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Professor Paul D Murray (Durham University, UK)

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Receptive ecumenical awakening

Is properly a matter of the heart before it is a matter of the head; a matter of falling in love with the experienced presence of God in the people, practices, even structures of another tradition and being impelled thereby to search for ways in which all impediments to closer relationship might be overcome.

The essential principle behind Receptive Ecumenism is that the primary ecumenical responsibility is to ask not "What do the other traditions first need to learn from us?" but "What do we need to learn from them?" The assumption is that if all were asking this question seriously and acting upon it then all would be moving in ways that would both deepen our authentic respective identities and draw us into more intimate relationship.

Professor Paul Murray

Professor Paul D Murray is a lay Roman Catholic systematic theologian in the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University. He is the founding Director of the Centre for Catholic Studies which, as integral to the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham, is the first permanent such centre for research and teaching in explicitly Catholic theology and Catholic studies within the UK secular academy.

He also directs the series of research projects in Receptive Ecumenism at Durham which have been receiving international attention. The most recent phase of this work takes the form of a regional comparative project in Receptive Ecumenism and the Local Church involving all the major Christian denominational groupings in the North East of England in asking how they each might fruitfully learn from the others in relation to matters of organisational culture, structure and process at the equivalents of diocesan, deanery and parish levels.

Professor Murray's most recent book is Murray (ed.), *Receptive Ecumenism and the Call to Catholic Learning: Exploring a Way for Contemporary Ecumenism*, (Oxford: OUP, 2008).

He is also a member of the third phase of work of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC III) and has very recently been directly involved in the inaugural meeting of this Commission at Bose Monastery, Italy.

