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"INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION BETWEEN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH"

Sponsored by: Coptic Orthodox Church
and Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity formerly Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity
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FIRST PHASE (1974-1978)

Established by Pope Paul VI and Pope Shenouda III during meeting held in Rome, May 5-10, 1973 - COMMON
DECLARATION

MEETINGS

1. March 26-30, 1974 - Cairo, Egypt
"Christology" - JOINT REPORT
 2. October 27-31, 1975 - Cairo, Egypt
"Vision and Understanding of the Unity We Seek" - COMMON REPORT
 3. August 26-29, 1976 - Vienna, Austria
"The Unity of the Church up to the Fifth Century" - COMMON REPORT and CHRISTOLOGICAL
DECLARATION
 4. March 13-18, 1978 - Cairo, Egypt
*"The Role of the Councils in the Life of the Church and on the Sacraments in Their Relation to the Church and
the Economy of Salvation"* - COMMON REPORT
- June 23, 1979 - Cairo, Egypt
*"The Principles for Guiding the Search for Unity between the Catholic Church and the Coptic Orthodox
Church"* - PRINCIPLES AND PROTOCOL

CO-CHAIRMEN: Rev. Msgr. Charles Moeller, Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, Vatican City
Bishop Gregorios, Bishop of Coptic Culture and Higher Theological Education, Egypt

CO-SECRETARIES: Rev. John Long, S.J., Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity
Dr. George Bebawi, Professor of Patristics

SECOND PHASE (1988-1992)

5. October 3-8, 1988 - Amba Bishoy Monastery, Wadi El Natrun, Egypt
"The Mystery of Redemption and Its Consequences for the Last Ends of the Human Person" - COMMON
REPORT and BRIEF FORMULA ON CHRISTOLOGY (February 12, 1988)
6. April 23-27, 1990 - Amba Bishoy Monastery, Wadi El Natrun, Egypt
*"The History of the 'Filioque' Controversy; Biblical, Theological and Patristic Aspects of the Procession of the
Holy Spirit; The Addition of the Formula 'Filioque' to the Text of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed"* -
REPORT

7. April 18-24, 1991 - Amba Bishoy Monastery, Wadi El Natrun, Egypt
"The Doctrine of Purgatory"
8. February 25-29, 1992 - Amba Bishoy Monastery, Wadi El Natrun, Egypt
"Trinitarian Theology, Christology, Procession of the Holy Spirit" - REPORT
9. April 27- May 1, 1993 - Amba Bishoy Monastery, Wadi El Natrun, Egypt

CO-CHAIRMEN: Bishop Pierre Duprey, Secretary, Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity
His Grace Metropolitan Bishoy, Bishop of Damiet, General Secretary of the Holy Synod of the Coptic Orthodox Church

CO-SECRETARIES: Msgr. Gérard Daucourt, Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (1988-1990)
Rev. Bernard Dubasque, Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (1991-1992)
His Grace Amba Moussa, Bishop for Youth, Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate