

Interfaith Insider

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February Interfaith Interface topics

February 4

"World Interfaith Harmony Week "

February 11

"Black History Month"

February 18

"Family and Belonging"

Confusing Idea of Love

Seeing people get in relationships when they were in elementary and junior high didn't make sense because I grew up in an environment where the only time love from someone other than your family was accepted was when you were old enough to get married.

I remember in grade seven, my friend that was the same age, was devastated over her relationship that lasted barely two weeks. She missed a few days of school because she was heartbroken. I had a hard time comforting her because it was confusing as to why she was in a relationship in the first place, and I didn't know what to tell her because I've never experienced that or been around anyone that felt the same as her.

The reason why dating without the intention of getting married isn't permitted in Islam is Allah loves us so much, that he doesn't want us to experience unnecessary pain, like being heartbroken when you are 13.

Now that I am almost 21, I hold the same beliefs as I did when I was 13 about dating. In Islam we believe that 50,000 years before the sky was introduced to the sea, Allah wrote our names next to the person who is our soulmate! This brings me comfort and eases the anxiety of "will I ever find my soulmate?" as I know that whenever, whoever and however God has willed for me to find the right one, it will be for the best.

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Tanisha Kapil

The Interfaith Centre is delighted to welcome the adventure hearted and inquisitive minded Tanisha to our wonderful team of caring and embracing Student Leaders.



Hi there! My name is Tanisha Kapil. I am currently in the third semester of the Business Administration Program majoring in finance here at SAIT.

In my free time I like sketching, listening to music, getting into outdoor activities but, what I live for is travelling and this has been passed on to me by my father. I have enjoyed travelling to different corners of India and now I am looking forward to exploring this beautiful country that I am living in.

I am a Hindu by religion and being a part of the Interfaith Centre provides me with a platform to know more about different religions and cultures and share about mine with others without any differences and conflicts.

We not only discuss about religion but a million other topics that affect us all in our day-to-day life Participating in the Interfaith Centre meetings is fun way to relax, find perspective and interact with people. It's amazing to work with the chaplains and my fellow leaders. I just love the positivity around here!

The best part is everyone feels welcomed at the SAIT interfaith.



Chat with a Chaplain

Fr. Cristino Bouvette,
Catholic Chaplain

Sinking Ship or Royal Victory?

I am struck by two milestones we will observe this year of 2022, neither of which would seem to have much to do with each other.

The first and more trivial is the 25th anniversary of the blockbuster film Titanic. I realize that it came out before a large portion of our SAIT students were even born- but I remember the release of the film well! And in the midst of the utter chaos which has enveloped our lives for the past two years- and counting- it is not surprising, at times, to feel like we're clinging to life on a sinking ship.

The second great milestone, at least as it will be observed in a Commonwealth County like ours, is the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Upon the death of her young father, King George VI on February 6, 1952, she immediately became the Sovereign and has the longest reign in the history of the British Crown these 70 years later.

It often takes great length of life to amass enough experience through tragedy and adversity to hold a lifetime's worth in perspective. Someone like Queen Elizabeth has had a front row seat to some of the most troubled moments of the past 100 years.

For we who have lived many fewer years, we can always take comfort in observing the lives of our Elders, especially of the common and non-royal variety, who live side by side with us and show us that the human spirit is capable of overcoming much more than it often seems.

The Titanic of this world hasn't gone under yet, my friends! So hang on tight, we must; inspiring and encouraging one another to persevere through what remains of the present difficulties with that indomitable spirit which is uniquely ours.

Cheers to 2022!



Interfaith Interface every Friday

Interfaith Interface is a safe, inclusive and inspiring activity where students from different spiritual backgrounds and diverse cultures come together to engage in thought-provoking dialogue.

[Click Here](#) to join us for an online dialogue on MS Teams on Fridays at 11:00 am.
