

Appendix 'A'
COMPARATIVE CALENDAR OF CATHOLIC AND JUDAIC FEASTS ³³

CATHOLIC	DATES	JUDAIC	JEWISH MONTHS
ADVENT * Preparation period for Christmas, begins 4 weeks before Christmas Eve	November	Heshvan
CHRISTMAS Celebrates the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. "I am the light of the world." Octave / 8 days of Christmas	December 25	FEAST OF LIGHTS HANUKKAH Dedication of the temple Joyful 8 days feast	Kislev
PRESENTATION 40 days after Jesus' birth Judaic tradition	January February 2 March 14-15	FEAST OF PURIM Celebrates God's victory over the Haman's plot to destroy the Jews	Tebeth Shebat Adar
LENT * Period of atonement, begins 40 days before Easter, ends on Holy Thursday ^{33a}	April 14 15 21	PASSOVER Unleavened Bread Closing Passover	Nisan
EASTER * Celebrates the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ	May		Iyyar
PENTECOST * Celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit and the foundation of the Church (50 days after Easter)	June 6 July August September October 1-2 10 15-21	Feast of Pentecost Celebrates Moses receiving the Law on Mount Sinai (50 days after Passover) Feast of Trumpets Begins the civil year Day of Atonement YOM KIPPUR Feast of Tabernacles Memorial for Israelites wandering in the desert ³⁴	Sivan Tammuz Ab Elul Tishri
NOTE: * flexible feasts dates			
The Day of the Lord	Sunday	Sabbath	Saturday

33. The origins of these Judaic feasts are found in *Leviticus 23*, except for the feasts of Purim (*Esther 9*) and *Hanukkah* (*1Macc 4*).

33a. The Holy Week: *Holy Thursday eve*, celebration of the Institution of the Eucharist and Holy Orders. *Good Friday*, celebration of the Passion and Death of our Lord. *Holy Saturday* (day), Mass is not celebrated, communion is distributed from the reserve. The Church awaits Her Lord in front of opened and empty tabernacles. *Holy Saturday* (night) Easter Vigil; liturgy of the light, and Baptism of new members of the Church.

34. Tabernacles: syn. Booths or Tents. The forefathers lived in tents while in the desert.