



# Walking God's Paths



## 1. A New Future: Building Shalom Between Catholics and Jews

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What do you think that your own identity as a Jew or a Catholic requires of you?
2. What most surprised, moved, or disturbed you about the video's overview of the past, present, and future of Catholic-Jewish relations?
3. Fr. Pawlikowski and Rabbi Sandmel said that Catholics and Jews could have different expectations in coming to dialogue. At this point, what do you most want your Catholic or Jewish conversation partner to know about your own faith tradition? What would you most like to know about theirs?
4. Some Jews and Catholics avoid dialogue. Some fear that such conversations are only pretexts for conversion efforts. Others fear that too intimate an understanding of another religious tradition, especially a closely related one, leads to a watering down of their own faith. What do you think?
5. Rabbi Sandmel and Fr. Pawlikowski both mentioned factors that can make it difficult for Jews and Catholics to understand one another. Can you imagine reasons why the potential rewards of dialogue would make it worthwhile to work to overcome such difficulties?