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(May 2, 2013)

Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran sent a message to Buddhists for the Feast of Vesakh

(May 1, 2013)

Pew polls reported that a majority of Muslims favor the implementation of Sharia Law because it is, at least in Muslim lands, considered to be fairer than secular courts. Read the stories about this on Catholic.org and DigitalJournal.com.

(April 29, 2013)

The Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe (CCEE) met to analyze Catholic Muslim Relations:

-Vatican Information Service, press release announcing the meeting

-CCEE Press Office issues participant list, program, and press statements on 3rd meeting of bishops and delegates for Christian-Muslim relations in Europe, which met in London on May 1-3, 2013:

-Vatican Radio interview with Secretary General of the CCEE, Msgr. Duarte da Cunha, can be found here:

(April 22nd, 2013)

World Council of Churches (WCC) General Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit met with Egypt's Grand Mufti Shawki Ibrahim Abdel-Karim in Cairo at the office of Dar Al-Itfa Al-Misriyya to discuss the promotion of peaceful relations amongst Christians and Muslims. Both stressed the sense of common roots of the centuries-long coexistence between Christians and Muslims in Egypt:

"We are a family," said the Grand Mufti. "The powers of sowing seeds of divisions should be curtailed." Dr. Tveit echoed his sentiment, "We share a vision of peaceful relations among communities and hope for a common future."

The full version can be read here.



Cardinal Tauran, head of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (left)

SEIA dialogue partners weigh in on Boston, the Pope

(April 30, 2013) [ISNA appeals to immediate release of kidnapped Syrian archbishops](#)

(April 19, 2012) Appearing at the national press club and joined by leaders of national Muslim organizations, ICNA President, [Dr. Naeem Baig denounces Boston terrorists](#) as inimical to true principles of Islam.

(April 17, 2013) [Muslim organizations condemned Boston terrorist activity](#) in solidarity with victims of Boston bombings .

(March 15, 2013) ISNA sends letter of welcome to Pope Francis and congratulations to the Catholic community of the occasion of the election of a new pope. In [this letter](#), ISNA's President, Imam Mohamed Magid, acknowledges and celebrates ISNA's decades-long relationship with the USCCB.



ICNA President Naeem Baig (left)

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Cardinal McCarrick on Catholic-Muslim Relations



Catholic interreligious expert discusses Muslim hospitality

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Thank you,

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