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“The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind’s judge on the last day.” – Catechism of the Catholic Church, 841

What Every Catholic Should Know About Islam and the Middle East



In this age of increasingly aggressive secularism and strident atheism, is there enough mutual interest and common ground between Catholics and Muslims to make cooperation possible? The answer is yes, and the reasons may surprise you.

Join Tom Carroll, Middle East specialist and former officer in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), for an evenhanded look at Islam in today’s world – from a Catholic point of view.

Among the questions we will discuss:

- What can the Middle East teach us about the authenticity of the Catholic Church?
- What are the crucial beliefs Catholics and Muslims share, and why do we share them?
- What is “Shari’a law” and why is it important?
- What is the difference between radical and traditional Islam? Where does the difference come from? Why does it matter today?



Tom joined the Clandestine Service of CIA shortly after graduating from college with a degree in philosophy. He spent years under cover in the Middle East, specializing in the region and its issues. Tom and his wife converted to Catholicism while living in Istanbul, Turkey.

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