



**National Spiritual Assembly
of the Bahá'ís of New Zealand**

Te Rūnanga Wairua Tapu o nga Bahá'í o Aotearoa

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New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Committee for Interfaith Relations

Tēnā koutou katoa

On behalf of the Bahá'í community of Aotearoa, we wish to convey how heartwarming it was to receive your letter of greetings for the occasion of the Holy Day commemorating the Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh.

The sentiments you expressed about the importance of reflection and prayer resonate strongly with the experience of Bahá'ís and it is a joy for the Bahá'í community to share common ground with the Catholic community in aspiring “towards a more inclusive and peaceful future” for this country, as your letter so eloquently puts it.

Your letter mentioned the period of commemorations by Christians of the Ascension of Christ. We offer best wishes to our Catholic friends for spiritual upliftment on this and all your sacred occasions.

Ngā mihi nui,
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