

Final Declaration

By the grace of God, the second seminar of the Catholic-Muslim Forum was hosted by the Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought and held at the Baptism Site of Jesus Christ in Jordan, from the 21st to 23rd of November, 2011 CE. Twenty-four Catholic and twenty-four Muslim religious leaders, scholars, and educators met in a respectful and friendly atmosphere. The forum participants, in continuation of the first Catholic-Muslim Seminar held in Rome in 2008, discussed together the theme: Reason, Faith and the Human Person. The participants were honored to call upon His Majesty King Abdullah II at Basman Palace on the 22nd November, shared with him some matters of current concern to Catholics and Muslims, and received his encouragement and insight.

The participants agreed upon the following:

1. God has endowed human beings with reason through which to recognize the truth. Recognition of the truth illuminates our responsibilities before God and to one another.
2. Faith is a gift of God through which human beings discover that they are created by God and grow in their knowledge of Him.
3. The pure heart is the center of the faithful person, where faith, reason and compassion meet in adoration of God and love of neighbour.
4. The God-given dignity of human beings must be respected by all and protected in law.
5. In dialogue, believers must express their gratitude to God for all these gifts with mutual respect and compassion, and in a form of life in harmony with God's creation.

Catholics and Muslims look forward to continuing their dialogue as a way of furthering mutual understanding, and advancing the common good of all humanity, especially its yearning for peace, justice and solidarity.