

NATIONAL INTERFAITH HARMONY & PEACE CONFERENCE



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Apostolic Nuncio lauds the role of Peace Center in promoting Christian-Muslim and Interfaith Dialogue in Pakistan

Religious Leaders are called to promote peace and harmony
and not violence.

Peace makers are the children of God



Participants List of National Interfaith Harmony and Peace Conference

No	Names of the Honorable Guests and Participants
1	His Grace, Christophe Zakhia El-Kassis Apostolic Nuncio
2	His Grace, Sebastian Shaw Archbishop of Lahore
3	The Rt. Rev. Irfan Jamil Bishop of Lahore
4	. Mr. Ejaz Alam Augustine Provincial Minister for Minorities Affairs and Human Rights
5	Fr Younas Shahzad OP Prior Vice Provincial, Ibn-e-Mariam, Dominican Order, Pakistan
6	Maulana Syed Muhammad Abdul Khabir Azad Grand Imam, Badshahi Mosque, Lahore
7	Fr James Channan OP Director, Peace Center, Lahore
8	Fr. Pascal Paulus OP Director, Interreligious Dialogue, Diocese of Faisalabad
9	Mr. Pervaiz Masih Peace Activist
10	The Very Rev Shahid Mehraj Dean of Lahore Cathedral Church of Pakistan
11	The Rt. Rev. Azad Marshall, Moderator Bishop of Church of Pakistan and Bishop of Raiwind Diocese
12	The Rt. Rev. Abraham Daniel Bishop of Sahiwal
13	The Very Rev Emmanuel Khokhar Dean of Praying Hands Cathedral, Lahore
15	Dr. Ruhiyeh Mufdi Baha'i leader
16	Mr. Tayyab Zia Minhaj University, Lahore
17	Sardar Bishan Singh (Sikh) Sikh Leader
18	Dr. Munawar Chand Hindu leader, President Hindu Council, Pakistan
19	Rev. Dr. Marqus Fida Chairman, Global Mission Awareness
20	Mufti Syed Ashiq Husain
21	Allama Muhammad Zubair Abid Chairman Peace and interfaith harmony network Pakistan
22	Allama Dr. Badar Munir
23	Pro. Mehmood Ghaznavi Chairman Peace Committee Punjab
24	Allama Shafaat Rasool Director Bilal Center Lahore
25	Dr. Sadia Omer
26	Mr. Omer Waqas
27	Sr.Sabina Rifat Coordinator AWAKE
28	Doctor Saleem Messy

	Founder Christian Good Shepperd Hospital Kasur
29	Dr. Abeera Fatima
30	Asifa Sheikh
31	Mr. Afzal Chaudhary From UK
32	Mr. Sohail Ahmad Raza Director Interfaith Relations. Minhaj University, Lahore
33	Mr. Ayaz Siddique Deputy Director, Walled City, Lahore
34	Mr. Iqbal Sani
35	Mr. Syed Akbar Hussain
36	Chaudhary Zubair Ahmad Farooq Deputy Prosecutor General ® Supreme Court of Pakistan
37	Ms. Josephine Chanda Chairperson HOPE Foundation
38	Mr. Khurram Zakir
39	Professor Mehmood Ghuznavi Chairman Peace Committee Punjab
40	Professor Saleem FC University Lahore
41	Sardar Skindar Singh
42	Fr. Patrick Peter OP Student Master, Ibn-e-Mariam, House, Lahore
43	Fr Taufiq Younas Assistant Director, Peace Center, Lahore
44	Fr Emmanuel Fazal OP
45	Fr. Pervaiz Simon OP
46	Professor Mehmood Ghuznavi
47	Mrs. Sara Daniel
48	There will be 6 Dominican Sisters
49	Mr. Tanveer Yaqoob Director Christian Care foundation
50	Dr. Shakeela



Fr. Younas Shahzad OP, Fr. James Channan OP, Fr. Patrick Peter OP, Fr. Pascal Paulus OP and Dominican brothers warmly welcomed to Archbishop Christophe Z. Al-Kassis, Apostolic Nuncio in Pakistan

A grand “National Interfaith Harmony and Peace Conference” was organized by the Dominicans on 14th of February, 2022 in the beautiful premises of Peace Center in Lahore. In this conference over 60 prominent Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and Baha’i leaders gathered to share and celebrate the achievement of interfaith dialogue and also to highlight the challenges we are faced with in promoting this important mission of dialogue among religions to make world more peaceful and humane.

His Grace, Archbishop Christophe Z. Al-Kassis, Apostolic Nuncio in Pakistan was the Chief Guest. While addressing this auspicious gathering under one roof the Apostolic Nuncio, highly appreciated and lauded the role of Peace Center in promoting interfaith harmony and peace through dialogue programs and conferences which are held in this Center which is established by the Dominican Order in Pakistan with Fr James Channan OP, its Executive Director.

The Honourable Chief Guest His Grace Archbishops Christophe Z. Al-Kassis Apostolic Nuncio in Pakistan warmly welcomed



Fr. Tufique Younas OP Assistant Director Peace Center, Mr. Asher Nazir Executive Secretary Peace and Madam Neelam Nisari Program Manager Peace Center presented a bouquet to the honourable chief guest.



His Grace, Archbishop Christophe Z. Al-Kassis, Apostolic Nuncio, Pakistan is sharing his views about peace and interfaith harmony to participants

Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Z. Al- Kassis said that it is with immense joy I am the part of this National Interfaith Harmony and Peace Conference, conducted by Peace Centre Lahore. Interfaith dialogue is the part of the mission of the Universal Church. The leaders of different religions are called to promote peace and harmony but not violence. He further said that Pope Francis says, that peace makers are the children of God but not who promote violence. People have to think more and move forward to promote harmony, peace and justice. To live in peace, it requires much patience and tolerance. Leaders from different religions must work for peace. First of all, we all need to understand what is peace and should work for it which will last. Be courageous, and feel courage to promote peace and justice in the society. In the Gospel, of St. Matthew: 5.9 **Peacemakers** are called children of God. God created human beings. If God gives life, then who we are to snatch lives of others. God does not need us to defend himself, he can defend himself, because he is creator of the universe. Don't manipulate the work of God. To promote peace and harmony in the world Pope Francis is working untiringly. For this purpose, he met the Muslims leader Sheikh Ahmed Tayyab, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar university in Abu Dhabi and he also visited Shia leader in Iraq. Because he is worried about the peace of the World. He requested and invited all religious leaders of the world to promote harmony and peace because we are brothers and sisters.



His Grace, Sebastian Shaw, Archbishop of Lahore

His Grace, Sebastian Shaw, Archbishop of Lahore highly praised the role of Dominicans in promoting dialogue among Christians and Muslim and he was extremely happy for the national conference which was organized at Peace Center. He said that today the whole world is speaking about interfaith dialogue. wherever we go we talk about interfaith dialogue.

I congratulate all the Dominicans, who are serving in the field of interfaith dialogue because it is one of the apostolates of the Dominicans. We are working for harmonious society. His Grace further said that I feel very privileged that I am participating in this conference. Peace becomes reality when justice is being done, and peace is result of justice. It could be seen in the families, when one or two children are favoured and others have negative or ill feelings. If everybody is treated equally then it is justice. Same we have to apply in our society. So, when there is justice in the society, there is peace in the society.



Very Rev. Fr. Younas Shahzad OP Prior Vice Provincial, Ibn-e-Mariam, Dominican Order, Pakistan

Very Rev. Fr Younas Shahzad OP, Prior Vice Provincial, Ibn-e-Mariam Dominican Order, Pakistan expressed his great joy at the grand success of this conference and to see how several decades of interfaith and Christian-Muslim dialogue done by the Dominicans has brought plenty of fruit as we see many prominent leaders of different religions in the Peace Center.

Fr Younas Shahzad OP quoted Cardinal Francis Arinze saying that interfaith dialogue is fundamentally respect for the human person and respect for God. It is a positive opening of believers to others to listen, to respect, to grow and to look for the greater truth. Interfaith dialogue is an encounter among the followers of the different religions. In present era where the pluralism is a reality and at peak level, so it is the need of the time to sit together and address the issues. Interfaith Dialogue is the only way where believers of different religions come to gather without conflicts. Christians and Muslims are the major religions of the world having ideological setting and committed to the unity of the humankind and the world peace on the ideological plan. These two religions can work together to make this concept a living reality by developing tolerance, understanding and cooperation towards each other amongst their adherents. Interfaith dialogue doesn't aim to convert people from one religion to another. Dialogue among Christians and Muslims is not a development of present world. If we look back in the history, we find that Christians and Muslims have been in contact with each other from the emergence of Islam. According to recent statistics population of Muslims is 1.8 billion and Christians are 2.3 billion Muslims in the world, making Islam 2nd largest religion in the



population of 24% whereas Christian is the largest in the world are 34%.

Fr Younas further said that now the time is gone when wars were the only solution, but in present era when we see pluralism in the society and because of pluralism dialogue is the need of the time. In wars there is only bloodshed nothing else, humankind didn't gain anything from the wars. Since there is much tension, division and disharmony in the world, it is the time to consider seriously how we can promote harmony, tolerance and peace among the believers of different religions and societies. Interfaith dialogue is to accept the reality that other exists.



Church is very much focusing on the interfaith dialogue. Vatican II makes a strong appeal to Christians all over the world to foster a new attitude towards the people of other religions. The Church rejects nothing of the truth and holiness found in them (NA.# 2), it respects their doctrines even if they differ from its own, for they often contain a ray of the eternal truth. The same Council documents also affirm that Christians must be open to all forms of dialogue and collaboration and must encounter with the people of other faiths, and they must oppose and reject every form of discrimination among people based on status, creed or race. Respect for all with discrimination towards none. (NA. # 5). Dialogue among Muslims and Christians is practiced all over the world through different ways.

He said that Dominican Order in Pakistan has taken interfaith dialogue and especially Christian-Muslim dialogue very seriously and has made it one of the top priorities.

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Pascal Paulus OP, Fr. James Channan OP and Fr. Taufiq Younas OP

Fr. Younas Shahzad OP appreciated the Fr. James Channan OP, Fr. Pascal Paulus OP and

Fr. Taufique Younas OP for their wonderful services to promote peace and interfaith harmony among different religions in Pakistan. For this purpose, Fr James Channan OP, Fr Pascal Paulus OP and Fr Taufiq Younas OP were sent abroad in Egypt, Italy/Vatican and USA for higher studies in Arabic Language and Islamic Studies and they have obtained higher academic degrees in this field and are producing tremendous results both at national and international levels. He presented in detail 40 years' service and commitment of Fr James Channan OP in this field and praised for all the achievements and recognitions he has got from all over the world by his writings, participation in national and international conferences and getting awards from 5 Continents including Peace Award from Dr. Arif Alvi, President of Pakistan Christian – Muslim dialogue is progressing well in Pakistan steadily. He said we are very proud of Fr James Channan OP.

A very famous Muslim religious leader and promoter of interfaith harmony, Maulana Abdul Khabir Azad, Grand Imam of the Badshahi Mosque and Chairman of the Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee Pakistan said, it gives me immense joy to participate in this National Interfaith Harmony and Peace conference. He said I have committed myself to promote interfaith harmony and peace and make our society home of peace. He strongly condemned the acts and mentality of extremists and militants.



Maulana Abdul Khabir Azad, Grand Imam of the Badshahi Mosque and Chairman of the Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee Pakistan

He said, unfortunately a small number of people with their evil intentions are spreading violence in our country. We will not let them sabotage our agenda of peace and harmony. We will keep on promoting interfaith harmony and peace at all levels of lives, especially at grass roots levels. Islam, Christianity and other religious teach peace and harmony. The teachings of Islam are based on love

for humanity. I want to convey this message to the Apostolic Nuncio and to the world that we will make every effort in making Pakistan a peaceful nation. Maulana Azad thanked and highly praised the splendid role of Pope Francis in speaking for justice, religious freedom of all and manifesting his sympathies with the suffering people and especially for the Muslims in Iraq, Palestine, Syria and Kashmir. Maulana further said that Pope Francis always manifests his solidarity with the persecuted people. Maulana Azad also expressed his joy and admiration in working with Fr James Channan at different levels to promote Christian-Muslim dialogue and for going together in many international seminars and conference around the world, including Vatican City, Germany and USA, Brazil, South Korea, Japan, Qatar, Jordan and UAE.



Mr. Ejaz Alam Augustine, Minister of Interfaith Harmony, Human Rights and Minorities Affairs, Government of Punjab said dialogue among religions was never so important as it is today. All participants of these conference are ambassadors of peace. These are people who are taking message of harmony and peace at all levels of lives. However, we lament that a small number of extremist terrorist activities we feel discouraged. The incidents such as of lynching of Priyantha Kumara, a Sri Lanka citizen in Sialkot on the accusation of throwing down an Islamic slogan from the wall, disturb us very deeply and make us cry. He further said I highly condemn this barbaric act of terrorism. Such incidents make us feel as all of efforts have gone in vain. However, we should never loose heart. The national

conference of today is a manifestation that we are for peace and will keep on working for this noble cause. The Government of Pakistan is committed to interfaith dialogue. There is a grave need to bring and motivate young people for interfaith dialogue and peace. Each of us has a great role to play in this regard. Mr Augustine thanked the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop. Christophe Al-Kassis, Fr Younas Shahzad OP and Fr James Channan OP in organizing this very impressive conference and expressed his great joy to participate in conference on behalf of Government of Pakistan



The Rt. Rev. Azad Marshall, Moderator Bishop of Church of Pakistan and Bishop of Raiwind Diocese said all of us need to work with great zeal to promote interfaith harmony. Although, we as peace makers, find ourselves in a small number, but we have an important role to play in our society. We cannot deny the reality of terrorism and militancy around us. Unfortunately, militancy has increased and it has disturbed us a lot. We need to do our utmost best to change the mind sets of such people so these extremists will respect their lives and lives of the others as well. It is a difficult task but not difficult. He was very grateful for being invited at this auspicious conference and lauded the imperative role of Fr James Channan in promoting dialogue and respect among religions.



Pir Shafat Rasool, Chairman of Bilal Center in Lahore, a prominent Muslim religious scholar and leader said I am working in this field of interfaith harmony and peace for the past 20 years and I have learnt a lot from such programs. While being faithful to our religions we need to respect believers of all other religions as it is grave need of times we are going through. We need to play our role like a honey bee and give our sweetness like honey to others. He expressed his heartfelt welcome and gratitude for the Apostolic

Nuncio who had come for this conference from Islamabad. Pir Shafat said it was extremely difficult even to speak of interfaith harmony and couple of years ago. To speak of interfaith harmony was like inviting trouble and hatred. But now all over Pakistan we see the fruit of our efforts of promoting harmony among religions. Now believers of different religions feel themselves much closer to each other. The credit of such harmonious society goes to Fr James Channan and his dedicated team who keep on working in this field without any reservation.



Fr. James Channan OP

Fr James Channan OP, Director of Peace, expressed his joy for this National Interfaith Harmony and Peace Conference. He said that I am grateful to God that important apostolate of Christian-Muslim dialogue and interfaith harmony has brought forth many positive results. Now we see many interfaith dialogue and harmony groups working in Pakistan. That is a matter of great jubilation. He thanked Apostolic Nuncio, all Bishops, Fr Younas Shahzad OP and all Christian, Muslims, Hindu, Sikh and Baha'i leaders and believers who had come for this historic conference. He said that although we as Christian are small in number in Pakistan, we like "salt of earth and light of the world" as Jesus has said. At times we find this mission extremely difficult and challenging we never give up. He admired the Dominican Order in Pakistan which has made Christian-Muslim and interfaith dialogue and priority as well as Fr Younas Shahzad OP, Prior Vice Provincial who always supports and five full collaborations for such encounters. Fr James Channan said with coming of the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Z. Al-Kassis a Chief in this conference has made a history as when construction of this Peace Center was ready, His Eminence Cardinal, Jean-Louis Tauran, President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue came to this Peace Center on 28th of November, 2010 and inaugurated and blessed this, Peace Center. He expressed his thanks to Archbishop Sebastian Shaw, other Bishops, Grand Imam and all Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and Baha'I leaders and promoters of interfaith harmony and peace. This national conference will bring forth many good fruits and results in the coming years and all of us will play our role as Pope Francis has said to build bridges of trust, respect, acceptance and love and break the walls of hatred, violence and non-acceptance.

Allama Zubair Abid



Allama Zubair Abid is sharing his views in the conference at Peace Center

He said that interfaith harmony has become the need of all nations. The world has shrunk to a bigger society. The role of interfaith harmony is of great importance for strong relations of the world nations. He said that there is a need for inter-religious harmony among nations and countries at international level. He said that all minorities in Pakistan are fully protected through legal and constitutional rights. All minorities in Pakistan are safe. He said that the role of religious scholars is important for harmony, promoting peace and brotherhood in the society. He said that through their character they can make a balanced and moderate society.

Bishop Ifan Jamil, Bishop of Lahore, Church of Pakistan



other.

Bishop Irfan Jamil said that Pakistan is the land of equal opportunities for the followers of all religions where the people of all religions have the same rights and opportunities. We should live with tolerance, acceptance, love and tolerance because every religion in the world gives the lesson of love and peace. He called for the promotion of respect for religions among people for durable peace in society. He said dialogue among the religions were of prime importance. They said the presence of the people from all faith in the event showed that they are united and would join hands to promote peace, tolerance and love for each other. Religious minorities reflect the beauty of our country. Such interfaith encounters offer opportunities to build bridges of respect tolerance, compassion and acceptance among religions. Such encounters help to break the walls of violence, discrimination and non acceptance of the



Bishop Abraham Azeem Daniel (Baptist Church, Sahiwal)

said that I appreciate and congratulate to Fr. James Channan OP for his all services and specially for the working of peace and interfaith harmony among the different religions. To organize this National Interfaith Harmony and Peace conference with the people of different religions is a wonderful and great contribution of Fr. James Channan OP for the promotion of interfaith dialogue. I am very much happy that today many people are participated from the different religions and they are working for peace and interfaith harmony. But we need more people from different religions who worked for peace among the religions. I am from Sahiwal and this is the part of southern Punjab and I am working for interfaith dialogue with interfaith leaders. When any negative incident happens with minority innocent people then many people said that where are the champions of interfaith harmony and peace. They said what is the mean of interfaith harmony and peace if these incidents happen with minority. In which society we are living we have people with positive and negative thinking we have people of love and people of peace. But with it we have a big number of those people who promote hate, fanaticism, intolerance and violence in the society

and they divide the people by the name of religions. I am part of this beautiful conference and for this I am very thankful to Fr. James Channan OP who invited to me as a guest and gave me opportunity to talk on interfaith harmony and peace.



Mufti Ashiq Hussain is sharing his views about Peace and Interfaith harmony in conference

Mufti Ashiq Hussain congratulated Fr. James Channan OP and his team organized this successful conference with the title of National Interfaith Harmony and Peace. He said that You are a great promoter of peace and interfaith harmony and he has devoted his life for this mission to promote Peace and interfaith harmony in Pakistan. I feel proud that I am working with Fr. James Channan OP for the promotion of Peace and interfaith harmony among the religions.

He said that “Our forefathers had set the best examples of justice, tolerance and interfaith harmony”. The present government was also committed to protect the rights of religious minorities as equal citizens of Pakistan, he added. He said Prime Minister Imran Khan wanted to make Pakistan a social welfare state on the pattern of State of Madinah. Today representative from Government of Punjab Mr. Ejaz Alam Augustine Provincial Minister of Human Rights Ministry Punjab is with us and this is good sign by the

Government that Government of Pakistan federal and provincial level is with us and they are working for the rights of minorities and they are working with interfaith leaders for the promotion of Peace and interfaith harmony.



Sardar Bishan Singh (Sikh leaders and promoter of interfaith dialogue) said I congratulate all honorable guests in National Interfaith harmony who are participating from different religions. Like always today also Fr. James Channan OP invited and gathered to us from different religions Muslims, Christian, Hindus and Sikhs at this beautiful Peace Center and gave the message of peace and interfaith harmony to the World. We are people from different religions but as a nation we are Pakistani and In Pakistan we are living with complete religious freedom and we have all fundamental rights according to the constitutions of Pakistan. Together we celebrate our religious festivals such as Christmas, Holi, Eid and Baisakhi and with one another we share our love and gifts. We meet with joy and eat together and give acceptance and respect like brothers and sisters. The Peace Center gave the message of tolerance, Peace, love one another to the nations and worked for the promotion

of Peace and Interfaith harmony among different religions of Pakistan. Pakistan is the land of love, blessing, the land of five rivers and this is the land of tolerance and Peace. No one has the right that he murdered a person by the name of religion. Some negative forces are working against peace and interfaith harmony and through different negative incidents and they play the role to divide the people of different religions.



Dr. Ruhieh Mufdi Leader of Baha'i community and promoter of interfaith dialogue shared that today with great pleasure and humble heart from the Baha'i Community I congratulate Fr. James Channan OP to organize this successful National Interfaith Harmony and Peace conference at peace center for the promotion of interfaith dialogue in Pakistan. Today many religious leaders are present who are participating from different religions and they are promoters of peace and interfaith harmony. Today through this national interfaith harmony and peace conference we will give the positive message to the world that in Pakistan all the people of different religions are living with peace and harmony. As religious leaders from different religions together we are promoting peace and we are giving the message of peace and interfaith harmony to the nations of the World. She said that Unity of religion is a core teaching of the Bahá'í Faith which states that there is a fundamental unity in many of the world's religions. The principle states that the teachings of the major religions are part of a single plan directed from the same God. It is one of the core teachings of the

Bahá'í Faith, alongside the unity of God, and the unity of humanity. We should live with love and peace with all religions and together promote interfaith harmony, peace and love. Then we can make this world like heaven.



Dr. Munawar Chand Hindu Leader shared that Kirshana said in Gita that I, dwelling in their hearts, destroy with the shining lamp of knowledge the darkness born of ignorance.” Thus, the Gita is essentially a revelation of divinity’s love for humanity as well as a love call for humanity’s reciprocal love for divinity. let us therefore tread the path of love revealed by Krishna. let us love and be loved. He said we should promote love and break the walls of hater among the people of different religions and we should work for the betterment of humanity without of any difference. He shared that Quaid -e – Azam Muhammad Ali Jannah founder of Pakistan said in his speech on 11th August 1947 the spoke of an inclusive and impartial government, religious freedom, rule of law and equality for all the people of Pakistan. With freedom you can go in your religious places for

worship and you can celebrate your religious festivals with one another. We are people from different religions and faiths but as nation we are Pakistan and we should work together for the prosperity of Pakistan. Dr. Munawar Chand said that I am very thankful to Fr. James Channan OP who invited to me for this interfaith conference and from my Hindu community I congratulated to Fr. James Channan OP for to organize this successful conference. May long Pakistan

Distribution of Peace Award to promoter of peace by Peace Center and Ibn - e- Mariam Dominicans Order Pakistan

At the end of the conference, various religious leaders were presented with Peace Awards including; Mohi-ud-Din Qadri, Rev. Bishop Azad Marshal, Provincial Minister Ejaz Alam Augustine, Bishop Sebastian F. Shaw, Bishop Irfan Jamil, Fr. Younas Shahzad OP, Fr. James Channan OP, Bishop Abraham Daniel, Dr. Ruhiyeh Mufdi, Dr. Marqus Fida, Sardar Sikandar Singh, Allama Muhammad Zubair Abid, Allama Shafqat Rasool, Rev. Dr. Marcos, Dr. Munawar Chand, Allama Dr. Badr Munir, Sohail Ahmad Raza, Pir Syed Nau Bihar Shaw, Rev. Shahid Mehraj, Special Adviser to the Human Rights Afzal Chaudhry, Father Iftikhar Moon, Father Jamshed Albert, Father James Channan, Sardar Bishan Singh, Mufti Ashiq Hussain. Here is the list of recipients of Peace Awards in the conference.

**Recipients of the National Peace Awards in Recognition of their Valuable Services in
Promoting Interfaith Harmony and Peace**

No	Name
1	His Grace Christophe Z. Al-Kasis Apostolic Nuncio
2	His Grace Sebastian F. Shaw Archbishop of Lahore
3	Fr. Younas Shahzad OP Prior Vice-Provincial
4	Fr. James Channan OP Director, Peace Center, Lahore
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8	The Rt Rev. Irfan Jamil Bishop of Lahore (Anglican)
9	Bishop Abraham Azeem Daniel (Baptist Church, Sahiwal)
10	Maulana Muhammad Abdul Khabir Azad Grand Imam, Badshahi Mosque, Lahore
11	Dr. Ruhieh Mufdi (Baha'i) Leader of Bahai community and promoter of interfaith dialogue
12	Sardar Bishan Singh (Sikh) Sikh leaders and promoter of interfaith dialogue
13	Dr Munawar Chand (Hindu) Hindu leader and promoter of interfaith dialogue
14	Allama Dr. Badar Munir Mujaddadi Saifi Promoter of interfaith dialogue
15	Allama Muhammad Zubair Abid Chairman Interfaith Harmony and Peace Network Pakistan
16	Pir Allama Shafaat Rasool Chairman, Bilal Markaz and promoter of interfaith dialogue
17	Rev. Dr. Marqus Fida Chairman, Global Mission Awareness
18	The Very Rev. Emmanuel S. Khokhar Dean of Joining Hands Cathedral, Diocese of Raiwind
19	Dr. Hussain Mohi-ud Din Qadri Chancellor of Minhaj University, Lahore
20	Peer Syed Nau Bahar Shaw Prominent Shia leader and promoter of interfaith dialogue
21	The Very Rev. Shahid Mehraj Dean of Lahore Cathedral Anglican, Promoter of interfaith dialogue
22	Mufti Syed Ashiq Hussain Promoter of interfaith dialogue
23	Fr Jamshed Albert OP

	Director, Interreligious Dialogue, Diocese of Multan
24	Sohail Ahmad Raza Director Interfaith Relation Minhaj University
25	Fr. Iftikhar Moon OP Parish Priest Bahawalpur Parish



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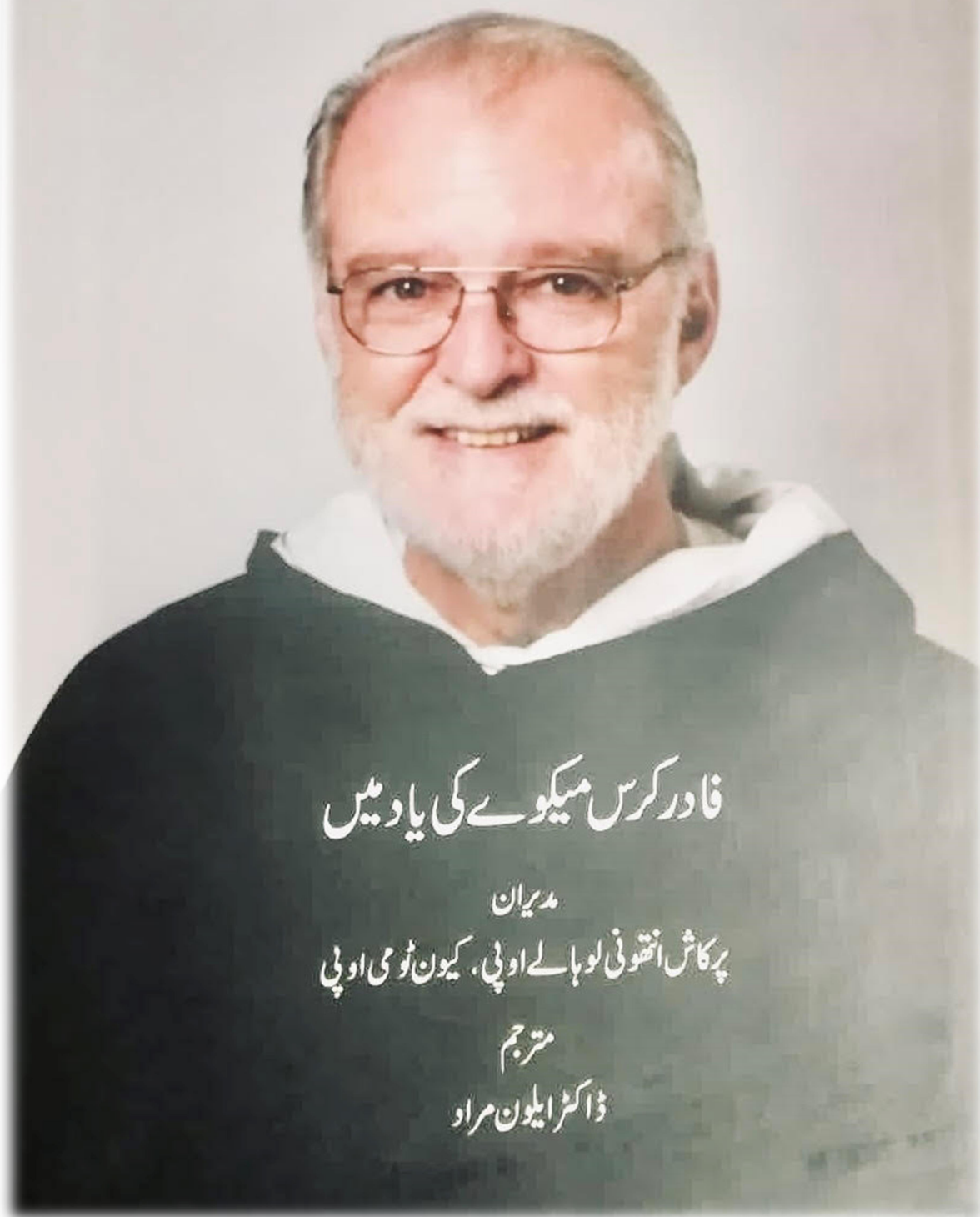
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A beautiful book *Basharat Batoor Mukalama* (Good News Through Dialogue) paying tribute to Fr Chrys McVey OP, was launched by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop, Christophe Z. El-Kassis and Fr Younas Shahzad OP. Fr Chrys McVey OP was a Dominican priest from USA and served in Pakistan for about 40 years as a very dedicated missionary.



Launching of the book on Fr Chrys McVey OP, by His Grace, Archbishop, Christophe Z. Al-Kassis, Apostolic Nuncio.

Other leaders who spoke at this national conference included; Mufti Ashiq Hussain, the Rt. Rev. Irfan Jamil, Bishop of Lahore, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Abraham Azeem Daniel, Bishop of Sahiwal, Dr. Munawar Chad (Hindu), Dr. Ruhiyeh Mufdi (Baha'i), Maulana Zubair Abid, Sardar Bishan Singh (Sikh) and others. Dominican students performed a beautiful tableau on peace song.

Towards the end of this historic conference, "National Peace Awards" were presented Apostolic Nuncio and Fr Younas Shahzad OP to several outstanding personalities who are playing great role in promoting interfaith harmony and peace in Pakistan. May Peace Prevail on Earth and May Peace Prevail in Pakistan.

Pictorial Views











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