of your own home away from third-parties, including family members. It is also recommended that participants delete their browsing history, cookies, and cache once the survey has been completed to ensure increased security and privacy.

**Economic Risks** - Like many surveys, employees may have different opinions than their employers or opinions that differ from the official position of their employers. This difference in opinion could create tensions in the workplace and possible loss of employment if the survey is completed at work. Individuals are strongly encouraged not to complete the survey at their workplace. It is recommended that individuals complete the survey in their home away from third parties, including family members.

**Dual/Multiple Roles** – Given my membership and position in the Catholic community, it is possible that you may feel a sense of obligation to take part in this research. This risk will be mitigated by having third-parties send out the call for participants and letter of information. Since the letter of information, letter of consent, and call for participants poster all include my name, it will be up to you whether you would like to participate given my potential multiple-roles in the Catholic community.

**Data Security Risks** – It is possible that my laptop, which contains the data could be stolen from my home. This risk will be mitigated as the laptop rarely leaves my home. In addition, I am the only user of the password-protected laptop. Additionally, Qualtrics requires a password to login, which will only be known to me.

### **Compensation**

Once the survey has been completed, you will have the option to provide your email address for a chance to win one of ten e-gift cards from Amazon.ca valued at \$50.00 each. By entering your email address, you grant me permission to send an e-gift card if your email is drawn and in accordance with the policies stipulated by Amazon.ca. The email addresses will only be used for the purposes of this research project and deleted after the completion of the project.

### **Confidentiality**

The data collected will be retained indefinitely. If a specific response is referenced or quoted in the study or published works, the word “participant(s)” or “respondent(s)” will be used.”

### **Participation Withdraw**

You may withdraw at any time during the survey by exiting your browser. Partial data may be retained at the discretion of the researcher. I may withdraw you from this study if circumstances arise which warrant me to do so. Your responses cannot be removed from the study once they have been submitted. Only participants who complete the entire survey and submit their email addresses will be entered into a draw to win one of the ten e-gift cards.

### **Feedback to Participants**

A brief summary of results will be posted on the Assumption University website at [www.assumptionu.ca](http://www.assumptionu.ca) in mid-2022.

### **Subsequent Use of Data**

The data may be used in subsequent studies, publications, presentations, and class discussions. Your confidentiality and anonymity will be maintained.

### **Rights of Research Participants**

This study is being conducted under the auspices of Assumption University. This study has been cleared by the University of Windsor Research Ethics Board. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, contact: Office of Research Ethics, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario N9B 3P4; Telephone: 519-253-3000, ext. 3948; e mail: [ethics@uwindsor.ca](mailto:ethics@uwindsor.ca).

These are the terms under which I will conduct research.

John Cappucci, Ph.D.

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